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

SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

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

SFR AVERAGES	BR	BA	SF	LOT
July-September 2021	3	3	2,187	12,204
July-September 2020	3	3	2,212	10,786

LIST PRICE	SOLD PRICE	PRICE SF
\$1,431,600	\$1,523,731	\$730
\$1,282,322	\$1,275,272	\$606

CONDOMINIUMS

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

SFR AVERAGES	BR	BA	SF
July-September 2021	2	3	1,419
July-September 2020	3	3	2,212

LIST PRICE	SOLD PRICE	PRICE SF
\$732,500	\$791,800	\$562
\$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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BELOVED DON TAYLOR PASSES AWAY

Another iconic Sierra Madrean, Don Taylor, 91, passed away on Thursday. Mr. Taylor was best known as the proprietor of Taylor's Ol' Fashioned Market in Sierra Madre for the past 54+ years. In 2020 he was honored as the Business of the Year award not only for the Market but also for his generosity in supporting community organizations through the years. There will be a celebration of Life service at the Lake Avenue Church on Saturday, December 4th at 10:30 am.



HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES SHOWCASE SIERRA MADRE GETTING BACK TO NORMAL



On Saturday, October 30th, Sierra Madre came closer to 'normal' than it has since 2019. In fact, based upon the crowds trick or treating at local businesses in downtown and the numbers of participants in the annual Costume Parade, the *Halloweeners* were the largest in recent history. The city's halloween landmark, East Alegria, despite not entertaining trick or treaters at the door, did once again display elaborate decorated homes and carved pumpkins. Pictured above is the Parker residence who once again, had the most popular spot with carved pumpkins that, with the help of a few bones, spelled out a very important message. *"We're all in this together"*. Photo courtesy Heather Roberts Parker. Additional photos and contest winnes are on page B2

MEET SIERRA MADRE'S NEW CITY MANAGER: JOSE REYNOSO

The city of Sierra Madre has selected Interim City Manager Jose Reynoso to fill the position full time. In the official press release, the city says, "After an extensive recruitment process to find the next City Manager for Sierra Madre, the City Council has appointed Jose Reynoso to serve as the next City Manager." Reynoso served as Interim City Manager following the departure of Gabe Engeland in July.



Mayor Arizmendi said, "The City Council is pleased to appoint Jose Reynoso to serve as City Manager. Despite the pandemic, Sierra Madre has made great strides over the past 5 years. Jose Reynoso has demonstrated his commitment to the City in his previous position as the Director of Utilities and most recently as Interim City Manager. We are confident in his ability to build on our momentum and lead our City forward with a strong team supporting him along the way."

Mr. Reynoso has served 25 years in public service with various cities, including the cities of El Monte, Alhambra, Monterey Park, and Sierra Madre. Mr. Reynoso joined Sierra Madre in 2010 and has held the roles of Water Superintendent, Deputy Public Works Director, Director of Utilities, and Interim City Manager in his years with the City.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the City Manager of Sierra Madre," said Reynoso. "Over the past 11 years I have been embraced by this community. I love Sierra Madre and the traditions that make it a special place to live, work, and visit. I remain committed to working with City staff to support the City Council and to continue the momentum for fiscal stability, investing in improvements to the City's aging infrastructure, and addressing the needs of our Library and Public Safety."

Mr. Reynoso holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business from the University of La Verne and is pursuing his Master's Degree in Management from the University of Illinois. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Raymond Basin Management Board, as well as being the City's Liaison Representative on the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. Mr. Reynoso has been married to his high-school sweetheart Lourdes for 28 years. They have three adult children.

Art Festival 2021

Saturday & Sunday
Nov 6 & Nov 7
10am - 5pm

Student Sale: November 13
10am - 4pm

Creative Arts Group
108 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre
(626) 355-8350
CreativeArtsGroup.org

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STAY SAFE!

VACCINATE

WEAR A MASK!

TAKE A WALK THROUGH HISTORY AND HONOR SIERRA MADRE VETERANS!

Thursday, November 11, 2021

9:00 am until 5 pm

Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served

This is a 'walk & learn' exhibit. Come at any time during the day and learn about your neighbors, past and present!

Sponsored by Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis Builders Club

SIERRA MADRE:
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, 25th CA Senate District

BUSINESSES

Carol Canterbury - Berkshire Hathaway
Casa Del Rey - Sierra Madre
Danny Osti Tree Service
Earth Oasis Computers
Karen Moran Architect

Leonora Moss
Luther Tsinoglou - Deasy Penner Podley
Mother Moo’s Creamery
Mountain Views News
New Urban West

Poppy Cake Bakery Café
Reni Rose - Berkshire Hathaway
Santa Anita Park
Sierra Madre Independent Honda Service
Taylor’s Ol’ Fashioned Market

SIERRA MADRE CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club

Sierra Madre Community Foundation

Sierra Madre Rotary Club

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Catherine Adde
Sajjan & Pramila Agrawal
Alexander Alcaraz & Lori Viveros
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Barbara Ansell
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Beth Armogida
Uriel Avila & Joanne Olivia Meraz
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Peggy Beauregard
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John Blackman & Stacie Stout
Todd Brigman
Carlo Bronzonian
Ursula Brooks
John & Teri Buchanan
Bob & Rosemary Burnett
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Hal & Stephanie Chiasson
Douglas Clark
Sean Clark
Susan Clifton
Scott & Margaret Cline
Coffeen, Atwell, & Patterson Families
Barbara Cole
Beth Collins
In honor of Douglas Paul Cooke
Prue Cooper
William Cosso
Liz De Kam, *Boo-Boo’s* Human
Bill Dickey
Drs. Joseph & Carrie Dilley
Maggie Ellis
Carlos Escobar
Nicholas Everett
Richard Farber
James & Carolyn Flanigan
Claudia Foote
Raymond & Nancy Fox
Benjie & Leslie Freiburger

John & Carol Fung
Frederick Galindo
Catherine Gallagher
Brendan Geraghty
Robert & Gloria Giersbach
Janet Gillespie
Nancy Gilmore
Nyle Girgis
Christine Gladish
Erik Goldner
David Gordon
Russell Guiney & Patricia Wright
Leslie Hallimore
Brian & Hilary Hanel
David Harris
Patrick Hartman
Jesse & Yolanda Hathaway
Sharon Hendricks
Daniel & Susan Herlache
Bonny Hidas
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Ryan Howes
Jeffrey Hudson
John Hutt
Heather Johnson
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Mark Kennedy
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John Marshall
Jim & Susan Matear
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Lisa Milne
Frank Moore & Shannon King

Michael Moreau
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Louise Neiby
Eric Olson
Ofelia Papendick
Samuel Pedersen
Mary Plazony
Anny Poon
Margaret Quigley
John Radich
Trevor Raham
Mary Ellen Ramos
Alan Raxter
Joe Reid
Heather Roberts-Parker
Nelius & Nada Ronning
Mark Ryne
Jeffery & Victoria Shackett
Pete & Marianne Siberell
Tommie Silva
Eden & Terry Sleg
Beth Smith
Bob & Sue Spears
Rodney & Joan Spears
Christine Spee
Dan & Lori Stein
Bill & Patty Sullivan
Anthony Sweeney
Margaret Switzer
Susan Symes
Kenneth Symington
Kathleen Tobin
Larry & Juliet Tsuchiya
Greg & Glenda Vanni
Tom Walker
Steve Wallis & Eileen Ehmann
Jim & Martha Walsworth
Yenwen Wang
Tennyson Warren
Kathy Watson
Benn & Judy Webb-Martin
Allen Wolff
Jeffrey & Julia Wong



WHEN IS NATURAL OPEN SPACE NOT....NATURAL.... OPEN....SPACE?

Okay sports fans, or should I say residents and all concerned, if you attended or watched last Tuesday’s City Council meeting you may be as confused as we are about the parsing of the phrase “Natural open space.” Who cares and what does it mean you might ask? The consultants, hired by the City for about \$250,000 are trying to come up with the 208 lots where additional housing can

be built to comply with our regional housing needs assessment (RHNA) to accommodate the State’s mandate.

To that end, Curtis Zacuto of Eco Tierra Consulting, the consultant hired to respond to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR, not to be confused with the EIR, Environmental Impact Report for the Monastery property, a/k/a The Meadows) attempted to explain that “natural open space” as defined in the 2015 General Plan Update, is not really meant to include an area such as the 20 acre planned development on the Monastery property. Interesting premise, since several members of our Preserve Sierra Madre Steering Committee were instrumental in the implementation of the aforementioned Update.

What is their reasoning you might ask. Good question. This consultant’s rationale is that any area, such as the 20 acres on the Monastery property, on the southern portion of the property does not immediately abut open space, but instead will abut the Monastery Retreat Center on the north (the second building was destroyed in the 1991 Sierra Madre earthquake), houses to the south and west side, and Bailey Canyon to the east side. As a result, this cannot be “natural” open space. Even though it has remained in its present condition for the almost 100 years that the Monastery has owned the property.

An internet search describes the benefits of Natural Open Space as follows and it is clear that the Monastery property meets these criteria:

- *Promotes physical and spiritual health – reduced stress is demonstrated to improve mental outlook and increased physical activity results in reduced medical needs
- *Increases the value of nearby residential properties since people like living close to parks and protected open spaces and are willing to pay for the privilege.
- *Helps protect the water supply by allowing for natural recharge and reduced flooding.
- *Reduces the Urban Heat Island Effect
- *Maintains wildlife habitat and linkages
- *Protects important archaeological and historical sites

Again you might ask, so what? The consultants in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) are attempting to change Objective Hz7 in the safety portion of the General Plan, which currently states “avoid expanding development into undeveloped areas in Very High Fire Severity Zones.” Mr. Zacuto proposed “Objective Hz5.b: Avoid construction of new development on land currently unimproved and abutted by natural open space areas in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.” We believe the original language of Hz7 “avoiding expanding development into undeveloped areas in Very High Fire Severity Zones” should stay as is in the General Plan to protect our City. In other words, changing the SEIR wording of the General Plan, which is what was under discussion, will also change the intention of the EIR for the Meadows project, right in the middle of the Very High Severity Zone. From all appearances, this new suggested verbiage has been changed to allow building 42 large homes in an area previously thought of as “natural open space” or at least “open space.” No matter, it is still a very high fire severity zone. It was only a year ago that the Bobcat fire threatened the northern boundary of our City, we might remind our City Leaders.

City Council will meet for the only time in November next Tuesday evening, 5:30. Please come if this concerns you and if you want answers to the “natural open space” issue. If you cannot attend and would prefer to send your comments to the City Council, do so by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, to PublicComment@cityofsierramadre.com.

QUARANTINE HALLOWEEN by Meghan Malooly

BOO! Did I scare you? Ok, I know that was lame but I spend most of my time alone pet sitting so I have to have my fun wherever I can, even if it’s pathetic! So this year’s Quarantine Halloween event hosted by Sierra Madre Gives Back was a complete and absolute success! I promise I’m not using this column to shine light on my org. I truly want to shine this spotlight on all of the donors that made that day so special. So this Spotlight is for you my Give Backers! I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the incredible Meghan Baier! (I’ve officially dubbed her the best Meghan in town!) She made and donated over 200 candy and kids toys bags to be passed out during my event and trick-or-treating! I can’t believe how many we went through! Not gonna lie, I really wanted to keep a toy bag for myself, there was play dough in it! Who can say no to play dough?! It was such a fun day, even though my old body was beyond exhausted I was extremely happy knowing that this was a Halloween to remember.

For those of you who don’t know what the event was that I threw, I’ll give you a quick rundown. I had parents schedule a specific time with me that they would bring their kids to hunt for toys and candy in my front yard for about half an hour. Then they moved over to the craft station where they could make halloween themed scratch ornaments or put funny faces on foam ghosts, pumpkins, etc.. I had also had a fun pumpkin bean bag toss game for them to play with. Their last stop was the treats table! We had some incredible chocolate lollipops and halloween themed hershey bars created by the very talented Annette, her business is Nettie Creations. It was such a blast to see all of the costumes (scary and creative). I do have to say that my favorite costumes were on these two adorable sisters. One was a taco butterfly and the other was a sushi butterfly! It was the cutest thing I’ve ever seen!

As Halloween came to an end I wasn’t as sad as I usually am at the end of a holiday because I knew I still had “The Second Annual Bud Switzer Pumpkin Carving/Decoration Contest” to look forward to. Bud Switzer was a pillar in this community. Because of him we have our now famous “Pumpkin Lane”! It was through his own passion and love of carving pumpkins that this all began. When I heard that he passed away last year, I knew Sierra Madre had lost a gem. That’s why I started this contest. A little something to remind everyone to live their best lives. For me, that means binge watching zombie shows and hanging with my cats, but for Bud it was decorating pumpkins. With that said, I will wait no longer to announce our winners!



First Place: Frances Farnam (Donald Duck)

Runner Up: Vanessa Baez (Pumpkin Spiced Latte)



Second Place: Justin Miller (Smiley Face)

Third Place: Mary Claire Malooly (Olaf) I wasn’t a judge so there was no favoritism here! Lol



Our first place winner is Frances Farham for her Donald Duck pumpkin! It is absolutely gorgeous! Its so amazing to see how talented she is

at such a young age! I see lots of pumpkin fame in her future! She is such a great kid and I’m so happy for her! She might be a secret pumpkin aficionado! She shared with me that last year when she tossed her pumpkin into their compost (shes a pumpkin contest winner and shes trying to save the world #girlboss) she unknowingly gave the pumpkin everything it needed to turn its seeds into tiny adorable baby pumpkins! I mean if that’s not Kizmit I don’t know what is!

That’s all for me folks! Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you so much to all of you for making the Quarantine Halloween event incredible! This organization wouldn’t exist without you!

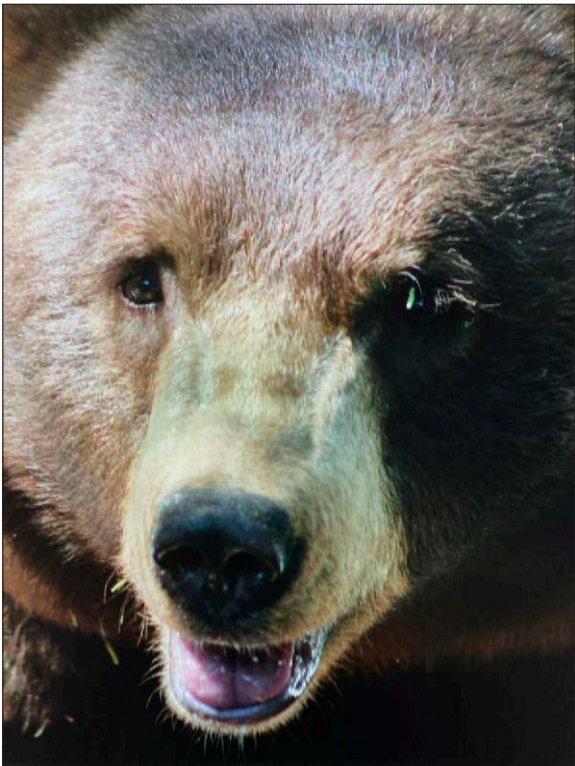
WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

We’ve gotten through it once again,
The ghoulies, ghosties time of year.
When creatures large, and creatures small,
Prowl the highways, infest the byways,
And give us plenty of reason, in this fear-filled season,
To quiver and shiver and shake in our shoes!!

Yes, we’ve survived another one, friends and neighbors. A splendid time was had by all and, judging from the number of candy wrappers still decorating the town, our local dentists will soon be filling cavities by the score. Hope you got lots of Milk Duds, Dots and Three Musketeers! I managed to give away almost all my candy and had some really cute trick or treaters, including a small boy in a blow-up dinosaur costume. This thing was huge and the little guy had quite a time just staying on his feet. The Parkers, as usual, did fantastic things up on Alegria, as did everyone else. The scare-crows ‘round town were great, the events downtown and the canvas art in the windows were all so creative. I’d say it was the best Halloween we’ve had in a couple of years.

And, in case you didn’t know it, candy corn goes well with Sauvignon Blanc and chocolate of every kind goes spectacularly well with a nice Pinot Noir...just saying!



“Teddy Bear’s Picnic”
“If you go down in the woods today, you’re sure of a big surprise
If you go down in the woods today, you’d better go in disguise
For every bear that ever there was
Will gather there for certain because
Today’s the day the teddy bears have their picnic
Every teddy bear who’s been good is sure of a treat today
There’s lots of marvelous things to eat and wonderful games to play
Beneath the trees where nobody sees
They’ll hide and seek as long as they please
That’s the way the teddy bears have their picnic.”

The music to this song was first written in 1907 by John W. Bratton, an American who was an accomplished composer and producer. Although Bratton usually wrote lyrics himself for his own compositions he did not for this piece of music, instead he sold it as sheet music entitled “the Teddy Bear Two-Step”. It sold well and was often used to accompany circus acts. The lyrics were added much later by a British songwriter, Jimmy Kennedy in 1930. Renamed “The Teddy Bear’s Picnic”, the song rose to fame and has been recorded by a number of folks.

Continuing to ramble on about bears, another version, a bit darker, goes something along the lines of: If you go down in the woods today, you better not go alone. It’s lovely down in the woods today, but safer to stay at home!

My friend, Celia, looked out her window around noon a few days ago and saw two enormous bears frolicking on her front lawn. They then proceeded across the street to her neighbor’s house and on down the street. There’s a terrific video up on Google by Sierra Madre resident, John Holden, showing a bear relaxing on his kitchen counter devouring the contents of a barrel of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Returning home, Mr. Holden said he was surprised to find his front door wide open and the bear scarfing down the chicken. There was another bear outside and at least one more in the house. He got them to leave, eventually, by making loud noises (probably something like screaming in terror?) “I’ve had a lot of other encounters with them and actually had them bump into me a couple times in the backyard, but definitely never in the house like that... they sure made a mess of the place.” Mr. Holden thinks the smell of KFC was just too tempting for the bears to resist, adding they even dared to lounge around in his yard after stealing his food. They opted for chicken instead of candy for their Halloween treats.

Ann McDonald wasn’t sure if the big guy galloping toward her was a bear or a person in a bear costume as she was out with her daughter on Halloween, bag of candy in her hand. People yelled, cars honked and she quickly got out of the way. He was probably on the way to John Holden’s house for chicken. It was a pretty wild Halloween.

The picture today was taken by Robert Gjerde. A splendid portrait of one of our local bears. Just like all the rest of us, the bears love Sierra Madre. Who can blame them! We live in one of the most beautiful communities in California.

The Pasadena Humane Society has a few suggestions should you happen to encounter a bear while you’re out there training for your next marathon:

“The normal human reaction to encountering a bear is to freeze or run away, which actually sends the bear the wrong message; you need to let the bear know that it needs to leave! First, make sure the bear has a safe escape route. When you are a safe distance from the bear, make eye contact and yell at the bear. If you have bear spray, make sure you are upwind of the bear before using it.”

- Here are a few more suggestions to keep these big guys out of your area:
- Do not put out trash cans the night before pick up.
 - Store garbage cans in a garage or closed shed.
 - Keep garbage cans clean. Deodorize and disinfect them with bleach or ammonia.
 - Consider purchasing bear spray and keep it next to your front and/or back door.

And, most important of all, do not leave KFC sitting on your kitchen counter. Daylight shifting time, as my best friend, John, now residing in heaven where the sun always shines and it’s always a beautiful day, ends tomorrow. Be prepared, friends and neighbors. Spring ahead, Fall back. Ugh. It’s always a difficult adjustment.

So sorry to see Christian Lebano is leaving the Sierra Madre Playhouse. He produced so many great shows and is simply a splendid person. Wishing him all the best things possible wherever he goes next.

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](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09K5YVTC)
Here’s the link: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09K5YVTC>
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://sierramadrerosefloat.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@sierramadrerosefloat.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@sierramadrerosefloat.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!

Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 50s
Mon:	PtlyCldy	Hi	60s	Lows 40s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows 40s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows 40s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	80s	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 by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

Your event must:

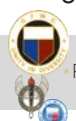
- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.

SIERRA MADRE WOMAN'S CLUB



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News From Your Community For Your Community

City to hold Veterans Day Ceremony



The City of Pasadena will again pause to honor Veterans Day and all military veterans during a ceremony Thursday in front of Pasadena City Hall. The event, starting at 10:30 a.m. is being held in collaboration with The Pasadena Veterans Day Committee and Pasadena Media

According to city staff, the ceremony will feature Brigadier General David G. Smith, who is the special assistant to the commanding general, California State Guard (CSG), California Military Department, where he supports Title 32 actions for the readiness, effectiveness, and integration of the CSG with the California Army and Air National Guard. Additionally, he is the director of the multi-billion-dollar Air Force production and flight test facility, Plant 42. CSG Chaplain Major Brenda Threatt will provide the invocation and benediction.

Mayor Victor Gordo and Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger will also speak at the ceremony. The 50-member Pasadena City College Band will play the anthems of each branch of the Armed Forces. Pasadena Scottish Pipes & Drums will play "Amazing Grace" in a tribute to the Gold Star families in attendance. The Blair High School Junior ROTC will provide the Honor Guard. The Condor Squadron will do a close formation low-altitude military flyover at 11:11 a.m.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, face coverings are required. Please stay home if you feel sick, even if your symptoms are mild organizers said.

Viewers can access the broadcast Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. on: KPAS TV; Charter Spectrum Channel 3 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 or Online: pasadenamedia.org/channel/kpas. Rerun dates and times will be posted at: pasadenamedia.org/arroyo.

Man Killed in Pasadena Identified

The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office Friday released the name of a man shot to death last week in North West Pasadena.

According to the medical examiner, Jamal Patterson, 24, died from a gunshot to the head. His death has been ruled murder.

According to Pasadena police, the shooting took place Oct. 28. shortly before 10 p.m. in the 1000 block of Summit Avenue.

An unnamed Altadena man was also wounded.

Police said they have no motive. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to call Pasadena police at: 626-744-4241.



City to Approve MOU with Firefighters Assn.

The Pasadena city council is expected Monday to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Firefighters Association, Local 809 that would, among other things, raise salaries for all full-time fire department employees and increased compensation for paramedics.

According to the city staff report contract modifications include:

Salary increases, as of Monday, the base pay for all 153 full-time employees, represented by the Pasadena Firefighters Association, will go up by 2.25 percent.

Firefighter Paramedic compensation will be increased by \$50 per month with Fire Engineer Paramedic and Fire Captain Paramedic compensation increasing by \$150 per month.

The agreement will also increase Education Incentive Pay; Getting a Associate's Degree will increase to \$225 per month from the Current \$200 per month. Getting a Bachelor's Degree will increase to \$425 per month from the current \$350 per month.

The Uniform Allowance will also increase to \$750 annually from \$500 currently.

Lateral Firefighter Paramedics

recruits who are hired by the city on January 1 or after will receive a lump sum payment of \$2,500 upon successful completion of one month of work as a Pasadena Firefighter Paramedic, \$2,500 upon the successful completion of six months of work as a Pasadena Firefighter Paramedic and \$3,000 upon the successful completion of the probationary period.

Among other increases, the Firefighter Movie Detail rate will also go up, from \$63 per hour to \$95 per hour.

The city and the association reached the tentative agreement on October 26.

For more information about Pasadena Firefighters Association, Local 809 visit: iafflocal809.org.

The new agreement is expected to cost the city over \$1 million a year.

"The fiscal impact of the proposed agreement is approximately \$1.3 million dollars annually," the report reads. "For fiscal year 2022, the pro-rated cost of the agreement is approximately \$800,000. The Fire Department will continue to manage and track its expenditures in the current fiscal year; however, in the event the financial forecast demonstrates

that the Department's fiscal year 2022 Operating Budget cannot fully absorb the pro-rated cost, the department will return to city council to request a budget amendment."

The city council meets Monday at 4:30 p.m. both virtual and in the city Council Chamber. Public comments can be submitted at: cityofpasadena.net/city-clerk/public-comment.

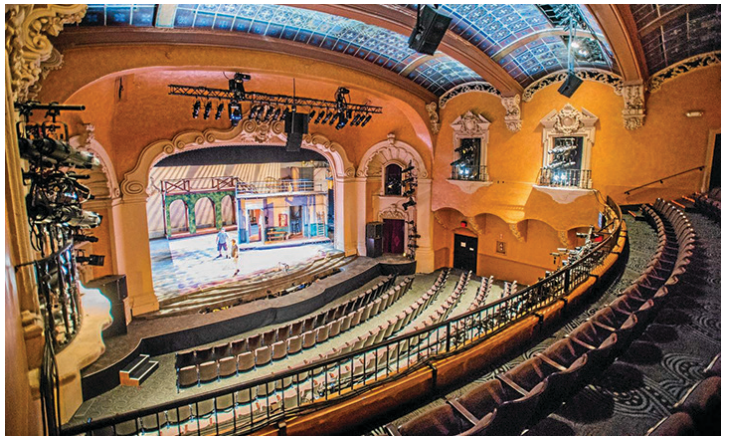
Festival of Women Authors set to Return

The Pasadena Festival of Women Authors announced Wednesday that after two years of waiting, the Pasadena Festival of Women Authors will be held on March 19 at the Pasadena Convention Center. Organizers said the move to a larger venue is anticipated by many enthusiastic readers especially those who were unable to attend in the past because it was a sold out event.

In addition to celebrating women authors, the Pasadena Festival of Women Authors raises money for literary programs at non-profit organizations in the community. From its inception in 2009, it has awarded grants for more than \$400,000 to community non-profit organizations. The 2021 grantees were: Pasadena City College: Writer-in-Residence & Summer Creative Writing Academy Pasadena Public Library: One City, One Story program Pasadena Senior Center: Masters in Learning Series PEN Center Los Angeles: You are a Writer workshops WriteGirl: Creative writing workshops and mentoring for high school girls

The 2022 festival will feature Dana Spiotta, author of Wayward and Stone Araibia, along with six other acclaimed writers – Hala Alyan, Nadia Hashimi, Katherine Heiny, Torrey Peters, Joanne Tompkins, and Monica West. The authors will share their personal life stories and the journey that brought them to their work. They will mingle with the attendees, sign books, and answer questions. Luncheon will be served.

State to give \$1.6 Million to Pasadena Playhouse



Assemblymember Chris Holden is set Tuesday to present a \$1.6 million check, at the first performance of Head Over Heels, he secured from the State Budget for Pasadena Playhouse. The funds were critical for a return to indoors post-pandemic.

The event marks the theater's first public performance since it closed due to the pandemic. Pasadena Playhouse – The Official State Theater of California, is one of oldest theaters in America at 100.

The historic Pasadena Playhouse is set to be fully transformed for the production of Head over Heels creating an experience with both traditional reserved theater seats and a general admission dance floor.

The production has been reimagined for the Playhouse by Director/Choreographer Jenny Koons and Director/Choreographer Sam Pinkleton in an all new experiential production. Originally produced for a traditional proscenium stage on Broadway in 2018, the Playhouse's 90-minute, intermission-free production puts the audience in

the middle of a non-stop, dance-filled joyride through magic, merriment, and mischief. With the actors performing all over the converted theater, every seat, or spot on the dance floor, will have a unique vantage point and an experience to remember. Patrons will be required to be fully vaccinated and wear masks when entering the theater.

Head Over Heels is a musical comedy, set to the music of the iconic LA-based female rock band The Go-Go's, that follows a royal family in search of a purpose, lovers in search of each other, and a whole kingdom in search of a beat. Featuring the hit songs Our Lips Are Sealed, Vacation, Belinda Carlisle's Heaven is a Place on Earth, and Mad About You, among others, the audience will be whisked away through a world of exuberance and wit from the first notes of We Got the Beat to the final celebratory curtain call.

Head Over Heels will run from Tuesday to Sunday, December 12 with opening weekend: November 13 and 14.

Tickets are on sale now, starting at \$30, at pasadenaplayhouse.org.

Pasadena to Administer Vaccine to 5-11 Year Olds

The Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) will begin administering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to children 5 to 11 years old on Monday after The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation that children 5-11 years old be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

In Pasadena, nearly 8,000 children between the ages of 5 and 11 have become eligible for vaccination.

PPHD clinicians routinely vaccinate children, and all clinical staff receive extensive training in administering pediatric vaccines. Initial doses of the pediatric vaccine arrived early this week and additional vaccine has been ordered. In addition to hosting pediatric clinics at PPHD and at schools in partnership with the Pasadena Unified School District, PPHD has also worked with a network of pediatric providers and retail pharmacies across the City

that are prepared to provide vaccines to children between the ages of 5 and 11.

Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, PPHD Director, Health Officer and board-certified Pediatrician, strongly recommends that everyone who is eligible to receive the safe and effective vaccines should get vaccinated against COVID-19.

In order to prepare children to receive the vaccine, PPHD recommends:

Talking to children about the vaccine in advance Wearing short sleeves to the vaccine appointment for easier access to the upper arm Ensuring children are well hydrated before and after receiving the vaccine Planning to monitor children closely after they receive the vaccine for any side effects

For those who need help making an appointment, contact the Pasadena Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Senior Center to Give 250 Free Thanksgiving Meals

During this continuing period of COVID-19 and the Delta variant, many older adults will be alone for the holidays. Many with compromised immune systems will not want to put themselves in harm's way by attending large family gatherings, some may not have family members who live nearby and others may not want to travel.

Staff and volunteers from the Pasadena Senior Center will deliver more than 250 free, traditional Thanksgiving meals with all the trimmings to people 50 and older in Pasadena and Altadena on a first-requested, first-served basis Wednesday, Nov. 24, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Recipients will be instructed to refrigerate the meals and then reheat the food Thursday, Nov. 25 -- Thanksgiving Day.

There is no income criteria. Recipients do not have to be members of the Pasadena Senior Center, and there is a limit of two meals per household.

To request a meal, visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.org and click on Thanksgiving Meal or call (626) 795-4331.

In addition to providing meals, Pasadena Senior Center staff and volunteers will call 2,000 older adults in the Pasadena



area to wish them a happy Thanksgiving and assess their physical and emotional well-being.

"The pandemic has disproportionately affected older adults and has created an epidemic of loneliness and isolation, especially for people 65 and older," said Akila Gibbs, executive director of the Pasadena Senior Center. "We want to help ease that loneliness and make Thanksgiving as special as possible this year."

On Oct. 15 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released public health guidelines for the holiday season. The CDC is not discouraging family gatherings completely this year and yet has special advice for older adults and others who have medical conditions or medications that weaken their immune systems. This population group most likely is not fully protected, even if they wear masks, have been vaccinated and have received a booster dose.

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Senior Center Free Event

I Promise You I'll Be Home: Korean War Letters by Late L.a. Times Columnist Al Martinez

Late Los Angeles Times columnist Al Martinez chronicled Southern California life for 23 years and was awarded three team Pulitzer Prizes and scores of other honors before his retirement in 2009.

Throughout his 20 months of service during the Korean War, which took place from 1950 to 1953, he served on the front lines and later was a regimental writer and war correspondent. During that time he wrote letters nearly every day to his wife Joanne.

On Thursday, at 2 p.m., onsite at the Pasadena Senior Center and simultaneously on Zoom, some of these extraordinary and eloquent letters will be highlighted during a free presentation by Sara Hodson, retired curator of literary manuscripts for the Huntington Library. The title of the presentation is taken from a line in one of the letters: "I Promise You I'll Be Home."

Members and nonmembers of the Pasadena Senior Center 50 and older are invited to participate in either event, no matter what their city of residency is. To register for this free event, visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.org and click on Events, Clubs and Lectures, then either Online Events for the Zoom presentation or At the Center for the onsite presentation. Seating will be limited for the onsite event due to COVID protocols. Masks and social distancing will be required.

Martinez's letters bring to life the experiences of a 21-year-old U.S. Marine with an innate talent for storytelling who faced the brutality and dangers of the battlefield.

Here is an excerpt of a letter Martinez wrote to his wife April 15, 1951, from the front lines in Korea. The



ellipses are his:

"... I'm writing of a chipmunk scurrying suddenly through the leaves and bringing 40 men to a firing position, silent & listening ... Of a flare lighting up the sky & of eyes staring into the blackness it leaves when it fades ... I'm writing of nite and day, of life & of just existence & of death which is the inevitable for some who must fight a war ... And I'm writing of men like myself, who love & watch & think, and who laugh at their misery because it holds a plot that no other writer has been able to top."

Joanne Cinelli Martinez passed away in April of this year not long after she authorized Hodson to make presentations about the letters.

"He was a young man discovering his literary voice and writing style," said Hodson. "Although he often was in mortal terror on the front lines, he still found a way to infuse humor into his letters home to his wife Joanne, sometimes adding quite lively pen and ink drawings at the end of letters that tied back to the content."

For more information about the Nov. 11 presentation visit the Senior Center website or call 626-795-4331.

Pasadena Humane Events



Puppy Playschool Saturdays in November 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Puppy guardians! Looking for a safe and fun venue to socialize your new best friend? Join the behavior team and other new puppy parents at Pasadena Humane's Puppy Playschool. This ongoing workshop welcomes vaccinated puppies who are at least 9 weeks old or under 19 weeks of age. Our playgroups are designed to help build your puppy's confidence at their own pace. Skilled trainers and volunteers educated in dog body language will be on hand to guide you and your pup to learn about healthy play & positive training building blocks.

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday November 30

Giving Tuesday is an opportunity for our community to stand together in unity for the animals. Join us on Tuesday, November 30 for a global day of giving. Each gift will help to provide second chances to animals in need.

Wiggle Waggle Wagon Appearances Multiple Dates in Novemebr

The Wiggle Waggle Wagon (The Waggin') is back out and around town bringing adoptable pets, services and information about Pasadena Humane to the community. Check out the Waggin' schedule to see where its next appearance will be! View The Waggin' Schedule

Careers in Animal Welfare: Forest Ranger Friday, November 5 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

During this webinar, you'll join Law Enforcement Captain Russel Tuttle, a fourteen-year veteran of the United States Forest Service. Captain Tuttle came to the US Forest Service from the United States Air Force where he served as a heavy equipment mechanic and teacher for over ten years in multiple locations around the world.

Barks and Arts

Thursday, November 18

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

In this program, school-age children are invited to create, read or just chill out with our volunteer companion animal teams and their pets. We aim to offer open-ended art & literacy activities that encourage calm and positive animal interaction. Careers in Animal Welfare: Groomer

Friday, November 19

3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

During this webinar, you'll join Fabiola Lydon, a Senior Groomer for the Pet Care Foundation in Los Angeles Ca. She travels to different animal shelters in the Los Angeles area to provide grooming services to animals who need it most. Fabiola is certified in canine CPR and earned her grooming certification through Animal Behavior College in 2008. Working with shelters like Pasadena Humane, she is able to help improve the lives of shelter animals and increase their chances of getting adopted.

Pasadena Humane is located 361 S Raymond Ave. For more information visit: pasadenahumane.org.

Bill Maintaining Health Care Coverage for TV Workers Signed into Law

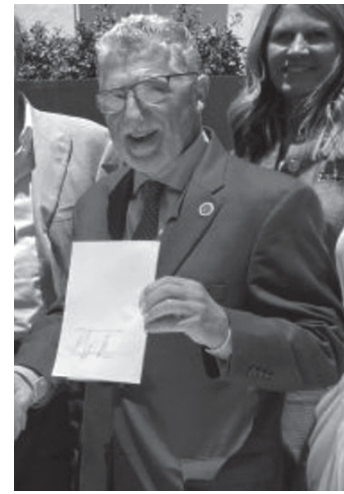
Senate Bill 255, authored by Senator Anthony Portantino, was signed, last week, into law by Governor Newsom. The measure will ensure that freelance television commercial production employees can keep their existing high-quality health insurance benefits.

"Freelance employment is the backbone of the entertainment industry's employment practices," stated Senator Portantino. "Without SB 255, many commercial crew and dependents would have lost their health insurance and have been forced to replace it with self-paid individual coverage at a much higher cost than the employers are able to provide in the large group market. I am thankful to Governor Newsom for recognizing that SB 255 is critical for the health of this valuable workforce."

Because freelance filming crews are hired on a project-by-project basis and may have dozens of different production company employers over the course of a year, they have no means to qualify for regular employer benefits plans. To fill this void, the Producers' Health Benefits Plan ("PHBP") - a fully insured, employer sponsored health plan - was formed to provide high quality health benefits at no cost to nearly 1,200 eligible California W-2 common law employees of the television commercial production industry. However, due to recently enacted legislation, these freelancers are now in jeopardy of losing this insurance. SB 255 will prevent this from happening by allowing the PHBP - and only PHBP - to continue offering their insurance but only if it meets the high standards that the new law was intended to uphold.

SB 255 will prevent W-2 commercial freelance employees from losing their existing high quality insurance coverage as certain conditions are met, including: The plan has been in continuous existence since January 1, 2014, as an employee welfare benefit plan. The plan provides a level of coverage having an actuarial value or equivalent to the platinum level of coverage available through the California Health Benefit Exchange.

The plan contract includes



coverage of employees, and their dependents, who are employed in designated job categories on a project-by-project basis for one or more participating employers, and who, in the course of that employment, are not covered by another group health care service plan contract in which the employer participates.

SB 255 was sponsored by the Producers Health Benefit Plan and supported by the Association of Independent Commercial Producers, Galpin Studio Rentals, Production Equipment Rental Group, BizFed, Harvest Films Inc., and Valley Industry and Commerce Association.

"The PHBP would like to thank Senator Portantino for recognizing the importance of the commercial production industry to the economic health of California and for standing up for the wellbeing of our industry's freelance workforce, who would otherwise be unable to qualify for employer paid health care," stated Sean Cooley, Executive Director for the Producer's Health Benefits Plan. "Allowing the commercial production industry to take care of its workforce will help California continue to be the world leader in filmed entertainment and advertising."

For Senator Portantino, authoring SB 255 demonstrates his deep commitment and appreciation of the entertainment industry. Like thousands of present-day Californians, he moved to Los Angeles from New Jersey after graduating from college to pursue a career in the entertainment industry. He worked in production until he transitioned to public service.

Celebrating Pacific Asia Museum 50th anniversary

As USC Pacific Asia Museum celebrates their 50th anniversary, they look to the future by asking questions and reflecting on our their past as it is embodied in the museum's collection and display of Asian and Pacific Island art. For whom was this collection created and how does its meaning change when seen through the eyes of our diverse communities?

Intervention: Fresh Perspectives after 50 Years finds new ways to view the USC PAM permanent collection through the work of seven contemporary Asian diasporic artists: Antonius Bui, Audrey Chan, Jennifer Ling Datchuk, Amir



H. Fallah, Akiko Jackson, Alan Nakagawa, and kate-hers RHEE.

By creating original artworks in response to PAM's collection, these artists will remind visitors that USC PAM's history is complex, and our public has many ways to consider this story beyond how it is presented in our galleries, website, and printed materials.

For more information visit: pacificasiamuseum.usc.edu.

SAN MARINO CRIME BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, October 24 through Saturday, October 30, 2021, the Police Department responded to 369 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 handled by the Department during this reporting period.

Sunday, October 24 9:10 A.M. / DEATH INVESTIGATION / 1200 BLOCK OF BLACKSTONE ROAD

Officers responded and conducted an investigation of a non-suspicious death.

10:18 A.M. / PC 487 - GRAND THEFT / 1100 BLOCK OF SAN GABRIEL BOULEVARD Two unknown suspect(s) used an unknown tool to cut and remove the vehicle's catalytic converter.

1:53 P.M. / CVC 10851 - STOLEN VEHICLE / HS 11364 - DRUG PARAPHERNALIA / PC 530.5 - IDENTITY THEFT / PC 466 - BURGLARY TOOLS AND OS WARRANT / MISSION STREET AND EUCLID AVENUE

Two suspect(s) were pulled over in a stolen vehicle. The driver, Lares, Raul (DOB 5/15/94, San Fernando) had an arrest warrant and was in possession of drug paraphernalia. The passenger, Rodriguez, Stephanie (DOB 12/12/92, Sylmar) was in possession of a checkbook and identification card belonging to another individual. Rodriguez also possessed arrow keys within their purse.

12:07 A.M. / CVC 23152(F) - DUI/DRUGS / HUNTINGTON DRIVE & LOS ROBLES AVENUE

Officers responded to assist South Pasadena PD with a call of a male subject passed out in the driver's seat of a vehicle. The suspect, Calloway, Herman Raymond (Pasadena) was transported to City of Pasadena Jail for processing and booking.

Monday, October 25 10:09 A.M. / APS REPORT / 2600 BLOCK OF HUNTINGTON DRIVE

Officers responded to an APS fax. Officers arrived and determined allegations were unfounded.

2:59 P.M. / 901T - INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION / 1700 BLOCK OF HUNTINGTON DRIVE

Two vehicles were involved in an injury traffic collision. One of the party's complained of pain. One vehicle was towed and one was driven away from the scene.

4:42 P.M. / FOUND PROPERTY / 2200 BLOCK OF LORAIN ROAD

Officers responded to lost mail being found. Officers took possession of the mail and responded to the residence address located on the mail. Officers determined the resident was a victim of mail theft and gave further suggestions for a mail theft report. Mail was returned to the resident.

5:21 P.M. / COURTESY REPORT - LOST PROPERTY / 2500 BLOCK OF LOMBARDY ROAD

Officers responded to a call regarding a lost phone.

Tuesday, October 26



3:53 P.M. / INCIDENT REPORT - 2200 BLOCK OF MONTECITO DRIVE

FD forced entry into a residence. Report made for documentation purposes only.

Wednesday, October 27 9:52 A.M. / FOUND PROPERTY / 1000 BLOCK OF HUNTINGTON DRIVE

Officers responded to a found bike report.

11:14 A.M. / 901T - INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION / HUNTINGTON DRIVE AND GARFIELD AVENUE

Officers responded to a roll-over traffic collision. One party suffered minor lacerations and was treated at the scene.

6:58 P.M. / 901T - INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION / LORAIN ROAD AND WEST DRIVE

Officers responded to a traffic collision.

Thursday, October 28 7:25 P.M. / PROWLER / 1700 BLOCK OF EUSTON ROAD Officers responded to two unknown suspect(s) jumping over the front gate to the residence.

Friday, October 29 7:20 A.M. / LARCENY - PC 484 / 2100 BLOCK OF HOMET ROAD

Victim left vehicle unsecured for approximately 2-3 minutes and returned to purse missing. No suspect was seen or heard during the commission of the crime.

12:45 P.M. / LARCENY - PC 484 / 2700 BLOCK OF DEVONPORT ROAD

Gardeners were servicing a location in the area. Backpack blower was taken from their vehicle. Suspect's vehicle was described as a white colored GMC or Chevrolet. No suspect description.

2:49 P.M. / PROPERTY REPORT / HUNTINGTON DRIVE AND WINSTON AVENUE

Reporting party called to report large sign in the parkway. Officers attempted to contact owner of the sign. Sign removed and kept for safe keeping. Message left for sign owner for retrieval.

Saturday, October 30 11:49 A.M. / PC 664/459 - ATTEMPTED VEHICLE BURGLARY / VIRGINIA ROAD AND ROSALIND ROAD

Victim returned to her vehicle from an event. Victim attempted to open her door and the door handle fell off.

Upon further examination, there were pry marks to the key hole. No entry was made into the vehicle and no suspect was seen.

11:59 A.M. / 594 - COMMERCIAL VANDALISM / 2100 BLOCK OF HUNTINGTON DRIVE

Officers responded to a location in the area. Reporting party stated that there was graffiti on the dumpster wall and three broken window panes in the alleyway.

4:35 P.M. / 594 - COMMERCIAL VANDALISM / 2100 BLOCK OF HUNTINGTON DRIVE

Officers responded to a location in the area. Reporting party stated that there was additional graffiti on the building.

City Tech Initiative 'Plant Your Flag'

City of Pasadena officials announced Monday the "Plant Your Flag in Pasadena" initiative for tech companies located within the city.

According to a statement, Pasadena is known for many great things, but at its core, Pasadena is a science city. Pasadena's strength in science has attracted a wide variety of startups ranging from technology and design to life science and consumer services. To encourage networking and collaboration amongst its technology companies and startups, tech businesses are encouraged to plant a flag in Pasadena by adding their company name to a tech map hosted by the City's Economic Development Division.

The last 18 months have been a challenging time for entrepreneurs and business people. The reverberating

effects of COVID-19 on the economy have ranged from challenges for some industries and business models to opportunities for others. As such, Pasadena has seen some businesses exit and new businesses enter the city.

"In the last few months, we've seen two major companies announce that they're moving to Pasadena: GM Motors Advanced Design & Technology Campus and the biotech company Xencor. With these companies planting their flag in Pasadena, it is a sign of confidence in the strength of Pasadena as the epicenter for science and technology in the SoCal region, as well as a statement about the top-notch talent that tends to concentrate here," said Eric Duyshart, economic development manager for the City of Pasadena.

To participate, companies, whether startup or established, must be located in Pasadena and meet the criteria of operating in the technology space, life sciences or consumer services.

The tech map is located online at www.cityofpasadena.net/economicdevelopment/innovation.

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.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, October 24th through Saturday, October 30th, the Police Department responded to 1,028 calls for service, of which 93 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 24:

- At 5:08 a.m., an officer responded to the office of Walter M. Pierson, MD, located at 1245 West Huntington Drive, regarding a burglary alarm activation. The officer discovered unidentified suspects shattered the front window and fled with an unconfirmed amount of eye glasses.
- At 2:09 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding an incident of rape that occurred at the Westfield Santa Anita mall, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue. The victim stated a blind date resulted in her being sexually assaulted by the suspect in the mall parking lot. The suspect is described as a 50-year-old White male, 5'8" tall, 140 pounds, with white hair and blue eyes. The investigation is ongoing.

Monday, October 25:

- At 8:20 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 900 block of Hampton Road regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed burglars broke into the home by smashing a glass door. The loss is unknown as of the time of this report.
- At 2:20 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 00 block of West Sycamore Avenue regarding a burglary report. Surveillance footage captured two suspects walking toward the home. The officer determined the suspects smashed a window, they activated the alarm and fled empty-handed. A vehicle parked in the garage was damaged during the incident. The investigation is pending a review of the available footage.
- At 3:46 p.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed a domestic dispute escalated and both parties hit each other in the face. A 55-year-old female from Arcadia and a 50-year-old male from Arcadia were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail.

Tuesday, October 26:

- At 8:47 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of South First Avenue regarding a theft from vehicle report. Sometime between 6:42 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. on October 25th, someone stole gasoline from the victim's white Ford van. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect is a Hispanic male, between the ages of 25 and 30-years-old, approximately 5'5" to 5'8" tall, and was seen wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt, and jeans. He was seen exiting an older model grey convertible Ford Mustang.
- At 5:25 p.m., an officer responded to Westfield Santa Anita mall, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft from vehicle report. The victim discovered the front right tire and rim was stolen from his 2020 Honda Civic. The incident occurred between 4:00 p.m. and 5:25 p.m. on October 26th.

Wednesday, October 27:

- At 4:40 a.m., an officer responded to the 1100 block of West Duarte Road regarding a mail theft incident. Surveillance footage captured the suspect force open mail boxes from an apartment complex and steal mail from at least one victim. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male wearing a blue baseball hat, grey hooded sweatshirt, black shorts, a blue mask, and carrying a black backpack.

Thursday, October 28:

- At 9:37 a.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime between October 1st and 28th, someone smashed the front driver-side window and ransacked the interior of the vehicle. No loss was reported.
- At 11:43 a.m., officers responded to Citizens Business Bank, located at 55 East Huntington Drive, regarding a robbery. An investigation revealed a lone suspect entered the bank, displayed a handgun, threatened the employees, and demanded cash from the safe. The suspect fled with a large amount of cash. The suspect is described as a male, White or Hispanic, approximately 5'6" to 5'11" tall, 160 to 180 pounds, with a light colored long sleeve shirt, light blue jeans, tan or olive colored hat, with a silver or white bandana covering his face.

Friday, October 29:

- At 10:19 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1200 block of San Carlos Road regarding a burglary report. Sometime during the previous night, someone entered the victim's garage through an unlocked door and fled with various tools.
- At 5:23 p.m., an officer responded to a parking lot in the 100 block of East Duarte Road regarding a battery report. The officer discovered an incident of road rage resulted in a mutual battery between both parties. Neither party was arrested at the time. The investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, October 30:

- At 2:42 a.m., an officer initiated an enforcement stop on a vehicle near the intersection of Huntington Drive and Holly Avenue for driving on the wrong side of the road. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. The 34-year-old male driver displayed obvious signs of being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 4:15 p.m., an officer responded to Westfield Santa Anita mall, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft from vehicle report. The victim discovered his catalytic converter had been stolen from his 2009 Toyota Prius between the hours of 11:34 a.m. and 4:10 p.m.

DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of October 24, 2021 - October 30, 2021.

October 24, 2021 Burglary (Garage):

1400 Block of 1st Street. The victim reported between 10/22/21 at 4:00 PM and 10/24/21 at 9:00 AM unknown suspect(s) entered his detached shared garage by breaking the lock. Power tools and a printer stolen. Loss was approximately \$550, and damages were approximately \$160.

October 28, 2021. Burglary (Garage):

1400 Block of Third Street. The victim reported between 10/27/21 at 7:00 PM and 10/28/21 at 6:00 AM an un-known male entered her garage by breaking the latch and lock off. The garage appeared to have been ransacked with unknown items stolen. Video surveillance available.

October 29, 2021 Burglary (Commercial):

940 Hamilton Road (Subway). The victim reported upon arriving to work, the front door was shattered and the register and its contents were missing. While checking security cameras, she observed a male adult wearing dark pants, a black hoodie and a face mask break the front window with a hammer on 10/29/21 at 11:32 pm. An Epson register valued at \$6,500 and \$400 in currency was stolen. The front door was estimated to cost \$2,500 to repair.

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Remember where you parked your car.
- If shopping late in the day or after dark, park in an area that is well lighted.
- Shop in pairs at the very least.
- As you return to your car, make sure to keep your car key in your hand.
- Do not leave packages visible in your car. Lock them in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

NEW MONROVIA AREA DANCE STUDIO SURVIVES THE PANDEMIC AND PREPARES TO SERVE IN A POSTCOVID ERA

Monrovia, California – You couldn't have picked a worst time to open a brand new dance academy. But little did founders Jekyns Pelaez and Laura Alexich know what was coming only weeks after they opened SoCal Arts in February of 2020.

Arts organizations of all kinds depend on the gathering of people to learn, to express, and to interact – together. When the pandemic hit just weeks after opening, dance studios across the nation had to grapple with seemingly insurmountable obstacles to the way they traditionally operate and engage with students.

Add tenacity and a passion for arts education to the support of the City of Monrovia. The Monrovia Chamber of Commerce and a courageous student body, SoCal arts managed to stay in business and is now rising from the ashes of 2020.

"There were times last year where we thought our students would disappear when we had to resort to teaching dance via zoom, and we would have to close our studio. But that was not the case, our core student body, and parents, stayed relentless with their pursuit of dance training.

They are truly our inspiration" says owner, Jekyns Pelaez. Entering the end of their second year, they are pleased to announce their 2021 Nutcracker to end The Rebirth Season.

The community is invited to SoCal Arts annual Nutcracker. It will be held at the Covina Center for the Performing Arts, November 26th at 1p and 5p, November 27th at 1p and 5p, and November 28th at 6p. For more information visit: <https://www.socal-arts.com/the-nutcracker2021>

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.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
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Any and all Job Seekers are welcome to register.

Looking for TALENT

If you are hiring, attend the Arcadia Chamber's virtual Job Fair and find your next candidate. Contact the Arcadia Chamber directly to schedule your time to present your job offerings. All info will be featured on Arcadia Chamber Social Media to enhance the outreach. If you have jobs to present, please email Carrie@ArcadiaChamber.org for more info.

Looking for WORK

Job Seekers! Learn about local job opportunities in your community, get info on how to apply, or speak with a job presenter via Zoom.



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In November 2019, we as a community voted for a 3/4 cent sales tax increase for the benefit of just Monrovia. The tax was implemented in early 2020 and to date \$15 million through 2023 will be collected. As we, the community, voted for the Measure, it is important that ALL Monrovia have a voice as to how the money will be allocated.

Join your fellow Monrovia to share your opinions on the best way to spend the money for the benefit of ALL Monrovia.

- November 13- Station Square Park, 1-3 pm
- December 4- Library Park, 1-3 pm
- December 11- Station Square Park, 1-3 pm

Bring your chair, some refreshments and your ideas and join your neighbors in letting the City hear your opinions on how to spend this large sum of money.

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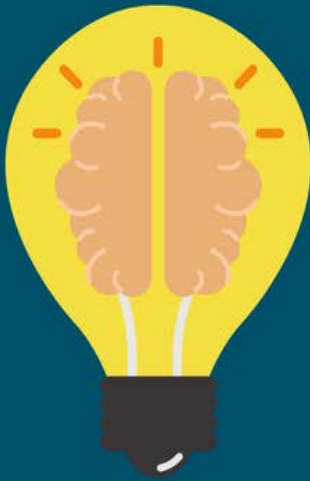
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- Improve academic performance
- Manage challenging behaviors
- Facilitate school engagement



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All meetings can be accessed using the following Zoom Link:

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Parent Ed Workshops at 6:00 PM: 11/9, 12/7, 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10

Office Hours at 6:00 PM: 11/16, 12/14, 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17

Any Questions? Email Liz Arnold: larnold@yhpasadena.org

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FAMILY MATTERS



A 7-POINT ESTATE PLANNING CHECKUP: IS YOUR ESTATE PLAN UP TO DATE?

Even if you have a totally solid estate plan in place, it can turn out to be worthless for the people you love if it's not updated when necessary.

Estate planning is not a one-and-done type of deal—your plan should continuously evolve along with your life circumstances and other changing conditions, such as your assets and the law.

No matter who you are, your life will inevitably change: families change, laws change, assets change, and goals change. In the absence of any major life events, I recommend reviewing your estate plan at least every three years to make sure its terms are up to date.

Additionally, there are several common life events that require you to immediately update your plan—to ensure the time and money you've already put into your planning will always keep your loved ones out of court and out of conflict, no matter what, no matter when. If any of the following events occur, contact your estate planning attorney right away and amend your plan.

1) You get married: Marriage not only changes your relationship status; it changes your legal status. Regardless of whether it's your first marriage or fourth, you must take the proper steps to ensure your estate plan properly reflects your updated wishes and spousal needs.

2) You get divorced: Since divorce can be one of the most stressful life events, estate planning often gets overshadowed by the other dramatic changes happening. But once divorce proceedings start, you'll need to ensure your future ex is no longer eligible to receive any of your assets or make financial and medical decisions on your behalf—unless that's your wish. Once the divorce is finalized and your property is divided, you'll need to adjust your planning to match your new asset profile and living situation.

3) You give birth or adopt: Welcoming a new addition to your family can be a joyous occasion, but it also demands entirely new levels of planning and responsibility. At the top of your to-do list should be legally naming both long and short-term guardians for your kids and considering estate planning vehicles, such as a revocable living trust, for them as well. These planning tools can make certain the assets you want your child to inherit will be passed on in the most effective and beneficial way possible for everyone involved.

4) A loved one dies: The death of a family member, partner, or close friend can have serious consequences for both your life and estate plan. If the person was included in your plan, you need to update it accordingly to fill any gaps his or her absence creates. From naming new beneficiaries, executors, and guardians to identifying new heirs to receive assets allocated to the deceased, make sure you address all voids the death creates as soon as possible.

5) You get seriously ill or injured: If you've been diagnosed with a serious illness or are involved in a life-changing accident, you may want to review the people you've chosen to handle your healthcare decisions as well as how those decisions should be made. The person you want to serve as your healthcare proxy can change with time, so be sure your plan reflects your current wishes.

6) Your assets or liabilities change significantly: Whenever your estate's value dramatically increases or decreases, you should revisit your estate plan to ensure it still offers the maximum protection and benefits for yourself and your loved ones. Whether you inherit a fortune, take out a new loan, close your business, or change your investment portfolio, your estate plan should be adjusted accordingly.

7) You plan to buy or sell a business: If you plan to sell a business, you may be able to take advantage of the numerous tax-savings opportunities available in conjunction with your overall planning. And, of course, if you are buying a business, you'll want to ensure your plan is updated and also consider your succession plans for the new business.

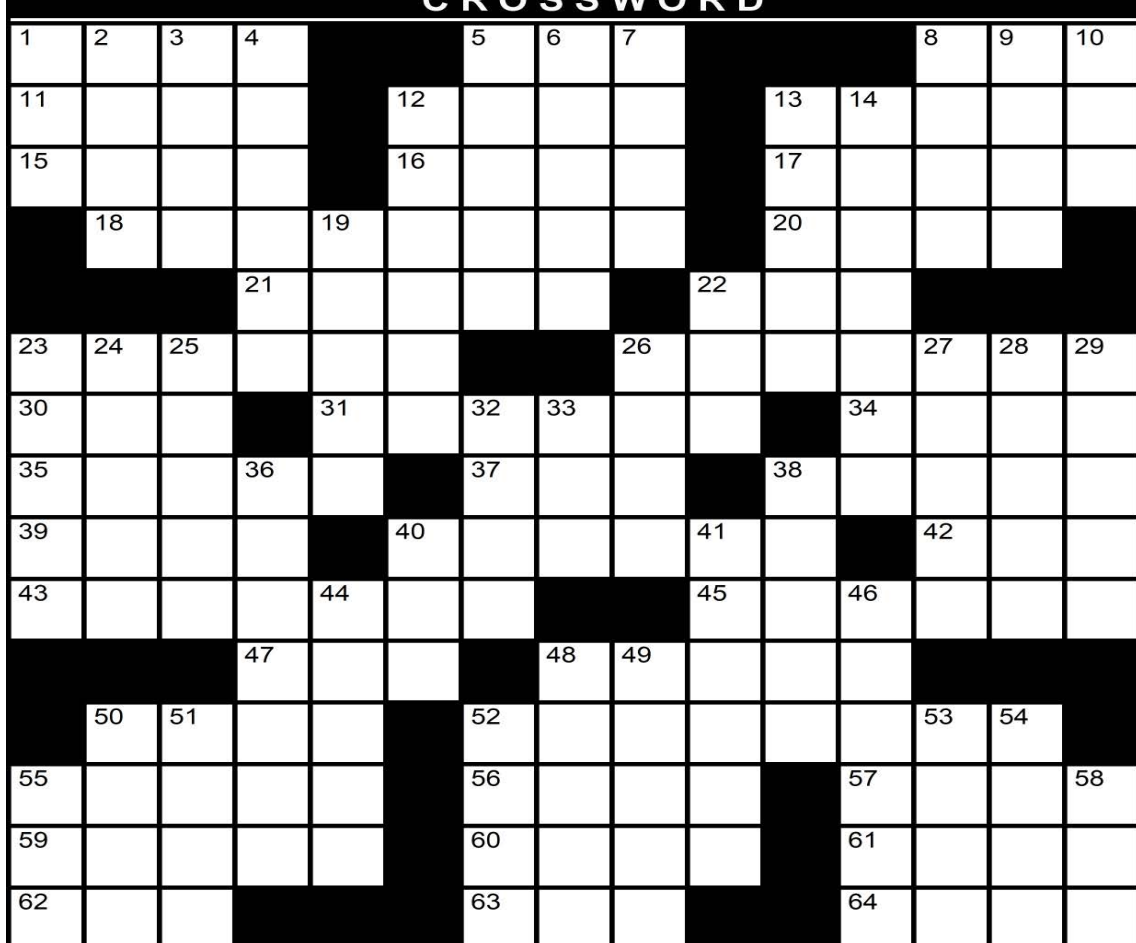
A Common Mistake

Outside of not creating any estate plan at all, one of the most common planning mistakes a plan no longer works because it was not properly updated during life. Unfortunately, once something happens to you, it's too late to adjust your plan, and the loved ones you leave behind are forced to deal with the aftermath. Don't let that happen to your family!

MARC

A local attorney and father, Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love most. His office is located at 55 Auburn Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.355.4000 or visit www.GarlettLaw.com for more information.

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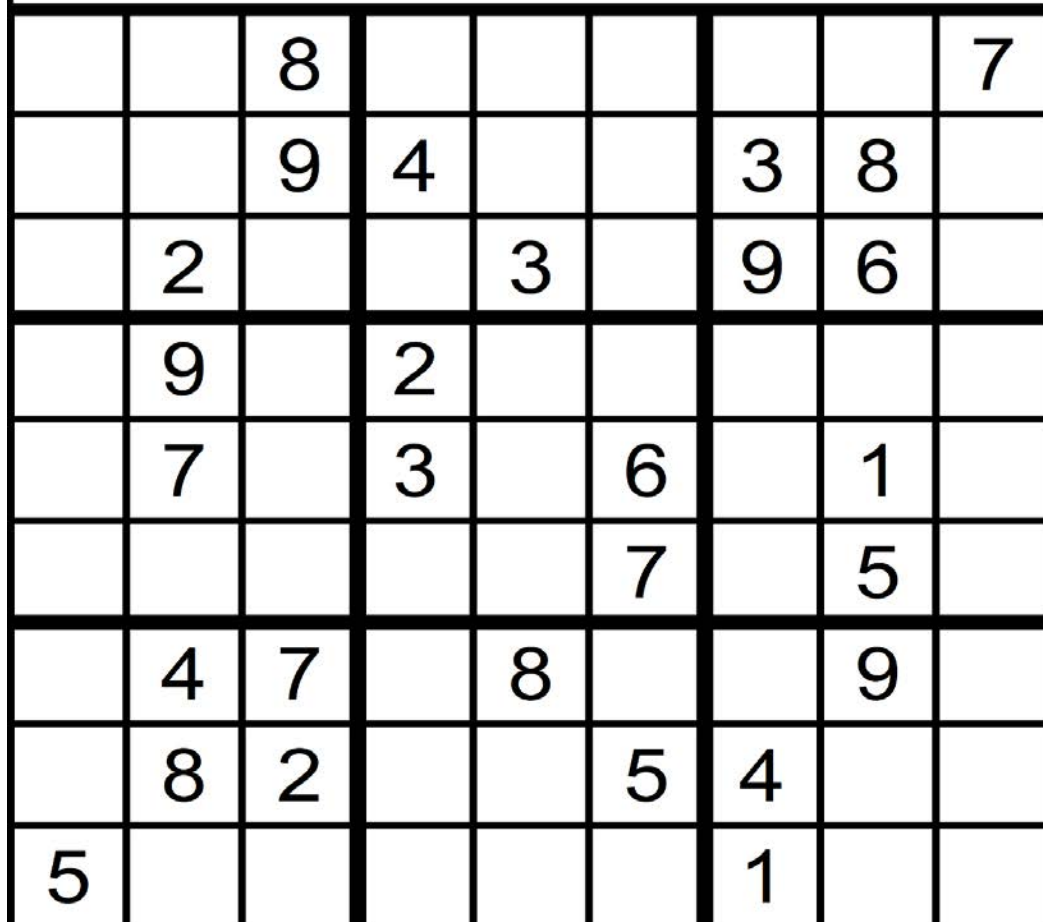


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THEME: SOCIAL MEDIA

ACROSS

- The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical
- Hallucinogenic drug
- Some special effects, acr.
- Chip in Vegas
- Cordelia's father in Shakespeare play
- One in squirrel's stash
- Dissenting clique
- Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
- Type of lemur
- *Popular messenger
- Mosque prayer leader
- Down Under marsupial
- Thanksgiving serving
- *100 days of snapping, e.g.
- Military's inactive force
- Repeated Cuban dance step
- The Kinks' lead singer, a.k.a. godfather of Britpop
- Late December season
- Rough, as in voice
- Chop off
- Stephen King's "The ____"
- "Do ____ others..."
- Strep throat organ
- File a suit
- Sewing pearls on a wedding gown, e.g.
- One with authority
- Army bed
- Space path
- Law school test acronym
- *Unique social media identifier
- Latin dance
- "Place" in French
- Sacred Hindu writings
- Post-mortem bios
- Actress Campbell
- African chieftain
- Recipe amt.
- Nirvana's "Come as You ____"
- Badger's den

DOWN

- Current tense of "had"
- All over again
- Eczema symptom
- Second shot
- Corporate department
- Salpae, sing.
- Type of coffee maker
- Elizabeth McGovern's "Downton Abbey" role
- Inspiring horror
- As opposed to outs
- Capital of Zambia
- Bruce Wayne's ____ was Batman
- *Message under a post
- Bootlicker
- Da, to a Russian
- *Done to social media past before applying for job?
- Feudal lord
- Haile Selassie's disciple
- Gym exercises
- Comedy Central's "critique"
- Dolby Theatre to Oscars
- Often considered wise
- *Video blog
- Charge carrier
- *Audio series
- Killed, like dragon
- Big bang maker
- Permeate
- I to Greeks, pl.
- Sheet music line, pl.
- Basketry stick
- Clark Kent actor Christopher
- Black, yellow and chocolate dogs
- Parking spot for a boat
- Bone in human forearm
- *Bernie wearing mittens, e.g.
- *Do this before posting?
- Chronic drinker
- It's open to interpretation



Puzzle solutions on page B6

When we paint, we like to mix...



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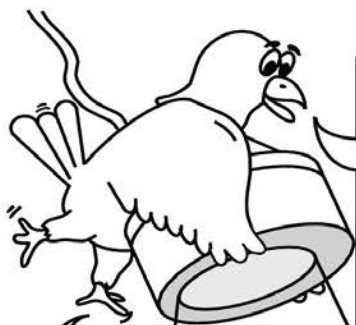
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...colors to try to create new colors!



Kids: color stuff in!



It's a bit of a red-letter day when you get to be in the spotlight!

My gardener has a true green thumb!

When I went to the circus, I noticed that the main acts were highlighted with colored lights. The lighting crew used spotlights and color to attract the audience's attention, drawing our eyes to where the action was. By doing this they also drew our attention *away* from workers in the shadows who were setting up props and doing other jobs. We all focused on what *they* wanted us to see.

Our days are filled with color. We think about and use different shades of colors for many things. How many colors can you name?

Ladybugs can be yellow, orange or red with black spots!

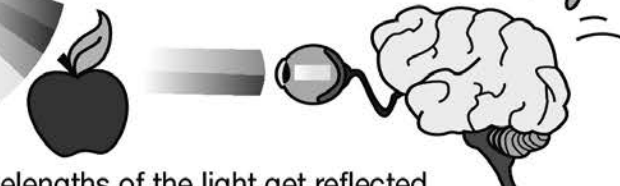
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Colors in the Spotlight!



How Do We See Color?

When an object – in this case, an apple – is exposed to sunlight, it absorbs some parts (wavelengths) of the light, but not all.



Some of the wavelengths of the light get reflected. When we look at the apple, this reflected light strikes millions of special cells (cones) in our eyes. The information from the cones is sent to our brains, which tell us that the apple is a lovely *red*!

Read the clues to fill in the "colorful" crossword:


- players wear the colors of their ____
- red roses = love, expressing our ____
- to make things look nice: materials for clothes or home; jewelry
- on maps: yellow = land, blue = water
- to trick the eye, in printing
- flower bed, fruit bowl, cosmetics
- red = hot, blue = cool
- to make blend into the surroundings (soldiers in jungle)
- red, white and blue, for flags or emblems
- an artistic work hung on the wall
- flashing yellow arrow on the road, pointing the way
- white flag = a wish to surrender




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A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

MY BODY, MY SWAT

Usually, I am not easily offended, nor do I easily lose my temper. I did lose my temper when I was six years old but have not been able to find it since. Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is trying to find it but so far, she has not found it.

Many people are ticked off by some minor little thing it really does not amount to much.

For example, driving through a fast-food drive-in, you will realize what getting ticked off is all about. The customer in front of me is so impatient, and the customer behind me is just as impatient. They want everything on their schedule. Sitting in the middle, I just relax because there is no way I can speed up the line so why try. Very few things offend me, and I have found it to be a very good practice.

Don't let this out, but the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage can get ticked off very quickly, particularly with bugs, lizards, and stuff like that, not to mention snakes. For some reason, she doesn't like snakes, and when she sees one, even if it's on TV, she responds in a very negative fashion.

Once when we were on vacation and stayed in a motel, a frog was under her pillow. I have lived that nightmare quite a few times. I didn't know my wife could dance and sing at the same time. I didn't recognize the song, but I enjoyed her rendition of it. Not being easily ticked off, I enjoy when other people are ticked off, particularly by little things they have no control over. Then the story backfired on me!

It was the season of the "Love Bugs" that happens every year. I always forget that it's coming, but it comes every year. This past year seems to have been my worst experience. It was love bugs, mosquitoes, and flies. I suppose they have a purpose in this world, but I have yet to discover what that purpose is. Their purpose is not well suited to me personally.

When morning came, I went outside to get into my vehicle to go to the church office; as soon as I stepped outside, a bunch of love bugs hit me. I don't know what they see in me that they love so much, I wish they would drop it. I'm thinking of seeking a divorce.

Walking towards my vehicle, I was swatting left and right, up and down and every swat hit some kind of bug, I must confess that they were starting to bug me. No matter where I went that day, there was some kind of bug following me and trying to snuggle up with me. Why do they have to be so loving?

All day long, I was swatting these bugs. The more I swatted, the more they seemed to come in my direction. I was in Publix, and as I was walking down an aisle, a mosquito landed on my nose, and without thinking, I swatted it as hard as I could. Yeah, the mosquito was dead. Yeah, my nose was bleeding.

I heard several snickers behind me, and I was afraid to turn around. I got my hanky out and wiped my nose as good as I could. When I got to the counter to pay for my product, the cashier looked at me and smiled very heartily. I just stared back at him with a grimace that I hadn't used for a long time. I said to him very snarly, "It's my body, my swat."

I suppose I never learned a lesson, but I swatted my nose and my cheek and my chin several times that week. I guess it's just a habit. Once a fly flew into my mouth, and believe me, it was no Apple Fritter. I still have that nasty taste in my mouth.

Several days later, I was in Publix again, and the bugs were still in operational mode. Everywhere I went, there was some bug. I swatted myself several times, and fortunately, there was no blood. But I did get a few bugs that will not be bugging me ever again.

Walking around the store, I tried avoiding the bugs as much as possible. When finished, I went to the cashier to pay for my products. As I was standing there, all of a sudden, somebody slapped me on the back. I turned around, looked, and a guy said, "I did you a favor. There was a bug crawling up your back, and I killed it for you." Looking at him, I said, "My body, my swat."

Very soberly, I apologized, and I just laughed and said, "That's okay. That's one down and a zillion more to go." We both laughed a little, and I checked out and went to my car.

As I was driving home I happened to think of a verse in the Old Testament. "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes" (Song of Solomon 2:15).

That got me thinking of those little bugs that were creating such havoc in my life. It's the little things that you don't think of at the time that do all the damage. My focus usually is on the "big" things in my life, which allows those "little" things to do most of the damage.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...November Birthdays* Flo Mankin, Alberta Curran, Carmela Frontino, Kathy Wood, Lena Zate, Joe Pergola, Janice Kacer, Valerie Howard, Lois Stueck, Jean Wood, Shirley Yergeau, Pat Krok, Irene Nakagawa, Anna Ross, Mary Steinberg, Mary Bowser, Susan Clifton, Mary Higgins, Kim Buchanan, Leigh Thach and Sue Quinn, Jill Girod, Pat Krok, Jeanne Martin.

* 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

City Hall and the Hart Park House will be closed Thursday, November 11, 2021 in observance of Veterans Day and Wednesday, November 24– Friday, November 26, 2021 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

THE HART PARK HOUSE SENIOR CENTER IS OPEN!!!!

In house lunch dining service will not resume at this time. Access to the computer/classroom is temporarily unavailable. All Classes and programs will maintain a distance of 6 ft between participants. All equipment used will be sanitized after each use before it is stored. Each participant is responsible for providing their own water, masks and additionally needed supplies for each class. Please call the Community Services Department at 355-7394 with any questions or concerns.

DOMINOES TRAIN GAME

Wednesday, 11/17, 11:00 am— 12:30 pm Hart Park House 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. Led by volunteer Loni.

PAINT PALS

Tuesday, 11/16, 10:00 am—Hart Park House If you enjoy painting, sketching, water color, or making some other form of artistic creation please join our new program, PAINT PALS!!! Bring a project that you are working on to the HPH and enjoy some quality art time with other artists looking to paint with a new pal.

TEA AND TALK SENIOR BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, 11/10 & 11/23— 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, 11/9 & 11/23—10:00 am If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, embroidery, needlepoint, bunka, huck, tatting or cross stitch then we have a group for you! Bring your current project, a nonalcoholic beverage, then sit and chat with like-minded fiber friends. We meet in the Hart Park House

CHAIR YOGA

Every Monday and Wednesday, 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.

HULA AND POLYNESIAN DANCE

Every Friday, 10-10:45 am Bring a lei, your flower skirt or just your desire to dance! Hula in the Park is back and waiting for you to join in on all the fun! Memorial Park Pavilion.

Please call Lawren Heinz with any Hart Park House Senior Center program questions or to reserve your spot in classes that have limit space. (626) 355-7394 or send an email to lhein@cityofsierramadre.com

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HOW TO TRACK DOWN AN UNCLAIMED LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

Dear Savvy Senior:
When my dad died, we thought he had a life insurance policy, but we have no idea how to track it down. Any suggestions?
Searching Son



Dear Searching:

Lost or forgotten life insurance policies are very common in the U.S. According to a study by Consumer Reports, 1 out of every 600 people is the beneficiary of an unclaimed life insurance policy with an average benefit of \$2,000. It could be like finding out you have a secret savings account.

While unfortunately, there isn't a national database for tracking down these policies, there are a number of strategies and a few new resources that can help your search. Here are several to get you started.

Search his records: Check your dad's financial records or areas where he kept his important papers for a policy, records of premium payments, or bills from an insurer. Also contact his employer or former employer benefits administrator, insurance agents, financial planner, accountant, attorney or other adviser and ask if they know about a life insurance policy. Also check safe-deposit boxes, monitor the mail for premium invoices or whole-life dividend notices, and review old income-tax returns, looking for interest income from, and interest expenses paid, to life insurance companies.

Get help: The National Association of Insurance Commissioners offers a policy locator service (see NAIC.org and click on "Consumer" then on "Life Insurance Policy Locator") that lets you run a nationwide search for insurance policies or annuities in the names of people who have died. There are also six state insurance departments (Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, New York, North Carolina and Oregon) that have free policy locator service programs that can help you search. To find direct access to these state resources visit the American Council of Life Insurers website at ACLI.com – click on "Missing Policy Tips."

Contact the insurer: If you suspect that a particular insurer underwrote the policy, contact that carrier's claim office and ask. The more information you have, like your dad's date of birth and death, Social Security number and address, the easier it will be to track down. Contact information for some big insurers include: Prudential 800-778-2255; MetLife Metlife.com/policyfinder; AIG 800-888-2452; Nationwide 800-848-6331; John Hancock JohnHancock.com – click on "Lost or unclaimed policy form" at the bottom of the page under "Quick Links."

Search unclaimed property: If your dad died more than a few years ago, benefits may have already been turned over to the unclaimed property office of the state where the policy was purchased. Go to MissingMoney.com, a website of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, to search records from 39 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Or, to find links to each state's unclaimed-property division use Unclaimed.org.

If your dad's name or a potential benefactor's name produces a hit, you'll need to prove your claim. Required documentation, which can vary by state, is detailed in claim forms, and a death certificate might be necessary.

Search fee-based services: There are several businesses that offer policy locator services for a fee. The MIB Group, for example, which is a data-sharing service for life and health insurance companies, offers a policy locator service at MIB.com for \$75. But it only tracks applications for individual policies made since 1996.

You can also get assistance at Policy Inspector (PolicyInspector.com) for \$99, and L-LIFE (LostLifeIns.com) for \$108.50, who will do the searching for you.

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

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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.

LA County Public Health

VACCINATION VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS NOW IN EFFECT: PUBLIC HEALTH ENCOURAGES CHILDREN VACCINATIONS AGAINST COVID-19

Beginning Thursday, proof of full vaccination and photo ID for indoor entry into bars, breweries, wineries, distilleries, nightclubs, and lounges for all patrons and employees goes into effect. Patrons now need to be fully vaccinated to be indoors at any of these establishments.

Next week, on November 8, the City of Los Angeles’ vaccine verification program, called SafePassLA, goes into effect, and will require proof of full vaccination for entry into the indoor portions of restaurants, bars, coffee shops, breweries, wineries, gyms, spas, nail salons, barbershops, movie theaters, shopping malls, and entertainment and recreation venues. This includes indoor portions of City facilities such as LA City Hall, senior centers, recreation centers, and service centers.

Public Health will be working closely with the City of LA to educate businesses and residents on the requirements of the SafePassLA program throughout the upcoming month and will unveil a virtual training and certificate program for LA City businesses next week.

The Biden administration has announced a January 4 deadline for the full vaccination of workers, including non-clinical employees and contractors, at healthcare facilities funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. These facilities may grant certain medical or religious exemptions to employees, but employees will not be able to choose a testing option as an alternative to being vaccinated. Yesterday, the administration set the same deadline for full vaccination of workers at businesses with more than 100 employees. Businesses may offer their employees an option involving routine testing and mandatory masking.

These targeted mandates are all aimed at ensuring that in health facilities, workspaces, and public spaces, where the risk of transmission is higher, everyone is fully vaccinated. With powerful and safe vaccines, this is the surest manner of quickly reducing spread and allowing for continued economic recovery.

Many parents were relieved when earlier this week, the CDC endorsed the use of the Pfizer vaccine in children aged 5 to 11 years old. There are many good reasons to vaccinate children in this age group: in addition to the fact that COVID-19 infection can lead to hospitalization, death, inflammatory syndromes, and long-term symptoms in pediatric populations, children can transmit the virus at least as efficiently as adults. In L.A. County, an estimated 900,000 children between the ages of 5 and 11 are eligible for vaccinations. Vaccination has been shown to be 91% effective in preventing infection in this age group with only mild side effects.

Children getting vaccinated need to bring with them a consent form signed by an adult responsible for the child – and that consent form can be signed by the adult at the vaccination site. At some vaccination sites, including those run by Public Health, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. You do not need to show identification in order to get a vaccine, nor do you need to be a United States citizen to be vaccinated.

For this week, we encourage parents to call ahead of time to providers to be sure they received pediatric doses and are able to offer vaccines to children 5-11. All six of the Public Health community sites have already begun vaccinating children and parents can bring their children in without appointments.

Unvaccinated people are 7 times more likely to get infected and 27 times more likely to be hospitalized than vaccinated people.

An important strategy for preventing a significant surge this winter is planning for safe holiday gatherings. For this Thanksgiving, which is in three weeks, it’s best if everyone who is eligible gets vaccinated. If this isn’t possible, Public Health recommends staying local until everyone in your house is fully vaccinated, and if possible, have gatherings outdoors. Keep gatherings small, and if unvaccinated or high-risk people are present, including older adults and people with weakened immune systems, wear face masks indoors when not eating or drinking, and outdoors if it’s crowded. In these situations, it’s also a good idea to keep a distance between non-household members while eating, especially if you’re eating indoors. And if possible, have guests verify a negative test before gathering.

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

The Chef Knows By Peter Dills

DILLS WINE PICKS FOR YOUR TURKEY (A BIT EARLY)

I have noticed Thanksgiving shoppers out and about, smart!!! Get the shopping out of the way.

Thanksgiving is upon us and it is my sworn duty to come up with a handful of wines that will go with a traditional oven baked turkey /smoked turkey, even the duck substitution will go well with my list. First, sorry in advance for all my chardonnay loving readers (see blow for my apology) A high-acid, low-tannin Pinot, with bright cherry and cranberry flavors over rich spices, can do right by almost all the exuberant side dishes any turkey might require. San Simeon makes a marvelous Pinot Noir under \$20 it is a winner.



My second choice, though, isn’t a

surprise, at least if you love bubbles like I do. Two California Sparklers that I enjoy, Domaine Carneros Brut (\$30) from the house of Taittinger, I have said that this wine from California comes as close to a ‘real’ champagne that I’ve had, I picked up a bottle recently at Vons and it will also go great with Prime Rib. Newsweek Magazine selected the Roederer Estate their value for the new millennium and I agree, when I am shopping for that \$20 wine it is my go to choice.

How about a Rose, my friend Matt Plunkrock, wine steward par excellence recommends the AIX is hails from the south of France/Provence.

Last but not least do consider a Cabernet, a favorite side kick of Prime Rib for years, our own Maddalena has an outstanding one and the price of \$15 is perfect for the holidays, who does Prime Rib on Thanksgiving? I must admit the Dills household has been doing it for years.

My Chardonnay apology, all that sauce, butter, gravy will absolutely kill any hope of your favorite buttery Oaky Chardonnay, though I defend your right to drink what you like to drink at any holiday party!

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Arcadia	3,428	(595)	148 (39)	84.4%
Altadena	4,136	(796)	80 (18)	80.1%
Bradbury	42	(19)	0 (0)	67.4%
Duarte	2,796	(626)	99 (31)	81.4%
Monrovia	4,065	(848)	84 (42)	79.5%
Pasadena	13,586	(2,819)	363 (129)	83.7%
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3rd place – Maverick Fukuzaki – Hot Air Balloon Guide (Maverick)



3 – 4 YEAR OLD WINNERS (RIGHT TO LEFT)
1st place – Stone Wylie – Excavator
2nd place – Forrest Cui – Railway Crossing
3rd place – Audrey Griffin – Wednesday Addams



5-7 YEAR OLD WINNERS (RIGHT TO LEFT)
1st place – June and Winnie Wright
2nd place – Jasmine Stern
3rd place – Eila Rosenberger



8 - 13 YEAR OLD WINNERS (RIGHT TO LEFT)
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2nd place – Sistine Bui
3rd place – Thomas Jones



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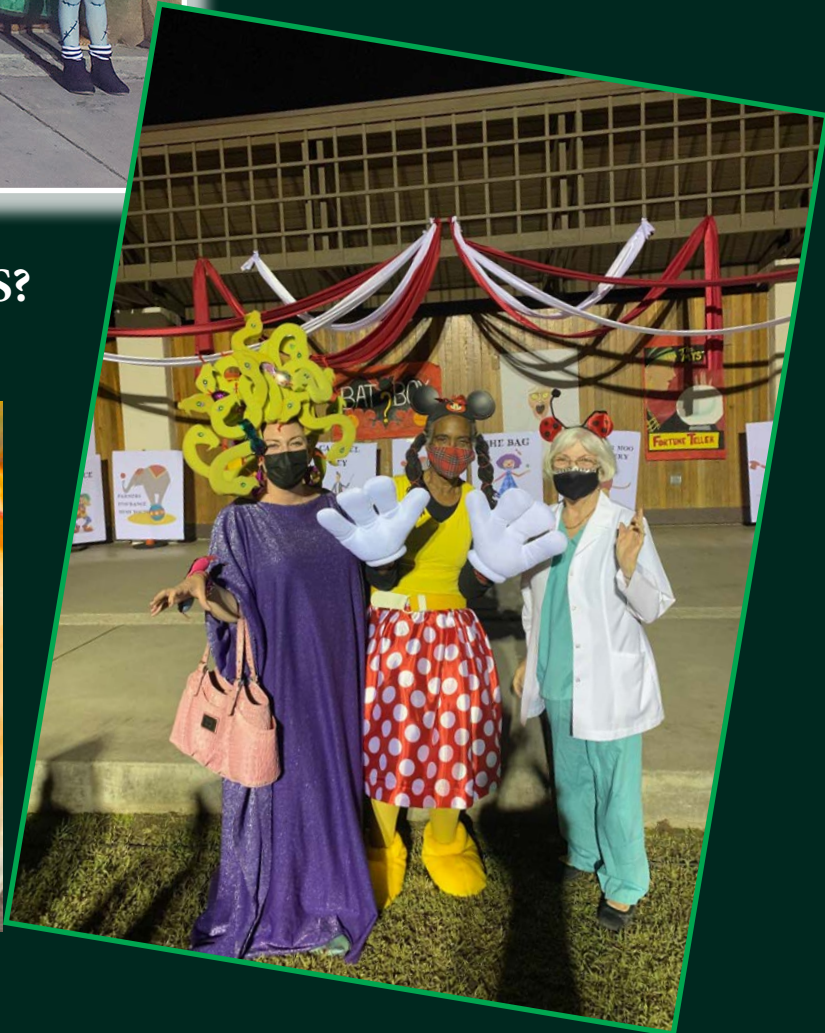
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HONORABLE MENTIONS?



TRAGEDY NARROWLY AVERTED CLOSE CALL FOR A KIND CANINE

Our dog Molly is a major part of my family's life and we love her dearly. She came to us when our close friend and neighbor, Frederick Alfaro passed away 9½ years ago. She first worked her way into our home (which took very little effort on her part as we would never have surrendered her to a shelter), and then went about working her way into our hearts, where she resides and remains forever, the little rascal.

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



Molly is a senior now, about 12 years old, we think. She has had some unique challenges since puppyhood, but with the help of her humans, she has proven to be a trooper in overcoming most of those challenges. There is one thing, however, that we have not completely overcome with Molly and that is her inability to relax in social settings with other dogs.

That is why we are so grateful to have a dog-friend for Molly. His name is Boyd and he is the sweetest, kindest, most loving black lab you could ever hope to meet. Boyd's human is our dear friend, Gerd who happens to be a natural-born dog lover and fabulous pet parent. She's taught me so much about taking care of animals, as she has had many dogs of her own, and she was a pet-sitter herself here in Sierra Madre way before I came along. Indeed, she was a professional pet-nanny before the title even existed!

Boyd is also a senior (13 years old), and he seems to really like Molly, in spite of her ill social skills. Boyd is the ultimate gentleman and host-with-the-most when we visit him and Gerd in his back yard after our Sunday morning walks. Both Gerd and Boyd have become near and dear to me and my family over the years.

A few weeks ago, something very strange happened with Boyd. He went to bed behaving totally normal but when he woke up he was not quite himself. He was unable to stand and walk as usual. Every time he attempted to get up on his feet, he would lean to one side with his head tilted sideward, and just sort of fall over as if he had no control of his legs. It seemed he simply could not stay standing up on his own.

As you can imagine, this threw us all for a real scare! As I tried to go about business 'as usual' that morning, I found it difficult to fight back the tears. I kept picturing moments that Molly and I shared with Gerd and Boyd in the past - funny little gestures that he clearly enjoys exhibiting just to make us laugh. Countless memories that now felt so bittersweet and heavy in my heart emerged like a bubbling fountain. It was hard to stay focused on anything but Boyd and exactly what was going on with him.

Later that day, while sitting on the floor of Gerd's den with both of them, I was petting Boyd and trying my hardest to be an encouraging friend, all the while fighting back those tears and trying not to give in to my own sensitive feelings. Boyd was stoic, as he always is. Not a word was spoken between us regarding what felt like the obvious "elephant in the living room" to me...the fact that this may very well be Boyd's last day on earth. My heart was breaking and though Gerd stayed positive, as she always does, I'm sure her heart was breaking as well.

Gerd had called and made an appointment with Boyd's veterinarian, for the earliest time they had available that afternoon. Meanwhile, she stayed close and did everything a loving pet-parent does to keep their four-legged friend comfortable when they are not at the top of their game. It all felt very touch-and-go.

That evening, after Boyd's vet visit, Gerd called and told me she had very good news! Boyd was not ready to cross that proverbial rainbow after all. He did not have a stroke during the night, nor was he succumbing to any form of fatal heart failure. At last I felt like I could finally exhale! The vet was spot on when he told Gerd that Boyd was suffering from Canine Idiopathic Vestibular Disease, also known as "Old Dog Syndrome". That was the first time I had ever heard of Old Dog Syndrome, although I was somewhat familiar with vestibular issues, having had my own experience with nausea and imbalance after a transcontinental flight several years ago.

So, apparently when a dog (typically an older dog, thus the common name, Old Dog Syndrome), suffers with Vestibular Disease, there is a disturbance within the inner ear and middle ear. There are several scenarios that can lead to an inner ear disturbance, not the least of which is infection. But in Boyd's case there was no infection. His nose was moist and cool, and his temperature felt normal to touch in all those areas on a dog where you would be able to feel a fever if there was one. This was confirmed by the vet later, during their visit.

Ultimately, the vet explained that vestibular disturbances in senior dogs can happen rather randomly when there is no infection. The cause is not always clear. The good news is, it is treatable and much of the time it goes away without a trace! Boyd is doing fantastic today, after taking a simple over-the-counter motion-sickness medication. That was it! As I'm sure you can imagine, Gerd is on cloud nine now, as am I. It was quite a scare, but thanks to a vet who knew what was going on with Boyd and what needed to be done to help him, that kind canine is still loving life enjoying his walks, and bringing joy to all who know him.

If the vet had not known enough to consider the possibility of Boyd having Canine Idiopathic Vestibular Disease, but rather had focused on the possibility of a stroke or heart condition based on his symptoms, the outcome of that visit may have been truly tragic for a senior dog of 13 years. That's why I thought this was a story worth sharing with my pet-loving peers. I hope this article proves valuable to at least one pup parent in the future. I wish you all the best and send big hugs out to the adorable dogs in our community. Love and let live!

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



During the spring of 2020, California was struggling with raging fires that seemed impossible to extinguish. As the forests were burning, Girl Scout Natalya Eastepp considered the role that bees play in pollinating the forests and wondered how long it would take bees to help restore the forests to their original state before the fires.

"This was especially sad to me," explains Eastepp, "because the forest and lake we vacation at caught on fire as we were leaving. I couldn't believe this was happening. I grew up skiing there in the winter and boating on the lake during the summer. The little town of Shaver Lake was evacuating due to raging fires. I couldn't get this out of my head."

Her concern for the environment led her to research the problem and she found that bee species are rapidly becoming endangered. Without bees, all species, including humans, would slowly go extinct because the bees pollinate our food plants.

This led me to researching solutions. Bees popped up on my search. Eventually, I learned bee numbers are declining at an alarming rate and are close to being on the endangered species list.

"As I dove deeper into my research," explains Eastepp, "I learned that bees pollinate every third bite of food we eat. If bees become extinct we become extinct. My emotions started off as concerned and quickly went to panicked! Why weren't people talking about this important issue? This huge issue isn't being taught in the classroom, talked about on the news or the radio. I decided something had to be done."

Eastepp's chose to take action, and created the Community Mason Bee Awareness and Population, the name of her Gold Award project, which is the highest level achievement in Girl Scouts.

GIRL SCOUT NATALYA EASTEPP PROMOTES MASON BEES AND EARNS THE GOLD AWARD



Natalya Eastepp next to one the mason bee nests, mounted atop the 4 x 4 post. She is placing larvae into the plastic tubes secured to the 4 x 4.

larvae to nature centers, parks, and community and surrounding areas.

She began the nest and bee installations on Saturday, March 6th, 2021, and completed it all Saturday, April 17th, 2021.

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loving home, but her owner passed away.

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She chose to focus upon docile mason bee, native to North America, which pollinates some species of plants better than the honeybee.

To pursue this mission, Eastepp then hosted several bee awareness workshops, during which she spoke about the importance of bees and how easy it would be to save them. Eastepp reached out to Torrance Home Depot, who graciously donated Mason Bee nests.

Eastepp then purchased 680 bee larvae from an ethical Mason Bee farmer. Her project involved installing bee nests with universities in her local

Eastepp provided nests to White Point and George F. Canyon (they wanted nests but no bee larvae). At Madrona Marsh Nature Center Native Garden, one nest with 68 bee larvae was installed. At Entradero Park in Torrance, one nest with 68 bee larvae was installed. The South Coast Botanic Garden requested nests containing 100 bee larvae. California State University, Dominguez Hills, received 1 nest with 50 bee larvae. The LA Arboretum in Arcadia received 1 nest that has 50 bee larvae.

Eaton Canyon Natural Area in Pasadena received one nest with 100 bee larvae. Vasquez Rocks received 2 nests containing 100 bee larvae. UCI Arboretum and Herbarium received one nest and 50 bees.

Eastepp's project began in August of 2020, and by the time she was finished, she clocked nearly 350 hours into the project.

She has since also written a children's book about mason bees and has donated over 160 copies to schools, doctors offices, and nature centers. The book is titled "Poppy and Me" with illustrator Eliza Pasha, and can be purchased at Amazon.com. "My hope is to inspire kids and adults to take action and do their part on this important issue. When bees thrive, we thrive," she exclaims enthusiastically.

According to Eastepp, "My goal is to educate as many people as I can on the importance of restoring the ecosystems balance by raising bee awareness and making our world more bee-friendly. After all, saving the bees allows them to thrive and, in turn, saves humanity and our world."



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PUT THE LIGHTS ON

REKIBITZULATION

Outside of my home my major enjoyment consists of long lunches with friends during which we continue to make the same complaints. Earlier this week a friend sat down with me and we spent a couple of hours talking. This man is as Irish and Catholic as they come but I guess because he spent a lot of time in New York his vocabulary includes a number of Yiddish words. Maybe these words have become part of the American or at least coastal American lexicon. You know words like mensch, schmuck, oy ve, bubbe, meshuggeneh, schmate, chutzpah, klutz, kvetch, tuches, and surprisingly kibbitz. If you ask me what any of these words mean your guess is may be as good as mine. Like many Americans, with foreign born or bilingual parents, languages other than English were used in the home but never translated. I repeatedly heard words but could only guess at their meaning or simply ignore them in the way that I ignored the fears that the previous generation had encountered.

I remember becoming very aware of a small part my ignorance when I wrote a letter home from college to my grandmother. This was the person who spent all the time with me before I went to School as my parents were both working long days in our grocery store eponymously named Stuart Food Mart. This was the person who helped me to fold my papers prior to me hopping on my bike too the paper route. This was the person who hid around the corner when I was getting a hair cut in order to make sure I wouldn't be hurt. I hope you get the idea that we were very close but as I began my letter from college I realized that I didn't know her name or much about her life. My sister and I always called her "bube" but I didn't even know how to spell it. I took her love and over-concern for granted. Now I realize I was ignorant and did not understand the reason for her fears.

Really, my understanding of the meaning of Yiddish words and traditions and hopes are very limited. For example I know that being a "mensch" is a good thing. Whatever it means it indicates that you are respected and honored by other people. But is menschood limited to men, are there female mensches? Can one be a mensch to oneself or is it an honor that can only be bestowed and appreciated by other people? Can you be a mensch while you remain willingly ignorant?

A few days ago an Irish friend used the word "kibitz" a couple of times and I wondered what he thought it meant? What do I think it means? I associated the word as a description of people who watch others do things and make snide comments generally intended to annoy. Imagine watching a poker game, not being part of it or even understanding the rules but just making comments to criticize and annoy other people with no real consequences. All in good fun,

I have coined the word "rekibitzing" to describe what my friends and I have been doing for much of our lives. We spent a lot of time complaining about governmental incompetence, deceptive behavior, cronyism, inadequate educations and continuing outrageously expensive medical care. I have voiced all of my opinions many times and have not made any changes in my personal behavior. It is as if I am watching the world as if it is a poker game that I am not playing. I am free to say whatever I want but it makes no difference and the game goes on without me. I want freedom, equality, living wages for everyone, gender equality, and a decent education. I want there to be no poverty or homelessness. I want guns not to be floating around everywhere and I want to feel safe and secure. I want the quality of life to not be determined by where one is born or the color of one's skin. Frankly, I'd be happier if everyone drove around in electric golf carts and bicycles. I want that drastic action immediately be taken to stop carbon pollution and that safe water and clean air be our birthright.

I agree that the way to make positive changes is not through complacent ignorance and inaction; but, like many of you, I wonder if it's not already too late. Has our entire generation done nothing besides kibitzing and rekibitzing. For now, at least keep the lights on, maybe we'll think of something.

TOM PURCELL A GOOD MONTH TO GROW A BEARD



November has arrived and things are going to really get hairy now.

Every November, two charitable organizations I like, Movember and No-Shave November, raise funds by encouraging people to not cut or shave their hair.

Movember began in Australia in 2003 when two friends joked about bringing back the moustache (or "mo") as a male fashion trend.

Inspired by a friend's mother who was fundraising for breast cancer, they decided to create a Movember campaign in which men grow moustaches to raise funds for men's health and prostate cancer.

No-Shave November "is a month-long journey during which participants forgo shaving and grooming in order to evoke conversation and raise cancer awareness," according to the organization's website.

It was formalized in 2009, after Matthew Hill passed away from colon cancer and his eight children created the charitable organization to raise funds for cancer research.

Both organizations have made November a very fun month as people share photos of their thickening facial hair on social media.

I've grown a goatee a few times over the years, but never went full beard until covid turned half the country into homebodies.

Not having to shave every morning was a gift from the heavens.

But an unexpected benefit of sporting a thick, graying beard was that strangers finally give me some respect — as though I am a college professor or some kind of dignitary.

Bearded, I look like the type of fellow who would never default on a bank loan or who can explain how the Federal Reserve works.

(I have no idea how the Federal Reserve works. However, to my credit, neither does the Federal Reserve.)

I'm a big fan of the beard and both charities but there are always going to be those who rain on our parade.

In 2019 a spate of beard-bacteria stories hit the news with headlines like this one in the Daily Mail UK:

"Men with beards carry more germs than DOGS with deadly bacteria in their facial hair, study reveals."

I wonder if that study included dogs with beards.

In any event, some previous beard studies found differing conclusions.

Medical Daily reported in 2016 that beards may actually help fight infection — and that even if a beard were to trap some bacteria all a fellow needs to do is wash it on a regular basis.

Which brings us to the war against covid and our biggest anti-beard crusader, our beloved federal government.

"Certain types of facial hair, like beards, can make mask-fitting difficult," according to the CDC. "To have a better fit, people with beards can shave their beards or trim their beards close to the face."

The CDC goes into painstaking bureaucratic detail to explain which of 46 beard styles are medically acceptable, reports CNN.

Most beard styles are frowned upon, but a few, such as the "toothbrush" — the small moustache made famous by a certain Nazi dictator — get the CDC's thumbs up.

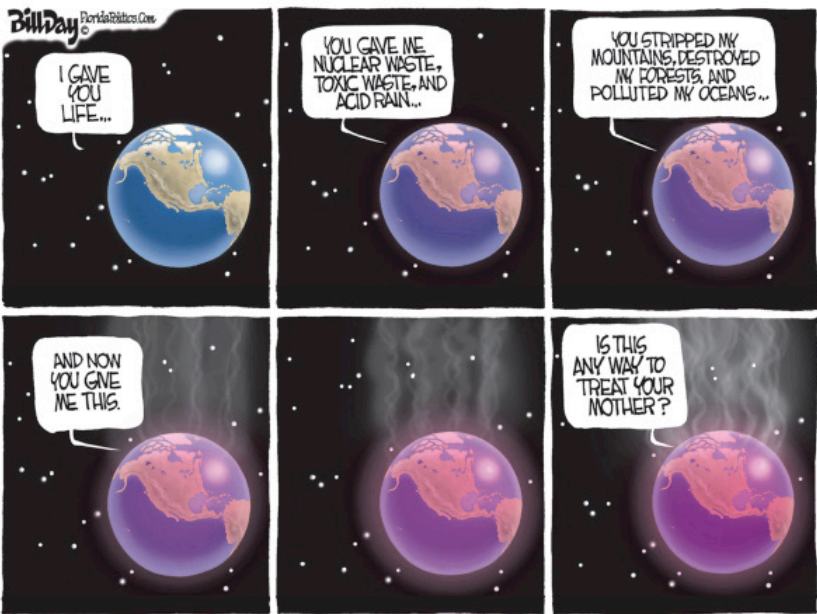
That makes sense, I guess, since top-down, big-government socialism is becoming popular of late.

Anyhow, with all the mixed covid messages government public health experts have given us the past year and a half, I'm not sure what guidance to follow anymore.

I do know this:

If our health experts want us to trust their guidance more, maybe they ought to grow dignified beards.

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RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH CARBON DATING



A friend asked me to write a column on dating. I'm fairly certain, in my case, it should be called carbon dating. Undoubtedly most of you know that's how they date old things up to 40,000 years. Some days I feel about 40,000.

Let me categorically state that I am not, and I mean NOT even remotely qualified to discuss this issue. If I share my thoughts on the subject of dating I qualify as an ultracrepidarian. What is an ultracrepidarian? It means, "one who speaks above his knowledge, experience or expertise." Though we may not have known what ultracrepidarian means, we certainly see it in practice day in and day out... particularly rattling through local blogs.

But I digress. Since I am a man (well a male anyway), I will attempt to improve men's understanding of women. The following is a short primer on what women really mean when they say something. (Guys, you might want to cut this out and put it near the remote control for access during commercial breaks.)

When women say:

"Do what you want"	it means "You'll pay for this later"
"I'm not upset"	it means "Of course I'm upset you moron"
"Do you love me"	it means "I want something expensive"
"We need"	it means "I need"
"Sure, go ahead"	it means "I don't want you to"
"Are you listening"	it means "Too late, you're dead"
"I want new curtains"	it means "and carpeting, furniture..."
"Is my butt fat"	it means "Tell me I'm beautiful"
"The kitchen is small"	it means "I want a new house"
"Yes"	it means "No"
"No"	it means "No"
"Maybe"	it means "No"
If you detect displeasure and ask her, "What's wrong?"	
"The same old thing"	means "Nothing"
"Nothing"	means "Everything"
"Everything"	means "You"
"Nothing really"	means "You're a jerk"

Finally, in response to Dr. John Gray's book, "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus" let me tell you why I think women are like cats and men are like dogs

Cats do what they want
Cats rarely listen to you
Cats are totally unpredictable

When you want to play, cats want to be alone
When you want to be alone, cats want to play

Cats drive you nuts, and cost an arm and a leg
Cats expect you to cater to their every whim
Cats leave hair everywhere
Cats are moody

Dogs lie around all day sprawled on a cozy chair or sofa
Dogs can hear a can of food being opened from half a block away, but don't hear you when you're in the same room.
Dogs look dumb and lovable at the same time
When you want to play, dogs want to play
When you want to be alone, dogs want to play
Dogs are great at begging
Dogs love you forever if you rub their tummies

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There, I hope my advice and suggestions help. I'm sure they will do something.

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695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

**\$20 Donation at the Door
GREAT PRIZES!**

Pizza, Sodas, and Water Available

All donations help us build the float

**Wild or Mild -
This Is Not Your
Grandmother's
BINGO!**

YOU MUST BE VACCINATED TO ATTEND

All patrons will be required to **show their vaccination card** or mobile vaccination record in order to enter.

Patrons must wear their **masks at all times**, except while actively eating or drinking.

Thank you for helping us have a safe environment for our fundraiser.

[For more information, visit SierraMadreRoseFloat.org](http://SierraMadreRoseFloat.org)

VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SIERRA MADRE SALUTES OUR NATION'S VETERANS

WITH A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE STUDENTS
OF SIERRA MADRE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Presented by our Special Guest
STEVEN FORD
Historian, Educator

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021
8:20am FOR A **webex** MEETING

STEPHEN FORD grew up in Grand Island, Nebraska where he participated in sports, speech, debate and his church youth group. Steve married his high school sweetheart, Ginny, after attending the University of Nebraska in 1987.

Steve began teaching Special Education at San Marino High School in 1990, eventually transitioning to teaching U.S. and World History. Steve has served in several capacities at the school including assistant football coach under Bill Maloney and Kevin Hall, a negotiator for the San Marino Teachers Association, member of the School Safety committee and on several hiring panels for school administrators. Steve was awarded Most Inspirational Teacher in 2007, San Marino School District's Teacher of the Year in 2017-18, and the San Marino Masonic Lodge Teacher of the Year for 2018.

Steve's faith, love of history and the principles which guided the foundation of our great country provide encouragement for the hope of future engagement of the younger generation with our nation's past.

Join us virtually with **webex**.
email dalle@redstonecre.com for link.

Rotary
Club of Sierra Madre



CHERYL BARNES BAND

LIVE AT NANO CAFE

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

6:30-9:30 pm

322 W Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre

Reservations Recommended!!! 626-325-3334

Ask for RAY...Tell them your coming for the BAND!!

NO COVER GREAT FOOD AND DRINK

LEO NOBRE
SANDRO FELICIANO
PHIL CABASSO AND
CHERYL BARNES



TAKE A WALK THROUGH HISTORY AND HONOR SIERRA MADRE VETERANS!

Thursday, November 11, 2021

9:00 am until 5 pm



This is a 'walk & learn' exhibit. Come at any time during the day and learn about your neighbors, past and present!



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