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Average Sq. Ft.	2,027	2,026
Avg. Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$624	\$726

Condo/Townhomes

	2020	2021
Total # Sold:	16	21
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SANTA ANA WINDS WREC HAVOC IN SIERRA MADRE

It's been slightly over 10 years since the last windstorm hit Sierra Madre but on Friday evening the winds struck again. Dozens of trees were felled by winds and considerable property damage resulted. Fortunately, at press time according to Sgt. Luis Castello of the SMPD, no injuries have been reported.

Unlike the previous wind event, there has not been any prolonged power outage either. A gas line at Bethany Church was compromised by an uprooted tree. So Cal Gas dispatched a crew to address the problem immediately.

The Sierra Madre Police, Fire and Public Works departments are working around the clock to remove debris throughout the city. In an alert sent out by SMPD, "....multiple trees are downed throughout the city. Some of the affected streets include Oak Crest, Chaparral and Baldwin along with multiple other streets. Residents are asked to place branches and palm fronds as close to the curb as possible so as to avoid obstructing roadways for emergency vehicles."

By mid afternoon Saturday, the winds had calmed down, however the National Weather Service issued the following: WIND ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 2 PM PST SUNDAY...

* WHAT Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph. Strongest near the foothills.

* WHERE...San Gabriel Valley.

* IMPACTS...Gusty winds will blow around unsecured objects and make driving difficult, especially for high profile vehicles.

Tree limbs could be blown down and a few power outages may result. Strongest near the foothills.

* WHERE...San Gabriel Valley.



One resident posted this photo of a fallen Chinese Elm Tree that is estimated to be more than 50 years old.

TO REPORT DAMAGE OR IF YOU NEED HELP CONTACT SMPD OR SMFD AT 626-355-1414

THE MEADOWS AT BAILEY CANYON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SUBMITTED

The much anticipated 'Final' Environmental Impact Report has been submitted and posted on the city's website. The document, which must be approved by both the Sierra Madre Planning Commission and City Council appears to move the project a step closer to its goal of building 42 new homes on North Sunnyside.

The report has raised the ire of opponents of the project with allegations that the city was not transparent and did not adhere to the previously announced timeline given the public. Announcement of receipt of the 'final' EIR was posted on social media. The complete document is available on the

city's website.

City Manager Jose Reynoso in a telephonic interview after the document was made public, indicated that there would indeed be multiple opportunities for the public to comment on the report prior to review by Planning and the Council. Reynoso confirmed that the city's commitment to transparency had not changed. In fact he noted that a letter announcing the report was sent to every household in Sierra Madre despite the stated legal requirement that the city only notify households within 300 feet of the project. Reynoso felt that by sending the letter to the entire town, all residents would benefit

from knowing what the status of the project was and the content of the EIR.

However, members of the two most vocal groups against the project, Preserve Sierra Madre and the Stop The Monastery group are skeptical that procedures are being followed and promises made by the city are being kept. (See related articles/letter on page 3).

Another bone of contention is the recent change in procedures that no longer allows communications from residents who submit comments via email to be read aloud at the council meetings. This became especially important since public access to council meetings

has been suspended for at least 30 days. According to Mayor Goss, that change was made in an effort to better manage the council meeting length. The submissions however, are posted prior to the meeting for council members to read.

The public may also read those comments online by going to the City's website under Agendas & Minutes - Sierra Madre (cityof-sierramadre.com). Public Comments can now be reviewed at the same location on the website where council agendas, minutes and videos are posted.

S. Henderson/MVNews

SIERRA MADRE POLICE ARREST A TRIO FOR POSSESSION OF DRUGS, A SAWED OFF CATALYTIC CONVERTER AND BURGLARY TOOLS



On January 17, 2022, officers from the Sierra Madre Police Department made a routine traffic stop for a vehicle code violation only to find the driver and passengers in possession of drugs, a sawed off catalytic converter and power tools commonly used in converter thefts. Arrested were Jorge Ballesteros, 41 from Los Angeles, Nathanael Reyes 26, from El Monte, and Mayra Medrano 33, from Los Angeles for possession of the illegal items. All three, according to the LA County Sheriff's Department records, have had multiple arrests between 2019 and 2022. In fact, Ballesteros was sentenced in January, 2020 to four years in State Prison. His record indicates that he is on probation and with this arrest is currently on a no bail status. Mayra Medrano also has multiple arrests including one as recent as December 29, 2021. Bail was not set at press time for Medrano and Reyes.

The theft of catalytic converters have increased by 400% between 2019 and 2020. Such thefts have also been reported in Sierra Madre. At press time, information was not available as to whether or not the stolen converter was taken from a Sierra Madre resident.

Speaking of Catalytic Converters Why Are They Being Stolen?

Catalytic converters are an essential part vehicles, designed to reduce the pollutants and toxic gas your emissions system produces. It uses precious metals like platinum, rhodium, and palladium to complete this process. People have been stealing catalytic converters to sell these metals for scraps. Thieves can fetch as much as \$700 or more per converter from unscrupulous scrap yards.

It takes just a few minutes for a thief to saw the catalytic converter out of your car and leave you with thousands of dollars in damage.

How will you know if your converter has been stolen? NOISE!

The first sign of a stolen catalytic converter is incredibly loud vehicle noises. You will find that when driving without your catalytic converter, it will sound like your vehicle is roaring—especially when starting or giving it gas.

ROUGH DRIVING AND ACCELERATION
As your exhaust goes unregulated, your vehicle will drive more roughly. Your engine usually forces your exhaust through your catalytic converter. Without this component in place, this forceful exhaust push will lead to jarring, uneven acceleration.

HARMFUL CAR EMISSIONS

Without this component, your vehicle will no longer be filtering and re-

ducing harmful emissions, including hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide. Not only is this bad for the environment, but it can also lead to harmfully poor air quality. When you park in your garage, for example, these toxic pollutants can find their way into your home.

ANNUAL VEHICLE INSPECTION FAILURE

And it is guarantee that without that converter, you will not pass the California Vehicle inspection required to register your car.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

According to the SMPD, after-market components such as a CAT Clamp and Cat Security device, can be purchased to make the catalytic converters difficult to steal. As a precaution, should you have your vehicle identification number (VIN) etched on the converter it will help in the apprehension of those who steal and/or market your property.

The Sierra Madre Police Dept. wants to remind residents to park their vehicles in a garage, or in well-lit areas. Residents are also asked to watch for double-parked vehicles.

REMEMBER: IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

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THE MEADOWS AT BAILEY CANYON

The Meadows at Bailey Canyon in Sierra Madre is a proposed plan to permanently protect open space, preserve the Monastery, provide a new park with direct connection to Bailey Canyon — all while creating the most sustainable single-family community in our City's history.



Map of the proposed plan for The Meadows at Bailey Canyon.

Protect Open Space

Permanently dedicating more than 30 acres of open space for wildlife will help expand the protection of natural lands on the City's northern boundary.

Preserve the Monastery

The historic buildings will continue to be an iconic landmark and home to Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center and its ministries.

Provide a New Park

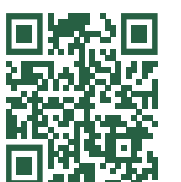
A new 3-acre public park, tucked in next to Bailey Canyon, will provide a place to relax, meet neighbors for a walk or journey through a meditative labyrinth.



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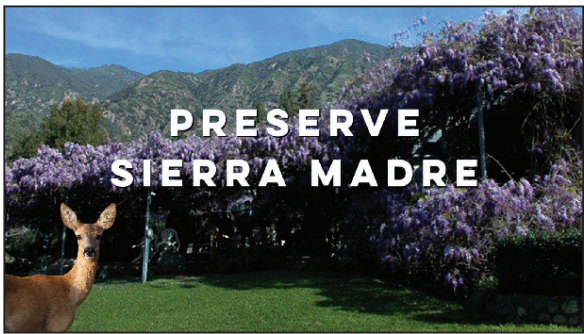
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THE SILENCE IS DEAFENING

We at Preserve Sierra Madre have tried to keep you up to date on what is happening in town, not only on the potential sale and building of 42 large homes on the Retreat Center property (a/k/a The Meadows), but also what is happening around town, at City Hall, and with our elected City Council members. Our last column was about the misinformation the City Managers (first Gabe Engeland, then Jose Reynoso) and Director of Planning and Development Vincent Gonzalez passed on to us – once the Meadows Environmental Impact Report comes out, that by State law there will be a limit of only five meetings for residents to learn the facts as they see it, and state our opinions.

One of our Steering Committee members asked when a Town Hall type meeting could be scheduled. She got the response from Director Gonzales, “We are working on coordinating with City Council.” That was over two weeks ago. Another Steering Committee member requested new Mayor Gene Goss put discussion of said Town Hall meeting on the Agenda during City Council’s first meeting, January 11 so discussion can take place about its timing in the review process. We believe that a Town Hall meeting after the EIR is released is a critical part of this process. We learned on Tuesday, the 18, that the EIR has just been released – the EIR that was according to Staff would come out mid February. We were informed that the EIR is listed on the City website under “Transparency,” an oxymoron if there ever was one! Where in the world is the Transparency heading on the website?

Not a word from Mayor Goss until the release of the EIR on Tuesday afternoon. He responded that he saw no reason why we need any more public meetings other than those that have already been scheduled. Really, Mayor Goss? When, pray tell, are those public meetings to be?

With Covid cases increasing, we were not in attendance (as well as one Council member) to ask for this. Now City Hall is closed because of the surging pandemic. Even worse, at the first City Council meeting of the year, City Clerk Laura Aguilar announced that ‘emails sent to the Council will no longer be read. Instead they will be posted on the City website’. That is the difficult to navigate website. In other words, once again the residents’ voices are, if not silenced, then muted. Gary Hood, the only resident in attendance, eloquently stated what a mistake this will be. We are older as a town, many residents don’t even have computers and rely on the old fashioned method of watching City Council and Planning Commission meetings on TV to stay informed as to what is going on in town, especially during Covid.

Another Steering Committee member emailed each Council member separately to inform them of how distressing this is, and what are they thinking?

Reviewing what has happened in the last year and a half to stifle resident participation in the middle of a never-ending pandemic:

1. July, 2020 – City Council reduced the number of Planning Commissioners from 7 to 5.
2. October, 2020 – City Council stripped the design review duties from the Planning Commission and gave it to staff-- thereby ensuring no transparency during review of “remodels” and new housing projects would be couched in secrecy.
3. May, 2020 – It was brought to Council’s attention by a resident that there were two remodels to be discussed within 300 feet of her residence, and she had no way to discover what was happening, except by requesting information from staff over and over – transparency was gone.
4. August, 2021 – Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the change in the General Plan and the Draft Environmental Report for the Meadows project came out simultaneously –4331 pages for non-professional residents to read, digest, and submit our concerns, rebuttals and questions.
5. October, November, December, 2021, January, 2022 – Request for a Town Hall type meeting ignored or denied. We are still held to only three minutes on the dot of speaking before City Council. We wonder if the Council members actually read the Draft Environmental Impact Report and our comments. Preserve Sierra Madre’s comments were 24 pages, compiled over three months of hard work. There were another 90 or so emails sent in.
6. January, 2022 - Our voices via emails during a surging Omicron pandemic, stifled.

If you are concerned about the stifling of our resident voices, please contact your elected City Council members:

Mayor Gene Goss: ggoss@cityofsierramadre.com

Mayor Pro Tem Ed Garcia: egarcia@cityofsierramadre.com

Councilmember Rachele Arizmendi: rarizmendi@cityofsierramadre.com

Councilmember Kelly Kriebbs: kkriebbs@cityofsierramadre.com

Councilmember Robert Parkhurst: rparkhurst@cityofsierramadre.com

At this writing we don’t know what form the January 25th City Council meeting will be – hybrid or totally via zoom. Please watch even if your voice has been silenced.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The City staff of Sierra Madre and the City Council have promised transparency in our local government. Mistrust of government at all levels has increased exponentially the last several years, and our fair City of Sierra Madre has added to this. Sierra Madre has failed to inform us of SB 9 and SB 10 and took no action. Now we feel the City is not being forthright about the zone change request from the Monastery/Retreat Center.

The Fathers of Mater Dolorosa, in far off Chicago, have instructed it necessary for our local priests at the Monastery, in the northwest corner of town sell off 20 acres of their property to a Santa Monica based development company, New Urban West, which plans on building 42 large homes (4000 sq ft). If you live in Sierra Madre, you have undoubtedly received several post cards touting all the wonderful enhancements that will happen in our city once it is built.

What has prompted me to write today is the appearance of complicity by the City. First, the Draft Environmental Impact Report came out in August, at the same time as the Supplemental Impact Report to change parts of our General Plan (the “Constitution of the City”). 4331 pages in all! Many people studied both, came up with reservations and rebuttals to both, but the EIR for the change to the General Plan did not address these issues in any meaningful way.

Residents were told over and over once the EIR was published for the Monastery property, there would be only five meetings allowed to discuss it (2 before the Planning Commission, two before City Council, and one additional). City Staff said at the last City Council meeting emails to City Hall would no longer be read, but would be put on the website. If you’ve tried to navigate the website, you know how difficult it is. Mayor Goss said this was to shorten the meetings. Shorten the meetings? During the surge of a deadly disease? “Transparency”?

Now the EIR is out – an entire month before residents were assured it would be mid February. Omicron is raging, and expected to lessen in a month. To add insult to injury, it is published on the website under “Transparency.” Try to find it!

Deb Sheridan. Sierra Madre Resident

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

“Christmas: The only time of year you can sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of a sock!”

“Why are pine trees bad at sewing? They always drop their needles!”

“All Christmas trees are beautiful...until it’s the end of January. And then they’re not.”

No, dear friends and neighbors, I’ve not gone completely ‘round the bend just yet. All my Christmas stuff is put away and I’m sure yours is, too; but I came across this fantastic article about recycling Christmas trees and needed to share it with you. We all sort of hate to see our tree that was so gorgeous when we bought it a couple of weeks before Christmas...kicked to the curb waiting for the Athens truck to come by, pick it up and leave only a pile of dry needles in the gutter. Especially when these gorgeous things are now costing as much as a really good prime rib dinner for four!



However, Arizona and, I hope, lots of other places, have come up with a solution. These discarded Christmas trees will become much-needed fish habitat for the Saguaro Lake reservoir. Trees were dropped in six locations where the lake floor was barren. Cement cinder blocks tied to the base of each tree ensured they would sink to the bottom of the lake. Spruce, fir and pine will create nooks and crevices for the many fish that live in the reservoir, adding structure to their environment. The trees will also create a refuge for smaller fish and plankton, creating an entirely new ecosystem. Isn’t this great!

For fish to thrive, they need structural habitat throughout the lake. These trees will help maintain an environment that fosters growth. Reading about this recycling project to protect and encourage a strong fish habitat brought to mind one of my best friends ever, Roger Larocque, who is now doing his fishing in heaven. Roger loved fishing for bass. Was a tournament and championship winner and had the most beautiful bass boat ever seen by anyone. Roger fished all the Southern California lakes and had a special catch and release technique to ensure that the enormous beauties he caught were fine when they were back in the water. Roger would walk the fish in the water to be sure they were functioning properly again before he let them go. I think the fish knew it was Roger in the boat and didn’t mind being caught as they got the equivalent of a massage and a facial before he left them.

As I looked further into recycling Christmas trees, I discovered that there are all sorts of good things that can happen to them.

You can leave your tree as is for a bird feeder. Put it out in your garden and string orange slices or popcorn on it and birds will be attracted and sit in the branches for shelter.

You can start a new compost pile. A thin layer of evergreen branches makes a sound base for a new compost pile as the branches allow for air flow.

Some communities use Christmas trees to make effective sand and soil erosion barriers, especially for lake and river shoreline stabilization.

Sunk into fish ponds, trees make an excellent protective nursery where smaller fish can take refuge, as we mentioned above.

Some areas use shredded trees as free, renewable and natural path materials that help the environment and meet the needs of hikers. Who knew!!

The New York City Parks Department has an annual event dedicated to “tree-cycling” Christmas trees. This program offers 74 drop-off points across the city and they typically welcome 25,000 to 30,000 trees each season, which are ground into mulch!!

I feel like the Mountain Views News’ own Christopher Nyerges, talking about improving the environment. If you haven’t read his column in last week’s News, btw, about his custom of birthday runs, take a minute and read it. If you haven’t kept your paper, it’s online: www.mtnviewsnews.com on Page 8. Good use of the time. His views on money and relationships are well worth thinking about.

I’ve ordered “The Midnight Library” by Matt Haig, Sierra Madre’s One Book, One City selection for February. After reading the following how could I not!!

“Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?”

Can’t wait to get started! Have a great week, friends and neighbors, and keep posting those amazing pictures of the sunrises and sunsets that have been such a joy to see the last week or so.

“At the end of the day, all you need is hope and strength. Hope that it will get better, and strength to hold on until it does.”

“Hope is the only thing stronger than fear.”

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As part of the Sierra Madre Cares effort, the City Council recently approved the COVID-19 Nonprofit Grant Program. Utilizing \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, Sierra Madre nonprofit organizations will be able to apply for up to \$50,000 in grant funding. The purpose of this program is to provide immediate financial support to organizations that have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to implement COVID-19 prevention or mitigation tactics.

Grant applications and guidelines will be available online Monday, January 10 at 12pm. Visit www.cityofsierramadre.com/cares for more information.

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Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

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Fri:	Ptly Cldy	Hi	70s	Lows	40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 25, 2022
5:30 pm

**THIS MEETING WILL NOT
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 foothillsmidia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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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.

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Police Release 911 Call in Arrest of Murder Suspect

Pasadena police arrested a man Wednesday for the high profile random stabbing of a furniture store worker in Hancock Park late last week. The arrest came after numerous calls to 911 reported seeing the suspect in Old Pasadena.

Police released audio Thursday of one of the calls, "I'm in Pasadena, currently, he just walked past the corner of Green [Street] and Terrace [Drive], in Pasadena," the caller said. "He has a black hoodie on, he has sweet pants and he has a black backpack very similar to the one in the images."

At the time of the sighting, a reward for information on the whereabouts of the murder suspect, identified as Shawn Smith, had grown to \$250,000. Police had released photos of Smith to the public Tuesday.

Police arrested Smith on a street bench without incident around 11:50 a.m. near Fair Oaks Ave. and Colorado Blvd.

According to police, Smith allegedly entered the furniture store Croft House in Hancock Park Jan. 13 and stabbed Brianna Kupfer to death. Kupfer was found around 2 p.m. unresponsive by a customer.

Kupfer was a 24-year-old UCLA graduate student.

Police said they still do not have a motive for the attack.

Smith was being held by the Los Angeles Police Department on \$2 million bail.

Police Arrest Suspect in Shooting of 15-year-old

Pasadena police confirmed Wednesday that they had arrested a suspect in connection to a shooting in North West Pasadena Tuesday that left a 15-year-old in critical condition.

No other information about the suspect or victim was given.

According to police, the teenager was shoot riding as a passenger in a vehicle around 3 p.m. near Los Robles Avenue and Penn Street. The driver found firefighters up the street on Los Robles Ave. on an unrelated call and was able to get help.

The teenager was taken to a nearby hospital in critical condition.

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TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT, 2023 THEME

The 2023 Rose Parade poster will be created through a design contest.

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Board of Directors announced Thursday that Amy Wainscott has been confirmed as President and Chairman of the Board for the 2023 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association. She will lead the 134th Rose Parade and 109th Rose Bowl Game on Monday, January 2, 2023.

According to officials, Wainscott has served as chair on various volunteer committees, including the first woman to chair Parade Operations; she leads the organization as the fourth female President of the Association.

As tradition, Wainscott's announced the 2023 Rose Parade theme, "Turning The Corner."

Traditionally, the President unveils a poster when the theme is announced. This year, Wainscott did not reveal a poster but instead revealed that the 2023 Rose Parade poster will be created through a design contest. All are encouraged to apply, the contest began Friday, and is open to everyone – young artists, students, past parade participants, international fans – all submissions will be accepted.

"The 2023 theme celebrates turning a corner. Whether that corner is actual or figurative like the unlimited potential that each new year brings—we all enjoy the opportunity of a fresh start," explained Wainscott. "Turning a corner means rising above – alone, or with family, friends and



Amy Wainscott

community. This year, as we turn the corner together, we share in the hope, beauty and joy of what 2023 will bring." Artwork winners will be used on the official 2023 Rose Parade Poster, as well as in various other forms of event promotion.

To submit a design for consideration, email it to marketing@tournamentofroses.com. Your email should include:

Subject Line: 2023 Poster contest
Your full name
A contact phone number
Your city of residence
If a student, please include your school
Submission attachment in

the form of a PDF
For official contest rules, visit tournamentofroses.com/2023postercontest.
Entries due by Monday, February 21.

Caltech Astronomy on Tap

"Don't Look Up" and "Astronomy without Astronomers"
Online live Monday 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Join Amy Mainzer, Professor, Lunar and Planetary Lab, University of Arizona And Dmitry Duev, Software Engineer, Weights and Biases

Topic: How do scientists discover space objects that might impact Earth, and can they be identified using machine learning techniques? Join us Monday, January 24th at 7:30PM PST for an evening of astronomy as we discuss potentially hazardous asteroids and the future of doing astronomy with machine learning techniques. We'll host two ~15 minute talks, Q&A, and then follow it up with interactive, astronomical pub trivia. Bring a drink!

Join the YouTube Livestream at: youtu.be/Gj-Z5UtpfME
7:30 p.m. - Don't Look Up: The Science of Near-Earth Objects
8:00 p.m. - Astronomy without Astronomers
8:30 p.m. - Astro-themed Pub Trivia

Astronomy on Tap is a nationwide phenomenon where professional astronomers give informal science talks in local bars with accompanying pub trivia and interactions with the public. Scientists at Caltech organize the Los Angeles Chapter of Astronomy on Tap one Monday a month.

Each event consists of two ~15-minute informal science talks given by researchers in astronomy, physics, and space science followed by Q&A. The second half of the night is devoted to astronomy-themed pub trivia with lots of interaction with the audience.

For more information, please contact Cameron Hummels by email at chummels@caltech.edu.

Five Acres Names Co-Chairs for 2022 Gala



Five Acres, a Southern California children's foster care agency, announced Wednesday that long-time supporters, Nicole Rasic and Trish Gonzales (pictured), will co-chair Five Acres 2022 fundraising gala. Inspired by the hopes and dreams of many of the agency's children who are in foster care, this year's theme will be "Starry Starry Night: Five Acres Annual Gala."

As one of its two largest fundraising events of the year, this is Five Acres' first major gala since before the pandemic. This year's gala, which will be held on Saturday, May 14, will take place outdoors on the sprawling property of a historic Pasadena estate. To go along with the "Starry Starry Night" theme, tall hedges will be draped with twinkling lights, glowing lanterns will float in the pool, and children's wishes on stars will greet guests as they enter the property to the evening's festivities. The catering will be provided by Three Sisters Catering of South Pasadena and all guests will enjoy an evening with gourmet food, cocktails, live entertainment and auction.

"The theme 'Starry Starry Night' is our community's biggest opportunity to help make the children and families of Five Acres wishes come true. We all need to show up to ensure these children know they can still believe and hope in their dreams and wish upon the stars," said Gonzales. "We really want this year's Gala to be the best."

"It is definitely a fun and glamorous event. It's one of the highlights of my year," said Rasic. "Having to cancel the past two galas, we are especially looking forward to gathering again and supporting all that Five Acres does for the kids and our community. Over the past two years, Five Acres has faced countless hurdles, navigating through the pandemic and maneuvering to meet new federal mandates, that the need is more urgent than ever."

Rasic and Gonzales met years ago through a mutual friend. Nicole invited Trish to be her guest at Five Acres' gala and the rest is history. Owner of Ramsgate Floral Design in Culver City, Rasic began volunteering with Five Acres in high school in the 1990s. Six years ago, she became involved again as a committee member, Gala sponsor, and now as a co-chair.

Gonzales, who is a Sr. Account Manager for Newfi Lending, also comes from a large family and became involved with Five Acres with the hopes of helping these children find the same love and support she received from her family.

"As longtime friends, Trish and I are excited to chair this amazing gala 'Starry Starry Night', and you can be sure that we will bring the fun with our great committee!" said Gonzales. "It's an honor to be involved with this charitable organization with people who really care. They are there to support the kids in any capacity, and I am in awe of what they are able to accomplish. I hope we can raise lots of funds this year and grant these children their well-deserved wishes."

Sponsorship opportunities are available at: 5acres.org/ or individuals can call Brandon Ito, associate director of development, at 626-390-8453 or email brito@5acres.org. Tickets for "Starry Starry Night" will go on sale in March. For more event information and updates, visit <https://5acres.org/>. Five Acres will follow all public health guidelines associated with operating an outdoor fundraising gala event.

South Pasadena Hires New Deputy City Manager

The City of South Pasadena announced the hiring last week of Deputy City Manager, Domenica Megerdichian (pictured).

Megerdichian is experienced and skilled in city leadership and management, land management, grant writing, contracts negotiations and management, strategic planning, community and economic development, community outreach and engagement, special projects and citywide events. Megerdichian brings a dynamic, proactive, team-oriented and solutions based approach to her work and to the agency.

Megerdichian has worked for four Los Angeles-area municipalities. She most recently served as the Economic Development Manager at the City of San Gabriel, where she focused on business service, attraction and retention to stabilize and grow the local economy during COVID-19. At the City of Torrance, she served as the Management Associate and oversaw land management, focused on economic development efforts and served as liaison to the City's Social Services Commission,



Homeless Task Force, and lead the interdepartmental Economic Development team. Domenica has previously worked for the Cities of Glendale and West Hollywood in City Clerks Elections and City Council support roles while pursuing her graduate degrees.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley in Media Studies and Social Anthropology, a Master's degree in Public Administration with a focus on Public Sector Leadership and Management from California State University, Northridge, and a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning with a focus on Community and Economic Development from California Polytechnic University, Pomona.

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Senate Bill 851 Expands Financial Support for Low-income College Students

State Senator Anthony Portantino introduced Senate Bill 851, Tuesday, a measure that strengthens and expands financial support for low-income college students who choose to attend independent, nonprofit California colleges and universities.

“SB 851 will help California prepare and educate our workforce, help close the equity gap among our student population and restore the envisioned role that independent colleges and universities play in serving diverse student bodies,” stated Senator Portantino. “It will also remove arbitrary limits on student access to higher education and provide broad equal opportunity for students to thrive at institutions of higher education across California.”

Under existing law, low-income California students are excluded from several parts of the Cal Grant program if they attend an independent California college or university (ICCU), including the supplemental \$6,000 award for students with dependent children, the supplemental \$6,000 award for current and former foster youth, and the ability to utilize their California Community College Transfer Entitlement award.

SB 851 strengthens and expands the state’s support of low-income college students who choose to attend an ICCU by restructuring the existing framework for Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) admit targets and Cal Grant award amounts to provide a pathway to future award growth for students. It also expands eligibility for supplemental Cal Grant support to student parents and foster youth who attend an ICCU and the California Community College Entitlement Program to allow newly eligible transfer students to use their remaining Cal Grant eligibility at an ICCU.

The changes reflected in SB 851 will improve affordability for low-income students, remove artificial barriers to supplemental support, and eliminate discrepancies on how foster students, parents, and community college transfer students are treated under the Cal Grant program if they choose to attend an independent college or university. The bill also addresses the need to restructure the Associate Degree for Transfer targets that are used to set the Cal Grant award amounts for students attending ICCUs by establishing more appropriate metrics. The existing targets were made based on several factors including enrollment targets that did not take into account declining enrollment.

“It’s been too long since Cal Grant students at nonprofit colleges and universities had access to a strong and stable award amount, as their peers at the UC or CSU do,” commented Kristen Soares, President of Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU). . Our Cal Grant students confront the very same challenges as their peers at the public universities and deserve access to the Cal Grant benefits adopted by the state. The Cal Grant is a change-maker in the lives of students and SB 851 will ensure that all California students—no matter where they choose to attend—will have a robust award and support from the state they call home,” she added.

SB 851 is sponsored by AICCU, which represents more than eighty (80) independent nonprofit colleges and universities in California that collectively educate over 180,000 undergraduate students, including approximately 27,000 Cal Grant recipients and over 32,000 adult learners. AICCU institutions also enroll over 4,700 new California Community College students annually.

Altadena Library District Buildings Reopen Monday

Altadena library staff announced Friday that the Main Library and the Bob Lucas Memorial Library & Literacy Center buildings will reopen next week. Beginning Monday, patrons can browse, use a computer, print, and more.

The libraries also plan will be open with expanded hours. The Main Library will be open: Monday & Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Bob Lucas Memorial Library & Literacy Center will be open: Monday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Curbside services will be available by appointment only. Please call (626) 798-0833 for

an appointment when your hold is ready.”

Additionally, some selected programs will be held outdoors or virtually.

Before entering the Altadena Libraries, please follow these guidelines:

Stay home if you are sick with symptoms of COVID, such as a cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, headache, runny or stuffy nose, fever, or chills or if you are currently under quarantine or isolation. Masks are required when indoors, regardless of vaccination status. (Click here for the latest mask wearing rules and recommendations). Be considerate and keep your distance (about 2 arm lengths) from others.

Clean your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer

Black History Month Events

The City of Pasadena and the Black History Planning Committee announced they will host a wide variety of free family-friendly events this year in celebration of Black History Month. All events comply with Pasadena Public Health Department COVID-19 protocols.

Support Black-Owned Businesses Feb. 1-28

Community members are encouraged to support local Black-owned businesses during the month of February and always.

Take and Make Craft Inspired by Artist Jean-Michael Basquiat Registration begins Tuesday, Feb. 1

Let the inspiration of Jean-Michel Basquiat’s graffiti street art inspire you to paint a self-portrait in similar style. Sign up for your kit while supplies last. Kits can be picked up at San Rafael Branch Library. Partners to History: Martin Luther King Jr., Ralph David Abernathy, and the Civil Rights Movement by Donzaleigh Abernathy Saturday, Feb. 5, 2 p.m. on Zoom

Ralph David Abernathy and Martin Luther King, Jr. were inseparable and together helped to establish what would become the modern American Civil Rights Movement. They preached, marched and were frequently jailed together. Donzaleigh Abernathy, Ralph’s youngest daughter, has written Partners to History as a testament to the courage, strength and endurance of these men who stirred a nation with their moral fortitude. She also pays tribute to the thousands of unsung heroes—the other partners to this history—who were foot soldiers in the endless struggle for freedom, justice and equality. This document captures in words and pictures how the dream of two visionaries changed the course of American history.

Register now to attend the Zoom session.

Out of the Pantry: Cooking Class for Teens Monday, Feb. 7, 4 p.m. on Zoom

Cook up a tasty dish with ingredients from the pantry. Learn about Creole rice fritters, also known as calas, and how to make them. Cooking supplies are available for pickup from Hastings Library. Please refer to the equipment, ingredients list and confirmation email for further instructions to ensure you’re prepared for the lesson. For teens only. Register now to attend.

Pasadena People, Places, and Events Shaped by African Americans Monday, Feb. 14 - Saturday, Feb. 19

Take a virtual tour with local community members as they provide information on landmarks, educational institutions, sports, businesses and other areas impacted by Black Pasadenans. View more details, including how to register.

More Than the Peanut Thursday, Feb. 24, 4:30 p.m., Lamanda Park Branch Library

Join us as we learn about George Washington Carver and complete nature-focused STEAM activities inspired by his life. For ages 6 and up. Register now to attend.

Kidpreneur Showcase Expo Saturday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Robinson Park Recreation Center

Held in partnership with Neighborhood Survants, join the first annual “kidpreneur” event which will celebrate and showcase youth ages 6-17 for their creativity and achievement in small business and other entrepreneurial ventures. Youth will have an opportunity to display, pitch and promote their products and services. View more information.

Drive-In Movie Saturday, Feb. 26, 5-10 p.m., Brookside Park Area H, 360 N. Arroyo Blvd.

Free family-friendly drive-in movie in celebration of Black History Month. Live music begins at 5 p.m., and free, individually-wrapped snacks will be provided to the first 100 cars in attendance. Pre-registration recommended.

For more information on these and other upcoming events, visit cityofpasadena.net

Pasadena Playhouse to Move to Digital Streaming

In assessing the upcoming co-production of Mike Lew’s Teenage Dick, originally planned to be performed February 1-27, Playhouse staff have proactively made the decision to move it to digital streaming, which will be made available exclusively at pasadenaplayhouse.org this February. Streaming dates and details are to be announced.

The Playhouse has joined with Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company and Huntington Theatre Company to create this extraordinary and powerful production and are fortunate to have professionally recorded the show a few weeks ago during the in-person run in Boston.

By streaming the production, they are still honoring our commitments to pay the artists and crew who have worked so hard to make this show happen during these challenging times. They will be able to bring this show to audiences beyond Pasadena, making Teenage Dick more accessible to more people.

They currently plan to return to in-person performances with our much-anticipated run of Ann (March 22 to April 24) written by and starring Holland Taylor. Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks for this production, freestyle love supreme July 12 to August 7, and one more production to be announced.

When they moved forward with thier 2021 – 2022 Season, organizers all understood that while getting back to the stage was vitally important for our artists, crew, staff, and audiences, we would need to be flexible in response to the ebb and flow of COVID-19 cases in our community.

The Playhouse approach has been to take each show individually and assess the environment in the weeks prior to opening to see if they could safely proceed. they said they were fortunate that during the run of Head Over Heels, their first Mainstage production in 20+ months, they did not have a single case of COVID-19 in the company.

Pasadena Playhouse Members and those who have already purchased tickets will be contacted in the coming weeks with information regarding access to the streaming production. For more information visit: pasadenaplayhouse.org.

Tournament of Roses Looking for Volunteers

Be a part of America’s New Year Celebration and a long-standing Pasadena tradition by attending the Tournament of Roses Prospective Member Receptions on January 27 and February 2.

Join the community of enthusiastic volunteers who help to produce the Rose Parade, Rose Bowl Game and other Tournament of Roses events.

“Come be part of America’s New Year celebration, seen around the world every year,” Tournament officials said. “Our 935 amazing volunteer members will tell you – we don’t give up our New Year’s – we make it happen.”

Tournament of Roses volunteer members have the opportunity to collaborate with other team members in the hands-on planning and execution of many events celebrating the New Year. It’s fun, it’s exciting, it’s a great way to meet new people and give back to the community. Requirements for membership Be between the ages of 21 and 66 as of January 21, 2021



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Be available to attend committee meetings throughout the year (typically Mon. – Fri. between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Tournament House) For more information visit: tournamentofroses.com.

Holden Helps Fast-Food Sector Strives for Equity

In light of Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez’s resignation, Thursday, Assemblymember Chris Holden has taken over authorship of AB-257 Food Facilities and Employment and announced several clarifying and substantive amendments to the measure that address stakeholder concerns. California’s fast food industry employs over 557,000 Californians.

“As a former franchisee, I know that a one size fits all approach is not the correct step forward,” said Assemblymember Chris Holden. “We have a chance to lift up small business owners and essential workers with AB 257, and I look forward to working with franchisors, franchisees, employee representatives, and stakeholders to create an inclusive solution to move this bill through the Legislature.”

AB 257 would resolve longstanding issues in the fast-food restaurant sector by creating a Fast-Food Sector Council that would promote industry wide collaboration and focus efforts on improving worker protections and standard operating procedures. The Council would include state agencies, employers and worker representatives to ensure an all-inclusive approach. The bill would enhance numerous local, state,

and federal laws and regulations that have been instituted to require operational changes on the part of businesses to protect employees from infection since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council must conduct research and submit a report to the Legislature outlining their recommendations.

“Fast food cooks and cashiers and local franchisees are often at the mercy of global corporations like McDonald’s. AB 257, the FAST Recovery Act, addresses this imbalance of power by bringing workers and franchisees together to raise standards and protections across the California fast food industry,” said Bob Schoonover, SEIU California President and SEIU 721 Executive Director. “Assemblymember Chris Holden is uniquely qualified to champion this bill. He knows that frontline fast food workers are best-positioned to help propose and implement solutions to the issues they face on the job. And, as a former franchisee, he knows that local fast food operators need more power to make improvements for their workers and their businesses. We are confident that Assemblyman Holden, with the support of Assembly Members Wendy Carrillo, Evan Low and Luz Rivas will get this bill over the finish line.”

SAN MARINO CRIME BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, January 9 through Saturday, January 15, 2022, the San Marino Police Department responded to 389 calls for service. One residential burglary, zero commercial burglaries, and zero attempted commercial burglaries occurred during the reporting week. The following is a summary report of the key incidents handled by the San Marino Police Department during this reporting timeframe.

Sunday, January 9 No incidents to report for this date.

Monday, January 10 10:15 A.M. / PC 484 – Petty Theft

2000 Block of Huntington Drive Victim reported that bicycle was stolen by unknown suspect(s).

6:36 P.M. / PC 487 – Grand Theft

1800 Block of Twin Palms Drive

Unknown suspect(s) used unknown tool(s) to remove the catalytic converter from the victim’s parked vehicle.

Tuesday, January 11 6:34 P.M. / Found Property

1700 Block of Warwick Road Unsecured bicycle found in

front of residence.

Wednesday, January 12 9:54 P.M. / PC 459 – Residential Burglary 800 Block of San Marino Avenue Unknown suspect(s) used unknown tool(s) to enter residence.

Thursday, January 13 8:42 A.M. / PC 484 – Petty Theft

1400 Block of Wilson Avenue Unknown suspect(s) removed property from victim’s driveway.

10:17 A.M. / Lost Property San Marino Police Department Lobby

A report was taken for lost property.

Friday, January 14 10:29 A.M. / PC 484 – Petty Theft

2300 Block of Brentford Road Unknown suspect(s) took property from victim’s vehicle.

4:12 P.M. / 901T – Traffic Collision with Injuries

San Marino Avenue & Euston Road

Officers responded to a traffic collision involving two vehicles.

Saturday, January 15 No incidents to report for this date.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, January 9th through Saturday, January 15th, the Police Department responded to 907 calls for service, of which 86 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 9:

1. At 6:29 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department regarding a report of an attempted stolen vehicle from the police department parking lot. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects defeated the locked door handle and tampered with the ignition in an attempt to steal the vehicle. The suspects were ultimately unsuccessful. The investigation is ongoing.
2. At 7:50 a.m., an officer responded to the 500 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a vehicle burglary report. An investigation revealed unidentified suspect(s) damaged the door's lock of the vehicle to gain entry, and once inside, stole a Metrolink jumpsuit, miscellaneous protective equipment, and tampered with the ignition. The crime happened sometime between January 7th and January 9th.

Monday, January 10:

3. At 7:18 a.m., an officer responded to Orient Retreat Spa, located at 1107 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed two unknown suspects smashed the front glass door, ransacked the front counter, but fled empty-handed. The investigation is pending a review of the surveillance footage.
4. At 4:34 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1300 block of Oak Meadow Road regarding a fraud report. The victim discovered numerous fraudulent transactions from his bank account resulting in the loss of nearly \$6,500.00. The victim does not know how the suspect obtained his personal information or the suspect's identity.

Tuesday, January 11:

5. At 2:10 a.m., an officer responded to the Residence Inn, located at 321 East Huntington Drive, regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed the victims left their luggage in their room and when they returned, the luggage had been stolen. There were no signs of forced entry to the hotel room.
6. At 6:53 p.m., an officer responded to Conserv Fuel, located at 701 West Huntington Drive, regarding a grand theft report. The victim stated she left her purse in her unlocked vehicle while she went into the store of the gas station. When she returned, she discovered someone had stolen her purse. The investigation is pending a review of the available surveillance footage.

Wednesday, January 12:

7. At 3:43 a.m., an officer responded to Chloe Lux, located at 733 Naomi Avenue, regarding an audible alarm activation. Surveillance footage captured two suspects entering the business and stealing various articles of clothing before fleeing. The officer discovered they entered the business by prying open the front door. The first suspect is described as a male wearing a light-colored hooded sweatshirt, light colored pants, a black mask, and

black gloves. The second suspect is described as a male wearing a "Modelo" branded hooded sweatshirt, with light colored pants, light colored gloves, and a headlight. The suspects also opened the electrical control panel. The investigation is ongoing.

8. At 8:15 a.m., an officer took a battery and grand theft report that occurred in the 1100 block of West Duarte Road. The pregnant victim stated an argument between her, and her boyfriend resulted in the boyfriend pushing her in the stomach. The boyfriend then stole a large sum of money and fled before officers arrived. The 22-year-old male from Arcadia is outstanding as of the date of this report.

Thursday, January 13:

9. At 1:50 p.m., an officer responded to the H Mart parking lot, located at 1150 West Huntington Drive, regarding a grand theft report. An investigation revealed the victim suddenly encountered the suspect who stole his phone and wallet from the victim's hands. The suspect then ran to an awaiting white Honda Accord. The suspect is described as a Black male, approximately 6' tall with a thin build and seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, dark jeans, and a black face mask.

10. At 7:13 p.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a robbery and vandalism incident that just occurred. The officer determined the victim's boyfriend forcefully stole the victim's backpack and wallet after slashing her tires. The suspect was then located driving a stolen vehicle. The 23-year-old male from Montebello was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, January 14:

11. At 7:47 a.m., an officer responded to Motel 6, located at 225 Colorado Place, regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime between January 13th at 4:00 p.m. and January 14th at 7:45 a.m., someone manipulated the door lock and attempted to steal the vehicle. The suspect was unsuccessful in stealing the car but fled with the victim's sunglasses and headphones.

12. At 10:13 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of California Street regarding a burglary report. The victim returned home and discovered the rear sliding glass door had been shattered, the home had been ransacked, and the jewelry had been stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, January 15:

13. At 10:25 a.m., an officer took a report for a vandalism that occurred at GNC, located at 815 West Naomi Avenue. An investigation revealed unknown suspects smashed the front window of the business for no apparent reason. Surveillance cameras captured the suspect vehicle. It is described as a silver Toyota sedan. The investigation is pending a review of the footage.
14. At 7:12 p.m., an officer responded to the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a stolen vehicle report. Sometime between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on January 15th, someone stole the victim's 2004 Chevrolet Silverado truck.

DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of January 09, 2022 - January 15, 2022.

January 09, 2022

Grand theft vehicle:

1200 Block of Highland Avenue. Between 01/08/22 10:00 pm and 01/09/22 10:30 am suspect(s) unknown stole the victims black 2009 Mercedes Benz C300. Vehicle recovered by Azusa PD with one in suspect in custody.

January 10, 2022

Petty Theft:

2705 Huntington Drive (7-Eleven). On 01/10/22 at 4:48 pm a male Hispanic 17-18 years old wearing a gray sweat-er and black pants stole 2 boxes of electronic cigarettes while a second customer distracted the employee. Both the suspect and the distracting customer ran out of the location and ran north on Las Lomas Road. Loss was approxi-mately \$550. Video surveillance available.

January 11, 2022

Burglary (Vehicle):

1440 Huntington Drive (Bank of America). On 01/11/22 between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm suspect(s) unknown shattered the front driver side window to the victim's 2006 Honda Civic that was parked in the parking lot. Suspect(s) unknown stole an envelope from the center console containing \$10,000 in US currency the victim had withdrawn from another bank earlier in the day. Possible video surveillance from Bank of America.

January 12, 2022

Grand theft vehicle (attempt):

1042 Huntington Avenue (Duarte Public Safety). On 01/12/22 at 2:30 pm a male Hispanic adult was observed by Community Service Officer tampering with a Sheriff vehicle while it was parked in the rear parking lot. The Community Service Officer alerted Deputies who were inside. The deputies detained the suspect who was later identified as a documented Mongol gang member. Suspect arrested.

January 13, 2022

Petty Theft:

800 Block of Newington Street. Between 12/22/21 1:00 pm and 01/13/22 6:00 pm suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's catalytic converter to his 2009 blue Honda CR-V that was parked in the street. Loss was approximately \$600. No video surveillance.

January 14, 2022

Grand Theft:

2000 Block of Broadland Avenue. Between 01/13/22 at 2:00 pm and 01/14/22 8:30 am suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's catalytic converter to his 2000 silver Honda Accord that was parked in the street. Loss was approximate-ly \$1,000. No video surveillance.

January 15, 2022

Grand Theft:

1600 Mountain Avenue (Walmart). On 01/15/22 at 1:16 pm a male black adult wearing a purple sweater and gray sweatpants stole an unattended electric shopping cart that was left in the parking lot. Loss prevention followed the suspect who boarded the westbound Metro Gold line located at Highland Avenue. Loss was approximately \$1000. Video surveillance available.

ARCADIA ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY 1 PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING

January 19, 2022 – The Arcadia City Council is seeking public input on draft maps for the redistricting of City Council districts. Every 10 years, the United States issues a census to count the City's population. Upon the completion of the Census, the City Council District Map is realigned to reflect Arcadia's current population and demographics. The next public hearing to review draft maps is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 240 W. Huntington Drive.

The draft maps will be available for public review at least 7 days prior to the scheduled public hearing on the City's website at ArcadiaCA.gov/redistricting. For more information regarding the City's redistricting process, please visit the City's redistricting page on the website.

If you have any questions regarding the redistricting process or wish to submit comments prior to the public hearing about draft maps, please email us at CityClerk@ArcadiaCA.gov.

MONROVIA NEWS BRIEFS

2022 STATE OF THE CITY

Join us for the annual State of the City Address where our Mayor and City Council will come together to share some of the City's accomplishments from the past year, and give you a first look at upcoming projects!

In-Person attendees must be vaccinated and wear a mask. For those unvaccinated or who would like to watch from home, the event will also be livestreamed for your convenience. Please visit this webpage on the day of the event to watch the livestream.

2022 State of the City
January 24, 2022
LOOK Dine-In Cinemas
410 S Myrtle Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016
7 p.m.

2022 ART ON THE BOX PROGRAM

The City of Monrovia's Art in Public Places Program supports the creation of public art through a variety of pro-grams and projects. The utility box enhancement program, Art on the Box, extend the reach of public art into the community by sponsoring artists to improve the aesthetics of City owned utility cabinets into a canvas for art.

The theme for the 2022 Art on the Box Program is Celebrating Diversity. Four utility boxes are available for painting. Submitted designs must reflect the Celebrating Diversity theme. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2022. Each artist may submit up to two proposals.

The program is open to artists of all ages. All entries must be an original design and artwork of the entrant must be suitable for viewing by all ages. For more information and to download the application, please visit cityofmonro-via.org/art.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Whither Monrovia's Mayoral Election

Voting rights and access to the ballot box are under fire throughout the country, but it couldn't happen here, right? Wrong. Monrovia's mayor and city council want to remove our right to vote on the top job in our city's government, the mayor. For forty years, Monrovia's have had the right to choose their mayor, but the proposed Resolution No. 2022-07 effectively takes away our right to vote on this important position in our city's government.

Why would they do this? Certainly, no one would ever have to run for Mayor again (and, perhaps, face some strong competition). With an annually rotating mayor, selected by and from among the city council members, the mayor's office gains a revolving door, with no long-term accountability.

The current mayor and city council would have us believe that there is some kind of conflict between the Mayor and the Council; that as a panel of equals, one is set above the others. But this is precisely the scenario that would arise by reverting to the 1950s method of allowing the Council to select the Mayor from amongst themselves. The current council seems to feel either that the voters are incapable of making this distinction, or incapable of selecting a mayor independent of the council.

Only the voters can decide to revert to the rotating mayor system, since the office of the elected mayor was established by the voters. Why would we abandon our rights? Why should the office of mayor become a perpetual seat of privilege to someone who never has to run for that office?

The real reason is clear in the text of the Ordinance that would result from passage of Resolution No. 2022-07: "an annual rotation process for the offices of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore could fairly provide each Councilmember an opportunity to serve as Mayor." This is a brash attempt to give every council member a "turn" as Mayor, ensuring that no member ever has to risk their seat in order to run for a higher office. This is not in the Community's best interest; this is in the elected officials' best interests. It degrades our citizens' right to vote and freely elect their leaders.

Sarah Farmer Earll
Monrovia, CA

UPDATE: 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Postponed

NEW DATE: February 22 - 24, 2022

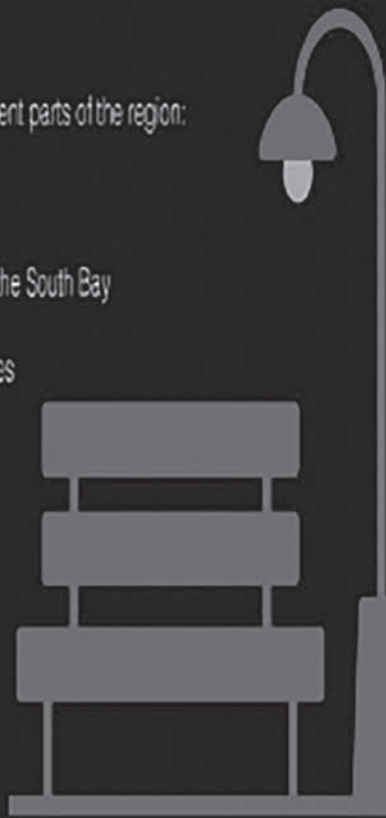
The Homeless Count will still be conducted over three nights in different parts of the region:

February 22, 2022: San Gabriel and San Fernando Valleys

February 23, 2022: West Los Angeles, Southeast Los Angeles, and the South Bay

February 24, 2022: Antelope Valley, Metro LA, and South Los Angeles

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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

The Chef Knows *By Peter Dills*

OPEN IT NOW SAYS PETER

“Time in a Bottle” was a hit song by singer/songwriter Jim Croce. A question I am asked almost weekly basis is “does wine get better as it spends more time in a bottle?” Answer is “yes... and no”. Philippe Jeandet is a professor at University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne in France, and was lucky enough to discover a shipwreck that had quite a cargo. Gold? No, champagne. Jeandet and his crew brought all 168 bottles to the surface, and actually opened one on the spot. First tastes were fantastic. Given his knowledge of bubbles, his first guess was that they were at least 100 years old. The bottles had no boxes or labels, so after a few years of inspecting the corks and bottle engravings his group decided that the champagne was over 200 years old. It’s home at the bottom of the Baltic Sea provided total darkness and a temperature of 35 degrees, aided by the compression of depth for the discovery, perfect for storing wine.



Your home wine cellar provides somewhat different conditions than the bottom of the Baltic Sea, so getting back to the question above, does wine get better with age? Yes, wines that are expensive or rare will get better. No, most wine is produced to drink now. In fact, up to 90% of wines don’t actually get any better with ageing. Many of us will let our wines breathe, especially the reds, and that’s fine. I suggest using a large wine glass with enough room to swirl your wine around, watch the legs on the glass, and drink. Many of my class “A” sommelier friends contend that if it’s not ready drink, it isn’t ready to buy. I agree!!

As for champagne, my storage procedure (for a single bottle or case) is to simply leave it on the floor of my closet, laying each bottle sideways. Champagne, for many, is only for special occasions, whereas for me it is a weekly toast. You should only put champagne in the refrigerator when you are ready to serve it. Once opened it will only last a few hours, so make sure you have plenty of help to drink it. My bottom line on the subject is to let the supermarkets and wine shops take care of the storage for you. They have the right equipment, and it is a heck of job (and a lot of money) to build your own wine cellar.

Dining with Dills Sundays at 5 PM KLAA Angels Baseball AM 830 on the radio

134TH ROSE PARADE POSTER DESIGN CONTEST

Be a part of history by designing the poster for the 2023 Rose Parade.

THEME

The 2023 theme celebrates Turning the Corner. Whether that corner is actual—the one signaling the parade’s start, or figurative like the unlimited potential that each new year brings—we all enjoy the opportunity of a fresh start. Turning a corner means rising above – alone, or with friends, family, and community, – it means realizing dreams and pursuing possibility. This year, as we turn the corner together, we share in the hope, beauty and joy of what 2023 will bring.

DETAILS

Contest open to all.
Entries due by Monday, February 21, 2022

Selected artwork will be used on the official 2023 Rose Parade Poster, as well as in various other forms of event promotion.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

To submit a design for consideration, please email it to marketing@tournamentofroses.com.

Your email should include:

Subject Line: 2023 Poster contest

Your full name

A contact phone number

Your city of residence

If a student, please include your school

Submission attachment in the form of a PDF

LA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER AMONG UNVACCINATED RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY

With Omicron continuing to drive case counts, hospitalizations, and deaths to levels not seen since last year, Public Health is reminding residents that vaccines are still the best source of protection, especially against hospitalization and death.

From January 2nd through January 8th, unvaccinated people were twice as likely to contract the virus compared to those fully vaccinated without boosters. Residents who were vaccinated and boosted were even more protected with four times the protection from infection compared to those unvaccinated.

Additionally, vaccinated and boosted residents are also at significantly less risk of ending up in the hospital. When comparing unvaccinated residents to those fully vaccinated without boosters, unvaccinated residents were five times more likely to be hospitalized. Residents who were both vaccinated and boosted had even higher levels of protection and were 20 times less likely to be hospitalized compared to those unvaccinated.

As cases and hospitalizations remain high, of most concern is the increase in deaths. On Thursday, Public Health reported 102 new deaths, the highest daily number of deaths since March 2021. And for the seven days leading up to January 1st, Public Health data also showed that unvaccinated individuals were 23 times more likely to succumb and die from COVID compared to those fully vaccinated.

“I send my heartfelt condolences to those families who have lost a loved one due to COVID-19,” said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. “Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have recognized that while many experience mild illness from COVID, there are others that will not do well if they become infected. Preliminary estimates from scientists at USC estimated that if everyone eligible was vaccinated, over the last 6 weeks there would have been 85% fewer cases with nearly 604,000 cases of COVID prevented, and 87% fewer hospitalizations with approximately 9,300 hospitalizations prevented. These estimates align with much of the data we share weekly about the disastrous consequences facing many infected, unvaccinated individuals. Large scale vaccine adoption could change the pandemic’s trajectory with significant case and hospitalization reductions.”

Today, Public Health confirmed 65 additional deaths and 43,091 new cases of COVID-19. Of the 65 new deaths reported today, 10 were between the ages of 30 and 49, 16 were between the ages of 50 and 64, 15 were between the ages of 65-79, and 18 were over the age of 80 years old. Of the 65 newly reported deaths, 44 had underlying conditions. Information on the six deaths reported by the City of Long Beach is available at www.LongBeach.gov. To date, the total number of deaths in L.A. County is 28,346.

Public Health has identified a total 2,428,744 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County. Today’s positivity rate is 17.8%.

There are 4,792 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. Testing results are available for more than 10,804,700 individuals, with 20% of people testing positive.

To keep workplaces and schools open, residents and workers are asked to:

Adhere to masking requirements when indoors or at crowded outdoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status.

Remain home when sick, isolate if positive and quarantine when in close contact.

Residents are legally required to be isolated if they have a positive COVID test result and vaccinated. Close contacts with symptoms and unvaccinated close contacts need to be quarantined.

For updated isolation and quarantine guidance, please visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and are recommended for everyone 5 years old and older to help protect against COVID-19. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status. Appointments are not needed at all Public Health vaccination sites and many community sites where first, second, and third doses are available.

To find a vaccination site near you, or to make an appointment, please visit:

www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) or www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish).

If you need assistance, you can also call 1-833-540-0473 for help:

Finding an appointment, Connecting to free transportation to and from a vaccination site, or Schedule a home visit if you are homebound.

For more information regarding COVID-19 in LA County you can also visit the Public Health website at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov

COVID 19 ONE YEAR LATER:

WHERE WE ARE NOW 1/22/22 VERSUS (THEN-1/23/21)
Cases/Deaths are still occurring especially among the unvaccinated.

Cases	2022	(2021)	Deaths	2022	(2021)
LA County	2,428,744	(989,928)		28,346	(13,489)

LA COUNTY VACCINATIONS AS OF 01/22/2022

	Adults 12+	85.8%	Seniors	98.1%
Arcadia	Cases 6,624 (2221)		Deaths 150 (64)	Fully Vaccinated 88.9%
Altadena	7,114 (2733)		84 (45)	81.3%
Bradbury	54 (32)		0 (0)	71.0%
Duarte	4,441 (1954)		108 (57)	82.2%
Monrovia	7,029 (2675)		89 (76)	79.6%
Pasadena	22,939 (9559)		377 (203)	83.7%
Sierra Madre	1,272 (386)		15 (8)	88.2%
So.Pasadena	3,340 (1104)		50 (35)	93.2%

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PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID-19 UPDATE HOW AND WHEN TO TEST YOUR STUDENT FOR COVID-19

Help slow the spread of COVID-19

Step 1: PLAN your test days

If your student gets sick with symptoms (like cough and fever), STAY HOME and use your test to see if it is COVID-19

If your student is exposed to someone with COVID-19 and NOT EXEMPT* from quarantine, STAY HOME and you can take your student and one test to the district office five (5) days or later after exposure for testing. If your student gets a negative test result and does not develop any symptoms, they may return to school eight days after the exposure.

Step 2: SHARE your test results

If your student is very sick: call 911, visit an emergency room, or call your doctor.

SHARE your test results on Primary.Health. This website is secure and HIPAA compliant, and will send your results to your local health department. Scan the QR code below with your smartphone or visit: <https://my.primary.health/l/caschools>

Step 3: UNDERSTAND your test results

NEGATIVE TEST:

If you feel well and have no COVID-19 symptoms, return to school.
If you have SYMPTOMS or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, please call your school before you return – even if the test is negative. More testing may be needed.

POSITIVE TEST:

Stay home from school. Contact your doctor and your school right away. Isolate for 10 days.
UNCLEAR TEST RESULTS:

Take a PCR test at the PUSD Education Center (351 S. Hudson) or at a local testing site.
Any symptoms? Known exposure? Call your school before you return.

SCAN the QR code to share your results with your local health department.
Scan the test QR code for your Take Home results



January 21, 2022 - A family poses with the Take-Home Test Kit they've just picked up at student drop-off at Eliot Arts Magnet Academy

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THE CAROB TREE (CERATONIA SILIQUA) PRODUCES A NEARLY PERFECT FOOD BUT OUR CITIES ARE CUTTING THEM DOWN

Common Names: St. John's bread, Locust, Locusta

Christopher Nyerges [Nyerges has been teaching ethno-botany since 1974. He is the author of "Guide to Wild Foods," "Foraging Edible Wild Plants of North America," "How to Survive Anywhere," and other books. He can be reached at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.]

The world seems to have a love-hate relationship with the carob tree.

According to archivist Richard E. White of Highland Park, a large number of the carob trees growing around Glendale, Pasadena, Temple City, and other Southland cities, from here to Texas, were planted by Seventh Day Adventists in the aftermath of the Great Depression and Dustbowl era. According to White, "Years ago, some farsighted Seventh Day Adventists planted carob trees around and on the grounds of almost all the Pasadena area public schools, apparently hoping that the students would gather and eat this free and nutritious food should there be another Depression and a scarcity of food. If children were encouraged to eat carob instead of candy bars, there would soon be no more litter problems under the carob trees and, perhaps, fewer cavities in youthful mouths."

Certainly well-intended, though a simple observation shows that very few of the pods are being eaten by anyone, let alone children.

Health-food enthusiasts and authors were advocating carob over chocolate since the 1940s at least. The reasons are many. The pods, once ripened, can be picked and eaten with no preparation whatsoever (besides wiping off the dust). They are very sweet and chewy, though the hard seeds should be spit out.

Though carob is often compared to chocolate, chocolate and carob are two very different creatures. Chocolate's appeal is the presence of the stimulating theobromine, but raw chocolate is bitter. By contrast, carob has 60 percent fewer calories per pound than chocolate and lacks any stimulants. Also, the carob pod is naturally sweet. Carob's natural flavor is akin to dates, and the flavor is completely different from chocolate.

NUTRITION

The carob pods are analyzed as having 4 percent protein (4.5 grams of protein per 100 grams, 20.4 grams of protein per pound) and 76 percent carbohydrate. In addition, carob pods contain substantial phosphorus (81 milligrams per 100 grams, 367 milligrams per pound) and are extremely rich in calcium (352 milligrams per 100 grams, 1,597 milligrams per pound).

Carob contains none of chocolate's oxalic acid, which interferes with the body's ability to assimilate calcium. It is rich in A and B vitamins and many other minerals. Clearly, carob is a superior food that ought to be utilized by more of use. Unfortunately, many cities have since made war on the carob trees, and have slowly begun to cut them down. This is usually a result of planting them in inappropriate spots, such as between a sidewalk and street in the urban areas. In such cases, the shallowly-watered roots often break sidewalks, and the pods continually fall to the ground, causing people to sometimes trip and fall, and then sue the city!

According to arborist and Pasadena resident Timothy Snider, "When carob trees are pruned, they tend to go rotten. And I don't mean pruned wrong, just pruned. So ideally, they should never be pruned. And they should never be planted as street trees, because the cities always want to prune them, and they usually do wood butcher jobs, and hack at the tree. Then they are even more prone to the sulfur fungus, which tends to eat them out. Carob is a good tree, but should be planted in more open areas like parks, fields, farms, and graveyards. Remember, the carob in its original state is more of a shrub. They had to be trained to be trees, so it is really inappropriate to use carobs as street trees."

There was a short-lived carob farm in Riverside County, but it was discontinued because it did not produce the quality of carob that is produced in its native home. The carob tree is native to the Middle East, where the pods have a long history of use as food. The trees widely planted throughout Pasadena and the United States all produce edible pods, though they are inferior to the commercially grown pods. Most commercial carob today comes from Cyprus. Remember the prodigal son in the Bible? After he left his father's home, he was hungry from famine and without money, and looked in the pig's feed for carob husks to eat (Luke 15:16). Biblical scholars who focus on the botany of the Bible believe that these husks were not corn, as commonly believed, but carob.

Carob makes another appearance in the New Testament. In Mark 1:16, John the Baptist is described as eating "locusts and wild honey" in the desert. Although many believe that these locusts were the insect relatives of grasshoppers, Thaddeus M. Harris in his Natural History of the Bible, suggests that the "locusts" were actually carob pods.

Harris spends a lot of time in his efforts to prove this, adding "It is well known that the insect locusts were eaten in the east. And commentators have exhausted their learning and ingenuity to prove that St. John ate these insects in the wilderness. But the origins of the word "locust" signifies also buds or pods of trees... And everyone must suppose that the Baptist lived on a food which nature itself furnished to accommodate his palate." Furthermore, as Harris points out, carob pods have long been called "locusta," and the tree is still commonly referred to as Saint John's Bread Tree.

The ripe brown pods can be simply washed, and eaten – being sure to spit out the hard seeds. You can also remove the seeds, and grind the pods into a sweet flour which can be added to cake, cookie, and pancake recipes, adding sweetness and a brown color.

According to food writer Tony Kienitz, "As anyone who grows these trees will tell you, carobs yield a boatload of pods. In springtime, hundreds of six-inch-long, pale-green pods tassel each tree. In late summer, these pods ripen to a deep brown and begin raining to the ground. The whopping crop is a maintenance burden to some, a religious symbol to others.

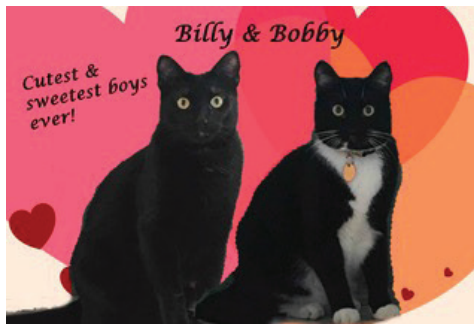
"St. John's bread is the colloquial name given to the tree based on the belief that the locusts that fed John the Baptist were actually carob pods. Dried carob graces Jewish tables during the holiday Tu B'Shvat. During Ramadan, Muslims serve drinks made with carob juice."

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Pet of the Week

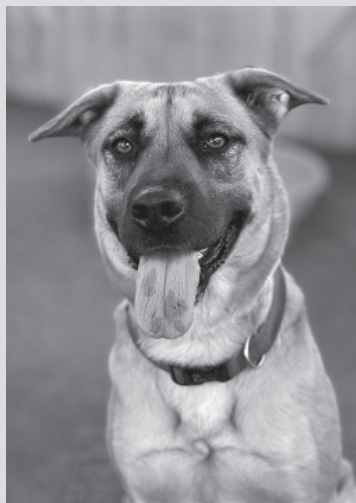
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"UNSILENCED," A THRILLER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF "LETTER FROM MASANJIA" COMES TO PASADENA, JANUARY 21 - 28, 2022

"Unsensored" is a tale of courage and resilience of an American journalist and a group of young Chinese in the face of a state prop-aganda machine

(Los Angeles, CA – December 20, 2021) Can truth prevail in the face of the most powerful propaganda machine? When the Chinese communist re-gime launches a brutal crackdown against 100 million citizens, a jaded American reporter teams up with a handful of innocent students to expose one of the largest human rights violations that continues to this day.

Peabody Award-winning director Leon Lee brings us a feature film that exposes how lies are fabricated and voices of dissent are crushed by the state propaganda machine. The film explores the role journalists play in times of oppression for "journalism can never be silent."

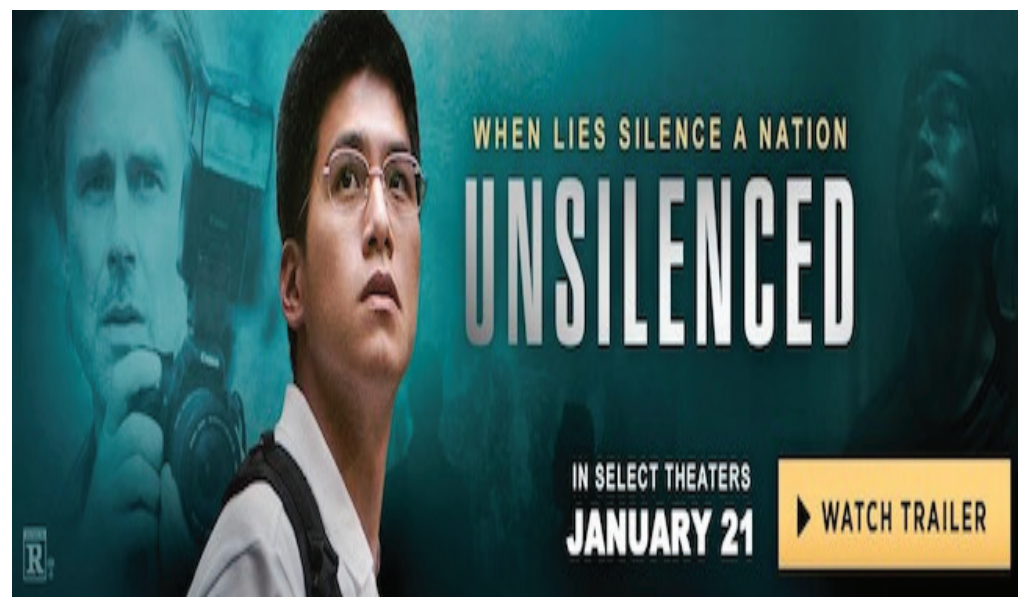
The film stars Sam Trammell (True Blood, Breakthrough, The Order), and Anastasia Lin, Miss World Canada 2015, and an ex-special forces operative turned Taiwanese actor, Tzu-Chiang Wang. Zhen Pictures will open Unsensored theatrically in the United States on January 21st.

Based on true events, Unsensored follows Wang, a student at an elite university in Beijing, and Daniel, a cynical American reporter, as they attempt to navigate the 1999 order that banned Falun Gong in China and remains in effect to this day. With the risk of prison, torture, and even death looming over them, they must all make sacrifices to protect what's true at all costs.

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6FdPVf-kN0>

About the film: <https://www.unsensoredmovie.com/>

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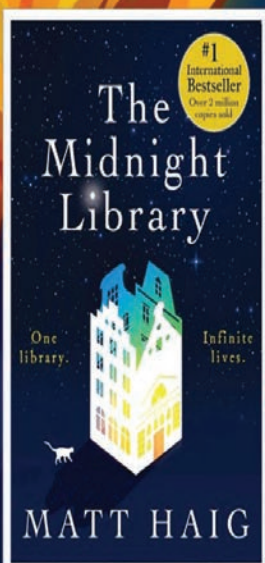
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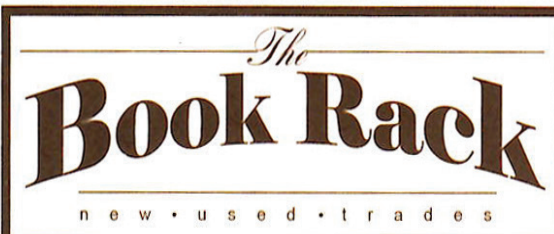
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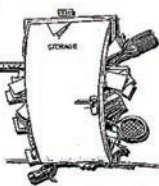
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HOW TO WRITE A LOVED ONES OBITUARY

Dear Savvy Senior:
Can you provide any tips on how to write an obituary? My dad, who has terminal cancer, has asked me to write his obituary, which will be published in the funeral program and run in our local newspaper. Not a Writer

Dear Not:
I'm very sorry to hear about your dad's prognosis. Writing your dad's obituary would be a nice way for you to honor him and sum up his life, not to mention avoiding any possible mistakes that sometimes occur when obituaries are hurriedly written at the time of death. Here's what you should know, along with some tips and tools to help you write it.



Contact the Newspaper

Before you start writing your dad's obituary, your first step is to check with the newspaper you want it to run in. Some newspapers have specific style guidelines or restrictions on length, some only accept obituaries directly from funeral homes, and some only publish obituaries written by newspaper staff members.

If your newspaper accepts family-written obits, find out if they have a template to guide you, or check with your dad's chosen funeral provider. Most funeral homes provide forms for basic information and will write the full obituary for you as part of the services they provide.

You also need to be aware that most newspapers charge by the word, line or column inch to publish an obituary, so your cost will vary depending on your newspaper's rate and the length of your obit – most range between 200 and 600 words.

Also note that many newspapers offer free public service death listings too, which only include the name of the person who died along with the date and location of death and brief details about the funeral or memorial service.

Obituary Contents

Depending on how detailed you want to be, the most basic information in an obituary usually would include your dad's full name (and nickname if relevant), age, date of birth, date of death, where he was living when he died, significant other (alive or dead), and details of the funeral service (public or private). If public, include the date, time, and location of service.

Other relevant information you may also want to include: cause of death (optional); place of birth and his parents' names; his other survivors including his children, other relatives, friends and pets and where they live; family members who preceded his death; high school and colleges he attended and degrees earned; his work history and military service; his hobbies, accomplishments and any awards he received; his church or religious affiliations; any clubs, civic and fraternal organizations he was members of; and any charities he feels strongly about that he would like people to donate to either in addition to or in lieu of flowers or other gifts. You'll also need to include a photo of your dad.

Need Help?

If you need some help writing your dad's obituary there are free online resources you can turn to like Legacy.com, which provides tips and articles at Legacy.com/advice/guide-to-writing-an-obituary. Or consider the 25-page e-book "Writing an Obituary in Four Easy Steps" available at DearPersonObits.com for \$5. This guide will help you gather the details of your dad's life so you can write an obituary that will reflect his personality and story.

Online Memorials

Many families today also choose to post their loved one's obituaries online and create digital memorials. Some good sites that offer this are MyKeeper.com, GatheringUs.com and EverLoved.com, which provide a central location where family and friends can visit to share stories, memories and photos to celebrate your dad's life.

Or, if your dad used Facebook, you could also turn his profile into a memorial (you'll need to show proof of death) where family and friends can visit and share anytime.

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



FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

CONSIDER THIS BEFORE YOU CREATE A WILL ONLINE

A last will and testament is the most commonly thought-of document when it comes to an estate plan. But really, it is only a small part of an integrated plan that ensures your family stays out of court and out of conflict if and when something happens to you.


Do not think you can just write your own will and that will help your family. You have probably seen ads from services that tout the idea that you can write your own will quickly – maybe even while you are in the security line at the airport (seriously, we have seen those ads in our own Facebook feeds).

Instead, consider the reality that trying to write your own will could actually create far more trouble for your loved ones down the road. Your family and loved ones need you to get professional support from someone who can help you look at what you own, who you trust, and what would happen to you and everyone you love in the event of your incapacity or death. Death is unavoidable – and incapacity will happen to many of us before that. These are facts. Facing these matters head-on leads you – and your loved ones – to having the best life possible. Otherwise, it is the people you love who get stuck with everything you did not take care of when you could have.

Unfortunately, if you go it alone, you may miss important facets of what happens in the event of your incapacity or death. For example, you may think that a will is sufficient when what you really need is a probate avoidance trust to keep your family out of court. A five-minute will won't help you stay out of court.

Or you may think your kids are adequately protected because you have a will, but you may really need a full Kids Protection Plan* and without it your kids could end up in the care of strangers, even if just temporarily. Before you do anything, get educated and empowered to do what is right. The right plan for you begins with knowing what you have, and then being clear on what is necessary to keep your family out of court and conflict and keep your assets out of your state's unclaimed property fund. If you are ready to write your will, that is great – but see an estate planning lawyer first.

The biggest mistake you can make is not facing the reality of death, the second biggest mistake is facing it alone.



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DOMINOES TRAIN GAME- Wed. 1/5 & 1/19, 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, 1/11 & 1/25, 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.

BOOK CLUB - Wednesday, 1/11 & 1/18, 9:00 am, Hart Park House
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, 1/4 & 1/18, 10:00 am, Hart Park House
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BLOOD PRESSURE - 2nd Tuesdays Monthly, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
No appointment is necessary. Held in the Hart Park House Senior Center.

TAX ASSISTANCE – Wednesday, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm, Hart Park House
Beginning February 2nd – April 6th, Don Brunner is available for income tax consultation. Appointments are required: Please call 626-355-5278 x704.

CHAIR YOGA - Every Monday and Wednesday, 10-10:45 am, Hart Park House
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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WHAT DID SHE JUST SAY?



To be honest, I don't always hear what I'm supposed to hear. I do have ears, but sometimes they are not working in such a way as to benefit me.

Often, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will talk to me about something, and then at the end of that, she will ask me a question of which I have no idea what the answer would be. I did hear her talking; I just did not hear what she was saying. That's why I say, "Yes, dear," to knock her off her game, thinking that I heard what she said. Often, when I come home, as soon as I come through the door, she will say, "Did you stop and get what I told you to get at the grocery store?"

Now I'm in a situation where I have to explain why I didn't stop and get what she wanted me to get. I cannot let her know that I did not hear her say that nor that I did not remember what she said. So that, as you well know, gets me into some very serious problems, problems that I certainly do not want to deal with on any day of the week.

I must confess that when anybody, not just my wife, is talking to me, I'm not 100% on target. So I can get the gist of what you're saying but I'm thinking of something else or, I'm thinking of the answer I'm going to give as soon as you stop talking. However, with the wife, it is an entirely different situation. Not only do I need to hear what she is saying, but I also need to understand what she is saying. That is perhaps the most challenging aspect of listening. I can hear, but I don't always understand what I am hearing.

It's not that I am mentally challenged, but I just don't go through the proper thought process to the point of understanding. And when a wife is talking to her husband, that thought process is greatly challenged, if you know what I mean? Frequently she will say, "Are you paying attention to me?" One time, and only once, I said, "I'm too poor to pay attention." That didn't get me very far in that situation. I think of it many times, but I don't speak it. Paying attention is very expensive in many regards, but not paying attention is much more costly.

I've been trying to save up some money recently so I can afford to pay attention to more things she is saying. I've researched this and discovered why I have this problem. According to my research, the average woman speaks 20,000 words a day while the average man only speaks 7000 words a day. I'm not sure where they come up with those figures but I think it's pretty close to the real thing.

I know the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage speaks more than 20,000 words a day, but I can only handle 7000 words. That means two-thirds of what she says I do not hear, which explains why I get in trouble most of the time.

There has to be a way in which she can come down with her speaking, and I can come up with my hearing. I'm not quite sure how this would work, but I'm thinking about it. In my thinking about this, I thought maybe it would be a good idea if the politicians would pass a law limiting how many words a person can speak each day. Then, as I was thinking about this, politicians say ten times more words than anybody in the world. So there is no way they would do anything to curb the speaking in our country.

The only qualification for politicians is that they can speak faster than they can think. But, of course, the big challenge would be to find a politician who can actually think. Then something happened recently that caught me off guard. I'm not sure exactly what was going on or what the situation was that my wife was speaking in. I couldn't keep up with every word, but I heard it, and at the end of her little speech, these traumatizing words, "You are right."

I've never heard such language from her all the time we've been married. I can't remember what she was talking about at the time. I'm a little hesitant about asking her what I was right on that I have been tempted lately to ask her that question. It would mean the world to me if I knew exactly what she thought I was right about. I'm sure that would change my whole life in one way or another. Because if she thinks I'm right about something, it must be true.

Lately, I've been trying to listen more intently to see if I can find out what I was right about according to her understanding. So far, I've not been too successful hearing anything along that line. It could've been a once-in-a-lifetime comment that will never happen again. I remember a verse of Scripture that helps me understand this. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). For me, the basis of unity is listening and hearing what the other person is saying. But, as hard as it might be, it's an essential part of unity in any relationship.

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PUT THE LIGHTS ON REACH OUT---HISTORY IS ALL AROUND US

On Monday, the day we celebrate and honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I WOKE (note the contemporary term), checked my iphone and came across an article about Attorney Clarence B. Jones entitled "Man Who Kept MLK's Secrets". I learned for the first time about the man who was Martin Luther King's Lawyer and speechwriter who together with Dr. King slew racist dragons from coast to coast".

In 1963, when Dr. King was arrested and jailed in Alabama, Jones, as his attorney was allowed to personally visit him many times. At each of these visits Jones concealed many sheets of blank notebook paper leaving the blank sheets with the jailed preacher. After future visits Jones brought out fully written pages we now know as the "Letter from Birmingham Jail" which has become an important text for the Civil Rights Movement.

Clarence B. Jones is also credited as being a co-writer of the famous August 28, 1963 "I Have A Dream" speech delivered from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial before a crowd of 250,000 people. This speech ranks among the most famous in history and over fifty years later it still resonates. Please recall the basic message of that speech; but this article is not intended as a discussion of that speech or of the man Martin Luther King. On this particular Martin Luther King Day I became fascinated by the information contained in the article that Clarence B. Jones now age 91 would be delivering a webinar from Stanford on, January 18, the very next day.

What further caught my attention was information in the article that described the first meeting of Martin Luther King and Mr. Jones in a seemingly unique Altadena house in 1960. This fact, combined with the fact that sitting in my house on January 17, as we, together with my son, watched the Rams defeat the Arizona Cardinals was my old friend Henry, an African American living in Altadena for almost thirty years. In fact my wife and I were married at Henry's beautiful home 1996 high in the hills of Altadena. Coincidentally, but importantly, Henry is the only person, along with his brother and father, that I have ever met who were in Washington D.C. hearing the "I Have A Dream Speech" in 1963 and also present in Washington D.C on 2008 to hear Barack Obama's inauguration speech 45 years later.

The next day, Tuesday, January 18th I asked my wife's help to tune into the webinar at noon. Previously I had never even attempted such a thing. From 12 to 1 was able to hear and watch 91 year old Clarence Jones fielding questions from Northern California College Students. He was amazing as he explained that he used to be a radical but now he was a super-radical. In answering the question of "what should be done now?" he patiently explained that millions of people should peaceably demonstrate around the halls of Congress preventing any work from being done until the Voting Rights Bills are passed. He explained that we do not have a democracy if people's ability to vote are suppressed and restricted. He is an angry man demanding action from the young people but speaking with humor and compassion.

After hearing the speech I became obsessed with the need to actually view the house where Mr. Jones lived and where he first met Martin Luther King. The article had described an amazing house with a retractable roof with a tree growing inside the house. I had to see this house. (Without permission of the present resident I don't want to identify the actual address but with a little effort you can find the information yourself on the internet.)

The next day I picked up my son and we found the house in Altadena. The house was not a disappointment. There did seem to be a tree growing in the middle of the house. Later I learned, that the houses in this area were part of a special neighborhood designed by the architect Gregory Ain who after World War II designed affordable "miniature estates" which included interior courtyards, walls of glass facing private gardens, clerestory windows which admit light and fresh air.

Yesterday I had a wonderful telephone conversation with a volunteer from the Altadena Historical Society and indicated my interest in serving as a volunteer. I admit that sometimes

I wonder what old retired people are for other than to walk their dogs in the afternoon when everyone else is at work. Hearing the living history described by Mister Jones emboldens me to overcome my timidity and to be actively pursuing and affirming my own sense of things.

Bring on the future!

RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH



FATHERHOOD 2022

Well, at last count there are, hmmm, 4 or 5 achievements of significance that I have attained in my 60+ years on this planet. Achievements defined as accomplishments one takes pride in.

Without question my greatest achievement...the successful co-creation of two wonderful kids, Alex (33) and Olivia (31). Let there be no misunderstanding: My children's strikingly good looks, savoir-faire and class emanate from my ex-wife Helen's gene pool. Fortunately our kids inherited her classic good looks and sensibilities. I am the "yang" to Helen's "yin",

My contribution? The dubious ability to "sling the bull." At least I know my son Alex has inherited it as he, beginning at the tender age of 20, "slung it" with reckless abandon. My daughter Olivia, on the other hand, is far more cultured and refined than the two male bozos in this Johnson nuclear family. I cannot determine her bull slinging aptitude. In the Old Testament book of Proverbs, our Biblical sage (probably Solomon) said, "Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent and discerning if he holds his tongue." The "modern" version of that Biblical truth came from either Abraham Lincoln or Mark Twain, "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt. Obviously that particular musing of either Lincoln or Twain never sunk in to my Norwegian cranium.

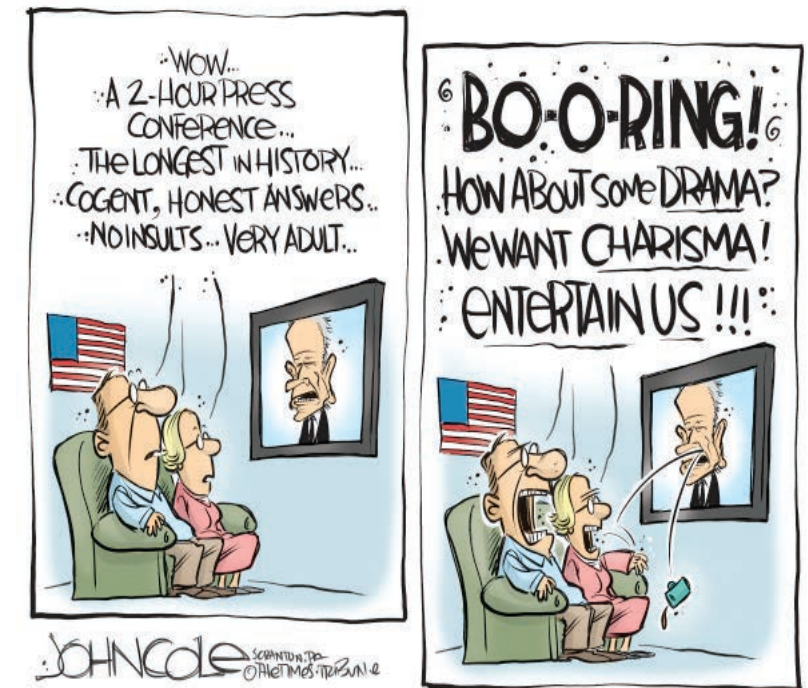
Bottom line, I am very happy with who my children have turned out to be.

If you are lucky enough to be a father cherish your children. If you have no children rent some. Become a big brother. Whatever it takes. Tell them often you love them. If they want something from you try to say yes more often than you say no (that is when your no is motivated merely by a desire to not be inconvenienced at the moment.) If you say yes often enough you will really shake up your kids and get their attention when you do say no. "No" will mean something to them.

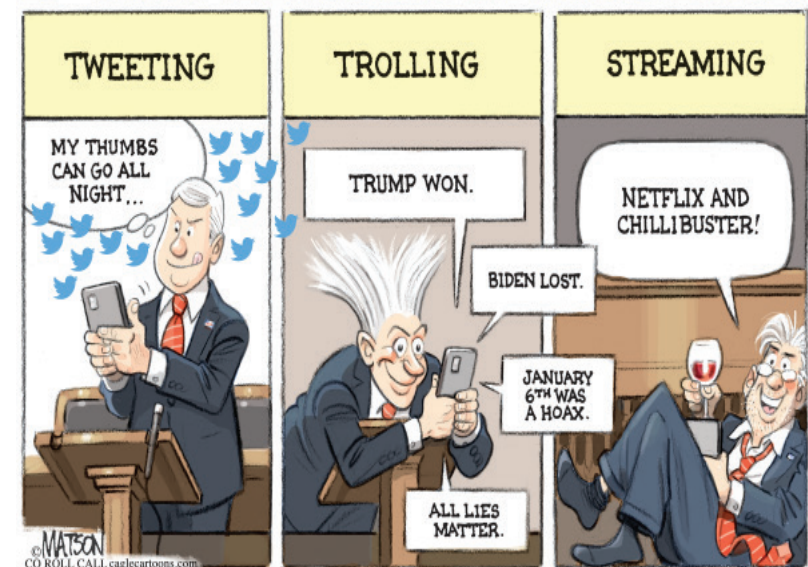
Someone once said, "Why are men reluctant to become fathers? I suspect it is probably because "we" aren't through being children." There are elements of truth in that statement but you can understand my belief that being a father and a child is not mutually exclusive. Be a father when there is fatherin' to do and be a child as often as you can the rest of the time. I still miss getting up on Saturday morning and watching Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Cartoons with my youngins.

I would like to close off this column with a quote from Clarence Budington Kelland...a prolific writer from the first half of the twentieth century. Mr. Kelland (referring to his father) once said, "He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

I hope, with all my design flaws, that my kids are as gracious in their remembrances of me. I love you Alex and Olivia.



21ST CENTURY ALTERNATIVES TO THE TALKING FILIBUSTER



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CRYPTOCURRENCY

A Word From Paul J. Carpenter

IS AN OPTIMUM CURRENCY CHANGING HOW WE INVEST, BANK, AND USE MONEY. EXACTLY WHAT IS IT ANYWAY? BELOW ARE EXCERPTS FROM CRYPTO EXPERTS' THAT ADDRESS SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

Editors Note: We are not advocating the use of or the validity of crypto currency but rather, sharing information that has the world's attention.

At its core, cryptocurrency is typically decentralized digital money designed to be used over the internet. Bitcoin, which launched in 2008, was the first cryptocurrency, and it remains by far the biggest, most influential, and best known. In the decade since, Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies like Ethereum have grown as digital alternatives to money issued by governments.

The most popular cryptocurrencies, by market capitalization, are Bitcoin, Ethereum, Bitcoin Cash and Litecoin. Other well-known cryptocurrencies include Tezos, EOS, and ZCash. Some are similar to Bitcoin. Others are based on different technologies, or have new features that allow them to do more than transfer value.

Cryptocurrencies are usually not issued or controlled by any government or other central authority. They're managed by peer-to-peer networks of computers running free, open source software. Generally, anyone who wants to participate is able to.

If a bank or government isn't involved, how is crypto secure?
It's secure because all transactions are vetted by a technology called a blockchain.

A cryptocurrency blockchain is similar to a bank's balance sheet or ledger. Each currency has its own blockchain, which is an ongoing, constantly re-verified record of every single transaction ever made using that currency.

Unlike a bank's ledger, a crypto blockchain is distributed across participants of the digital currency's entire network

No company, country, or third party is in control of it; and anyone can participate. A blockchain is a breakthrough technology only recently made possible through decades of computer science and mathematical innovations.

According to Coinbase CEO Brian Armstrong's Vision for the Future of Cryptocurrency"

KEY CONCEPTS

Transferability
Crypto makes transactions with people on the other side of the planet as seamless as paying with cash at your lo-cal grocery store.

Privacy
When paying with cryptocurrency, you don't need to provide unnecessary personal information to the merchant. Which means your

financial information is protected from being shared with third parties like banks, payment services, advertisers, and credit rating agencies. And because no sensitive information needs to be sent over the internet, there is very little risk of your financial information being compromised, or your identity being stolen.

Security
Almost all cryptocurrencies, including Bitcoin, Ethereum, Tezos, and Bitcoin Cash are secured using technology called a blockchain, which is constantly checked and verified by a huge amount of computing power.

Portability
Because your cryptocurrency holdings aren't tied to a financial institution or government, they are available to you no matter where you are in the world or what happens to any of the global finance system's major intermediaries.

Transparency
Every transaction on the Bitcoin, Ethereum, Tezos, and Bitcoin Cash networks is published publicly, without exception. This means there's no room for manipulation of transactions, changing the money supply, or adjusting the rules mid-game.

Irreversibility
Unlike a credit card payment, cryptocurrency payments can't be reversed. For merchants, this hugely reduces the likelihood of being defrauded. For customers, it has the potential to make commerce cheaper by eliminating one of the major arguments credit card companies make for their high processing fees.

Safety
The network powering Bitcoin has never been hacked. And the fundamental ideas behind cryptocurrencies help make them safe: the systems are permissionless and the core software is open source, meaning countless computer scientists and cryptographers have been able to examine all aspects of the networks and their security.

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF CRYPTOCURRENCY?

Experts often talk about the ways crypto can provide solutions to the shortcomings of our current financial system. High fees, identity theft, and extreme economic inequality are an unfortunate part of our current financial system and they're also things cryptocurrencies have the potential to address. The technology that powers digital currencies also has wide-ranging potential beyond the financial industry, from revolutionizing supply chains to building the new, decentralized internet.

What is cryptocurrency mining?
Most cryptocurrencies are 'mined' via a decentralized (also known as peer-to-peer) network of computers. But mining doesn't just generate more bitcoin or Ethereum - it's also the mechanism that updates and secures the network by constantly verifying the public blockchain ledger and adding new transactions.

Where do cryptocurrencies get their value?
The economic value of cryptocurrency, like all goods and services, comes from supply and demand.

Supply refers to how much is available—like how many bitcoin are available to buy at any moment in time. Demand refers to people's desire to own it—as in how many people want

to buy bitcoin and how strongly they want it. The value of a cryptocurrency will always be a balance of both factors.

There are also other types of value. For example, there's the value you get from using a cryptocurrency. Many people enjoy spending or gifting crypto, meaning that it gives them a sense of pride to support an exciting new financial system. Similarly, some people like to shop with bitcoin because they like its low fees and want to encourage businesses to accept it.

How to buy bitcoin and other cryptocurrency
The easiest way to acquire cryptocurrency is to purchase on an online exchange like Coinbase.

What can you do with cryptocurrency?
There's a wide range of things you can do with cryptocurrency, and the list grows with time. Here are a few ways to get started, from participating in everyday activities to exploring new technological frontiers:

Shop: Over 8,000 global merchants accept cryptocurrency via Coinbase Commerce.

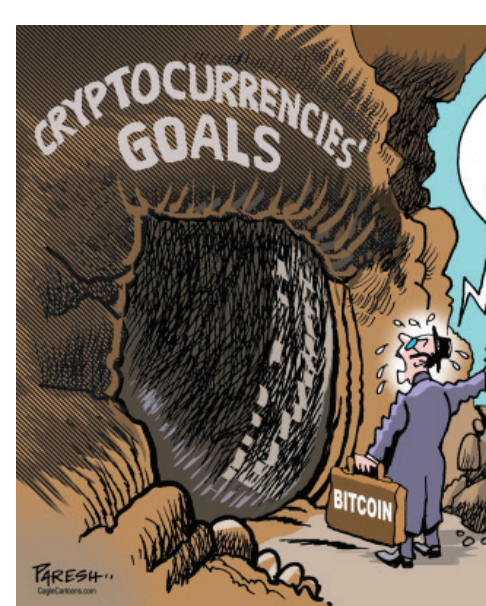
Donate to causes: There are benefits to donating and accepting crypto, and many nonprofit organizations accept bitcoin donations.

Gift it: Cryptocurrency makes a great gift for friends and family who are interested in learning about new technology.

Tip someone: Authors, musicians, and other online content creators sometimes leave Bitcoin addresses or QR codes at the end of their articles. If you like their work, you can give a little crypto as a way of saying thanks.

Travel the world: Because cryptocurrency isn't tied to a specific country, traveling with crypto can cut down on money exchange fees. There's already a small but thriving community of self-titled "crypto nomads" who primarily, or in some cases exclusively, spend crypto when they travel.

Buy property in a virtual gaming world: Decentraland, which also runs on the Ethereum blockchain, is the first virtual world entirely owned by its users. Users can buy and sell land, avatar clothing, and all kinds of other stuff while partying in virtual nightclubs or mingling in virtual art galleries.



LEGAL NOTICES

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE EMBROIDERY STUDIO 8027 W SUNSET BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90046. THE EMBROIDERY STUDIO 8027 W SUNSET BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90046. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HOLLYWOOD NEW MEDIA GROUP, INC. 8027 W SUNSET BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90046. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: HOLLYWOOD NEW MEDIA GROUP, INC., PATRICK F SKIFFINGTON, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/21/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/22/2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BOTANICA LA CARIDAD DR. 9534 E FLORENCE AVE. HUNTINGTON PARK, CA. 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VICENTE RODRIGUEZ. 1606 ANO NUEVO DR. DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765, LAURA BEATRIZ CANTU, 1301 LUELLA DR. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90063. This Business is conducted by: GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: VICENTE RODRIGUEZ/GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/10/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code).
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