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#### SIERRA MADRE 2021 3RD QUARTER SALES WERE THROUGH THE ROOF

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Average sales price was up 20% to \$1,523,731 and per square foot average is now \$730!

SFR AVERAGES	BR/BA	SF	LOT	LIST PRICE	SOLD PRICE	PRICE/SF	
July-September 2021	3	3	2,187	12,204	\$1,431,600	\$1,523,731	\$730
July-September 2020	3	3	2,212	10,786	\$1,282,322	\$1,275,272	\$606

##### CONDOS

Average sale price went from \$725k in 2020 to \$792k this year.

CONDO AVERAGES	BR/BA	SF	LIST PRICE	SOLD PRICE	Price/SF
July-September 2021	2 3	1,419	\$732,500	\$791,800	\$562
July-September 2020	3 3	1,483	\$716,500	\$724,833	\$498

The data indicates now is the time to sell... Reach out to any of us to assist you in that process. If your home is priced right, we have consistently been able to get well over asking for our very happy sellers.

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Warmest regards,  
*Sharon*



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## NO ADOPTION OF THE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE; CITY TABLES ONCE AGAIN

By Kevin McGuire/MVNews

Approval of General Plan Amendment 21-03, to adopt the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update has, once again, been kicked down the road deeper into the 120-day grace period, as the set deadline of October 15, 2021 gets smaller in the rearview mirror.

The public hearing, held on October 26, brought more of the same—concern, conflict and confusion. This hot topic, which has the community riled up, has become a game of hot potato between City Council and the Planning Commission. The potato was tossed back to City Council after the Planning Commission and city staff recommended Council adopt the Housing Element Update, minus the Municipal Code Text Amendment 21-04 and 21-05, and the controversial, Zone Change 21-03 to allow for further analysis.

Much of the confusion and overlapping of concerns is derived from the fact that both the Housing Element Update, General Plan Amendments and any Environmental Impact reports will have an impact on the proposed Meadows Project in Bailey Canyon. Therefore, at every public hearing, council or planning commission meeting, that controversial proposed development dominates much of the conversation.

For instance, Under Objective Hz-7 of the Safety Element which addresses development in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, it states: Avoid expanding development into undeveloped areas in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. This became the “a-ha” moment for many community members who oppose “The Meadows” proposal at Bailey Canyon and on the grounds of the Monastery. The argument remains that the areas surrounding the Monastery is just that—undeveloped areas in very high, fire hazard severity zones.

But, during the October 7 Planning Commission public hearing, Curtis Zacuto, of Eco Tierra Consulting, presented new language (Objective Hz-5b) which reads: Avoid construction of new development on land currently unimproved and abutted by natural open space areas in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. According to Zacuto, the new language captures the “original intent” of the authors, which was assumed to mean not adding development to land above the Monastery, as land below the Monastery is “abutted” by houses.

The Commission suggested Zacuto re-evaluate his definitions of “abutted” and “unimproved.”

A very vocal group of residents were quite upset about the edited language, and made accusations of conveniently changing the language to accommodate the proposed Meadows project.

City Council has pushed back several times stating the Housing Element Update has nothing to do with The Meadows project, as it's not included in the rezoning amendment, though it is mentioned as a “contemplated project” in the update. The Meadows will have its own environmental review process, according to Associate Planner, Clare Lin.

Despite those assurances the fact that the proposed project includes building 42 homes in a “high fire” area, fire fighter safety, water usage during drought conditions and increased traffic. The Safety Element was submitted to CAL FIRE, The Department of Forestry and The Department of Conservation.

During this latest public hearing, a brief presentation was given by Clare Lin, Karen Warner of Karen Warner Associates, responsible for development of an affordable Overlay Zone, and Curtis Zacuto, speaking on the State Environmental Quality Act (SEQA).

Every eight years, Sierra Madre needs to update the Housing Element of the General Plan as required by California State law. The Housing Element is an analysis of housing needs, taking into considering all income levels, and provides strategies for meeting those needs. For Sierra Madre, that request is for an additional 204 housing units. For details on the state's assessments, go to: <http://mntnviewsnews.com/v15/htm/n10/p01.htm>

If the City does not submit the Housing Element Update, it could receive a \$100,000 fine and risk losing local control.

City Council unanimously voted to table the Housing Element Update discussion until next meeting on November 9, 2021 for a few reasons. First, it was brought to Council's attention that a section of the SEIR entitled, III REVISIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, AND CORRECTIONS TO THE DRAFT SEIR, was missing on the online version. Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, noted that she wanted to give people the opportunity to read the missing section. Secondly, Council wants to further discuss the language edits in Objective Hz-5b, which currently reads: ... unimproved and abutted by natural open space areas....

## STATE SENATOR PORTANTINO VISITS SIERRA MADRE



State Senator Anthony Portantino (poses with (right to left), City Manager Jose Reynoso, Councilmembers Robert Parkhurst and Kelly Kriebs, Portantino, Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss and Councilmember Ed Garcia.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, State Senator Anthony Portantino addressed the Sierra Madre city council and residents on the general state of affairs for SD 25, however the topic the audience was most interested in was the newly enacted Senate Bills 9 and 10 and their impact on residential housing in Sierra Madre. It became very clear that those bills are of great concern to those in attendance, so Senator Portantino committed to meet again with residents on Saturday morning, October 31st in Memorial Park to discuss the bills further.

Representing California State Senate District 25 which covers cities and communities of Sunland -Tujunga, Glendale, Pasadena, Altadena, Atwater Village, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta (Montrose), South Pasadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Duarte, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont (San Antonio Heights), Upland and most of Burbank.

Photo courtesy City of Sierra Madre

## CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!



Congrats were in order for a job well done earlier this month. However, it's not clear whether the Junior Construction Crew with their Tonka equipment or the Men in Orange from Sierra Madre's Public Works Department were responsible for restoring the sand and play area in Memorial Park.

Regardless, after the fist bumping (above) by Jaxson, the junior crew was definitely ready to check out the new sand's fortitude. Jaxson (inset) in the meantime, is happy that things are back to normal.

Photos courtesy of L. Knowles

## SIERRA MADRE, STRONGER TOGETHER



NOVEMBER 6, 2021

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

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MT. WILSON TRAILHEAD GATE PROJECT COMPLETED



October 22, 2021 - Sierra Madre now has another community supported success. The Mount Wilson Trailhead Gate Project is finished and looks beautiful. The gate project was organized and designed in response to the need to protect the public and safely control access to the Mount Wilson Trail. The trail had to be closed twice in 2020, once because of the Bobcat Fire and a second time because of Covid concerns. Public safety was compromised because many people chose not to obey the trail closure mandates.

Rather than resort to more ugly chain link fencing, local architect and long-time runner Karen Moran designed a gateway that recalled the original trail gateway from the 1901 pictured on the cover of John Robinson’s book, “*Old Mount Wilson Trail*”. The goal was to safeguard public safety and have a trailhead sign that represents Sierra Madre in a way that we can all be proud of. The Mt. Wilson Trail is an iconic Sierra Madre community treasure and resource used by hundreds of people weekly. The backside of the new sign fittingly says, “*Welcome to Sierra Madre.*”

After seeing articles and ads in the Mountain Views News and receiving direct solicitations, members of the community came together and donated to the *Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund* to raise money for the project. In 2004, the

*Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund* was established in memory of John Fletcher by his brother. The *Fletcher Fund* is a special project fund held by the Sierra Madre Community Foundation (SMCF) that pays for the equipment, materials, and supplies used by the community volunteers who maintain the Mount Wilson Trail and Bailey Canyon Trail. These volunteers work tirelessly and continuously to maintain both trails to keep them safe and open for public use. Tax deductible donations to the *Fletcher Fund* can be made by sending a check payable to “*SMCF - Fletcher Fund*” to P.O. Box 716, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. To donate via PayPal QR code, you can view the Mt. Wilson Trail Race website at <https://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com> and click on “*Donate-Fletcher Fund.*”

During the fundraising effort, former Sierra Madre City Manager Gabe England stepped up and offered significant City financial support for the project. Sierra Madre Public Works Director Chris Cimino worked to define the construction standards for the project, as the trail gateway would become a City controlled structure and asset. About 150 people, businesses and civic organizations made contributions.

During the last 18 months of the Covid-19 Pandemic, it was very challenging for any community to come together behind common goals. One notable exception was the wonderful people at *Sierra Madre Thrives* who pulled residents together to support Sierra Madre businesses during the Pandemic. The Mount Wilson Trailhead Gate Project is yet another example of how our little town can come together for the common good of our residents, friends, and neighbors. We are all proud to be a part of this project.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO, THROUGH THEIR GENEROSITY, MADE THIS PROJECT POSSIBLE. DONORS INCLUDE SIERRA MADRE RESIDENTS, AS WELL AS MANY INDIVIDUALS FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND BEYOND WHO HAVE A DEEP LOVE OF THE MT. WILSON TRAIL.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sierra Madre City Council Member Edward Garcia   Sierra Madre City Council Member Kelly Kriebs  
California State Senator Anthony Portantino, 25<sup>th</sup> CA Senate District

BUSINESSES

Carol Canterbury - Berkshire Hathaway	Leonora Moss	Poppy Cake Bakery Café
Casa Del Rey - Sierra Madre	Luther Tsinoglou - Deasy Penner Podley	Reni Rose - Berkshire Hathaway
Danny Osti Tree Service	Mother Moo’s Creamery	Santa Anita Park
Earth Oasis Computers	Mountain Views News	Sierra Madre Independent Honda Service
Karen Moran Architect	New Urban West	Taylor’s Ol’ Fashioned Market

SIERRA MADRE CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club	Sierra Madre Community Foundation	Sierra Madre Rotary Club
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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Catherine Adde	John & Carol Fung	Michael Moreau
Sajjan & Pramila Agrawal	Frederick Galindo	William & Mary Lynn Nakatani
Alexander Alcaraz & Lori Viveros	Catherine Gallagher	Louise Neiby
Bruce Anderson	Brendan Geraghty	Eric Olson
Barbara Ansell	Robert & Gloria Giersbach	Ofelia Papendick
Basil Anton & Kathleen Lucas	Janet Gillespie	Samuel Pedersen
Beth Armogida	Nancy Gilmore	Mary Plazony
Uriel Avila & Joanne Olivia Meraz	Nyle Girgis	Anny Poon
Cheryl Barfoot	Christine Gladish	Margaret Quigley
Jeff & Patricia Barron	Erik Goldner	John Radich
Peggy Beauregard	David Gordon	Trevor Raham
Brian Bender	Russell Guiney & Patricia Wright	Mary Ellen Ramos
John Blackman & Stacie Stout	Leslie Hallimore	Alan Raxter
Todd Brigman	Brian & Hilary Hanel	Joe Reid
Carlo Bronzonian	David Harris	Heather Roberts-Parker
Ursula Brooks	Patrick Hartman	Nelius & Nada Ronning
John & Teri Buchanan	Jesse & Yolanda Hathaway	Mark Ryne
Bob & Rosemary Burnett	Sharon Hendricks	Jeffery & Victoria Shackett
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Heather Canterbury	Bonny Hidas	Tommie Silva
Janet Capanna	John & Deborah Horn	Eden & Terry Sleg
John & Marta Capoccia	Ryan Howes	Beth Smith
Michael Charters & Miriam Trogdon	Jeffrey Hudson	Bob & Sue Spears
Hal & Stephanie Chiasson	John Hutt	Rodney & Joan Spears
Douglas Clark	Heather Johnson	Christine Spee
Sean Clark	Kenneth & Gail Jones	Dan & Lori Stein
Susan Clifton	Richard Juricich	Bill & Patty Sullivan
Scott & Margaret Cline	Kevin Kao	Anthony Sweeney
Coffeen, Atwell, & Patterson Families	Patricia Karamitros	Margaret Switzer
Barbara Cole	Karen Keegan	Susan Symes
Beth Collins	Kenneth Keeler	Kenneth Symington
In honor of Douglas Paul Cooke	Mark Kennedy	Kathleen Tobin
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Maggie Ellis	Peter & Lisa Loeffler	Yenwen Wang
Carlos Escobar	Raymond & Cynthia Loesch	Tennyson Warren
Nicholas Everett	Thomas Majich	Kathy Watson
Richard Farber	John Marshall	Benn & Judy Webb-Martin
James & Carolyn Flanigan	Jim & Susan Matear	Allen Wolff
Claudia Foote	Peter & Karen McAulay	Jeffrey & Julia Wong
Raymond & Nancy Fox	Lisa Milne	
Benjie & Leslie Freiburger	Frank Moore & Shannon King	



# SIERRA MADRE

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## SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE LOSES ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, CHRISTIAN LEBANO



Christian Lebano, Producing Artistic Director of the Sierra Madre Playhouse, has resigned his position and membership of the board.

Lebano had been Artistic Director of the Sierra Madre Playhouse since 2014. He has produced, directed or acted in over 40 shows since starting with SMP in 2011 – many of which have been honored with Ovation Awards and nominations, LATimes Critic's Choices, BroadwayWorld and Scenic awards.

As an actor he has played major roles at theaters across the country including the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Utah Shakespearean Festival, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, and American Players Theater. Favorites roles include: Atticus in To Kill a Mockingbird (SMP) [BroadwayWorld nom, Best Actor], Elliot in Opus (Fountain Theater) [LA Weekly nom, Best Actor; Ovation nom. Best Ensemble], Suffolk in Henry VI pt. 1 (OSF Ashland); Cymbeline (Utah Shakes Fest.); Stage Manager

in Our Town (SMP); Lloyd in Noises Off (Chicago); and Oberon/Theseus in A Midsummer Night's Dream (Montana Shakespeare-in-the-Parks).

In addition to the many positive changes during his tenure at the Playhouse, he also had to weather the storm of AB5 which had a devastating financial impact on actors and others that made productions possible. Among the hardships was the cancellation of Charlotte's Web in early 2020 due to increased costs of \$38,000 - the result of AB5 independent contractor restrictions. The cancellation occurred in January and shortly thereafter the theater had to shut down completely due to COVID 19.

Despite COVID 19, Lebano was able to keep SMPH alive through such creative endeavors as the Sierra Madre Playhouse Virtual Events.

Of his departure Lebano said: "Of all the wonderful aspects of working at SMP the last 10 years the part I enjoyed most was the relationships I built with so many people. I'm very proud of what we accomplished over those years together. I thank them all for their ongoing support both to me personally and to the Playhouse. Working at the Playhouse has been one of the greatest joys of my life."

David Gordon, president of the board of the Playhouse, stated, "Since he took over as Artistic Director in 2014, Christian has raised the level of excellence of the productions at the Playhouse, innovated with You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown in the Park, started the Off The Page and Off The Screen programs, was active in education and generally in the community. He has worked hard, selflessly and with great dedication. The board thanks him sincerely for all this and hopes he will return to direct."

Christian Lebano, with his effervescent spirit and remarkable creative talent, will definitely be missed by Sierra Madre.



A disappointed Lebano with the cancellation of Charlotte's Web  
Photos courtesy SMPH

## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"For when the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He marks – not that you won or lost – But how you played the game." Grantland Rice

"The Gambler" Kenny Rogers  
"You've got to know when to hold 'em Know when to fold 'em Know when to walk away And know when to run

You never count your money  
When you're sittin' at the table  
There'll be time enough for countin' when the dealin's done  
Every gambler knows  
That the secret to survivin'  
Is knowin' what to throw away  
And knowin' what to keep  
'Cause every hand's a winner  
And every hand's a loser  
And the best that you can hope for  
Is to die in your sleep"

These Halloween gamblers couldn't figure out when it was time to fold 'em and walk away. So there they sat, revolvers at the ready should there be an ace hidden up a sleeve. The whiskey'd all been drunk, the stories all been told. None of them died in their sleep. Gamblers never do. They rise late at night on Halloween, year after forgotten year, to play that hand one more time, lay out their cards one more time to see if this hand might be a winner. The barmaid saunters over to see if anyone would like a fresh drink but the gamblers are too intent on the game to answer. Stacks of gold wait on the table for the final hand to play out. The stagecoach stops at midnight to take them back to hell, to wait till Halloween comes again. Yes, every hand's a winner and every hand's a loser and there'll be time enough for countin' when the dealin's done. And it looks like, for these gamblers, the dealin' is indeed done!

So many great scarecrows around town this year but my favorites were Luca and the Library entry, of the crayons saying, "I'm drawn to the Library." Luca had a tough time as he was so incredibly cute that one of our local bears wanted to hug him, which really didn't do him any good at all, but his creator, Rocio Austin, recreated him better than ever, and he had many visitors who walked up the Canyon to have their picture taken with him. Great year for scarecrows!



Tomorrow night is Halloween....All Hallows Eve.... is coming,  
A deadly....dreadly night...  
When ghouls and ghosts and creepies,  
And other awful blights,  
Are free to roam and wander, anywhere they might.

Creating scary terror everywhere they can,  
And scream inducing, faint-producing,  
hair-raising, bone-melting,  
What's that right there behind me...  
Quivery, shivery...Fright!!

They creep out of their crypts and graves,  
These creatures of the night.  
They haunt the roads and byways,  
Run rampant through the park.  
They hide between the bushes,  
And everywhere it's dark.

All Hallows Eve.... is coming,  
A deadly.... dreadly night....  
When ghouls and ghosts and creepies,  
And other awful blights,  
Are free to roam and wander, anywhere they might.

Up and down the streets of town,  
They race in search of plunder,  
These ghouls and ghosts and monsters,  
About three feet tall or under!  
They shriek for treats and threaten tricks,  
But are satisfied with candy.  
These creatures rule the darkness,  
As long as Mom and Dad are handy.

All Hallows Eve.... is coming,  
A deadly....dreadly night...  
With ghouls and ghosts and monsters,  
And other awful sights,  
Are dancing through the shadows, into circles of street lights.

Beware...take care,  
Who knows what's waiting,  
Just around the bend.  
Could be Jack the Ripper, come to call again,  
Or Dracula or Frankenstein, the undead walk tonight.  
Maybe just stay safe inside...and turn off that porch light.

In case you didn't know, Tootsie Rolls are really good with a nice Chardonnay!

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

At long last, the new Emma Gainsworth novelette is out!  
"Hurricane: An Emma Gainsworth Adventure  
Look for it on my book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
Here's the link: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09K5YVTCF>  
Emma is up to her elbows in disaster...you'll love it! Trust me!



## VOLUNTEER FOR SMRFA DECO WEEK



The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association has opened the online sign up program for decorating the Sierra Madre Rose Float during Deco Week (December 26th to December 31st).

Please sign up for this year's float entitled "Nature's Classroom" and join us preparing our beautiful Amazon rainforest.

Sign up through our website at <https://sierramaroserosefloat.org/getinvolved/volunteer/decorate/> to

get involved, then volunteer, then decorate!

Our Volunteer Guidelines have changed this year, and we have some new restrictions and Covid-19 protocols, so it is important to read our guidelines BEFORE you sign up through iVolunteer. If you have difficulty signing up or have questions, please email us at [info2021@sierramaroserosefloat.org](mailto:info2021@sierramaroserosefloat.org).

If you have a group of 8 or more, you need to schedule a time that would be convenient for your group to work. Please complete the Application for Group of Volunteers form and return it to [volunteer@sierramaroserosefloat.org](mailto:volunteer@sierramaroserosefloat.org).

We may be able to open up more spots when it gets closer to Deco Week, so if you don't find your preferred shift or the shifts are full, please check back in December.

Thank you for participating and we'll see you at the barn!



## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

October 17, 2021 to October 23, 2021 - During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 159 calls for service.

### BURGLARY

On 10-17-21 at 7:22AM a report of a vehicle burglary was field. The victim had her debit/credit cards stolen from her locked vehicle parked in the 600 block of E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Case to Detectives

### D.U.I.

On 10-20-21 at 2:06AM, a traffic stop of a vehicle where the driver failed to stop at a stop sign. Following a field interview, it was determined the driver was driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and unable to safely operate a motor vehicle. The driver was arrested and later transported to the Pasadena jail and booked. Case to DA's office

### THEFTS FROM/OFF VEHICLES

Sometime between 10-20-21 at 9:00PM and 10-22-21 at 10:00AM, in the north east portion of the city, several reports were filed of vehicles that were both locked and unlocked had been broken into and ransacked, with personal items taken.

During the same time period and area, two vehicles were stolen, with one recovered the following morning in Los Angeles.



A reminder to keep your vehicles locked, park in a well-lit area and to report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood watch.

## HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN!



## Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

<b>Sun</b>	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
<b>Mon:</b>	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 9, 2021 THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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

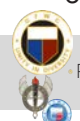
- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
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- Be of general interest to local citizens

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Public Library

**November 1-6**

#### Monday

Story Adventure at Memorial Park—  
Available all week!

Preschool Storytime at Memorial Park—In  
-person at 9:00 & 10:00am. Call the Library  
at 355-7186 to register

Minecraft Monday: Creative—In-person or  
online at 4:00pm

#### Wednesday

Board Library Teens—In-person at 4:00pm

#### Thursday

Baby Rhyme Time at Memorial Park—In-  
person at 9:00am; call the Library at 355-  
7186 to register

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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## Pasadena Police to hold Reverse Trick-or-Treat

The Pasadena Police Department encourages everyone to celebrate safely this Halloween. Pasadena PD officers will be spreading Halloween cheer by searching for colored pages posted on front doors and windows as they patrol the neighborhoods.

To participate: download the coloring page or pick one up at your local library or community center, be creative and color as you wish, contact the Pasadena Police Department Community Relations Section at (626)744-4551 to get on the participant list, and be on the lookout for one of our friendly officers dropping off some treats.

Pick up a coloring sheet at your local library or community center or download and print at: [cityofpasadena.net/police](http://cityofpasadena.net/police).

## South Pas Forum on Caltrans Properties

The City of South Pasadena, in partnership with Senator Anthony Portantino, will host a community discussion of Senate Bill 381 on Tuesday, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The community forum is an opportunity for the public to learn more about the legislation and next steps in the process.

Senator Anthony Portantino worked closely with the City of South Pasadena to draft SB 381 to accelerate the sale of Caltrans owned properties and restore neighborhoods suffering the numerous adverse consequences of decades-long neglect of many of the residential properties located within the corridor. SB 381 provides protections for existing tenants, includes a strategy to protect historic homes, and gives flexibility to the City of South Pasadena to create more affordable housing. SB 381 gives current tenants of single-family and multi-family residences new opportunities to purchase properties while at the same time allow the City and their housing partners to acquire and renovate the unoccupied properties.

There will be a presentation covering key elements of the bill and addressing common questions and concerns.

The virtual meeting will be conducted over ZOOM. No registration is required to participate. There will be opportunity for questions and comments during the live meeting. Questions and comments may also be submitted in advance to [SB381comment@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:SB381comment@southpasadenaca.gov).

For more information visit: [southpasadenaca.gov](http://southpasadenaca.gov) then search "senate-bill-381-portantino."



## Tournament Announces 2022 Rose Queen

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses announced Tuesday that they have named La Cañada High School senior Nadia Chung as the 103rd Rose Queen at a ceremony held on the front steps of Tournament House.

The announcement was made by 2022 Pasadena Tournament of Roses President Bob Miller and followed a month-long selection process with students from 24 Pasadena area schools participating in interviews. The Rose Queen and Royal Court were selected based upon a combination of qualities, including public speaking ability, academic achievement, youth leadership, and community and school involvement.

The event was hosted by Lynette Romero, anchor/reporter of the KTLA5 Morning News.

Nadia is a senior at La Cañada High School and lives in La Cañada. She is currently a journalist for the Los Angeles Times in the High School Insider division, a company member of California Contemporary Youth Ballet, an intern at the Outlook Newsgroup, President of the LCHS Speech and Debate team, coordinator for accessibility in debate education with Beyond Resolved, President of the Mock Trial Team, Managing Editor of the Outspoken Oppa, President of the Mini Mission, President of Concert Choir, Girl Scout Member, Vice President

of the Los Angeles MD Junior Chapter, publicity chair for LCHS UNICEF, Secretary for the National English Honor Society and member of the 2020 Miss La Cañada Flintridge Royal Court. Nadia enjoys training and performing classical ballet, advocating for social justice, reading, writing, hiking with her brother, and spending time with family and friends. In college, she plans to study political science and journalism. She is interested in attending Georgetown, UC Berkeley, UCLA, USC, Northwestern, American University or Brown. Ultimately, Nadia aspires to attend law school and become a civil rights attorney.

During the coronation ceremony, President Miller presented Rose Queen Nadia Chung with a Mikimoto crown featuring more than 600 cultured pearls and six carats of diamonds.

Rose Queen Nadia Chung and the 2022 Royal Court will attend numerous community and media functions, serving as ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses, the Pasadena community, and the greater Los Angeles area. Each Royal Court member will receive a \$7,500 educational scholarship from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses.

The 133rd Rose Parade, themed "Dream. Believe. Achieve," will be held on Saturday,

## Gershwin and Dvorák Lead Symphony's Tribute to the American Sound

The Pasadena Symphony continues its 2021-22 season with Rhapsody in Blue on Saturday, November 13th at Ambassador Auditorium with both matinee and evening performances at 2:00pm and 8:00pm. Concertgoers will experience the music that defined the American sound with iconic works by Gershwin and Dvorák. The effervescence of Gilmore Young Artist Llewellyn Sanchez-Werner will delight on Gershwin's Jazz Age masterpiece, and audiences will get lost in one of the most popular symphonies of all time, Dvorák's Symphony No. 9, "New World"—a tribute to the American spirit.

The Pasadena Symphony's second annual Composer's Showcase returns with Nkeiru Okoye's Voices Shouting Out to open the show. Written as an artistic response to 9/11, Okoye's piece honors our determined unity as a nation, a voice of affirmation for those fighting for our safety, and a sparkling celebration of life. Artistic Partner Anna Rakitina, Assistant Conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and only the second female to hold this position, will

lead the orchestra for this colorful program exploring the American sound.

In order to provide the safest possible experience for all concertgoers, entry to all Pasadena Symphony 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/symphony-covid-safety/](https://pasadenasympphony-pops.org/symphony-covid-safety/).

The Pasadena Symphony provides a vibrant experience specially designed for the music lover, the social butterfly or a date night out and the inner epicurean in us all. Make your time at the symphony a special occasion by dining at the outdoor Rusnak Symphony Lounge. In order to provide the safest possible experience, all food must be pre-ordered. For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/symphony-dining>.

All concerts are held at Ambassador Auditorium, 131 South St. John Ave, Pasadena, CA. Subscription packages start at as low as \$99. Single tickets start at \$35 and may be purchased online at [www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org](http://www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org) or by calling (626) 793-7172.

January 1, 2022, followed by the 108th Rose Bowl Game. For more information, visit: [tournamentofroses.com](http://tournamentofroses.com).

*Photo: Tournament of Roses President Bob Miller and 2022 Rose Queen Nadia Chung. Courtesy of the Tournament of Roses*

## Pasadena Community Orchestra to Perform Live



The Pasadena Community Orchestra is set to hold their first live concert since January 2020. The concert will be held in the Auditorium of Pasadena High School. As with all our concerts, it will be free of charge – no tickets required. We will perform as four separate groups of instruments: brass, woodwinds, percussion and strings. There will be a brief intermission between each group.

R. Strauss Fanfare for the Vienna Philharmonic  
McCartter Prelude and Excursions for brass  
Rondeau Little Brass Symphony  
Gounod Petite Symphonie for woodwinds  
Kraft Trio for percussion  
Rhuling Primness from "Primetime"  
Britten Simple Symphony for strings

As a way to have the concert experience to be enjoyable and safe for all attendees, along with many other arts organizations, organizers are requiring proof of full vaccination for entry, and wearing of a face mask while in the auditorium.

Free parking is available on the north side of Sierra Madre Blvd, just west of the junction with Washington Blvd. The Auditorium faces south, and is immediately adjacent to the parking lot.

Pasadena High School Auditorium is located 2925 E Sierra Madre Blvd. For more information visit: [pcomusic.org](http://pcomusic.org) or call (626) 445-6708.

## AbilityFirst Opens 'Flagship' Lawrence L. Frank Center



Following its historic merger with FVO Solutions, Inc. Last year, AbilityFirst marked another milestone with the grand opening of its Pasadena "flagship" location, the AbilityFirst Lawrence L. Frank Center, on Thursday.

The nonprofit, which provides programs and services to help children and adults with disabilities reach their full potential, recently raised \$6 million for its capital campaign—"Building Independence, Celebrating Community" during a time when many fundraising efforts were on hold for nonprofit organizations across the country due to the pandemic. The funds have been used to complete the planned renovations of AbilityFirst's aging mid-century modern center in Pasadena and the AbilityFirst Long Beach Center, which is still under construction.

"It is an exciting day for AbilityFirst as we have just completed the planned renovations on the Lawrence L. Frank Center in Pasadena, which is one of the two buildings that are part of the \$6 million capital campaign, "Building Independence, Celebrating Community," said Keri Castañeda, Chief Operations Officer of AbilityFirst. The second building is the AbilityFirst Long Beach Center. "The Lawrence L. Frank Center is the central hub for AbilityFirst's expanding ExploreAbility, College to Career and After-school programs for children and adults with developmental disabilities, so we are thrilled with the opportunity to

upgrade our facilities."

A formal presentation featuring welcome remarks was given, along with resolutions from legislators.

"It's good encouraging the community to get involved with AbilityFirst, but also educating my colleagues about the amazing work being done here," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, "And, as long as I am in office, AbilityFirst will always have a champion working to help them in any way that I can!"

The grandson of Lawrence L. Frank and AbilityFirst board member and co-chair of the capital campaign, Richard R. Frank, was in attendance and shared his remarks at the podium. "We just look around and know that it's Calvin Straub and our dad's fingerprints all over the architecture here. It's particularly gratifying and rewarding that we've been able to bring this building forward and get it ready for the next 50 years. It's a real delight to see it today and to have the project finished."

Legislators in attendance included: Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Pasadena Councilmember Gene Masuda (District 4), Susana Porras of Pasadena Councilmember John J. Kennedy (District 3), Field Representative Ann Hickenbottom from Assemblymember's Chris Holden's office, and Field Representative Dominick Correy from Senator Anthony Portantino's office, who were also given tours of the updated center in Pasadena.

## Pasadena Installs Second Public Fast Charging Station

Gurcharan Bawa, General Manager of Pasadena Water and Power announce Thursday that the Arroyo Electric Vehicle Charging Depot is now open to the public. The Depot is the second largest fast charging site co-developed with Pasadena Water and Power ("PWP") and Tesla. The station hosts 20 Tesla V3 Superchargers and six "Power Up Pasadena"-branded chargers, four of which are the newest and fastest electric vehicle ("EV") chargers owned by the city Bawa said.

"Drivers will be able to charge their vehicles and add up to 100 miles in less than 15 minutes."

The Arroyo Charging Depot

is located near the Arroyo Parkway exit on the 110 Freeway, at 64 E Glenarm Street in Pasadena.

Since the launch of the "Power Up Pasadena" campaign more than 100 chargers are available for public use throughout the city. Additionally, the Commercial EV Rebate Program has helped to bring 3 72 chargers to local businesses. In an effort to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles, the City has made all "Power Up Pasadena"-branded fast chargers free for public use for a limited time. To learn more visit: [PWPweb.com/EV](http://PWPweb.com/EV).

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## SAN MARINO CRIME BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, October 17, 2021 through Saturday, October 23, 2021, the Police Department responded to 517 calls for service. Zero residential burglaries, zero commercial burglaries, and zero attempt commercial burglaries occurred during the reporting week. The following is a summary report of the key incidents during this reporting period.

### Sunday, October 17

1:57 A.M. / CVC 20002 / NON-INJURY HIT AND RUN / LOS ROBLES / WINTHROP ROAD: The suspect collided with the victim's vehicle and fled the scene.

1:24 P.M. / DEATH INVESTIGATION / 1400 BLOCK OF HAMPTON ROAD: Officers responded and conducted an investigation of a non-suspicious death.

### Monday, October 18

9:57 A.M. / PC 484 / THEFT / 600 BLOCK OF CHESTER AVENUE: Unknown suspect(s) approached the victim's parked vehicle and took unsecured gardening equipment from the victim's truck. The suspect(s) fled in an unknown direction.

3:07 P.M. / PC 524 / ATTEMPTED EXTORTION / 900 BLOCK OF AFTON ROAD: Officers were dispatched to investigate an attempted extortion.

6:08 P.M. / 901T / INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION / OAK STREET / LOS ROBLES AVENUE: Two vehicles were involved in an injury traffic collision. One of the parties complained of pain, but refused medical treatment. One vehicle was towed from the scene and the other was driven away.

### Tuesday, October 19

7:00 P.M. / DOG BITE / 1600 BLOCK OF HUNTINGTON DRIVE: Officers were dispatched regarding the victim suffering from a dog bite. The victim was transported to the hospital to treat the injuries suffered.

### Wednesday, October 20

3:06 P.M. / PC 459 / VEHICLE BURGLARY / VIRGINIA ROAD / SHENANDOAH ROAD: Unknown suspect(s) approached the victim's vehicle from an unknown direction. The suspect(s) used an unknown object to shatter the front passenger window and fled in an unknown direction.

3:04 P.M. / PC 459 /



BURGLARY OF A CONSTRUCTION SITE/ 1600 BLOCK OF ROSE AVENUE: The suspect forced entry into the construction site to retrieve his tools and a tool belonging to the victim.

4:46 P.M. / 901T / INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION / HUNTINGTON DRIVE / BEDFORD ROAD: Two vehicles were involved in an injury traffic collision. One of the parties complained of pain. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.

### Thursday, October 21

11:53 A.M. / 901T / INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION / 1300 BLOCK OF SAN GABRIEL BOULEVARD: Two vehicles were involved in an injury traffic collision. One of the parties complained of pain. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.

### Friday, October 22

12:15 A.M. / H&S 11364 / H&S 11377 / POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE / POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA / 500 BLOCK OF SANTA ANITA AVENUE: Officers observed an unoccupied vehicle parked facing the wrong direction. When the officer approached the vehicle, the officer observed drug paraphernalia and a small plastic bag used for storing drugs. A traffic stop was conducted when the driver returned to the vehicle. The driver, Shia, Anthony Kenzeng (DOB 1/2/1989, Alhambra) was issued an own recognizance citation and released at the scene.

2:16 P.M. / FOUND PROPERTY / 1600 BLOCK OF WEST DRIVE: Officers located a bicycle.

### Saturday, October 23

5:34 A.M. / 901T / INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION / 1400 BLOCK OF WESTHAVEN ROAD: A single vehicle was involved in an injury traffic collision by colliding into a residence. One of the parties complained of pain. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.

5:54 P.M. / CVC 20002 / NON-INJURY HIT AND RUN / LOS ROBLES AVENUE / HUNTINGTON DRIVE: The suspect collided with the victim's vehicle and fled the scene.

## Free Clinic for Flu and Covid Vaccinations November 3

The Pasadena Public Health Department will sponsor a free flu shot and COVID vaccination clinic Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

The free clinic will be open to the public. To register or for more information call the center at 626-795-4331.

Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccines will be available for regular vaccinations and booster shots will be available as well. Minors must be accompanied by parents or guardians. Anyone who is sick should not come to the vaccination clinic.

Responsible for 200,000 hospitalizations and 36,000 deaths nationwide each year, influenza (flu) is caused by a virus that affects the entire body and for some may cause pneumonia, dehydration and other serious complications, especially older adults, very young children and people with serious health conditions.

In the U.S. alone, COVID-19 has led to more than 45 million confirmed cases and more than 700,000 deaths. Older adults and people with compromised immune systems are most vulnerable, yet people in all age groups have contracted and sometimes died of COVID as well. The only way to prevent its spread is a combination of vaccinations, masks, frequent hand-washing and social distancing in large



groups.

In addition to online classes, onsite events and other activities, members and nonmembers of the Pasadena Senior Center are encouraged to visit the website regularly for a weekly blog, monthly magazine, COVID-19 updates for older adults 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 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for social services and other critical services for older adults in need, as well as limited occupancy for events, the library, fitness center and computer lab. Masks and social distancing are required. Rooms are sanitized after each use.

Beginning Nov. 4, in accordance with county public health guidelines, proof of COVID vaccination or proof of a negative test within 72 hours before entry to the center will be required for everyone who uses the fitness center or attends onsite activities indoors.

## Pasadena Heritage to host Preservation Pasadena: Craftsman to Modern

Pasadena Heritage will be hosting a virtual, 10-day celebration of preservation and architecture from Friday, November 5th through Sunday, November 14th and will include tours, lectures, panel discussions, conversations with artists and collectors and more!

Events will include presentations about architects Edward Durell Stone by his son Hicks Stone; Paul R. Williams by Stephen Gee; Irving Gill by Allen Hazard; and Bertram Goodhue. Other lectures will be given on The City Beautiful Movement by

Kevin Johnson; Pasadena's bungalow courts by John Ripley; and Preservation Los Angeles by Ken Bernstein;

Virtual tours will include our newest National Register Historic District of Pasadena Avenue, the Civic Center, Caltech, and other landmark district neighborhoods.

Other events include a panel discussion with professionals in the field of restoration about remodeling your historic home and a panel discussing the top ten preservation stories that should not be forgotten.

There will also be a celebration on Saturday evening with a wine tasting and trivia! On Sunday, November 14th Pasadena Heritage committee members will host small-group, informal, themed, round table discussions for participants to share their questions, thoughts, stories, and learn from each other.

Most events will be hosted on Zoom and recorded for those who cannot attend the live Zoom presentations. Tours will be made available on the Izi Travel App for those who wish to drive or walk the tours on their own.

Immerse yourself in great architecture as you experience over 15 programs throughout the week of November 5 – 14, 2021. Save the dates and visit our website for a complete schedule of the entire 10-day celebration! Each event will be recorded and available for purchase through December 25th and viewable through December 31, 2021. For more information and tickets, click here.

This event is sponsored by Hartman Baldwin, Poba Construction, Window Restoration & Repair, Bradbury & Bradbury Art Wallpapers, Harvest Architecture, Kelly Sutherlin McLeod Architecture, Inc., and Susan Masterman Architects.

Pasadena Heritage is a nonprofit founded in 1977 and dedicated to historic preservation in and around Pasadena. For more information visit: [pasadenaheritage.org](http://pasadenaheritage.org).

## Help Train NASA's Rovers to them Better Explore Mars



*Pictured: The robotic arm of NASA's Perseverance rover is visible in this image used by the AI4Mars project. Users outline and identify different rock and landscape features to help train an artificial intelligence algorithm that will help improve the capabilities of Mars rovers. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech.*

*Members of the public can now help teach an artificial intelligence algorithm to recognize scientific features in images taken by NASA's Perseverance rover.*

Artificial intelligence, or AI, has enormous potential to change the way NASA's spacecraft study the universe. But because all machine learning algorithms require training from humans, a recent project asks members of the public to label features of scientific interest in imagery taken by NASA's Perseverance Mars rover.

Called AI4Mars, the project is the continuation of one launched last year that relied on imagery from NASA's Curiosity rover. Participants in the earlier stage of that project labeled nearly half a million images, using a tool to outline features like sand and rock that rover drivers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory typically watch out for when planning routes on the Red Planet. The end result was an algorithm, called SPOC (Soil Property and Object Classification), that could identify these features correctly nearly 98 percent of the time.

SPOC is still in development, and researchers hope it can someday be sent to Mars aboard a future spacecraft that could perform even more autonomous driving than Perseverance's AutoNav technology allows.

Images from Perseverance will further improve SPOC by expanding the kinds of identifying labels that can be applied to features on the Martian surface. AI4Mars now provides labels to identify more refined details, allowing people to choose options like float rocks ("islands" of rocks) or nodules (BB-size balls, often formed by water, of minerals that have been cemented together).

The goal is to hone an algorithm that could help

a future rover pick out needles from the haystack of data sent from Mars. Equipped with 19 cameras, Perseverance sends anywhere from dozens to hundreds of images to Earth each day for scientists and engineers to comb through for specific geological features. But time is tight: After those images travel millions of miles from Mars to Earth, the team members have a matter of hours to develop the next set of instructions, based on what they see in those images, to send to Perseverance.

"It's not possible for any one scientist to look at all the downlinked images with scrutiny in such a short amount of time, every single day," said Vivian Sun, a JPL scientist who helps coordinate Perseverance's daily operations and consulted on the AI4Mars project. "It would save us time if there was an algorithm that could say, 'I think I saw rock veins or nodules over here,' and then the science team can look at those areas with more detail."

Especially during this developmental stage, SPOC requires lots of validation from scientists to ensure it's labeling accurately. But even when it improves, the algorithm is not intended to replace more complex analyses by human scientists.

A key objective for Perseverance's mission on Mars is astrobiology, including the search for signs of ancient microbial life. The rover will characterize the planet's geology and past climate, pave the way for human exploration of the Red Planet, and be the first mission to collect and cache Martian rock and regolith (broken rock and dust).

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

## Seeking Members For General Plan 2040 Steering Committee

The San Marino Community Development department is seeking community members interested in serving on the Steering Committee for the General Plan 2040 Update.

Required by state law, the General Plan will guide the City of San Marino's future growth, development, and conservation. It looks ahead 20 years to address critical issues such as housing, transportation, environmental quality, economic development, design, and public services. San Marino's last General Plan was adopted in 2003 and had a horizon year of 2020.

The Steering Committee should represent diverse perspectives and interests in the community, such as local residents, business members, and other stakeholders. Committee members will be expected to participate in monthly meetings over the next two years as the plan is developed. A maximum of fifteen members, and a limited number of alternates, will be selected. Committee members will be expected to read and comment on draft documents, serve as a liaison to their respective organization or group, and support staff's efforts to engage the general public in the plan development process.

City staff will review Steering Committee applications based on specific evaluation criteria. They will then be forwarded to City Council for their consideration. Community members who have not previously participated on City task forces are encouraged to apply.

The Steering Committee application deadline is Friday, November 12 at 5:00 p.m. Interested applicants can apply online, in-person, or by mail. For more information, review Community Development's website.

## Food Distribution Program

*Friday, Nov. 5, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the parking lot at Pasadena Senior Center 85 E. Holly St.*

Low-income adults 60 and older receive one free box of food and couples receive two. Each box includes foods that meet specific nutritional needs, such as cheese, canned fruits and vegetables, dry milk and related dairy products, cereals and other grain products, and

more. Proof of income and California ID are required for first-time recipients. Boxes are heavy, so bring a pull-behind personal cart to the parking lot between the Pasadena Senior Center and the Metro Gold Line station. Opening boxes on the premises is prohibited. Masks and social distancing will be required.

For more information, visit [pasadenaseniocenter.org](http://pasadenaseniocenter.org) and click on Food Distribution Programs or call 626-685-6732.

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

*For the period of Sunday, October 17, through Saturday, October 23, the Police Department responded to 1,034 calls for service, of which 108 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

Sunday, October 17:

1. At 12:18 a.m., officers responded to the area of Huntington Drive and Santa Clara Street regarding the report of a reckless driver. An officer located the driver who had fallen asleep while driving. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 40-year-old male from Arcadia was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At 4:35 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a shoplifting report. A loss prevention officer witnessed the suspect conceal numerous items in her handbag before exiting the store, failing to make payment. The 22-year-old female from Los Angeles was issued a citation and released.

Monday, October 18:

3. At 1:43 a.m., officers responded to Garden Café, 850 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding an audible alarm. Officers found the front glass door shattered by unknown means. An investigation revealed that 20 minutes prior, two suspects forced entry into the business, ransacked the cash register, and fled the scene.

The suspects are described as two males, thin build, both approximately six feet tall. One suspect was wearing a light-colored hooded sweatshirt with light-colored pants and a face mask. The second suspect was wearing a dark-colored vest over a light-colored hooded sweatshirt, light-colored sweatpants, and a face mask.

4. At 6:07 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 600 block of Arbolada Drive regarding a domestic violence call. An investigation revealed a husband and wife had been arguing when the husband hit his wife with a sugar cane stick on her arm and back. His firearms were taken and held for safekeeping. The 60-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

5. At 9:10 pm., officers responded to a residence in the 400 block of California Street regarding a robbery that had just occurred. The victim had arrived home and backed his vehicle into his garage. As his garage door was closing, the suspect stopped it and entered the garage pointing a firearm at the victim. The suspect opened the driver door and pulled the victim out of his car. The suspect instructed the victim to kneel and face the wall, he then entered the victim's vehicle and fled the scene.

The suspect is described as male, tall, with a medium build, wearing a baseball hat, a gray hooded sweatshirt, dark blue jeans, and a white face mask.

Tuesday, October 19:

Wednesday, October 20:

8. At 7:18 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Golden Years Adult Day Care, 60 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a burglary report. It was discovered that an employee's purse had been stolen. An investigation revealed a female suspect was seen near the rear door rummaging through unknown items, possibly the stolen purse. A check of the area revealed a few items belonging to the victim had been left behind. They were returned to the victim. The investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, October 21:

10. At 7:24 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of East Longden Avenue regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed, the male suspect walked up to the porch and stole a package before fleeing the scene. The suspect is described as male, approximately 25 to 40-years-old, five feet ten inches tall, weighing 250 pounds. He was wearing a blue button-up shirt, blue jeans, a blue mask, and black tennis shoes.

Friday, October 22:

12. At 10:32 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 200 block of West Naomi Avenue regarding the report of a stolen vehicle. The victim parked her car in front of her house and left it running with the keys in the ignition, she returned to her car ten minutes later to find it missing. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

13. At 6:23 p.m., officers responded to the Extended Stay America, 401 East Santa Clara Avenue, regarding suspicious circumstances. A transient woman attempted to befriend two small children by playing basketball with them. When the children decided to go back to their room, the female picked up one of the children and attempted to walk off with him. The other child convinced her to release his brother, she then put him down and held his hand on the way back to their room where she was met by their mother. The female suspect hit the mother and was detained by their father until police arrived. The 30-year-old female transient was also found to be in possession of methamphetamine. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

## MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

*Highlighted Activity for October 21-27, 2021 During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 396 service events, resulting in 75 investigations.*

### GRAND THEFT AUTO / IDENTITY THEFT

October 21 at 9:44 a.m., an employee from a business in the 400 block of E. Duarte called to report a rented U-Haul had not been returned. In addition, the renter used fraudulent personal identifying information to process the contractual agreement. This investigation is continuing.

October 25 at 11:01 a.m., a caller reported a motorist struck a city light pole in the intersection of Huntington and Cypress. Officers responded along with paramedics. The driver was transported to a nearby hospital due to complaints of pain. She was also issued a citation.

### TRESPASS

October 25 at 12:58 p.m., an employee of the Monrovia Library in the 300 block of S. Myrtle reported a male subject inside the library was causing a disturbance and refusing to leave. Officers arrived and provided a warning and notice to the subject regarding trespassing. The subject left the location.

### WEAPON OFFENCE / TRESPASSING – Suspect Arrested

October 25 at 2:08 p.m., employees of the Monrovia Community Center in the 100 block of W. Palm reported the same male subject from the library was now causing a disturbance on their property. He was reportedly yelling and throwing rocks at the building. Officers arrived and contacted the subject, who was found to be in possession of a fixed blade knife. He was also previously warned not to trespass on the property. The subject was arrested.

### INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION

October 25 at 4:23 p.m., a traffic collision was reported at the intersection of Colorado and California. Officers responded and found one of the drivers was complaining of pain, so paramedics responded. The injured driver was transported to a nearby hospital for medical care. The other driver was issued a citation for causing the collision.

### COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

October 25 at 11:10 p.m., officers were dispatched to a business in the 600 block of W. Huntington regarding a theft report. Unknown suspect(s) entered the business while the employee was throwing away trash and stole the employees backpack. This investigation is continuing.

### ATTEMPT GRAND THEFT

October 26 at 3:47 a.m., a caller in the 500 block of Parkrose reported that someone just attempted to steal the catalytic converter from her vehicle. Officers arrived, but the suspect had already left the area. This investigation is continuing.

### GRAND THEFT AUTO / FRAUD / WARRANTS – Suspect Arrested

October 26 at 11:37 a.m., officers responded to a business in the 900 block of S. Fifth regarding an unresponsive female inside a parked vehicle. Paramedics also responded. An investigation revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen. The suspect was arrested. During the booking process, property belonging to other people was located in the suspect's belongings. She was also found to have two outstanding warrants for her arrest.

## DUARTE MAYOR BRYAN URIAS PASSES AWAY

The city of Duarte is mourning the sudden loss of Mayor Bryan Urias, who was found dead at his home over the weekend. Urias, 40, was identified as the man who was reported unresponsive at a home in the 2000 block of Buena Vista Street at about 1 p.m. Sunday, according to the San Gabriel Valley Tribune. A cause of death was not immediately available. “Bryan has a long history of public service in the San Gabriel Valley, and he brought a regional perspective and strong relationships to his role as a community leader,” Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Finlay said in a statement.

Urias was first elected to the Duarte City Council to represent District 6 in November of 2018. He was selected to serve as mayor in December of 2020.

*Community members and residents are invited to mourn the loss of Mayor Bryan Urias, District 6 Councilmember, during services hosted by his family throughout the week of November 1, 2021.*

On Wednesday, November 3, the Urias family will host a viewing at Turner and Stevens Live Oak Mortuary (200 E. Duarte Road, Monrovia, CA 91016). Community members can attend the service between 1 and 5 PM to pay their respects and support the Urias family.

On Thursday, November 4, a mass in honor of Mayor Urias and celebrating his life will begin at noon at the San Luis of France Catholic Church (13935 E. Temple, Basset, CA 91746). Following the mass, friends and family may return to the Live Oak Memorial Park (200 E. Duarte Road, Monrovia, CA 91016) for the burial.



## JOIN THE 9TH ANNUAL CITY OF DUARTE UNITY MARCH ON NOVEMBER 6

The 9th Annual City of Duarte Unity March, themed “Love is the Only River”, is scheduled for Saturday, November 6, beginning at 8:30 AM. This youth driven event, presented by the Duarte Mayor's Youth Council, strives to promote peace, unity, and strength within our community. Everyone is invited to participate in what promises to be an exciting event.

The march will begin on the steps of Duarte City Hall (1600 Huntington Drive) and will conclude at the Duarte Teen Center (1400 Buena Vista Street). At the end of the march, participants will have a chance to enjoy music, food, performances, and a speech by this year's keynote speaker, Rhonda Luna. Luna is an inspiration to the community, serving as a selfless school counselor, driven youth advocate, and also a former World Featherweight Champion Boxer!

Free t-shirts will be provided to the first 150 marchers and face masks will also be given to the first 100 participants. Masks and social distancing are recommended.

This event is hosted by the City of Duarte and is co-sponsored by the Duarte Public Safety Office. For more information, please call the Duarte Teen Center at (626) 303-0863.

## CITY OF ARCADIA SENIOR SERVICES NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nomination forms are available at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive and the Recreation Department office, 375 Campus Drive for the 2021 Senior Citizen of the Year! Do you know someone who is:

- 55+ years of age or older
- A current resident of Arcadia for a minimum of one year
- Contributed to better the Arcadia Community
- Not previously a recipient of the award

If so, please stop by to pick up a nomination form or log onto the City's website at [www.arcadiaca.gov](http://www.arcadiaca.gov) and download the nomination criteria and form. Recipient of the award will be honored at the Arcadia Rotary Club Salute to Seniors Luncheon on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Arcadia Community Center. Nomination forms must be submitted to Gina Hernandez, Recreation Supervisor, by Friday, February 18, 2022 by 5:30pm. For more information, please contact Gina Hernandez at 626.821.4328.

## FREE FLU CLINIC

Arcadia Senior Services in partnership with Methodist Hospital is offering free flu vaccines on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 10am to 12pm. The flu vaccine will be administered at the Arcadia Community Center, located at 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia 91007. Appointments are required as there are limited number of vaccines. To book an appointment call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

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## MEASURE K, THE KEEP MONROVIA REVENUES LOCAL SALES TAX MEASURE

During the months of October and November, city staff will visit different community groups to share an update on Measure K, the Keep Monrovia Revenues Local Sales Tax Measure. As you may recall, Measure K ensures that new sales tax revenues stay in Monrovia and are reinvested into our community.

On April 1, 2021, the new sales tax measure went into effect, and based on projections, the estimated revenue generated by Measure K is \$10.8 million for Fiscal Years 2021-23. Measure K funds are put towards projects that align with the Monrovia City Council's goals of Financial Management, Infrastructure, Customer Service and Relationships. So far, the Monrovia City Council has only approved \$3,574,916 towards: one-time infrastructure improvement projects, increasing financial reserves, battling cages at Barney Glenn Baseball Field, and the American Disability Act Transition Plan.

Residents, along with in-town business owners, are encouraged to fill out a form on the City's website with spending suggestions for the new sales tax revenue received from Measure K.

### MEASURE K FUNDS AT WORK

Measure K funds are put towards projects that align with the Monrovia City Council's goals of Financial Management, Infrastructure, Customer Service and Relationships.

Based on projections, estimated Measure K revenues for the Fiscal Years 2021-23 Budget are as follows:

Forecasted Measure K Balance as of June 30, 2021 = \$5,711,560

Fiscal Year 2021-22 = \$5,315,000

Fiscal Year 2022-23 = \$5,522,000

So far, the Monrovia City Council has only approved the following expenditures.

### APPROVED PROJECTS FUNDED BY MEASURE K

One Time Projects: \$249,666

Increasing Financial Reserves: \$3,200,000

Batting Cages: \$20,000

ADA Transition Plan: \$105,250

Total: \$3,574,916

## DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

*The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of October 17, 2021–October 23, 2021.*

October 17, 2021

### BURGLARY (VEHICLE):

1300 Block of Huntington Drive. The victim reported suspect(s) unknown entered his locked vehicle, a 2007 Saturn Ion by shattering the driver side window. Suspect(s) stole miscellaneous paperwork. Damage was approximately \$300.

October 18, 2021

### GRAND THEFT:

1800 Highland Avenue (Prolecta). The victim reported suspect(s) unknown stole 3 batteries to an electronic scissor lift that was parked outside. Loss was approximately \$1,500. Surveillance video available.

October 20, 2021

### BURGLARY (COMMERCIAL):

1790 Evergreen Street (EOTP Industries). The victim reported he received a burglary alarm activation. Upon checking security cameras, he observed an unknown suspect had entered the location through a shattered side window. A makeup bag was reported stolen. Loss was approximately \$20, and damages were approximately \$3,000.

October 21, 2021.

### BURGLARY (COMMERCIAL):

1171 Encanto Parkway (Avila Gardens). The victim reported Suspect(s) unknown forced entry into the location by damaging a rear door. Upon checking the location, nothing appeared to have been stolen. Damages were approximately \$500.

### PETTY THEFT:

1000 Block of Rancho Road. The victim reported suspect(s) unknown entered her unlocked vehicle, a 2010 Toyota Sienna and stole cash and other miscellaneous items from her glove box. Two charges were made from her access card to several Facebook pages, which were later canceled by the victim. Loss was approximately \$150. No surveillance video.

### GRAND THEFT:

2745 Huntington Drive (We Pack It All). The victim reported a male Hispanic suspect with short hair and a mustache, wearing dark pants stole the catalytic converter to his vehicle, a 2003 Honda Accord. The victim attempted to follow the suspect who entered a red 4 door vehicle and fled east on Huntington Drive. Loss was approximately \$1,000. Surveillance video available.

### PETTY THEFT (ATTEMPT):

1500 Block of Brycedale Avenue. The victim reported suspect(s) unknown attempted to steal her wheels from her vehicle, a 2017 Honda Accord. No surveillance video.

October 22, 2021

### GRAND THEFT:

1470 Mountain Avenue (Best-Buy). An employee from the location reported while attending to a customer, whom she just advised he was denied credit through “Best-Buy” stole an “Iphone 12 Pro Max” from the display case. The employee stated the suspect ran out the exit and south on Mountain Avenue and out of view. The suspect was positively identified using store security surveillance and information provided on credit application.

### PETTY THEFT:

2237 Huntington Drive (Duarte Smoke Shop). An employee from the location reported a male “Gypsy” purchased five \$100 “Hot Spot” lottery tickets. The employee conducted the transaction prior to receiving payment for the tickets. The suspect attempted to pay for the tickets with a crypto credit card that was invalid. The employee asked for the tickets back due to not receiving payment. The suspect handed back the tickets and left the location. After the suspect left, the employee noticed he had only returned four of the five tickets. No surveillance available. California Lottery Commission flagged tickets and investigating.



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## BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL KINDERGARTNERS VISIT SIERRA MADRE FIRE STATION



Ever wonder what it takes to be a firefighter? On October 5, 2021 kindergartners from Bethany Christian School got to find out. Sierra Madre Fire Station is just a short walk from Bethany and the firefighters welcomed the kindergarten students into the station to learn more about fire safety, prevention and rescue. Bethany kindergartners got to see how firefighter gear works, how firefighters extinguish fires and how they rescue and treat fire victims.

The Bethany students were thrilled to be able to take turns sitting in the fire engine and to climb aboard the ambulance to see how it works. A big thank you to our Sierra Madre Fire Station for helping educate our little ones and for all the firefighters do to keep our community safe. For more information on our fire department visit [cityofsierramadre.com](http://cityofsierramadre.com).

For more information on Bethany Christian School visit [bcsllions.org](http://bcsllions.org).

## BOOKS FOR FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER



Kiwanis Division 35 held their first in-person Division Council Meeting for year 2021/2022. This was a combined business meeting and service project for the Foothill Unity Center. The clubs were invited to donate new books for young adults and shut-in seniors. These books will be included in upcoming holiday baskets. The student led Key Clubs, Kiwins and Circle K's provided dinner for the participants as a fundraiser for their annual goals as well. Division 35 Lt. Governor, Tina Carey, shared that 50 folks attended the DCM in person and another 30 were included on Zoom in the Hybrid meeting. The clubs brought over 500 books for the event. Kamyar Jarahzasdeh from Red Hen Press joined and brought books as well. Thirteen of the sixteen clubs in Division 35 participated in the meeting. Tashera Taylor and her leadership team from Foothill Unity Center shared the impact numbers the Center achieved during 2020, including:

- 1,561,150 total meals served
- 8,210 food boxes delivered to disabled and seniors
- 15,650 individuals served
- And much more

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## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



### HOW ESTATE PLANNING CAN BRING BLENDED FAMILIES CLOSER

Yours, mine and ours ... in today's modern family, it's a common mantra. The blended family is the product of 2nd (or more) marriages, in which at least one of the parties comes with children from a prior marriage. And of course, they may then go on to have children together, too.

If you have a blended family, it's important to understand how estate planning could be exactly what you need to keep your family out of conflict, both during life, in the event of incapacity, and when one or more of the parents dies.

Let's begin with understanding where potential conflicts could arise when you have a blended family.

Consider the ones you love

If you have children from a prior marriage, and you become incapacitated or die, leaving everything to your new spouse or partner, there is almost certain to be some conflict (whether spoken or not) between your children and new spouse. Your children may feel left out, forgotten, or resentful.

You may think that this can be avoided by leaving everything to your new spouse or partner, and then on their death, to your children. But this too could set up a scenario where your children feel the need to monitor your spouse/partner's use of your assets, during their life. And that may not be what you – or they – would want.

Conversely, you may have a partner or spouse that you have not legally planned for, who you would want to inherit some or all of your assets. But, as things stand right now, your entire estate may go to your children from a prior marriage. This could create a reality where your current partner potentially gets kicked out of the house you share if something happens to you before your plan is updated.

You can avoid all of this (and even use the estate planning process to build stronger bonds between those you love) by having clear planning in place that has been discussed with your children and your new spouse or partner. A good estate attorney should facilitate this as part of the planning process for all blended families.

If you are the child of a parent who has remarried or re-partnered, after a divorce or death of your other parent, you may want to bring these issues to your parent's attention.

Create or review your plan

If you are part of a blended family, you want a well-thought-out estate plan which meets the needs of your unique situation and ensures everything and everyone you love is protected and provided for as you wish - including you.

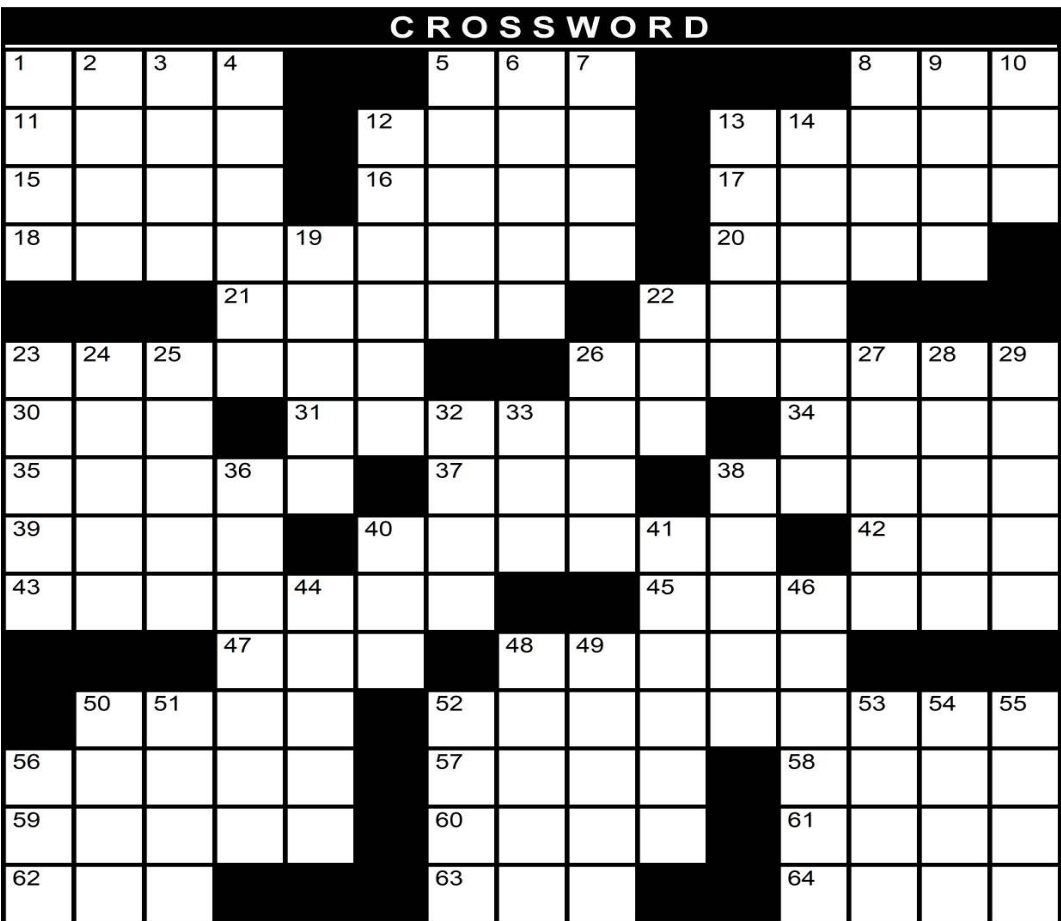
You can accomplish this. It just takes a little bit of intentioned focus. Let me know if you have any questions.

MARC

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### ACROSS

- Repeating word on South Pacific map
- Bro's sibling
- Dashboard abbr.
- Fusses
- \*Basketball slam
- Go "Boo!"
- Boisterous play
- Upper hand
- Part of mortise joint
- \*Unopposed attempt to score (2 words)
- "The Famous Five" children's writer Blyton
- \*Basketball player Bojan Bogdanovic or Drazen Petrovic
- \*Mares eat \_\_\_\_ or "does eat \_\_\_\_," sing.
- One who covers in silver, e.g.
- Figure
- Be ill
- Part of "panther"
- Capital of Latvia

- Like helium
- Quilting party
- Analyze
- Dehydrated
- Litter of piglets
- Down Under bird
- a.k.a. aardvark
- Provincial governor in ancient Persia
- Argo propeller
- Subway in Paris
- Conclusion starter
- \*Made basket (2 words)
- Not a soul
- Like animal near extinction
- Greek sandwich
- Bandages
- Arabian bigwig
- Answer to "Shall we?"
- Bar offering
- \*It sends a basketball game to overtime
- Highland tongue

### DOWN

## Horror Movies Word Search Puzzle

T H E S I G N I N I H S E H T  
X T C A T P E O P L E H N H H  
S E N A S S I E T H E E E X E  
C O R C R S C I S T A R M N E  
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### HORROR MOVIES WORD LIST

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|------------------|--------------|
| CARRIE           | REPULSION    |
| CAT PEOPLE       | SCREAM       |
| CHILD'S PLAY     | SEVEN        |
| CLOVERFIELD      | THE EXORCIST |
| DAWN OF THE DEAD | THE FLY      |
| HALLOWEEN        | THE OMEN     |
| NEAR DARK        | THE RING     |
| NOSFERATU        | THE SHINING  |
| POLTERGEIST      | THE THING    |
| PSYCHO           | THREADS      |



- Vomit
- Sensory input
- It wasn't built in a day
- Characteristic to consider
- Traditional scarf/headaddress
- Brick of precious metal
- Place at an angle
- Indian princess
- Circus trainer's poker
- '80s band "\_\_\_\_ At Work"
- Remove antlers
- Titanic propeller
- \*Shaquille O'Neal and Wilt Chamberlain, e.g.
- Halloween option
- Not their
- 1/100th of a rupee
- Wrinkle-prone natural fabric
- Warning
- \_\_\_\_-do-well
- Part of a stair

- Old World lizard
- \*Fast-break \_\_\_\_
- Skier's aid
- Part of H.M.S.
- \*Reward after missed shot
- \*Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy, e.g.
- Away's partner
- Stable worker
- Relieves
- On/off type of switch
- \*\_\_\_\_ Hurricanes
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- \*The Phoenix Suns did it in the 2021 NBA Finals
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Dress in light-colored clothing...

...and stay in groups with your friends.

Kids: color stuff in!

# Newspaper Fun!

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Halloween is here and **you** need a costume! Such fun – and **work** – to create. First you have to choose what or who you wish to pretend to be. Can you study the picture clues to find out what my friends will pretend to be? **Fill in my puzzle!**



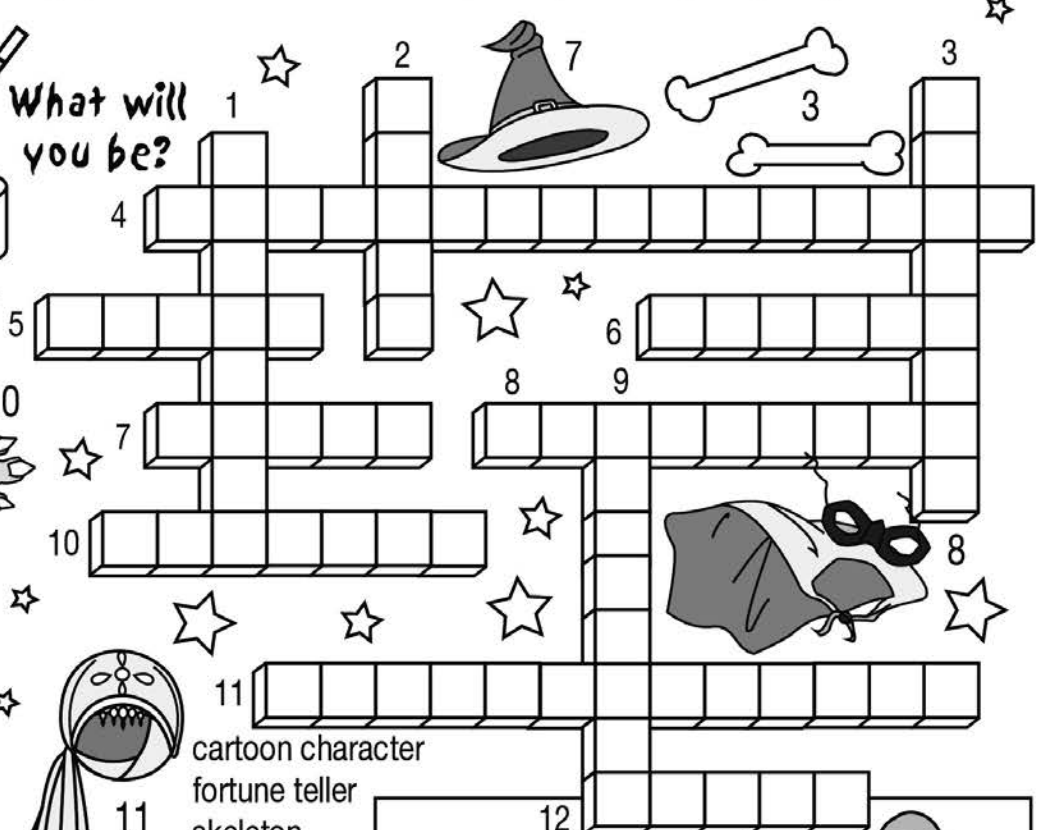
**Trick or Treat**

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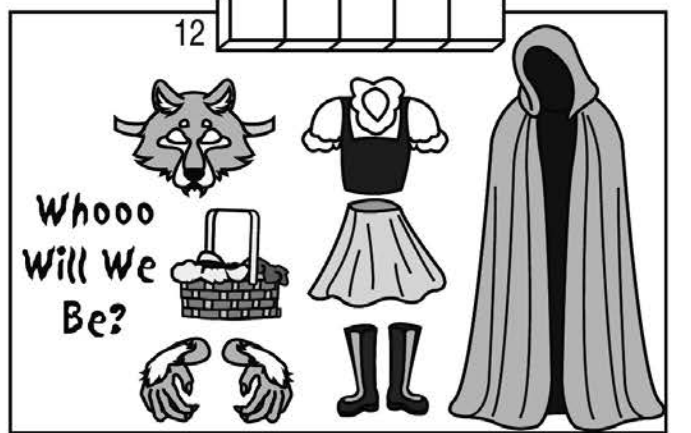
I am a pumpkin, My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_. We don't scare the neighbors, but we **freak out** the \_\_\_\_\_!

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What will you be?



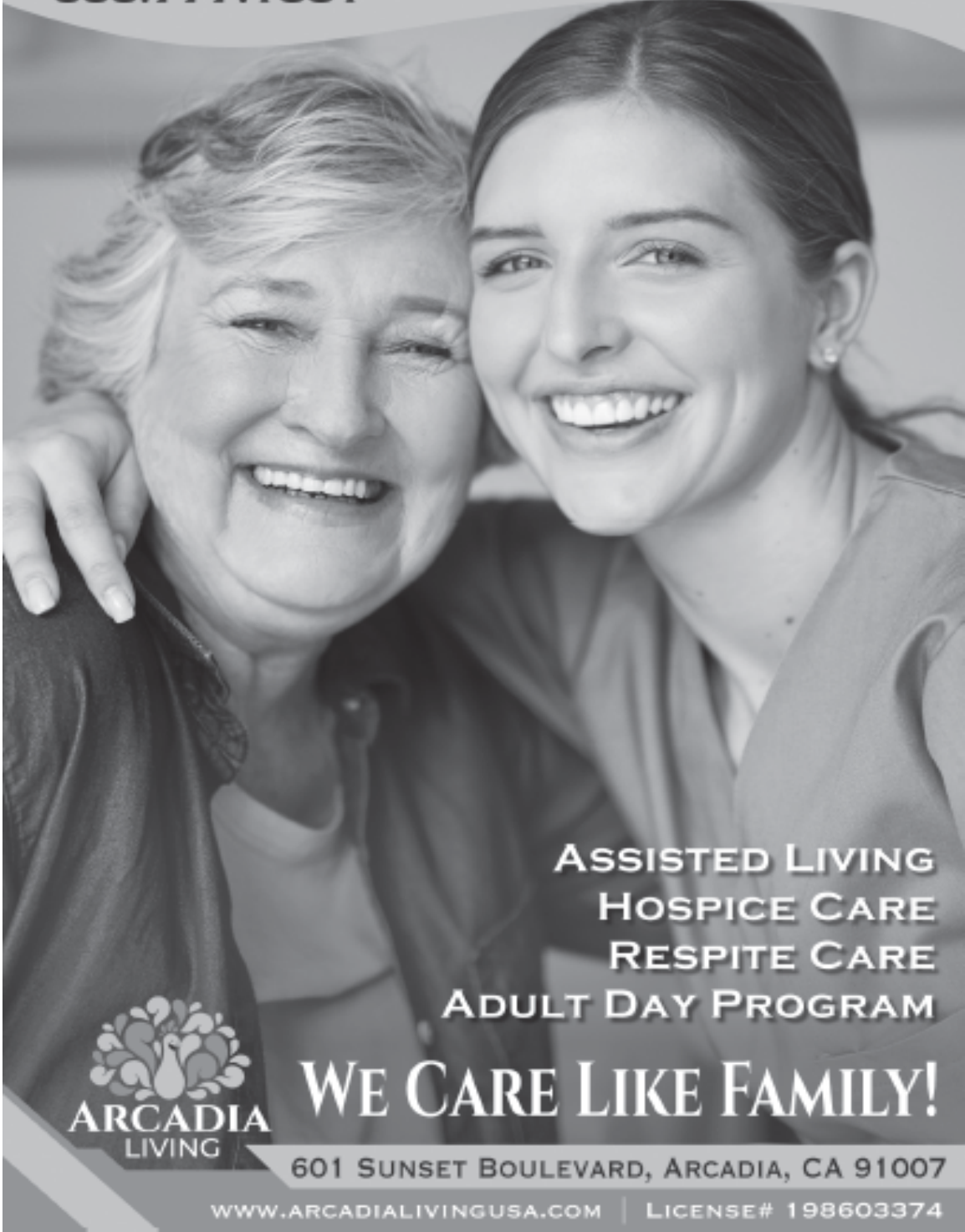
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A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

I CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MUCH ICE CREAM!

It was one of those hectic weeks that flew by, and I didn’t know it until the end of the week.

Friday night at supper time, it was one of those sneaky crashes. But, unfortunately, all the energy during the week had been pushing both of us forward, and we had no options but to keep plowing ahead.

I don’t know about other people, but I don’t know I’m being pushed until the push is over. And Friday is the time for that push accounting.

It was a quiet dinner because both of us had pushed the limits of exhaustion. Then, during the week, something happened and put us behind just when we thought we had caught up.

Getting behind sometimes is not a choice and has a way of sneaking up on you and catching you off guard.

I had come to the point where I had enough. Enough is enough; let’s get on with life.

You can’t get enough of some things in life, and then there are other things that you can have too much. If only we could choose one at our discretion.

That evening supper was quite good, and I had, like always, stuffed myself. I don’t blame my over-eating on myself, rather on the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. If she were not such an excellent cook, I wouldn’t eat so much. All the blame rests upon her.

She insinuates that I should be a little more disciplined in my eating habits. Ha, disciplined in my eating habits? Whoever heard of such a crazy thing. I don’t tell her that it’s crazy because she might assume I think she is crazy. I do, but I don’t want her to know about it.

The marvelous supper was behind us, and we had just settled down to watch something on television. I like watching those mysteries, but I have a difficult time watching them with my wife. She knows the outcome before the first scene has completed itself.

Where in the world is the mystery to that?

About halfway into the mystery movie, there was a commercial time, and my wife got up and said, “Would you have any room for ice cream?”

Would I have any room for ice cream? I can never have too much ice cream, and I am never too full for one more bowl of ice cream.

A lot of things I have too much of, but it certainly is not ice cream.

Someone once asked what my favorite ice cream was, and I replied, “My favorite ice cream is the one I’m eating at the time.” I have never yet had a bowl of ice cream that I didn’t like.

So, when my wife asked me if I would like some ice cream, I didn’t even say, “What kind of ice

cream do you have?” I don’t have to say something like that. What I do say is, “I’ll have as much ice

cream as you can stuff into that bowl.”

We always have a good supply of ice cream in the freezer. My wife is always looking for the Buy One Get One deal, so we usually are well stocked with ice cream.

Not long ago, it was such a long weary day, and I was thinking about the ice cream I would reward myself with at the end of the day. Nothing calms me down better than a nice bowl of ice cream.

Supper was over; I settled down into my easy chair and then asked, “Honey, I really could use some ice cream tonight. It’s been such a long weary day.”

I didn’t hear anything from her, so I said, “Can I have some ice cream?”

Then I heard from the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

“I’m sorry, my dear,” she said as disparagingly as possible, “we’ve run out of ice cream.”

Those words are the worst words ever uttered in our parsonage. To be out of ice cream is the most stressful time of the week. How is it possible to run out of ice cream?

She explained by telling me that Publix did not have their usual Buy One Get One sale this week. So she was waiting for the sale to go on.

I sat there thinking how in the world can I survive any day without ending it with a bowl of ice cream?

There’s a lot of things in this world that I can do without. Number one on that list is broccoli. I don’t even like the sight of that so-called vegetable. I don’t even think it’s a real vegetable, contrary to the thoughts of my wife.

I have a long list of what I can do without, and nowhere on that list is ice cream.

How I would get through the night without my ice cream is a mystery that only the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage can solve.

They only know what you like and what’s important to you when it’s not available. Then you begin to appreciate the value of that item. I thought of the Bible verse in the Old Testament that sort of focus is on this idea. “Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter” (Isaiah 56:11).

Whenever greed takes over, we never can have enough. Then we become a slave to our greed.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...October Birthdays\* Janda Ferris, Darlene Traxler, Margit Johnson, Sole Krieg, Dick Anderson, Eva Poet, Mary Jane Baker, Dixie Coutant, Jill Franks, Cathleen Cremins, Adie Marshall, Darlene Crook, Susan Gallagher, Maggie Ellis, Gloria Giersbach, Elva Johnson, Ellen O’Leary, Jenny Piangenti, Gail Ann Skiles, Anita Thompson, Linda Boehm and Angela Stella \* 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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SENIOR CINEMA – 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



FRANKENSTEIN (1931) – Wednesday, 10/13 at 2:00 pm In James Whale’s timeless adaptation of Mary Shelley’s masterpiece novel, Boris Karloff stars as the screen’s most tragic and memorable horror giant, when Dr. Frankenstein dares to tamper with life and death by piecing together salvaged body parts to create a human monster.



SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES – Wednesday, 10/27 at 2:00 pm Can two young boys overcome the worst the devil himself can deal out? Wishes are granted, but twisted as only the esteemed Mr. Dark can make them. Based on the Ray Bradbury novel.

CHAIR YOGA – Monday and Wednesday each week, 10-10:45 am Please join us for some gentle stretching, yoga, balance exercise and overall relaxation with Paul. Classes are ongoing and held in the Memorial Park Covered Pavilion. 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 – Tuesday, 10/12 & 10/26 AT 10:00 AM If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, embroidery, needlepoint, bunka, huck, tatting or cross stitch then we have a group for you! Bring your current project, sit and chat with like-minded fiber friends. We meet in the Hart Park House.

HULA AND POLYNESIAN DANCE – 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 Friday, October 8th, 3:00-5:00 pm Stop by for some bingo, tea and conversations with Sierra Madre Fire Chief Bartlett and crew. Reserve your spot with Lawren.

DOMINOES TRAIN GAME AT 11:00 AM ON 10/6 The object of the game is for a player to play all the tiles from their hand onto one or more trains, emanating from a central hub or “station”. Call Lawren with questions that you may have.

BINGO - Tuesday, 10/12, 1:00 pm Hart Park House Hart Park House Senior Bingo is back by popular demand! Come on down to enjoy this time hon-ored 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!

SKELETON WREATH – Tuesday, 10/19, 10:00 am What would Halloween be without a skeleton or a wreath? I invite you to join me in combining the two for a whimsical and fun door greeting. Space is limited to six participants so please call Lawren to reserve your spot.

METRO MICRO— TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION Micro is Metro’s new on-demand rideshare service, offering trips within several zones in LA 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, Mon-day-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 us-ing 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-moth introductory period to consider potential fare adjustments. Service hours of operation are: Monday—Sunday between 5:30 am-9:30 pm. Download the Metro Micro App: visit: [book.metro-micro.netor](http://book.metro-micro.netor) Call 323-GO-METRO (323) 446-3876

TIPS AND TOOLS FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Dear Savvy Senior:

*Can you recommend any resources that offer help to family caregivers? I’ve been taking care of my 86-year-old mother and could use some help. Burned-Out Brenda*



Dear Brenda: Caring for an aging parent or other loved one over a period of time can be very challenging both physically and mentally. Fortunately, there are a number of tips and services you can turn to that can help lighten the load. Here are several to consider.

Assemble a care team: A good first step is to put together a network of people including family, friends and even neighbors that you can call on to help out when you can’t be there or need a break.

Tap local services: Many communities offer a range of free or subsidized services that help seniors and caregivers by providing things like home delivered meals, transportation, senior companion services and more. Call 211 to find out what’s available in your community, or call AARP’s caregiving resource center (877-333-5885), which provides referrals to local resources.

Use respite: Respite services can provide short-term care to your mom so you can take some time off. To locate services in your area, try the ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center at [ARCHrespite.org](http://ARCHrespite.org).

Hire in-home help: You may want to consider hiring a part-time home-care aide that can help with things like preparing meals, housekeeping or personal care. Costs can run anywhere from \$12 to \$30 an hour depending on where you live and the qualification of the aide. To find help through an agency, use Medicare’s search tool [Medicare.gov/care-compare](http://Medicare.gov/care-compare). Or to find someone on your own, which is a more affordable way to go, try websites like Care.com or CareLinx.com.

Use financial tools: If you’re handling your mom’s finances, you can make things easier by arranging direct deposit for her income sources and set up automatic payments for her utilities and other routine bills. Also, consider setting up your mom’s online banking service at her bank so you can pay her other bills and monitor her account anytime. If you want or need help, there are professional daily money managers (see [AADMM.com](http://AADMM.com) to locate someone) that can do it for you. They charge between \$60 and \$150 per hour.

Also, if your mom is lower-income use BenefitsCheckup.org, a free, confidential website that will help you locate financial assistance programs that can help pay for her medications, utilities, health care, and other needs.

Get insurance help: If you have questions about what Medicare or Medicaid covers, or about long-term care, your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides free counseling on all these issues. Call 877-839-2675 or visit [ShiptaCenter.org](http://ShiptaCenter.org) to locate a nearby counselor.

You can also get help at Medicare.gov or by calling 800-633-4227, and through the Medicare Rights Center, which staffs a helpline at 800-333-4114.

Tap other resources: There are a number of other organizations you can draw on for additional information like the Family Care Alliance ([Caregiver.org/family-care-navigator](http://Caregiver.org/family-care-navigator)), which provides a state-by-state listing of caregiving programs and services; Caring.com, which offers caregiving advice, senior housing information and online support groups; the Alzheimer’s Association ([ALZ.org/care](http://ALZ.org/care)), which provides information unique to the challenges of dementia caregivers; and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ([www.caregiver.va.gov](http://www.caregiver.va.gov)), which offers caregiver support services to veterans and even spouses of veterans.

And, if you happen to be sharing care responsibilities with others, sites like LotsaHelping-Hands.com and CaringBridge.org can help you coordinate together.

Take care of yourself: Make your own health a priority. Being a caregiver is a big job that can cause emotional and physical stress and lead to illness and depression. The only way you can provide the care your mother needs is to make sure you stay healthy.

*Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of “The Savvy Senior” book.*





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SECTION B

## CHECK BEFORE YOU BURN TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY IN THE COOLER MONTHS AHEAD

Seasonal air pollution prevention program runs from Nov. 1, 2021 through Feb. 28, 2022

Check Before You Burn.jpgDIAMOND BAR, CA – Monday, November 1st marks the start of the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s (South Coast AQMD) 10th annual Check Before You Burn season. From November through the end of February, residents are asked to check before burning wood in their fireplaces to limit emissions of fine particulate matter (PM2.5).

“Smoke from residential fireplaces is a significant source of PM2.5 during the winter months in the South Coast Air Basin,” said Wayne Nastri, South Coast AQMD’s Executive Officer, “Residents can do their part to improve air quality by spreading awareness and choosing not to burn wood when No-Burn Days are announced.”

A No-Burn day is a 24-hour ban on wood-burning in residential fireplaces, stoves, or outdoor fire pits in the South Coast Air Basin. South Coast AQMD forecasters call for residential No-Burn Days when PM2.5 is expected to reach elevated levels due to air emissions and stagnant weather conditions. High PM2.5 episodes are most common on calm and cool winter days, especially during holiday periods. Additional pollution from wood burning can turn air quality conditions on No-Burn days to “unhealthy”. Twenty-five No-Burn Days were called last winter.

Wood-burning can emit more than five tons of harmful PM2.5 per day in the South Coast Air Basin, more than three times the amount of PM2.5 emitted from all power plants in the Southland. Short-term exposure to PM2.5 can cause throat and eye irritation, aggravate asthma, and trigger other respiratory or cardiovascular health problems. Prolonged exposure to high levels of PM2.5 may increase the risk of strokes, heart attacks and cancers. Young children, older adults and people with lung or heart diseases are especially vulnerable to the health effects of PM2.5.

South Coast AQMD is providing several resources to the public to make following No-Burn Days as convenient as possible:

E-Mail Notifications: Sign up to receive Air Alerts on air quality and be notified when a mandatory No-Burn Day has been issued for

your neighborhood.

Check Before You Burn Map: Visit the Check Before You Burn map on our website for daily forecast information.

Toll-Free Phone Number: Call 866-966-3293 for daily Check Before You Burn information.

Web Resources: Visit South Coast AQMD’s Check Before You Burn webpages at [www.aqmd.gov/cbyb](http://www.aqmd.gov/cbyb) for more information.

Mobile App: Download the South Coast AQMD app to check local air quality

Social Media: Follow South Coast AQMD’s social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

South Coast AQMD’s No-Burn Day alerts do not apply to mountain communities above 3,000 feet in elevation, the Coachella Valley or High Desert, homes that rely on wood as a sole source of heat, low-income households, and those without natural gas service. Gas and other non-wood burning fireplaces are also exempt.

About Check Before You Burn

Check Before You Burn is South Coast AQMD’s late fall and early winter program that became mandatory on November 1st, 2011, under the provisions of South Coast AQMD’s Rule 445 – Wood-Burning Devices. The campaign seeks to educate residents of the South Coast Air Basin about the hazards of wood smoke and prohibits burning of firewood in a fireplace, stove, or outdoor fire pit on No-Burn Days, when Unhealthy air quality is forecast. While air quality has improved dramatically in recent decades, Southern California still has some of the worst air pollution in the nation.

After decades of progress in reducing PM2.5 emissions, thanks partially to the last decade of the Check Before You Burn program, the South Coast Air Basin’s PM2.5 levels now meet the U.S. EPA’s 24-hour standard. Public participation during No-Burn Days will help the South Coast Air Basin continue to meet this air quality standard.

South Coast AQMD is the air pollution control agency for major portions of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov), download our award-winning app, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## PUBLIC HEALTH PREPARES TO ADMINISTER COVID-19 VACCINE TO CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 11

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) prepares for administering COVID-19 vaccines to children 5 to 11 years old once the FDA and CDC recommends and approves Pfizer vaccines for children in this age group.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been more than 200,000 cases among children and teens in L.A. County. Over the week ending October 10, 12% of L.A. County cases were in children aged 5 to 11. Children in this age group comprise 9% of the county’s population. Since March of 2020, L.A. County has seen more than 79,000 cases among children aged 5 to 11, more than 37,000 cases in children under 5 and more than 89,000 cases in teens aged 12 to 17. The County has seen 632 hospitalizations in children under 5; 376 among children 5 to 11; and 740 among teens aged 12 to 17. The very low number of pediatric deaths seen in L.A. County – seven in total – have occurred during or shortly after case surges. Five of these deaths were in children aged 12 to 17, while one was under 5 and one was a child between the ages of 5 and 11.

In the next few days, the FDA will consider its committee’s advice and make a decision whether to issue an emergency use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine for children 5 to 11 years old. Then, on November 2 and 3, the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is expected to meet and vote on their recommendation, and shortly thereafter, the CDC Director will make a recommendation on how to use the vaccine in children. Once this recommendation is issued, vaccine providers nationwide will implement the authorization which could happen as early as November 3.

There will be hundreds of providers in L.A. County ready to provide vaccines to children in this age group as soon as the CDC issues its recommendation. The County is positioned to have almost 150,000 pediatric doses of the Pfizer vaccine available next week. Parents and caregivers can also check with their children’s pediatrician to see if they will be administering COVID vaccines once there is final approval from the CDC.

Last week, there were 500 student cases and about 2,700 student close contacts. Among staff, we saw 80 cases and 120 close contacts. These numbers represent a 40% decline in school cases and a 43% decline in staff cases from the prior week. Given there are more than 1.7 million children and staff attending or working at over 3,000 schools countywide, these are strikingly low numbers. This amounts to a test positivity of 0.2% among students and staff testing positive, with 0.2% identified as close contacts.

While Public Health anticipates that the ability to vaccinate all school-aged children will provide the best protection, the continued efforts of school communities show that masking and other preventive measures, like testing, are also powerful tools for supporting safety at schools.

Unvaccinated people continue to account for most cases and hospitalizations and are still 6 times more likely to get infected and 28 times more likely to be hospitalized than vaccinated people.

While we need to do everything necessary to get those not yet vaccinated their first dose, it is also important that many vaccinated people at risk of severe illness from COVID get their booster dose as soon as they are eligible for this additional dose. Boosters serve as ‘reminder’ doses that refresh your immunity to COVID and are needed since studies have shown that the effectiveness of the COVID vaccines diminish a bit over time.

People eligible for boosters include adults of any age who received their first Johnson & Johnson dose at least two months ago, and people who got the second dose of their Pfizer or Moderna vaccines at least six months ago and are 65-plus years old or are over 18 and live in long-term care settings, have underlying medical conditions, or work or live in high-risk settings.

This weekend is Halloween and residents of all ages are looking forward to celebrating the holiday. Fortunately, there are lots of safe ways to have a fun time when celebrating Halloween, including outdoor costume parties, pumpkin patch visits, outdoor ghost tours, hayrides, and trick-or-treating – when done safely. These options are all safer than doing things indoors, like haunted house tours, indoor costume parties, and spooky indoor performances.

When deciding what activities to take part in, it can be helpful to think about what makes an activity safe: the more participants who are vaccinated, the less likely an activity will result in viral transmission. Additionally, being outside adds safety, and you can further reduce risk by masking up when around people outside your household and avoiding crowded situations. Handing out individually packaged treats also makes transmission less likely. Taking a common sense approach to the holiday can limit risks while maximizing fun for everyone.

To find a vaccination site near you, make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more, visit: [www.VaccinateLACounty.com](http://www.VaccinateLACounty.com) (English) and [www.VacunateLosAngeles.com](http://www.VacunateLosAngeles.com) (Spanish). 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.

COVID-19 Sector Protocols, Best Practices, COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Recovery Dashboard, and additional actions you can take to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov).

## The Chef Knows

By Peter Dills

### OCTOBER IS PIZZA MONTH

I Love Pizza ! A few weeks ago I reviewed Zelos in Arcadia and I love Tarintinos too, here are some real deal pizza facts.

As America celebrated National Pizza Month this October, I am writing to suggest a story about a survey conducted by TOP Data of America’s love for Pizza. This hot, cheesy dish comes in all sizes, and flavors, and has become America’s second favorite food after burgers. But Americans have very strong opinions about their favorite Pizza.

So far this year, Pizza Hut is winning amongst popular pizza chains followed by Papa John’s and Domino’s. Here is a full ranking of America’s Favorite Pizza Brands:

- #1: Pizza Hut (31%)
- #2: Papa John’s (22%)
- #3: Domino’s (17%)
- #4: Papa Murphy’s (10%)
- #5: Little Caesar’s (8%)
- #6: Sbarro (3%)
- #7: Cici’s Pizza (2.8%)
- #8: California Pizza Kitchen (2.8%)
- #9: Round Table (2.6%)
- #10: Chuck E. Cheese’s (1%)



Also, consider these interesting facts about Pizza:

- Pizza ranks the #2 most popular fast food in America behind burgers. (43% of Americans rank pizza as their favorite.)
- 3% of Americans would rather eat pizza than have a boyfriend or girlfriend.
- 18% of Americans claim that Pizza is their favorite dish.
- 2% don’t like eating Pizza

Let me know if you have any questions. Email me at [thechefknows@yahoo.com](mailto:thechefknows@yahoo.com)

## COVID 19 ONE YEAR LATER: WHERE WE ARE NOW VERSUS (THEN)

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Arcadia	3,392	(595)	147 ( 39)	84.4%
Altadena	4,105	(796)	80 (18)	80.1%
Bradbury	42	( 19)	0 ( 0)	67.4%
Duarte	2,799	(626)	99 (31)	81.4%
Monrovia	4,036	(848)	83 (42)	79.5%
Pasadena	13,499	(2,819)	363 (129)	83.7%
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As a special Halloween treat, Sierra Madre Playhouse will be screening the short animated film *Monsters vs. Aliens: Mutant Pumpkins from Outer Space* on Saturday, October 30, 2021 every hour on the hour from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Suggested donation: \$2.00 adults, \$1.00 kids.

(Color, 2009, USA, 26 minutes, rated TV-PG) Starring the voices of Reese Witherspoon, Seth Rogen, Hugh Laurie, Will Arnett, Kiefer Sutherland, Rainn Wilson. Susan Murphy (a.k.a. Ginormica) and the Monsters are now working with the U.S. Government as special ops. So when an alien presence is detected in Susan's hometown of Modesto, California, right before Halloween, the team is dispatched to investigate. Everything appears normal, right down to the jack-o-lanterns peering out from every doorstep and windowsill. But when Halloween arrives, those innocent-looking carved pumpkins reveal themselves for what they really are, mutant aliens. The altered pumpkins then start to implement their fiendish plan to take over Earth. The Monsters are there to combat the mutant gourds and try to smash their wicked scheme.

Sierra Madre Playhouse is located at 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

Website: <http://sierramadrepplayhouse.org>

Covid safety protocols in effect on the day of the event will be observed.



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3:15 P.M.	DOG PARADE OF CHARACTERS
3:30 P.M.	WINNERS ANNOUNCED
3:45 P.M.	0-2 PARADE OF CHARACTERS
4:00 P.M.	WINNERS ANNOUNCED
4:15 P.M.	3-4 PARADE OF CHARACTERS
4:30 P.M.	WINNERS ANNOUNCED
4:45 P.M.	5-7 PARADE OF CHARACTERS
5:00 P.M.	WINNERS ANNOUNCED
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NO LATE ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED

COSTUME PARADE: 5:00 PM KERSTING COURT  
Follow the Sierra Madre Fire Department Engine down Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Costume Parade is offered to all ages and registration is required to participate

COSTUME CONTEST: 5:30PM MEMORIAL PARK

Categories: Group (All Ages - Must include 1 youth under 17 years of age), Infant to 2 years old, 3 to 4 years old, 5 to 7 years and 8 to 13 years old  
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### HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

1. Provide adult supervision

Trick or treat is safer - not to mention more fun - in groups, and adult supervision is essential. So get together with other adults and make an evening of it. Bring cellphones for quick pictures and emergencies, but leave them in your pockets to avoid getting distracted.

2. Stay on the sidewalks

The thrill of the holiday often factors into accidents as excited kids rush from door to door. Keep children on the sidewalks, and shepherd them carefully when they need to cross the road. In areas without sidewalks, walk on the far edge of the road, facing traffic.

3. Carefully check candy

Check candy for choking hazards like gum and hard candies. Throw away any candy that is not sealed with a wrapper and avoid homemade treats received from strangers.

4. Choose bright, visible costumes

When selecting a costume, opt for the bright-colored outfits and add a touch of reflective tape to the material. Stick some reflective tape on their trick-or-treat bags as well so they can be easily spotted by motorists. Lastly, don't forget to make sure they're equipped with a flashlight or glow stick - must-have accessories for any costume.

5. Make sure costumes are well-fitted and safe

Being visible isn't the only safety consideration for a costume. The right fit is just as important. Here's some advice on keeping your child's ensemble safe and secure:

Prevent accidental tripping or entanglement by

making sure costumes aren't too big or long

Avoid masks that block vision, but if your child wears one - it should have large eye, nose and mouth openings. You can also opt for makeup or face paint as an alternative. Costumes, wigs and accessories should contain a label indicating they are flame resistant. Make sure accessories such as swords, canes, or sticks are not sharp or too long.

6. Makeup safety

If makeup is a part of your child's Halloween costume plans, make sure it is non-toxic and test it on a small area first. Before your child goes to bed, make sure to remove all makeup.

7. Jack-o-lantern safety

Young children can paint or color their pumpkins instead of carving. Or have them draw a face with markers and an adult can do the carving. Use colorful glow sticks inside your Jack-o-lanterns instead of candles to prevent burns.

8. Home decoration safety

If you're turning your home into a haunted house, keep safety in mind: make sure steps, sidewalks, porches and paths are well-lit and free of decorations and holiday props. Keep decorations away from fireplaces and candles.

9. Take precaution against pranks and vandalism

Unfortunately, vandalism often increases during Halloween. That's why taking these precautions is a good idea:

If you're going away during Halloween, make it seem like you're still home by turning down the volume of your answering machine and phone, covering your garage windows, and leaving your curtains in normal positions with valuables out of sight.

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## CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



## The Roots of Hallowe'en

*Is it possible to celebrate a pre-commercialized version?*

*[Nyerges is the author of several books including "How to Survive Anywhere," "Extreme Simplicity," and "Foraging California." Information about his books and classes is available at [www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com](http://www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com).]*

Recently, I was part of a conversation where our small group wondered, How was this Holy Day commemorated before it was all commercialized into a scary night? Is it possible to observe this Holy Day in a similar fashion today? And how might the Covid-19 restrictions make this even more difficult?

We determined that we'd need to dig up whatever historical facts we could find that show how this day was commemorated before 1700, more or less. Though we couldn't be 100% certain, we at least assumed that "commercialization" didn't really exist in 1700, and all the European and some American commemorations before that year probably retained some semblance of what the day was all about, originally.

So, first, let's begin with the day.

It is believed that the ancient Celts observed something called a "Samhain festival" towards the end of October. Says the World Book Encyclopedia. "The Celts believed that the dead could walk among the living at this time. During Samhain, the living could visit with the dead. Elements of the customs can be traced to a Druid ceremony in pre-Christian times. The Celts had festivals for two major gods—a sun god and a god of the dead (called Samhain), whose festival was held on November 1, the beginning of the Celtic New Year.

This day, or period, was to mark the end of the harvest and the beginning of winter. Samhain (pronounced "sow-in," which means "summer's end," or the name of a god, or both) is seen by some Wiccans as a time to celebrate the lives of those who have died, and it often involves paying respect to ancestors, family members, elders of the faith, friends, pets and other loved ones who have died. In some rituals the spirits of the dead are invited to attend the festivi-ties.

Various sorts of activities done on Samhain have been described over the centuries. In Ireland, Samhain was a time to take stock of the herds and food supplies. Cattle were brought to the winter pastures after six months in the higher summer pastures. Then, the people chose which animals to slaughter before the winter. After the slaughter of the animals, there would be feasting. And obviously, if you aren't an animal-raising farmer, how would you celebrate this aspect, except for the feasting?

The Catholic Church was aware of all the so-called "pagan" observances, and had their own day to commemorate the dead, May 13. This began in 609 or 610 A.D., when Pope Boniface the 4th dedicated the Pantheon—the Roman temple of all the gods—to Mary and all the martyrs. Later that date was changed by Pope Gregory III (731-741 A.D.), who dedicated a chapel in Rome to all the saints and ordered that they be honored on November 1. This was done, in part, to overshadow the pre-existing Samhain commemorations.

In the 11th century, November 2nd was assigned as "All Souls' Day" in commemoration of the dead. So this began the use of the term Hallow's Eve, or Hallowe'en for October 31. Hallowe'en customs are similar to the observance of Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead, commonly practiced in Mexico and which can be traced to early Aztec times. Apparently, this "day of the dead" was originally commemorated in Mexico in May, and was changed to November 2 sometime after Spanish contact to correspond with the Christian tradition.

## FOOD and GIFTING

Trick or treating in modern times goes back to leaving food and wine for roaming dead spirits and ghosts. The custom was referred to as "going a-souling" and was eventually practiced only by the children who would visit the houses in their neighborhoods and be given gifts of ale, food and money. It was believed the spirits of the dead returned to visit their old homes during this time, so in ancient times, people left food out for them and arranged chairs so that the dead would be able to rest.

Treats called "soul cakes" were given out in memory of the departed. The Middle Age practice of souling — going door to door begging for food in return for prayers — became popular and is even referenced by William Shakespeare in 1593. This is obviously the root of the modern "trick or treating" for mini Snickers bars, a practice no doubt loved by every dentist.

Seasonal foods such as apples and nuts were often used in the Samhain rituals. Apples were peeled, the peel tossed over the shoulder, and its shape examined to see if it formed the first letter of the future spouse's name. Nuts were roasted on the hearth and then interpreted — if the nuts stayed together, so would the couple. Egg whites were dropped in water, and the shapes foretold the number of future children. Children would also chase crows and divine some of these things from the number of birds or the direction they flew.

## COSTUMES

Celts would wear masks when they left their homes during the night hours during Samhain days, because they hoped they would avoid being recognized by the ghosts and be mistaken merely for fellow ghosts.

"Mumming" and "Guising" were a part of Samhain from at least the 16th century and was recorded in parts of Ireland, Scotland, Mann and Wales. It involved people going from house to house in costume (or in disguise), usually reciting songs or verses in exchange for food. It is suggested that it evolved from a tradition whereby people impersonated the aos sí, or the souls of the dead, and received offerings on their behalf. Impersonating these spirits or souls was also believed to protect oneself from them. One researcher suggests that the ancient festival included people in masks or costumes representing these spirits, and that the modern custom came from this.

## PARADES

Pagan Celtic priestesses and their followers would roam the countryside, chanting songs in order to frighten away the evil spirits thought to be out on Halloween night. I wonder how that could be practiced in your neighborhood?

## FIRES

Bonfires were a big part of the festival in many areas of western Europe. Bonfires were typically lit on hilltops at Samhain where everyone could see them, and there were rituals involving them. Clearly, this would not be a good year for reviving that practice! Bonfires comes from the root, "bone-fires" because the priests sacrificed animals and supposedly even people in an attempt to appease the sun god, while also looking for future omens. The fire was said to be a type of sympathetic magic, where the fire mimicked the sun, which has the power to hold back the darkness of winter. Burning the fires was also believed to be a way of ban-ishing evil, at least symbolically.

## DIVINATION

Divination has likely been a part of the festival since ancient times, and it has survived in some rural areas. In part, this meant that the spirits, the aos sí, could enter your world. Many of the food offerings and fires were directed to the aos sí. Or perhaps, some of the crops might also be left in the ground for them the aos sí. The aos sí were addressed in various ways, with food offerings, with walks into the ocean, with the idea to hold off any mischief, and perhaps to learn the future. The belief that the souls of the dead return home on one night of the year seems to have ancient origins and is found in many cultures throughout the world.

## CONCLUSION

So what do you conclude from all this? Is there an ideal way to commemorate this ancient day, and still avoid the trappings of commercialization? Is it even possible? Can you do this in your own home?

I like the way that the Day of the Dead is commemorated. There are altars with pictures of the dearly departed, and plates of good food. Candles are lit, rather than a big bonfire which the local fire department would frown upon. Families gather, and talk in respectful tones about their departed relatives. Yes, of course, even the Day of the Dead has turned into wild partying in some quarters, but if you seek a return to roots of the ancient commemoration of the dead, perhaps begin here. Begin with family or small neighborhood gatherings. Prepare a good meal, and keep in the mind the foods that your beloved departed enjoyed. This is not necessarily because you think their spirits will come to eat (last I checked, ghosts don't need to eat), but because having, for example, your mother's favorite dish will give you another reason to talk about your mother, and to remember all the good things she did.

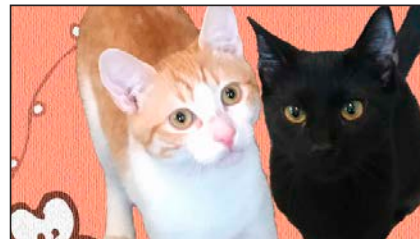
This is at least a start, and it elevates our day of ghoulish and pointless fear-mongering into one that reconnects us with our roots.

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## STUART TOLCHIN

### PUT THE LIGHTS ON



#### TRICK OR TREAT OR TRUTH?

In a way I feel like I have been freed from the terrible burden of worrying about the Dodgers. For what seems like months I have brooded about the success of the team as they pursued the San Francisco Giants in the hopes of winning their eighth consecutive National League West Title. Yes, I know that eventually they won only to be defeated by the Atlanta Braves in the National League Championship Series, or whatever it is called. I know it's silly but a huge part of my identity is to be a DEVOTED Dodger fan and to watch each game. All right now the Dodgers are gone, so now, after all this watching, what

have I learned?

Notwithstanding all of my personal, social and political concerns it feels really significant to have a favorite team. In this lonely disorganized world, especially during this time of the Pandemic requiring huge personal restrictions I felt connected to that huge invisible, at least to me, body of Dodger fans. I was in touch by email with relatives with whom I am barely speaking but we are united in our concern for the Dodgers. I am in touch with a Dodger fan living in France for the past thirty years who still cares and stays up to date despite the distance.

I had the pleasure of sitting next to my wife and dog as we first watched the play-off game with the Cardinals, then the five games with the Giants, and the eventual loss in five games to the Braves. Really this was an unusual and marvelous experience as normally my wife and I, forgetting the dog, cannot agree on any television to watch. I am a faithful Bill Maher fan but he has completely alienated my wife. I still watch Rachel Maddow but my wife now closes her eyes. My wife's favorite program is the Sunday morning CBS program with Jane Pauley which I have trouble watching for whatever reason. Actually my feelings have to do with the fact that Jane Pauley always looks so healthy, just as if she finished taking a shower, when, in reality, she suffers from depression and mental instability. Perhaps I should applaud her but I don't; instead I feel like I have been deceived.

In fact this feeling of being lied to is what I experience when I watch most television. My wife and I for a long time were faithful CBS Morning news fans. I watched Charlie Rose on the news in the morning and on his own program at night. Then it was announced that he had consistently made inappropriate vulgar advances and displayed himself to young co-workers. I guess, I knew this kind of stuff went on—but not Charlie Rose who seemed to me to be a real authentic knowledgeable man—not just a news reader. Now I wonder if there is such a thing.

Americans are not being presented with truth but rather entertained and distracted. Speaking of distractions I noticed that alcohol is sold again at UCLA home games in the Rose Bowl. Every other man seems to have two expensive beers in his hand as he screams to support the hapless Bruins. Frankly I wish we had a better team, a less-expensive coach and the return of the alumni band and old alumni cheerleaders. I have been told that these traditions had been eliminated because of questionable political statements or positions or something. Does anyone care anymore what the truth is? Actually we know what the truth is and we don't like it. Who wants to think about the climate catastrophe, conflicts with China, five dollar per gallon gasoline charges? Today, I am not surprised to see monsters and skeletons decorating every house; IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE. Should we stamp out reality altogether and just ignore what is going on and pretend it's all make-believe and that everything will be okay by Thanksgiving- but don't forget your booster shots. The old Dodger fan slogan was "wait 'til next year"; but how many next years will there be?! Do we want a treat and to ignore the unpleasant truth that we are all being tricked? Maybe go Dodgers and yelling drunkenly at football games is the best alternative. Still, I wish I didn't know what I know about Charlie Rose.

TRICK OR TREAT OR TRUTH---it's a choice we all must make.

## TOM PURCELL

### MEMORIES OF A NON-POLITICAL HALLOWEEN



Halloween was fun while it lasted.

For decades it has been the one day of the year we could all forget our worries and live in the moment.

When I was a kid in the 1970s, Halloween was for kids.

As the weather became chilly and the leaves turned brilliant colors, we knew our annual candy haul would happen soon.

We didn't put much effort into our costumes — any old sheet could be converted into a ghost outfit — but planning our trick-or-treat route took hours.

Since our parents wouldn't let us begin trick or treating until it got dark out — and since we had to be home before 8 p.m. — Tommy Guillen and I refined our routes every year with the intensity of logistics executives.

We'd hit the well-to-do homes on the other side of the railroad tracks first.

Those people gave away full-size delicacies, including Hershey's, Nestle Crunch, Milk Duds, Almond Joy, Snickers, Milky Way, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and my favorite, the Mallow Cup.

The only downside with well-to-do people was that, because their homes are farther apart, we had to travel a greater distance to earn that name-brand candy.

We'd then return to our own neighborhood of modest homes and then hit the small post-WWII ranch homes a few blocks away.

The wonderful people who lived in those houses had only one minor flaw: they favored the budget-conscious, locally made Clark Bar, which was made of peanut-butter taffy and a chocolate coating.

As an adult, I love Clark Bars and love that they are still being made 104 years after they were launched. But as a kid, they weren't as valuable to me. I'd have to trade 10 of them to get a single Reese's Peanut Butter Cup.

I'm incredibly nostalgic about my old trick-or-treating days.

To this day, when I enjoy an occasional candy bar, the taste immediately transports me back to 1972 and the wonderful memory of arriving home with a pillowcase full of sugary loot, my feet raw from the effort.

Here's why I am especially nostalgic about my childhood Halloween memories: it was a time when kids were free to be kids — free to explore, create and blossom — completely unburdened by the worries of the adult world.

In 1972, the Watergate scandal was in full swing, Bloody Friday bombs were exploding in Belfast and the last U.S. ground troops were being withdrawn from Vietnam.

But as those and other awful experiences played out in the wide cruel world, we kids were free to completely immerse ourselves in our innocent and uncomplicated Halloween traditions.

In recent years adults have grown to enjoy Halloween.

Until recently, it was the one day when they, too, could dress up in ridiculous costumes — costumes that often satirized current events or mocked people in the news in very funny ways — and really let themselves have fun.

But now, thanks to the fun-crushing power of social media, those days are over, too.

Politics has infused itself into every waking moment of our lives, including Halloween.

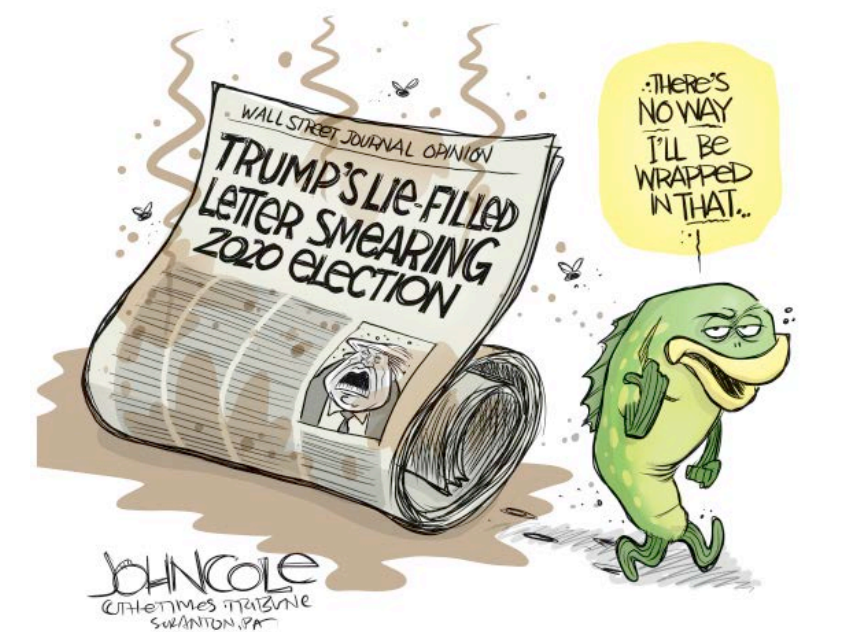
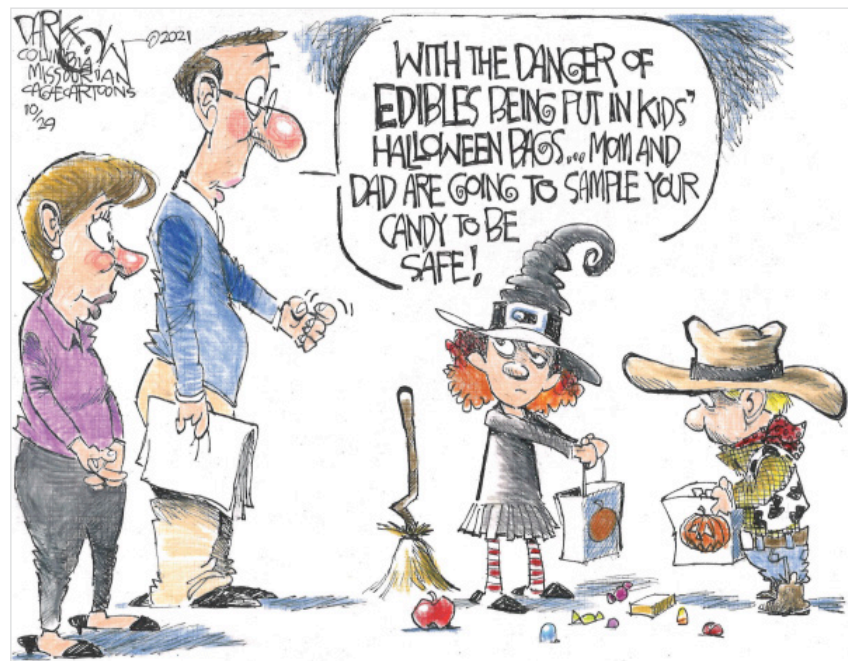
Some schools are canceling Halloween parties and parades. The media offer guidance on what costumes are politically and socially unacceptable.

Everyone is on guard, worried that he or she may be recorded doing or saying something politically incorrect that inadvertently offends somebody else.

It's become a very bad idea to let yourself have too much fun, or one too many adult beverages, at a Halloween gathering.

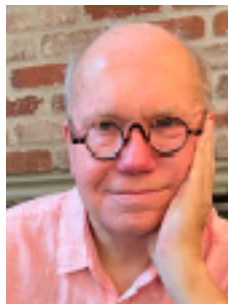
As I said, our Halloween fun was good while it lasted.

Tom Purcell is an author and humor columnist for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.



## RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH

### KID'S LETTERS TO GOD



Isn't life tough...all over? Problems and challenges never seem to leave. How many times have we heard, "If it's not one thing, it's another!" And whether we are 7 or 77, the torment and turmoil we face seem insurmountable (What I wouldn't give for a 7-year olds turmoil!)

Let's take a look at what young children ask God. Maybe we can gain a new perspective on how to deal with the chaos in our lives.

Dear God: I bet it is hard for you to love everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in my family and I'm having a hard time loving all of them.

Dear God: Are you really invisible or is it just a trick?

Dear God: Do you know when I'm good or bad? Or is that just Santa Claus?

Dear God: Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident.

Dear God: Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.

Dear God: In school they told us what you do. Who does it when you are on vacation?

Dear God: Who draws the lines around countries?

Dear God: Why did you make spiders and snakes? They really scare me.

Dear God: Is it true my father won't get in heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house?

Dear God: Did you really mean "do unto others as they do unto you?" Cause if you did, then I'm going to get my brother good.

Dear God: Thank you for my baby brother. But I really wanted a puppy.

Dear God: We read that Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school they said you did. So, I bet he stole your idea.

Dear God: Why do we talk to you if you don't talk back to us?

I hope I have lightened up your day just a little. As I have said before in the column, the difficulties that lie before us somehow seem to even out over time.

On a personal note, this is my birthday weekend. Probably comes as no surprise when I tell you I was born on Halloween. Answers a lot of questions huh? The surprise comes when I tell you I was part of a two-fer! Twins. Fortunately my twin and I weren't identical. It would have been a tough slug for my twin...Ruth Ann. An even bigger surprise came 13 months later on Thanksgiving Day when my productive mother gave birth to another boy/girl set of twins...Elizabeth and Roger. Talk about conflict. At the peak statisticians figure there was a diaper change every 7 minutes.

I will end with the Serenity Prayer penned by American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971). Is it profound? If it helps you gain perspective then yes (I hope it does.) Be well.

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Guests are welcome to attend the Holiday Boutique and/or the Scholarship Dinner Meeting. There is no charge to attend the Holiday Boutique, which will feature a variety of approximately fifteen outstanding vendors, and items for all ages. Vendors include Hazels Bags, Pampered Chef, Lavender Blue (tablecloths, napkins, and more), Pams Cookies and Cakes, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Designs by Ronnelle Jewelry, Dry Divias, Mermaid Art (handmade cards), Beachhouse by Mikalia (unique gifts), Art Couture by Dominique (original apparel), Essence Boutique (floral art), Peg Board Highway (apparel), Lugenia Anderson (jewelry and accessories), Joanne Asman (USC Traveler merchandise), USC items from Trojan Affiliates and Trojan League Associates of the Valley, and more. Sales from the boutique will help support the USC Trojan Affiliates scholars, worthy students pursuing their educational advancement at USC.

Guests will also be able to purchase tickets to win sixteen unique and fabulous Opportunity baskets. The basket themes include Children's books, Christmas Spode China, a Christmas Wreath, Fall, Game, Garden, Golf, Wine, Patriotic, Spa, Nothing Bundt cakes, and Dodger tickets, USC items, and more.

At the dinner, guests will meet the Trojan Affiliates Scholarship recipients as they share their experiences as USC students.

Sierra Madre resident Ann Palmer is serving in her first year as President. She encourages the community to attend the November event to become acquainted with the members of Trojan Affiliates. The members meet five times a year in the San Gabriel Valley and are addressed by various USC professors and other well versed and interesting speakers. Members also donate their time to raise greatly needed funds for scholarships for worthy USC students. Volunteer opportunities include selling USC products, volunteering at the Pasadena Showcase House, USC Day of Service in March, and more. Of course, the members also participate in a variety of social and cultural events and interface in numerous capacities with the University.

The formal purpose of this alumnae organization is to foster a spirit of friendship, loyalty, and cooperation with the University of Southern California, to develop and sustain a successful fund-raising project in order to provide scholarships for USC students and contribute to the advancement of education.



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