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	2020	2021
Total # Sold:	111	138
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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
Average Sold Price:	\$730,275	\$746,329
Average Sq. Ft.	1,538	1,466
Avg. Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$481	\$521



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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER



January 23-29, 2022
During this period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 235 calls for service. This list is not intended to be considered exclusive or all-inclusive.

Monday, January 24 / Driving Under the Influence Arrest

At about 12:00 am, an officer observed a vehicle code violation and conducted a traffic enforcement stop. During the contact, the driver was found to be impaired and under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and was arrested. The driver was booked at the Pasadena PD jail.

Monday, January 24 / Hit and Run Traffic Collision and Arrest

From January 24, 2022, at 11:50 am, in the 00 block of W. Carter Ave, a victim reported that a neighbor had backed up into their fence and caused damage. The neighbor then left without notifying the victim of the damage. The victim reviewed security surveillance footage and saw the collision occur.

On January 25, 2022, the Detective Bureau conducted a follow-up with the neighbor who admitted to colliding into the fence and not notifying the victim. The neighbor was ultimately arrested, cited, and released for a Hit and Run traffic collision.

Wednesday, January 26 / Identify Theft

On January 26, 2022, a victim reported unknown suspect(s) illegally gaining access to their bank account and withdrawing over \$20,000. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.

Wednesday, January 26 / Battery, Robbery, and Vandalism

On January 26, 2022, from 7:30 pm, in the 400 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd, officers responded to an in-progress fight. The officer's investigation revealed that an altercation occurred between two subjects. One subject stole the victim's cell phone during the altercation and destroyed it. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.

Friday, January 28 / Suspicious Circumstances
Over the past two weeks, the police department has responded to two residences regarding a distraction-type theft. Elderly residents advised that a male and female Hispanic knocked at the front door of their home in an attempt to gain entry.

We wanted to make the community aware of this type of crime where one person will attempt to distract a resident at their front door while a second person gains entry from another location of the residence and steals property from inside the residence.

Please be careful and don't let anyone into your home that you don't know. If you feel the situation is suspicious, call the police department to have an officer respond to the location.

SMFD WELCOMES NEW FIRE CAPTAIN



Captain Chris Bertrand pictured above with SMFD Chief Bartlett, is a 22-year veteran of the fire service. He comes to Sierra Madre after a career with the Kern County Fire Department, where he held the ranks of firefighter, fire engineer, and fire captain. He is a certified Health and Safety Instructor teaching CPR, First Aid, and AED. Chris also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Evolutionary Biology/Anthropology. Chris resides in Orange County with his wife and three children. Photo courtesy SMFD

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION

REGARDING THE MEADOWS AT BAILEY CANYON CONTEMPLATED PROJECT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 5:00PM

MEMORIAL PARK BANDSHELL

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

MEETING AGENDA WILL BE POSTED ON 2/7/2022
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SIERRA MADRE \$899,000
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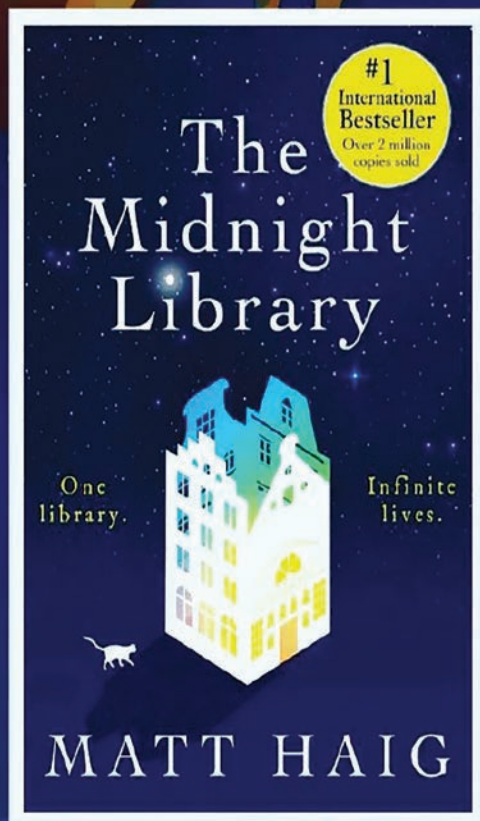


SIERRA MADRE \$3,200 / Mo
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SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

ONE BOOK ONE CITY

Events Calendar - February 2022



THE HEALING POWER OF STORIES

Saturday, February 5th—11:00 am
Live Zoom Presentation

WISHING WELL DISPLAY

Entire Month of February
Sierra Madre Public Library

MAKE A CHOICE:

INTERACTIVE ADVENTURE

Begins: Monday, February 14th—11:00 am
Ends: Saturday, February 26th - 6:00 pm

INTERACTIVE STORYTELLERS

Saturday, February 19th—11:00 am
Live Zoom Presentation

THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

Thursday, February 17th—11:00 am
Online Zoom MeetingOFF THE PAGE: A STAGED READING
THE WORLD'S STRONGEST LIBRARIANMonday, February 28th—7:00 pm
Sierra Madre Playhouse

Register online through Eventbrite or call the Library at (626) 355-7186 for more information.

JOIN OUR
FOOD DRIVE
FEBRUARY 1-13, 2022Look for Collection Boxes
at these Sierra Madre Businesses**Arnold's Hardware****Best Buy Drugs****Bottle Shop****Syndicate Coffee &
Bakery****Taylor's
Ol' Fashioned Market**

REQUESTED ITEMS:

- Family Size Cereal
- Individual boxes of cereal
- Tuna and chicken snack packs
- Vienna sausage
- Beef stew
- Spam
- Ramen
- Small fruit cans
- Individualized shelf milk
- Individualized juices
- Individualized chips and crackers
- Applesauce cups
- Mac and cheese bowls

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We are Moving!

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END OF THE MONTH!
COME STOP BY TO GRAB ALL YOUR FAVORITE
TREATS AND GOODIES BEFORE THE MOVE.

SHOPPING HOURS:
TUESDAY-SATURDAY 10:00AM-5:00PM.
SUNDAY 11:00AM-4:00PM

 **SAVOR THE FLAVOR**
SPECIALTY GIFTS & AWARD WINNING FOODS

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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REMEMBRANCE OF A MOTHER & SON



GALIA ANN ELL
September 5, 1937-February 14, 2021

Galia Ann Ell was born of Russian ancestry in Kobe, Japan on Sept 5, 1937 to Olga and Anatoli Bendersky. She lived her early childhood years in Tientsin, China with her family until the Japanese invasion. Her mother was a ballerina in the Russian ballet in Shanghai. Her father, who was the distributor for Warner Bros. films for all of Asia, was wrongfully executed when she was around 9 years old. She and her mother fled to America with the help of her second father, Irving Layton, and they settled in Hollywood. Ann was a graduate of Hollywood High. For her first job in 1958, she worked as a secretary at the William Esty Ad Agency, where she eventually wrote and produced “TV Technique” commercials for Winston cigarettes with Bob Cummings and for the show, “Mr. Adams & Eve” starring Ida Lupino. Ann herself acted in various Russian programs and plays in Hollywood. Talent scouts and producers including Joe Pasternak, courted her to become a movie star. She declined in order to start her family and to raise her children.

Ann married her first husband, Les Lowe and together they had a son, Tony. She later married Victor Ell and moved to Alhambra, California, where they had their first born, Robert. One year later they moved to Hastings Ranch at Greenhill Road in Pasadena, where they had their second son, Craig. She was very active in the Pasadena Women's Club and in the Hastings Hens. Victor and Ann Ell were often mentioned in the Pasadena Star News for hosting parties for the Exchange Club and other organizations.

Ann was the first administrative secretary and teacher of Russian language during the founding years of the Gooden School in Sierra Madre in 1975. Her Russian translation of "Silent Night" was performed and sung by the students at the very first Gooden School Lessons & Carols. She also worked as a typesetter and secretary for the Sierra Madre News in Kersting Court. Ann also worked for the Pasadena Community Housing Services and Glendale Head Start programs, where she mastered her computer skills, designing programs and music books.

After her divorce from Victor Ell, Ann and her two youngest sons moved to Montecito Avenue in the beautiful town of Sierra Madre. Ann enjoyed all the good memories of living in Sierra Madre including July 4th parades, Gooden School Teas on Tuesdays, hiking trips, painting ceramics in town with her kids and playing bingo with friends. She was an avid tennis player throughout her life, a black belt in Karate and an award winning poet and writer. Ann moved to Seal Beach, Leisure World in 2004 where she resided until her passing.

Ann is survived by her two sons, Tony Lowe and Robert Ell and her cousins Deanna Boulton and family, Boris Mishel and family, Tyrone Estrada and family and Eric Ell and family. She is also survived by her sweet kitty, Kelly.

Galia Ann Ell passed away due to Covid-19 related causes on Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day.



CRAIG STEVEN ELL
December 29th, 1969 March 29th, 2021

Born in Pasadena, California to Victor and Ann Ell, Craig Ell lived his childhood years in Hastings Ranch and in Sierra Madre. Craig was one of the founding year students at The Gooden School in 1976 alongside his brother 'Robbie' and his mother Ann who worked as the very first secretary at the school. Craig appeared with other students in photographs featured in the August 1977 edition of Sunset Magazine making gourd puppets with legendary puppeteer Virginia Curtis who owned a marionette theatre and workshop on Baldwin Avenue.

As a youngster Craig and his brother also loved to volunteer and decorate the Sierra Madre Floats. He enjoyed overnights on the parade route and visiting the Wrigley mansion for the Queen and Court teas and shaking hands with Grand Marshalls like Jimmy Stewart and Danny Kaye thanks to his late father Victor Ell, a beloved Chairman of both the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association and the Pasadena Planning Commission.

Craig also enjoyed acting and singing and appeared in Thrifty's Christmas commercials in the 70's as well as in local productions headed by Beverly Bishop at the Jester's Theatre in Pasadena where he stole the show in his role as "Jake" in, Annie Get Your Gun. In addition to acting, he also studied Karate and played in little league and AYSO soccer.

He attended High Point Academy and Pasadena High School. Craig worked briefly at Gumps store on Lake Ave in Pasadena. Years later he partnered with Rod Stewart's son Sean to create Stewart Recordings where he attempted to manage various new and emerging bands and comedic acts.

In later years, Craig unfortunately, struggled with his health, addiction and homelessness. Some of his fondest memories were of Summer vacations with Grandma Olga to Hawaii, living in Malibu, impersonating Louis Armstrong singing, "What A Wonderful World," being with his Siamese cat "Malibu" and his Himalayan cat "Smokey" and endless swimming, playing and laughter with all the other neighborhood kids of Greenhill Road.

Craig Ell passed away from Covid-19 and other causes just over one month after his mother.

He is survived by his brothers Robert Ell and Tony Lowe.

You may contact Robert Ell at urell@aol.com.

Friends and Family will be gathering at 11am on February 14th, 2022 to place the ashes of Galia Ann Ell and Craig Steven Ell at the Pioneer Cemetary of Sierra Madre.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

Deep thought to kick off February:
“The more you think about something, the more power you give it. You can't change THEM, but you can change you, which could be enough to create just the result you were hoping for.”

“If January is the month of change, February is the month of lasting change. January is for dreamers. February is for doers.” Marc Parent

“In February there is everything to hope for and nothing to regret.”

“February is the month of love.”
Yes, friends and neighbors, Valentine's Day is just a couple of weeks away!

There are so many things I could write about here this week but I decided I would write about my dad. His birthday was last Sunday. He would have been 101, I think. The picture today is his take on lemons. Many artists would have created a work such as this, perfect lemons with perfect leaves; but my dad added that special quirky touch: a small dragon. This is an exquisite oil painting that hangs in my house, along with many other pieces of his work. He was an incredibly gifted, prolific artist who was featured in many art shows, won many competitions, and my sister, Heidi, and I treasure his work. I expect he is still creating in heaven. I came across an essay he wrote many years ago, which is so “him” that I want to share it with you.

“How to Become an Artist” By Kim Weed

When I was about three years old I took to drawing some of the creatures around me such as spiders, grasshoppers, ants and flies. My mother, although no art lover, was interested in abnormal curiosities, so saved my premature efforts for a while but tossed them out when I was about seven as no longer being of interest. But my compulsion to draw never left and for the rest of my life I drew pictures. I don't remember especially liking to draw, it was just that whenever I came into contact with paper and pencil I would instinctively start. There was barely perceptible improvement, but as time passed, I became the one in the classroom delegated to do the lettering, make the posters, etc. I caused me no end of annoyance and self-disgust that I really wasn't very good at it, so tried to find out why by studying paperback books on cartooning, which actually did provide some of the answers. The one gift I had was being able to draw pictures that made others laugh, and for this reason some dimwitted individuals began keeping them, which was a terrific lift to my ego.

When I told my parents I wished to be an artist or cartoonist, and they got through laughing, in some seriousness they asked me if I wanted to starve to death. I thought about it and decided that I would one day open up my own “fixit” shop for repairing broken things, which was, apparently, my sole talent. When I was sixteen I took a chance and entered a statewide competition for a scholarship at the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles by submitting a portfolio of my work. I thought it was a genuine miracle when I got the letter telling me I had won.

I packed a bag, drew out my life savings of \$52, and headed for Los Angeles. For two years, on the edge of starvation, I attended Chouinard

free of charge. At the ripe age of eighteen, I set myself up as a freelance illustrator and took in any kind of art work that came along, including animation, mural painting, gag cartooning, men's fashions, paste-up and newspaper advertising illustration. It included meeting short deadlines, late hours, considerable humiliation and ego bashing, along with poverty, but I was able to keep from sinking, though barely.

As World War II loomed on the horizon, I got a fair paying job in an aircraft factory and never looked back. I was a sailor, aircraft mechanic, and after the war, thanks to the GI Bill, went to college and, in time, became an aerospace engineer, later an intelligence agent and traveled throughout the world. Now here comes the good part...

When it was no longer necessary to grub out a precarious living by drawing, it was suddenly a lot of fun, and I never stopped for the next fifty years, sometimes profitably, sometimes not. I was lucky enough to illustrate books, paint portraits, work in all the graphic media, enter competitions and paint hundreds of pictures just for fun, some of which won prizes, while others found their way into countries across the seas. So, when someone asks me how to become an artist, I have to say, “I don't have the slightest idea or foggiest notion!”

My parents married too young, had no idea how to be married, soon had me, and divorced. I saw little of him during my youth but reconnected with him when I was in my 40's, thanks to the Salvation Army – but that's another story – and we were close friends until he passed away. As he lived in Valley Center, in the hills above Escondido, we carried on a lively correspondence by mail. Yes, letters! With stamps and everything! I have all his letters to me in a folder which I will look into someday, but not just now. His art surrounds me with beauty and wit and I feel blessed.

In 2000, when he was in his 80's, my dad set off on a cruise around the world on a container ship, continuing a life filled with high adventure. But that, too, is another story. Happy birthday, Dad!

Have you ordered “The Midnight Library” by Matt Haig, Sierra Madre's One Book, One City selection for February? I'm about halfway through it and, I gotta tell you, it's enthralling! The Book of Regrets and choosing the lives the heroine, Nora, could have chosen. It's an excellent book!

Speaking of the Library... the used book sale is this weekend. Go! You'll be glad you did.

“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.”

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
I've been re-reading my book,
“Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope”
It encouraged me, made me smile and reminded me that Hope is all around!
It's a pretty good book, even if I did write it!
You can find it on Amazon.com and they'll even send it to someone for you!



HAVE WE BECOME IRRELEVANT?

Sadly, one of the lasting impacts of the pandemic is the realization that City Council members prefer to have monthly meetings with as little public input as possible. During the pandemic when meetings were held remotely, and resident concerns were on their own health and safety, members of the public were understandably not engaged in city issues. At the first in person meeting in July, 2021, the Mayor's welcoming comment to the few dozen residents in attendance was ‘I don't know why you're here’. Quite interesting, because there were two agenda items of great importance to city residents: the Housing Element and the 42 unit housing development below the Retreat Center.

Unfortunately, that tone turned out to be indicative of the Council's attitude toward residents who came to share their comments or ask questions on agenda items. The focus was on the timer and residents were rudely cut off mid sentence when the clock hit 00.00. To speed things along, several emails sent in by residents were not read into the record, to the dismay of those in attendance.

We are fortunate to live in a city with some very smart, well-educated residents with diverse backgrounds and experiences. And we are also fortunate that they are willing to share that expertise with us at Council meetings. Having their voices silenced is a disservice to all of us. Having written comments submitted by those unable to attend that are not read into the record for all to hear does not send the message that their input is welcomed and appreciated. Nor does it foster the City's oft repeated goal of transparency.

Residents have commented over the past 6 months about the inadequacy of the comment period and the frustration asking questions and bringing up issues with no response or action from the Council.

In light of all that has gone on since March 2020, it is ironic that one of the Council's goals

for 2022 is to ‘reduce the length of meetings, which have run 2 to 3 hours or more’. Can you imagine running for city council and realizing you may have to spend 4 or more hours a month at two council meetings?..Oh, the horror. So, one of the first actions under new Mayor Goss is the announcement that e-mailed public comments would be posted on the city website and no longer read during the meeting ‘to save time’. Congratulations to the Council for keeping their first meeting of the year to 35 minutes, and the second meeting 38 minutes. Goal accomplished. As residents, we would have hoped to hear that the Council's goals might include the implementation of the Housing Element; How the city will track further state housing legislations that threatens our single family communities; How the city will join with other municipalities to fight SB 10; discussing a vote of ‘no confidence’ in County DA Gascon; increasing citizen participation in government affairs; scheduling a Town Hall meeting so there can be an open two-way discussion of the largest housing development in Sierra Madre history and many others that don't rise to the importance of keeping meetings short.

We had hoped that in 2022 the council would be boldly proactive on issues, instead of reactive; welcome citizens to meetings, not discourage their attendance; and set some real goals that we can all be proud of.

Instead, after waiting for two years to have a chance to have an open Q&A period about the Meadows project (building 42 large homes) with a chance for follow-up questions, what we are getting is a joint meeting of the City Council with the Planning Commission run by New Urban West. We don't even know the date, time, or venue, and it will once again be a one-sided conversation, with the residents again limited to 3 minutes, and not allowed to ask any follow-up questions.

As this article goes to print, we wonder what happened to the 24 pages of comments Preserve Sierra Madre sent to the City to be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Report. They are missing and not included in the Final EIR. We spent two months out of our busy lives to research laws, speak to experts and compile our comments, charts and photos. Director Gonzalez acknowledged receipt, but can't come up with an answer to date. Is this the infamous 24 minutes of tape in the Nixon era?

Stay tuned for our next article!



LETTER TO THE EDITOR SOMEDAY

Everyone has a someday, and most of us have many. One of the somedays that I have had, and knew would come, is when I would write this and ask the editor of the paper to print it. This someday has been forty-one years In the making, it is the day that I would close my office, and that has finally come.

Why do I feel the need to announce this? Well, I made a promise to myself many years ago that when the time came, I would take note of it, to say goodbye to the town.

In these forty years, for instance, this newspaper has gone through a number of owners, Carrot-Top (no, not that one), Jan Reed, Michael, and our present guardian, Susan Henderson. The house that we rented for 26 years was worth about one hundred thousand dollars in 1980 and sold for close to a million when we moved in 2005. There was a shoe store, two grocery stores, a health food

store, a men's clothing shop, a produce store, a pet shop, there were Richfield, Shell, Standard and Union 76 gas stations, and more importantly, you could throw candy, and hose down anybody within standing distance at the 4th of July parade.

Held within this three-square-mile-no spotlight-town, are the essential energies of the present inhabitants mingled with the countless others who have lived here before. Many of those live just down the street at our town cemetery. All of us cradled against the mother mountain, who looks down on us and protects us. How many times have we said after crossing into town while coming up Baldwin and passing Orange Grove, or heading east on Sierra Madre Boulevard past Michillinda, “Ah, that's better ... I'm home now?”

Do I long for days gone by? Not really. Then why take time to write this? Is it just an exercise in nostalgia?

I asked my anthropologist daughter, Eryn, what the practical basis of nostalgia might be, and she described longing as a means of insuring survival. That is, if there is an emotional component to any equation, skin in the game, there is inclusion, a strength in numbers and a prerogative to protect one's space. It made perfect sense, we belong to each other in this town and the town belongs to us.

As we wind down the office hours and the patients come by for perhaps the last time, I am profoundly saddened. Do I really want to stop now? Things have never been better ... why am I doing this? Honestly, I have no answer, except to say that someday has arrived. See you down the road.

John M. Talevich, D.C.

Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 40s
Mon	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 40
Tues	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 40
Wed	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 40s
Thur	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 40s
Fri	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 8, 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 foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

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



Sierra Madre Public
LIBRARY
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This week at the
Sierra Madre
Public Library

February 7—February 12

Note: The Library building is currently closed.

Contact-free service is available. Please call 626-355-7186 during regular business hours for more information.

Monday

Preschool Storytime at Memorial Park—

Outdoors at 9:00 & 10:00am. Call the Library to register

Minecraft Monday: Creative—Online at 4:00pm

Wednesday

Teen Snackchat—Outside the Library at 4:00pm

Thursday

Baby Rhyme Time at Memorial Park—Outdoors
at 9:00am. Call the Library to register

Tails & Tales—Outside the Library at 3:00pm

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February 16, 2022 6:30 – 8:00 pm

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Pasadena Launches Covid-19 Vaccine Video Contest



Gives Students Ages 4-24 Chance to Win Up to \$1,500

Pasadena Public Health Department officials announced Tuesday an innovative COVID-19 vaccine video contest that aims to spotlight the benefits of choosing vaccination, to counter harmful myths, and to promote an open dialogue about COVID-19 and vaccines through the sharing of experiences on social media. The 2022 #VaccinatePasadena Video Contest invites students ages 4-24 (grades TK-college) to create and submit artwork or share a short video on TikTok or Instagram with a powerful and positive COVID-19 vaccine message.

Students in different grade categories—elementary school, middle school, high school and college—will compete for monetary awards for their team and school. Awards are funded by a grant through L.A. Care Health Plan and range from \$50 to \$1,500.

“COVID-19 has dramatically impacted kids and young adults on a personal level. This contest gives students a creative way to share with their peers and others in the community how vaccination has changed the trajectory of this pandemic and renewed the hope and optimism they have for the future,” says Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, Pasadena Public Health Department director and health officer. “We can’t wait to see the entries and showcase the winners.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone 5 and older get vaccinated against COVID-19, and everyone 12 and older to get boosted. In Pasadena, children and some young adults lag behind other age groups in vaccination rates. Peer-to-peer messaging can be a strong, positive influence among children and youth, and social media is a popular medium for showcasing young people’s creativity and passion for important issues.

All students ages 4-24 currently enrolled in grades TK-college in Pasadena schools (including all schools in the PUSD school district) are eligible to enter the #VaccinatePasadena Video Contest. Deadline for entries is Feb. 17. Winners will be announced during a virtual awards ceremony in March 2022. Official rules at: cityofpasadena.net/public-health.

Bill to make Kids Summer Camps Safer



In response to the wholly preventable drowning death of 6-year-old Roxie Forbes at a Los Angeles County summer camp in Altadena, as well as a history of traumatic incidents at children’s camps statewide, Assemblymember Chris Holden introduced AB 1737, Tuesday, a measure that establishes health and safety standards to protect millions of child campers and counselors.

“When parents take their children to day camps throughout the year, it is under the assumption that they will be protected, make friends, and return home safely afterwards,” Holden said. “We want to give parents and guardians a peace of mind to ensure they know their child is secure in California.”

According to Holden, AB 1737 would clarify that day and overnight camps attended by children are subject to California Department of Public Health (CDPH) regulations and specifically outline the obligations of CDPH, local

agencies, and children’s camps prior to and during operation of the children’s camps. The bill would also require children’s camps to include in their operating plan submitted to their local agency normal operation procedures, security and emergency procedures, health and safety policies, and indicate whether the camp offers any high-risk activities, such as swimming and horseback riding.

In response to the preventable death of their daughter, Doug Forbes and his wife Elena launched Meow Meow Foundation, the nation’s only camp safety nonprofit. They successfully established new camp safety and drowning prevention laws in Los Angeles County and work with legislators and health and safety experts throughout the U.S. to establish measures that protect millions of children at camps from wholly preventable harm.

“The camp responsible for my daughter’s death remained open the entire day she died and

Roxie Forbes

every day thereafter,” said Doug Forbes, Father of Roxie Forbes and CEO of Meow Meow Foundation. “Camp owners emailed thousands of parents telling them they wanted ‘to keep the day as normal as possible,’ and they prevented those parents from picking up their traumatized children. I contacted Holden because nothing is normal about affording camps the latitude to inflict such harm without accountability. I will stop at nothing to keep children and parents from similar suffering,” “Children should not worry about their own safety, it is the responsibility of the adults providing supervision while their parent or guardians are at work,” Holden said.

Roxie Forbes drowned at Summerkids camp (pictured above) in Altadena in 2019.

Movies That Matter ‘100 Years From Mississippi’

As part of Caltech’s Movies That Matter, a new film series curated and presented in a collaborative partnership between Caltech Public Programming, launches with a virtual screening of the 2021 award-winning documentary “100 Years From Mississippi” directed by Tarabu Betsari Kirkland (pictured right). The film and panel discussion will be shown, Friday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m.

The virtual screening is followed by a panel discussion of the film and its impact, featuring the director, Barry Shabaka Henley; one of the film’s producers; and Danielle L. Wiggins, Caltech assistant professor of history in the Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

“100 Years From Mississippi” tells the true story of one family’s flight from Ellisville, Mississippi under threat of lynching in the early 20th century and the aftermath 100 years after the events, all seen from the point of view of the family’s young daughter. Mamie Lang Kirkland (pictured left) was seven years old when she fled Ellisville, Mississippi in 1915 with her mother and siblings as her father and his friend, John Hartfield, escaped an approaching lynch mob. John Hartfield returned to Mississippi in 1919 and was killed in one of the most horrific lynchings of the era.

Mamie’s son, Tarabu, had grown up hearing stories of John Hartfield, but didn’t know if his mother’s stories were fact or folklore until one day in 2015, when Tarabu discovered an article describing Hartfield’s murder before a crowd of 10,000 spectators.

For over 100 years, Mamie



vowed never to return to Mississippi. After Tarabu made his remarkable find, he urged his mother to finally confront her childhood trauma by returning to Ellisville. Mamie was 107 when they began the journey to connect her story to the larger impact of America’s legacy of racial violence, which echoes today from Ferguson to New York, Atlanta to Los Angeles.

Like many of the 6 million African Americans who left the Deep South during that period, Mamie’s story is a testament to the courage and hope of her generation. Her indomitable will and contagious joy of living is exceeded only by her ability to tell her story now, 111 years later.

“100 Years From Mississippi” has won many awards at 2021 film festivals across North America, including Best Documentary at the Harlem International Film Festival, Best Documentary Feature at the National Black Film Festival, Best Documentary Narrative at the Indianapolis Black Documentary Film Festival, the Audience Award at the Buffalo International Film Festival, and the Jury Choice for Mid-length Documentary at the Montreal International Black Film Festival.

For more information about the film and to reserve a spot visit: events.caltech.edu/series/movies-that-matter.

South Pas Library Virtual Book Discussion

The South Pasadena Public Library is set to host a virtual book discussion of “A Contract with God” in celebration of Will Eisner Week. The discussion will take place on Zoom on Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. Registration is required.

Will Eisner Week, taking place March 1st through 7th, is the annual literary celebration of Will Eisner, a pioneer in the field of sequential art whose career spanned more than 70 years. A Contract with God is a semi-autobiographical work containing four interwoven stories of the Jewish residents of a tenement building in New York City. This graphic novel, originally released in 1978, revolutionized the comic book medium and is often deemed the first modern graphic novel.

Upon request made no later than four (4) business days before the event, the City will provide a reasonable accommodation for a qualified person with disability to have equal access to the event. Please call (626) 403-7312 or fill out the City’s request form available at: southpasadenaca.gov and email the form to Human Resources at HR@southpasadenaca.gov.

Pasadena Senior Center to hold Carnegie Cosmic Cocktail Hour

In the early eons of cosmic time, how did the universe transform from slow-moving clumps of dark matter to large and complex galaxies, such as Andromeda and our own local Milky Way?

For the Carnegie Observatories Cosmic Cocktail Hour presented by the Pasadena Senior Center Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m. via Zoom, Dr. Ivanna Escala will discuss what studies have revealed about the building blocks of galaxies in the broader universe.

Escala is a Carnegie-Princeton postdoctoral fellow whose research at Carnegie Observatories includes galactic archeology, stellar spectroscopy and galaxy formation. She uses ground-based telescopes to measure chemical abundances of individual stars in nearby galaxies and learn about their formation history. She earned her undergraduate degree in physics with a specialization in astrophysics from the University of California San Diego and her PhD in astrophysics from Caltech.

The cost of Cosmic Cocktail Hour is only \$7 for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and \$10 for nonmembers 50 and older. To register, visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.org and click on Lectures & Classes, then Special Events or call 626-795-4331. Everyone who registers will receive an email link to access this Zoom event. Neither Pasadena Senior Center membership nor residency in Pasadena is required.

Then pour your favorite beverage, sit back and enjoy the astronomical trip.

In addition to online classes, onsite events and other



Dr. Ivanna Escala

activities, members and nonmembers of the Pasadena Senior Center are encouraged to visit the website regularly for a monthly magazine, COVID updates specifically for older adults and more.

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

In accordance with Los Angeles County Public Health Department guidelines, proof of COVID vaccination is required for everyone who uses the fitness center or attends onsite activities indoors. All onsite instructors and presenters are required to meet minimum COVID protocols.

Playhouse to Perform the Translation of Uncle Vanya

Pasadena Playhouse Producing Artistic Director Danny Feldman announced Tuesday the Los Angeles premiere of the Richard Nelson, Richard Pevar, and Larissa Volokhonsky translation of Uncle Vanya by Anton Chekhov. Performances are scheduled from June 1 through June 26.

This exhilarating revival pairs one of the greatest plays ever written with the world’s most celebrated translators of Russian literature. After years of caring for their family’s crumbling estate, Vanya and his niece receive an unexpected visit from his brother-in-law and his alluring wife. When hidden passions and tumultuous frustrations come to a boil in the heat of the Russian summer, their lives threaten to come undone. Comic, cutting, and true to life, this translation of Uncle Vanya provides an up-close, conversational-style encounter with a classic drama that every theater-lover must see.

“In addition to producing



American musicals and new works, boldly re-envisioning classic plays is core to our mission at the Playhouse,” said Danny Feldman, Producing Artistic Director. “This new translation of Uncle Vanya breathes new life into a theatrical masterpiece, making it perfect for fans of Chekhov or people experiencing his work for the first time.”

Tickets are on sale now, starting at \$30 at pasadenaplayhouse.org, or by calling 626-356-7529.

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Pasadena Cheeseburger Week Challenge Results

2263 voters chose their favorites in 13 categories during 2022 Cheeseburger Week in Pasadena

Pasadena celebrated all things cheeseburger during Cheeseburger Week January 23rd to 28th. Visitors enjoyed food created especially for the event, took advantage of great deals and meals, followed cheeseburger crawls and voted in the 2022 Cheeseburger Challenge. In all, 2263 people voted online in the challenge to determine favorites in 13 categories ranging from Favorite Place to Go For a Burger to Favorite Dessert after a Burger.

Every restaurant is entered in the Favorite Restaurant for a Burger category. Each restaurant that opened in the previous 12 months is entered in the Favorite New Restaurant for a Burger category. Restaurants can then enter in three other categories in the 2022 Cheeseburger Challenge.

Congratulations to those named Favorites in these categories in the 2022 Cheeseburger Challenge:

Favorite Place to Go for a Burger
Dog Haus/Dog Haus Biergarten: 27.5%
Pie 'n Burger: 26.9%
Kings Row Gastropub 17.2%
Favorite Innovative Burger
The Stand 28.5%
Slater's 50/50 18.3%
Kings Row Gastropub 17.3%
Favorite Lunch Counter Burger:
Pie 'n Burger 42.2%
The Counter 28.3%
(tie) Rounds Premium Burgers/Twohey's 8%
Favorite Traditional Cheeseburger
Pie 'n Burger 32.2%
The Stand 30.5%
Clearman's Galley 12%
Favorite Sliders

Dog Haus 36.3%
Jake's Trustworthy Burgers 24.2%
Slater's 50/50 16.8%
Favorite Gourmet Burger
Dog Haus 29.3%
The Stand 17.1%
(Tie) Flemings Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar/The Terrace at the Langham 10.9%
Favorite Alternative burger
The Counter 28.2%
El Portal/Yahaira's 28.2%
Fox's 17.2%
Favorite Turkey Burger
True Food Kitchen 39.1%
Barney's Beanery 24.9%
Rounds Premium Burgers 23.8%
Favorite Sit-down/White Table Cloth Burger
Smitty's Grill 28.57%
(tie) Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar/The Terrace at the Langham 24.9%
Mi Place 16.8%
Favorite New Pasadena Restaurant for a Burger
Crave Cafe 20.18%
Jake's Trustworthy Burgers and Beet 16.59%
Tardino Bros. Italian Kitchen 15.25%
Favorite Veggie/Vegan Burger (tie) Sage Vegan Bistro/True Food Kitchen 21.5%
The Stand 20.7%
Jake's Trustworthy Burgers and Beer 17.9%
Favorite Dessert After a Burger
Pie 'n Burger 34.1%
Stonefire Grill 18.5%
Cindy's 13.3%

"This year's celebration of the cheeseburger was special for the participants and the community. Customers flocked to old favorites and new venues for some tasty fun and friendly competition," said Pasadena Chamber CEO Paul Little. "Cheeseburger Week is just plain delicious."

For address, menu and other information visit www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com. Look for Pasadena Restaurant Week coming in May.

Movies at the Senior Center for Members and Guests

Friday movie matinees will be shown each week to Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. onsite at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

Seating will be limited and reservations will be required on a first-come, first-served basis. Each member of the Pasadena Senior Center may reserve one additional seat for a nonmember guest. COVID protocols are observed for all onsite events and activities at the center.

"Get On Up" (2014, PG-13) starring Chadwick Boseman and Dan Aykroyd – Friday, Feb. 11, at 1 p.m. James Brown rose from extreme poverty to become one of the most influential musicians in American history.

"Think Like a Man" (2012, PG-13) starring Gabrielle Union and Kevin Hart – Friday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. When they discover the women in their lives have been using Steve Harvey's relationship advice against them, four friends

conspire to turn the tables on them.

"Ali" (2001, R) starring Will Smith and Jamie Foxx – Friday, Feb. 25, at 1 p.m. More than any other athlete and heavyweight champion in history, Muhammad Ali changed the sport of boxing amid triumphs and controversies.

To register for any or all of the movies or for more information, visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.org and click on Activities & Events, then Friday Movie Matinee or call 626-795-4331.

The center is an independent, donor-supported nonprofit organization that has served older adults for more than 60 years. During the pandemic, doors are open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In accordance with Los Angeles County Public Health Department guidelines, proof of COVID vaccination is required for everyone who uses the fitness center or attends onsite activities indoors.

South Pasadena Seeks Library Strategic Planning Consultant



The South Pasadena Public Library announced that they are seeking a consultant to assist with developing a five-year strategic plan.

The new strategic plan will shape library programs and will inform the allocation of human and fiscal resources. The selected consultant will be expected to employ creative and effective strategies to solicit input from all stakeholders, including library users and non-users, Library Trustees, City Councilmembers, staff, Friends of the Library board members and members, community groups, and school district employees. A detailed Request for Proposals is posted on the Library's website: southpasadenaca.gov.

Library Bookmark Contest for Children and Teens

South Pasadena children and teens are encouraged to use their imagination and design a one-of-a-kind bookmark that is inspired by the 2022 Summer Reading Program theme "Read Beyond the Beaten Path", or that celebrates books, reading and libraries. Designs will be entered in the annual Bookmark Contest and winners' bookmarks will be printed and distributed during the Summer Reading Program. Contest forms are available on the library's website at: southpasadenaca.gov/children or from the Children's Room.

Bookmark Contest entries must be submitted by Wednesday, March 1 to the Children's Services desk at the South Pasadena Public Library, located at 1100 Oxley Street.

Submissions are due from consultants on Monday, February 21 by 5:00 p.m.

The current strategic plan, covering the period 2017-2022 can be viewed on the city's website: southpasadenaca.gov.

The South Pasadena Public Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena. Information about the library and programs and services can be found at: southpasadenaca.gov/library. The Library is open Mondays through Thursdays, 1:00–7:00 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. To be notified about library programs and services, sign up to receive informational emails from the library at: southpasadenaca.gov/librarynews.

Entries will be judged according to four age categories. Winners will be announced in early April in honor of National Library Week. All entries must have a parent or guardian signature in order for the artwork to be entered in the Bookmark Contest.

For more information about other upcoming free library children's programs, visit: southpasadenaca.gov/children or call Children's Services at (626) 403-7358. The Library is open Mondays through Thursdays, 1:00–7:00 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. To be notified about library programs and services, sign up to receive informational emails from the library at: southpasadenaca.gov/librarynews.

The meeting is set for 5 p.m. via videoconference/teleconference.

According to a statement the proposed increases will help cover rising costs for purchasing and treating water, and provide funding for critical improvements to reservoirs, treatment facilities and other water infrastructure. Pending City Council approval, the water rates will increase by an average of 7.1 percent on April 1. A second adjustment of 7.2 percent would take effect on Jan. 1, 2023.

While individual customer bill impacts will vary based on water meter size and amount of water used, projected cost estimates show most residential customers will likely see a \$3 increase in their monthly bill starting April 1, and an additional \$4 monthly increase on Jan. 1. Based on similar modeling, PWP estimates that commercial customers are likely to see a \$19 and \$20 increase, respectively.

"The proposed water rate adjustments are the result of a number of factors, including our aging infrastructure which is in need of critical and proactive updates. We're also experiencing severe statewide drought conditions, and that's impacting both water supply and operational costs," says Jeffrey Kightlinger, interim general manager. "PWP is a community-owned, not-for-profit utility, and invests revenue generated in the provision of services and infrastructure improvements to serve our customers. This adjustment is necessary to cover increasing costs so that we can continue to deliver water to the high standards that our customers expect and deserve."

Pasadena City Council recently approved a new Water System and Resources Plan that outlines the City's long-term plans and priorities for securing its water supply and investing in infrastructure, some of which is currently over 100 years old. In addition, California's ongoing severe drought conditions may affect water supply and conservation efforts in the years to come.

For more information on water rate adjustments and the upcoming public hearing, please visit the PWP website.

Tonga Eruption Sent Ripples Through Earth's Ionosphere

NASA detected the shockwave from the underwater eruption high up in the atmosphere.

The powerful underwater volcanic eruption that blanketed the island nation of Tonga with ash and sent tsunami waves across the world also caused ripples in Earth's ionosphere, according to measurements from the Global Differential Global Positioning System (GDGPS) managed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

When the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano erupted on Jan. 15, it unleashed a violent explosion with the equivalent force of 4 to 18 megatons of TNT, according to estimates from NASA geologist Jim Garvin. This explosion produced an acoustic shockwave that was strong enough to perturb the ionosphere, the outer layer of the atmosphere that starts about 50 to 56 miles (80 to 90 kilometers) above Earth's surface and contains electrons ionized by the Sun's energy.

The eruption also caused a tsunami, which was enhanced by the atmospheric pressure waves of the explosion – a phenomenon known as a meteotsunami. The deformation of the ocean's surface from these large waves further disturbed the ionosphere. The GDGPS observed ionospheric disturbances caused by the explosion and subsequent meteotsunami in real time. The system monitors the density of electrons in the ionosphere (measured as total electron content units, or TECU) by tracking the delay of global navigation satellite systems

(GNSS) signals as they travel through the atmosphere.

GNSS data can serve an important role in contributing to tsunami early warning systems, shaving precious time off tsunami warnings when every second of advanced notice can save lives. The NASA Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Science (ROSES) A.37 project Local Tsunami Early Warning With GNSS Earthquake Source Products, funded by the Applied Sciences Disasters program area, is using this GNSS data to detect ground movement and model earthquake activity that could lead to tsunamis. The team is integrating this data into tsunami early warning systems operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Center for Tsunami Research (CTR).

NASA's Space Geodesy Project also supports tsunami risk reduction through collaborations with the International GNSS Service, which manages the GNSS-enhanced Tsunami Early Warning Systems (GTEWS), the International Association of Geodesy's Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS), and the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Geodesy for the Sendai Framework Community Activity.

In the future, the ionospheric disturbance recorded by the GDGPS could also be integrated into these tsunami warning systems, increasing their effectiveness to warn communities and get people out of harm's way before tsunami waves strike.

For more information visit: jpl.nasa.gov.

SAN MARINO CRIME BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, January 23 through Saturday, January 29 the San Marino Police Department responded to 408 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 23

No significant incidents to report for this date.

Monday, January 24

1:32 P.M. / Missing Person Located

1400 Block of Virginia Road

A reported missing person was located.

5:24 P.M. / Found Property

San Marino Police Department Lobby

A report was taken for found property.

Tuesday, January 25

8:58 A.M. / 902T – Traffic Collision without Injuries

2200 Block of Huntington Drive

Officers responded to a traffic collision involving two vehicles.

10:00 A.M. / Safekeeping

1200 Block of Winston Avenue

Property taken in for safekeeping.

11:33 P.M. / Warrant Arrest – Own Recognizance Citation

South Los Robles Avenue and Wilson Avenue

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle and identified the driver and suspect, Yuchen Co (DOB 04/26/2000 – Pasadena, CA) to have an outstanding warrant for reckless driving. The suspect was issued an own recognizance citation and released from the scene.

Wednesday, January 26

7:06 A.M. / CVC 10851 – Theft of Vehicle

400 Block of Plymouth Road

Officers were dispatched to investigate a vehicle theft. The subsequent investigation revealed the victim's vehicle was taken without his consent.

3:02 P.M. / PC 459 – Vehicle Burglary

1400 Block of Virginia Road

Unknown suspect(s) removed property from the victim's vehicle.

Thursday, January 27

9:17 A.M. / Fire Department Assist – Death Report

1000 Block of Canon Drive

Officers were dispatched to a death report and further investigation revealed no signs of foul play or crime.

1:19 P.M. / Adult Protection Services

1900 Block of Marino Terrace

Investigation for this incident is ongoing.

6:59 P.M. / CVC 23152 – Driving Under the Influence: Alcohol

Sharon Place and Rose Avenue

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle and contacted the driver. Upon further investigation, officers determined the driver to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver, John Francis Correnti (DOB 04/07/1967 – Arcadia, CA) was arrested and transported to Pasadena City Jail.

Friday, January 28

4:29 P.M. / 902T – Traffic Collision without Injuries

2400 Block of Huntington Drive

Officers responded to a traffic collision involving two vehicles.

Saturday, January 29

3:18 P.M. / PC 459 – Residential Burglary

1500 Block of Bellwood Road

Unknown suspect(s) attempted to make entry into the location. Unknown suspect(s) then fled from the location in an unknown direction by unknown means.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, January 23rd through Saturday, January 29th, the Police Department responded to 857 calls for service, of which 132 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 23:

- At 10:28 a.m., an officer responded to the 2200 block of Lee Avenue regarding a fraud report. The victim stated his Instagram account was hacked and his account was held for ransom. The victim paid the suspect, but the unidentified suspect refused to give the victim access to his account. The victim does not know how the suspect accessed his account or any information about the identity of the suspect.
- At 11:14 p.m., an officer responded to the Metro Plaza, located at 201 North First Avenue, regarding a theft report. The officer discovered one homeless male stole personal items from another homeless subject. The suspect threw a traffic cone at the victim as he fled. The victim was uninjured and the suspect was gone by the time an officer arrived.

Monday, January 24:

- At 12:12 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of Alta Street regarding a burglary report. Sometime between January 17th and January 24th, unknown suspect(s) kicked in the front door, ransacked the home, and fled with various electronics.
- At 4:11 p.m., an officer responded to Mo Mo Paradise, located at 56 East Duarte Road, regarding a commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspects shattered the front glass window and fled with a safe and laptops.
- At 3:57 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Naomi Avenue and El Monte Street regarding a battery that had just occurred. A transient suspect asked the juvenile victim walking home from school if she had any change. When the victim ignored the suspect, the suspect then grabbed her backpack from behind and the victim then punched the suspect in the face. The suspect responded by kicking the victim in the leg. The suspect is described as a male, White or Hispanic, in his 30's, with a medium build, and wearing gray clothing. The investigation is ongoing.
- At 5:42 p.m., an officer took a report of a grand theft that occurred at Albertson's, located at 298 East Live Oak Avenue. The officer determined two suspects stole numerous bottles of wine and fled in a white Toyota van. The suspects are described as two Asian males. An investigation revealed a similar incident occurred in the cities of Glendora and Gardena.

Tuesday, January 25:

- At 7:45 a.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a theft from vehicle incident. During the previous evening, someone entered the victim's unlocked Honda Civic and fled with the victim's headphones.
- At 9:36 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of California Street regarding a battery investigation. The officer discovered an altercation occurred between a contractor and the owner resulting in the owner hitting the victim. The suspect is outstanding as of February 1st.

Wednesday, January 26:

- At 11:49 a.m., an officer responded to a parking structure near 125 North First Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary that had just occurred. The officer located a subject matching the suspect's description and attempted to apprehend him. The suspect then ignored the officer and resisted the officer's attempt to arrest him. During a search of the arrestee, the officer located drug paraphernalia. The suspect, a 32-year-old male transient from Phoenix, AZ was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 8:37 p.m., an officer responded to CVS Pharmacy, located at 188 Las Tunas Drive, regarding a grand theft incident. An investigation revealed the victim met up with the suspect to sell some sports cards and the suspect ended up running away with the cards before paying for them. The suspect is described as an Asian male, approximately 17-years-old, wearing a gray sweater, black sweat pants, white shoes, and a mask. The investigation is ongoing.
- At 10:46 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of 125 North First Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime between 10:00 p.m. and 10:46 p.m. on January 26th, an unknown suspect smashed the victim's car window and stole her wallet.

Thursday, January 27:

- At 2:08 p.m., an officer responded to Victoria's Secret, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. The officer determined four suspects worked in concert to steal numerous pieces of merchandise. They fled in a newer white BMW sedan and a black mid-2000's sedan. The suspects are described as a four Black females. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, January 28:

- At 4:15 p.m., an officer responded to Abercrombie & Fitch, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a robbery report. An investigation revealed the male suspect had been apprehended by mall security after stealing multiple bottles of fragrances. While security was trying to identify the suspect, he pushed the security officer and fled. The suspect, a 41-year-old male from Conyers, GA, is outstanding as of the date of this report.

Saturday, January 29:

- At 4:37 a.m., an officer responded to the 00 block of West Norman Avenue regarding the activation of a GPS tracking device. Arcadia Police Department's Detective Bureau utilizes tracking devices to combat package thefts throughout the city. The stolen package and tracker were in the possession of a 41-year-old female from La Puente and a 27-year-old female from Pasadena City Jail for booking.

NEWS AND NOTICES

ARCADIA

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION and BOOSTER CLINIC
FEBRUARY 7, 2022 & FEBRUARY 14, 2022

The City of Arcadia in collaboration with Chinatown Service Center will be providing free COVID -19 Vaccinations and Booster Shots on Monday, February 7, 2022 and on Monday, February 14, 2022 from 1pm to 4pm. The free clinic will be held at the Arcadia Community Center, located at 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia 91007. Sign up for your appointment at my-turn.ca.gov. Walk-ins without an appointment will not be accepted. Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines will be available for adults 18 years and older. Pfizer vaccines are available for anyone ages 5 years and older. Adults and children must bring proof of identity and vaccination record card if it is for a second shot or booster. For more information, call Chinatown Service Center at 213.808.1792 or the Arcadia Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

MONROVIA

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT MONROVIA COMMUNITY CENTER

2021 did not provide many opportunities to donate blood, which has left many local hospitals with an extremely low supply. The Red Cross has advised that the ongoing blood crisis is the worst blood shortage in over a decade, posing a concerning risk to patient care. That being said, the Monrovia Police Officers' Association is sponsoring a blood drive, on February 10, at the Community Services Center (119 W. Palm), from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. To schedule your appointment please go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "MONROVIA" or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Those who donate will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card. Remember that the need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every two to three seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Your single donation can help save up to three lives!

DUARTE

THE DUARTE CITY COUNCIL IS HOLDING ITS THIRD REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022. ALL HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE DUARTE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS (1600 HUNTINGTON DRIVE) STARTING AT 7:15 PM.

Every ten years, cities with by-district election systems, like Duarte, must use new census data to review, and if needed, redraw district lines to reflect population shifts. This process, called "redistricting," ensures all districts have nearly equal populations, and therefore, representation in local elections.

Public input is an important aspect of the process, with residents being encouraged to participate in a series of public hearings during which they can share their thoughts on how Council district boundaries should be drawn.

Duarte's third public hearing on Tuesday, February 8, will focus on reviewing draft maps submitted by residents, gathering community feedback, identifying focus maps, and receiving feedback from the City Council on how they would like to revise the maps. If Duarte's City Council does not present revisions at this hearing, it may select a map and conduct a first reading of an ordinance adopting it with the second reading and map adoption taking place at the fourth public hearing on Tuesday, March 8.

Should the Duarte City Council make amendments to the preferred map, the first reading of the ordinance adopting the Council's new district map will take place at the City's fourth redistricting public hearing on Tuesday, March 8 with the final map adoption occurring at a fifth public hearing.

Residents can submit their own map by using the paper and digital mapping tools available on the City's redistricting website, DrawDuarte.org. All draft maps should be submitted to Redistricting@AccessDuarte.com by Thursday, January 27, for consideration at the February 8 public hearing.

Learn more about the City's redistricting process, how to submit public comments, and how to draw a map by visiting Duarte's redistricting website: DrawDuarte.org.





Please Join Senator Anthony J. Portantino
for a Virtual Workshop on the

California Mortgage Relief Program

Falling behind on your housing payments? You're not alone. Help is here for California homeowners. The state has launched the California Mortgage Relief Program to provide a one-time grant to qualified homeowners who have fallen behind on their housing payments.

Thursday • February 10TH
5:00 PM

Presented by:
California Housing Finance Agency
Homeowner Relief Corporation

Virtually via Zoom:
Webinar ID: 890 2910 9436

Please submit questions to Senator.Portantino@senate.ca.gov with the subject line "mortgage relief." The deadline to submit questions is February 7th.

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2022

January 28 - February 25

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UPDATE: 2022 Greater
Los Angeles Homeless Count Postponed
NEW DATE: February 22 - 24, 2022

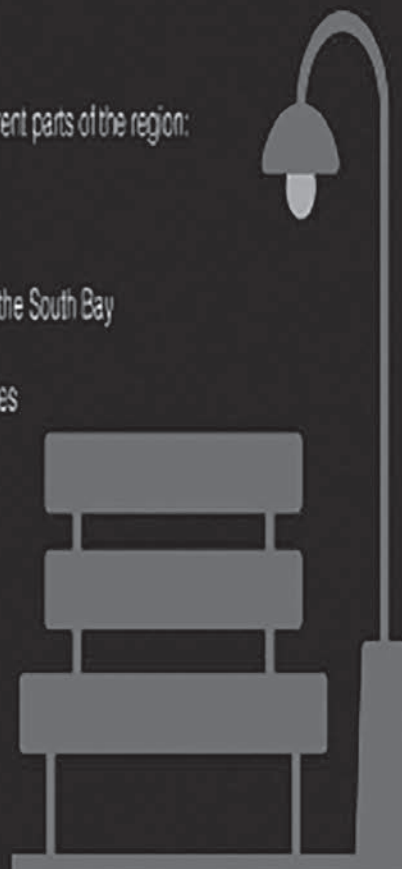
The Homeless Count will still be conducted over three nights in different parts of the region:

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*

MANNERS

My good friend and local hair stylist suggested an article on table manners, well here goes Mike!

Must admit with all the Presidential weeks and Valentines day fast approaching, plus my food notes and trivial trivia, I almost missed National Margarita & Chili Days, and what type of foodie would I be, but fear not friends, I did partake in a Margarita and a hot bowl of beanless chili. I have to take my Andy Rooney Card out again and give you my fellow diners the rules of Etiquette 101. I love my daughter, and some of my friends kids. But here goes.



I am asked frequently asked about etiquette and table manners, so I compiled this simple list based on the most common questions.

- * Your napkin goes in your lap, folded in half, as soon as you sit down. Many people wait until the food arrives, but the proper form is to be prepared.
- * If you leave the table, place the napkin to the left of your plate, loosely draped.
- * A napkin is never for blowing your nose or wiping your mouth. Use it to dab at the corners of your mouth or your fingertips. If you need to cleanse further, leave the table and use the appropriate products in the restroom.
- * In formal dining, a charger will be under the place setting. It remains there during the starter course and is removed at the main course.
- * Your eating utensils go in the order of use, starting from the outside (furthest from the plate) and working their way in. Forks go on the left; knives and spoons on the right, as you face the plate. Dessert utensils are placed at the top of the plate, sideways.
- * The bread and butter plate goes to the left, above the forks.
- * The water glass goes above the knives (behind the wine goblet, if there is one).
- * Food should be passed counter-clockwise.
- * It is considered impolite to start eating before everyone is seated and served, including your host.
- * Only the meal settings and food belong on the table. Do not place your elbows, eyeglasses, notebook, pen or other objects on the table.
- * Cut no more than two bites of any item at a time. When it comes to bread, tear off one bite at a time and butter it, rather than buttering a whole roll.
- * Do not season your food until you have tasted it.
- * It is permissible to use a piece of bread to wipe up excess gravy, as long as you use your fork and not your fingers.
- * If you need to leave the table, place your utensils on the edge of your plate so that the tips point to the plate's center, in a V-shape. To signal when you are finished, lay your utensils side by side diagonally on the plate.

Listen to Dining w/Dills on AM 830 KLAA this Sunday at 5 PM

LA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH ACROSS LA COUNTY WITH OLDER AND UNVACCINATED RESIDENTS STILL AT RISK OF SEVERE ILLNESS

More LA County residents passed away from COVID-19 between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021, than those who passed away from coronary heart diseases (21,513), which is historically the leading cause of death across the county. Over the same 22 months, there were 3,422 pneumonia and influenza deaths recorded, a far lower number of deaths when compared to COVID deaths. For the month of December, there were 396 deaths from COVID-19 compared to 163 deaths from pneumonia or influenza based on death certificate data. Unfortunately, despite the availability of vaccines and the dominance of Omicron, which generally causes less severe disease than prior variants, COVID-19 deaths continue to far outstrip deaths due to other respiratory illness.

As the latest surge continues to subside, older and unvaccinated residents continue being the most at risk of ending up in the intensive care unit (ICU) or even dying.

Vaccination status plays a key role in determining risk of critical illness and death. For the period ending January 22nd, residents who were fully vaccinated and had a booster were about 31 times less likely to need care in an ICU than those who were not vaccinated. Fully vaccinated individuals who did not have a booster dose were about 8 times less likely to be admitted to an ICU than unvaccinated individuals. Data also showed that COVID-19 continues to disproportionately affect certain residents. From December 17, 2021, through January 15, 2022, unvaccinated residents ages 50-64 were over 15 times more likely to die from COVID-19 than the same age group who were fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated residents 65 and older were 24 times more likely to die from COVID-19 than those fully vaccinated.

SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES CONTINUE TO DRIVE DOWN POSITIVE TESTS AMONG SCHOOL STAFF AND STUDENTS

Schools across the county continue implementing safety measures that are helping to drive down several COVID metrics among students and staff. For the week of January 24-28, schools conducted 486,616 tests that resulted in 21,472 positive tests (with 14,872 positive tests from LAUSD). This is a 47% decrease from the 40,694 positive tests from the week prior. The test positivity rate also decreased by 37% to 4.4% compared to 7% for the week prior.

While test positivity and the number of positive tests in schools continue to decline, the number of outbreaks increased slightly. As of January 31, there were 52 active school outbreaks, including 18 new outbreaks (14 in elementary schools, three in youth sports, and one in a high school) between January 23-29. Although the number of new outbreaks in schools rose, the number is relatively modest thanks to school-based safety measures, including masking and testing, that reduce spread.

Public Health continues working with schools across the county to implement a comprehensive strategy that includes over 900 school-based vaccine clinics scheduled for February where first, second and third doses will be available. Additionally, Public Health has begun distributing an additional 1 million home test kits this week to public, charter, and independent/private schools in areas of high need through partnerships with the LA County Office of Education and Heluna Health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has also approved an additional 615,000 professional rapid tests for LA County schools through the White House rapid test kit program and the state is delivering over 170,000 at-home test kits this week to be distributed to schools.

This week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the license for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine after a thorough evaluation of the quality, safety, and effectiveness data by a panel of scientific and medical experts. The vaccine is now fully approved for use in people 18 and older. Since the Moderna vaccine received FDA emergency use authorization on December 18, 2020, more than 204 million doses of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in the US according to data from the CDC.



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COVID 19 Cases Still Rising:

WHERE WE ARE 2/05/22 VERSUS LAST WEEK 1/29/22
Cases/Deaths are still occurring especially among the unvaccinated.

Cases	This Week	(01/29/22)	Deaths	This Week (01/29/22)
LA County	2,683,644	(2,586,739)		29,099 (28,715)

LA COUNTY VACCINATIONS AS OF 02/05/2022 (Fully)

Adults 12+ 86.5% Seniors 98.6%

(Last Week)	Cases	Deaths	Fully Vaccinated
Arcadia	7,391 (7104)	155 (152)	89.7%
Altadena	7848 (7589)	86 (84)	81.9%
Bradbury	56 (54)	0 (0)	71.1%
Duarte	4,880 (4733)	111 (110)	83.0%
Monrovia	7,766 (7460)	90 (89)	80.2%
Pasadena	26,262 (25426)	382 (379)	84.4%
Sierra Madre	1,415 (1364)	15 (15)	88.7%
So.Pasadena	3,708 (3585)	53 (51)	93.7%



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SIERRA MADRE CIVIC CLUB OFFERS EDUCATIONAL AWARDS TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Sierra Madre Civic Club is offering Educational Awards to high school seniors who plan to attend a college or trade school. Last year, the five awardees represented Pasadena High School and LaSalle College Prep. Since 1944 Civic Club has actively been serving and enriching the Sierra Madre community through volunteering and philanthropic projects. All funds raised are distributed annually to local community organizations and to the recipients of the Educational Awards.

To be eligible, candidates must either reside in Sierra Madre, or work in Sierra Madre, or attend school in Sierra Madre. Along with the completed form provided by Sierra Madre Civic Club, which includes questions about interests and a personal statement, candidates are to provide two letters of reference.

Applications are available at Village Pizzeria, www.sierramadrecivicclub.org, on Facebook at Sierra Madre Civic Club, from college counselors at local high schools, or at lefer.sharon@gmail.com. Completed application packets must be received no later than April 8, 2022.

Please encourage any eligible high school seniors to apply!

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

We're watching competitions...



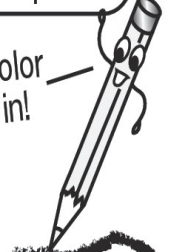
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...and learning about the sports!

Kids: color stuff in!



The halfpipe and snowboard cross are my favorite events!



2022 Winter Games

Are you watching all the excitement surrounding the Winter Olympics, which are being held in Beijing, China? It is a super celebration this year as the Winter Olympics overlap with the 2022 Chinese New Year celebration.

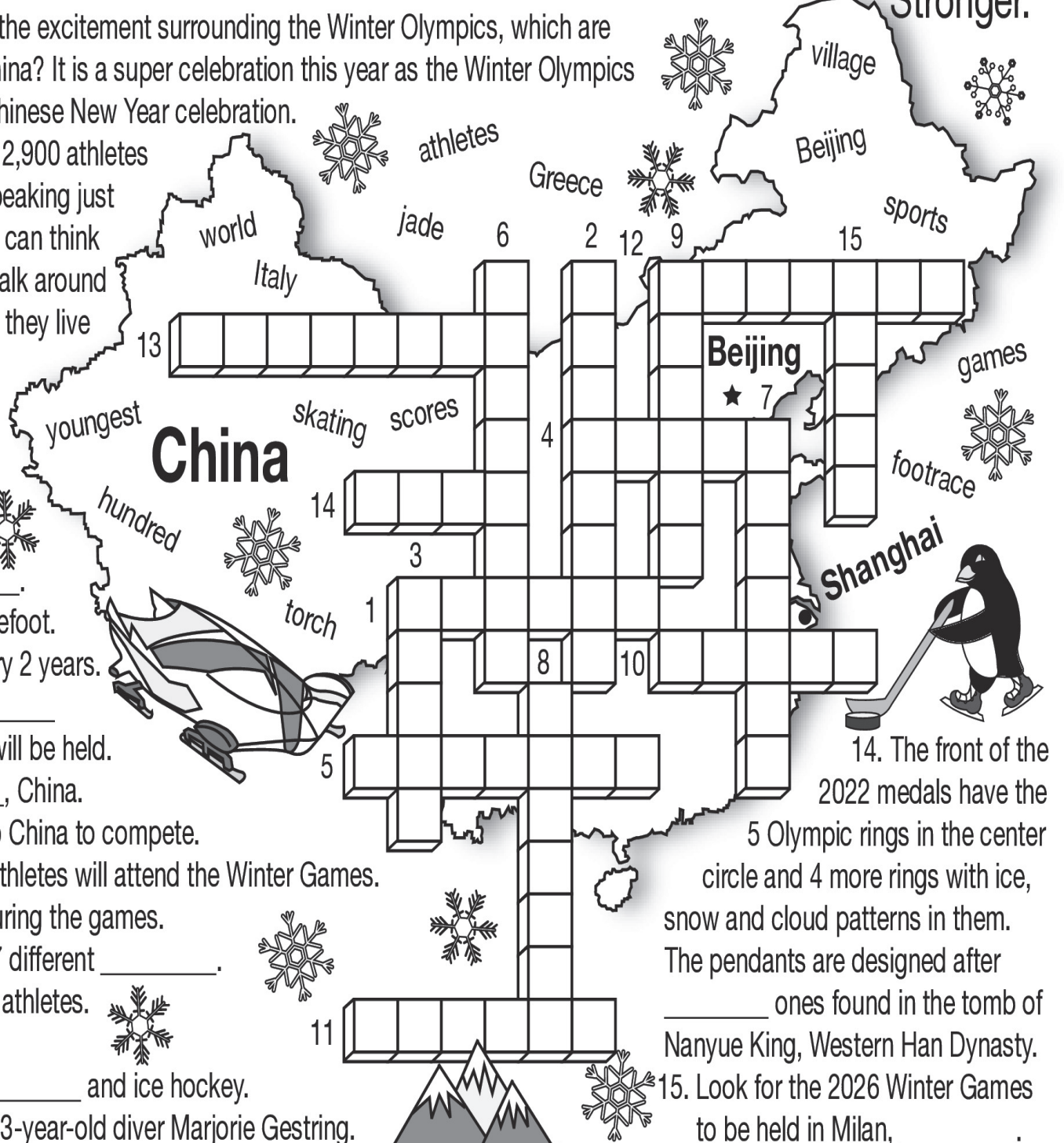
Can you imagine the 2,900 athletes from over 85 countries, speaking just about every language you can think of? Wouldn't you like to walk around the Olympic Village where they live and see how they train?

The athletes have been training for many years and are among the best in the world. They will compete in different sports such as figure skating and skiing.

Read the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle:

1. The first Olympic games were held in Olympia, _____.
2. The first Olympic competition was a _____, run barefoot.
3. Modern winter or summer _____ are usually held every 2 years.
4. Before the games start, runners carry the Olympic _____ from Olympia, Greece to the place where the Olympics will be held.
5. This year, the host city of the winter games is _____, China.
6. More than 2,900 _____ from 85 countries will go to China to compete.
7. About two _____ U.S. athletes and 100 Canadian athletes will attend the Winter Games.
8. The athletes will live together in the Olympic _____ during the games.
9. They will compete in 109 events (over 15 disciplines) in 7 different _____.
10. People all over the _____ watch and cheer for the athletes.
11. We hold our breath while we wait for the _____.
12. The most watched sports are expected to be figure _____ and ice hockey.
13. The _____ person ever to win a Gold Medal was 13-year-old diver Marjorie Gestring.

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INTERNET FOR YOUR PET

Typically, when I think about the relationships I have with my four-legged furry friends, the furthest thing from my mind is the time I spend sitting at the computer or bent over my iPhone. In fact, I mainly think about how grateful I am to my kitty and canine companions, for their uncanny ability to get me away from the screen and out into the fresh air and sunshine!

Having said all that, I must admit that the internet has actually proven to be a fabulous friend to me as an animal lover, as well as to my pet pals, both my own and those I serve. For example, when I have a question about an undesirable behavior that is preventing a particular pup (not to mention me) from enjoying our daily walks, I can Google up a handful of YouTube clips and get all kinds of helpful hints on how to address the issue.

The same applies to a question regarding a certain symptom that may crop up while I'm pet sitting, or perhaps even a query for breed-specific information that will help me get to know a new canine or kitty client better. So often, a little information goes a long way in helping me understand, assist and bond with the precious pets I get to spend time with. While I realize it is important to carefully screen the sources I subscribe to on-line, most of the time I'm able to get the kind of answers I need to help enhance my practice of working with animals.

Indeed, the internet has proven invaluable to me and my pet-sitting/dog-walking business, as long as I reserve the "king's ransom" of my day for that all-important one-on-one quality time I spend with each of my clients. Recently, as I pondered how thankful I am to have answers to pet-care questions at my finger-tips via the internet, I thought it would be good to share a few of the website resources I've found, with my faithful readers.

Here are a few websites from my "go-to" list, that I hope you will appreciate and find helpful as well. Whether you're looking for a pet pampering product, a skilled groomer, a sitter or walker, if you're hoping to find a forever loving home for a dog or cat in need, or perhaps you are a potential new owner looking for a pet to share your life with. There's a little something for everyone.

RESCUE ME PET RESCUE (rescueme.org) is an amazing match-making website committed to connecting animals in need of forever loving homes, with qualified humans who will best care for them. Potential adopters can enter specifics such as 'pet type' (cat, dog, etc), breed, age, location and more, and the site searches its data base for the closest match. Linda Bunch, one of my clients here in Sierra Madre, had great success in adopting a beautiful 'rag doll' kitty with a larger-than-life personality on this site. "Ellie" has brought immeasurable joy to Linda and her husband, Craig ever since the day she joined their family.

FREE ANIMAL DOCTOR (freeanimaldoctor.org) is a wonderful website where qualified owners can list their pet photo and back story explaining the medical condition they are struggling with, and request financial assistance for associated veterinary costs to address the problem. Some need surgery, some need medication, others need teeth extractions. Whatever the case may be, this site offers kind crowd funding at its best for those owners who are doing the right thing for their ani-

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



imals but happen to be budget-challenged during these difficult times. For donors, it is a win-win, knowing exactly who they are benefiting and the specific details about what need they are funding.

BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY (best-friends.org) Most folks already know this extraordinary non-profit no-kill rescue organization, but did you know their website is literally littered with interesting and helpful info about how to care for your pet? There are also beautifully written success stories posted by adopters that will warm your heart on the coldest of winter days. I always come away encouraged! While you're visiting, you might even feel the urge to donate to their worthy cause. Details about the fabulous things they do to help the animals are laid out in easy-read format along with photos of the precious pets they've saved and successfully placed.

PET SITTERS ASSOCIATES LLC (petsitllc.com) is actually my insurance carrier's website, but it offers much more than insurance to pet care providers. It is an excellent means by which a pet owner can locate a bona-fide, insured walker or sitter in their local area. All insured members have a featured profile page on the site, so potential clients can review pictures and biographies before they ever even have to make a call!

LOST AND FOUND PETS OF ARCADIA-SIERRA MADRE-MONROVIA is actually a Facebook page created by local animal advocate, Colleen Conway-Sartinsky. I became aware of this networking page through Carol Canterbury a few weeks ago while helping an owner in the canyon find her dog. Fortunately, the owner and dog were reunited in short order through a post I placed on the SM Canyon page, but the Lost and Found page is such an important resource for all of us local pet owners. Be sure to log on to FB and "like" this great group!

CUTENESS.com will captivate you during your down time, providing countless pictures of pets posing adorably. Select your favorite brand of cuteness from the drop-down menu and start scrolling! It's hard to get out once you're in. You can also subscribe to their newsletter which provides health hints, trendy products, tech toys, etc. for your pets. A fun social networking site designed specifically for pet lovers.

DOGSTER.com is another social networking site for pup lovers, including an on-line magazine dedicated to all things dogs. You can subscribe to the magazine (hard copy or electronic) or just enjoy some of the site's free features. You may also want to peruse the pages of adoptable dogs while you're in there. Oh and by the way, if you are more of a feline fanatic, be sure to check out the sister site, CATSTER.com.

I realize that some of these websites, apps and pages are already popular amongst animal lovers, but others on the list may be new to you. I hope you can benefit from some of the content, whether it be reading, subscribing or participating. Have fun surfing the net on behalf of your pet, and above all don't forget to love and let live!

Katnip News!



Meef MORTIKA!

Want a super sweet, friendly, affectionate delight, who just wants to give love, cuddles, and purrs to everyone she meets? "Morti" is your girl! She's 8 yrs old and ready to be your Valentine and be-yond! Because she was raised in a very loving home, she only knows how to love and be loved.



Her owner had to move far away and could not take Morti, so now we have her and hoping she'll be adopted or fostered quickly. Please share this beautiful, loving sweetheart. See more pictures and her videos on our website's Adult Cats page. Submit the application you'll find on our website: www.lifelineforpets.org.

Pet of the Week

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ANNOUNCING THE SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE SOLO SHOWS FESTIVAL; BEGINS FEBRUARY 25

Sierra Madre Playhouse is beginning our return to live performances with a series of one-person shows that we're calling the Sierra Madre Playhouse Solo Shows Festival.

Covid-19 safety protocols in effect on performance dates will be observed. As of this writing, that means audiences will be masked and asked to show proof of vaccination, by vax card or digital record. Here's what we have lined up for you:

February 25-27, 2022: Billie: Backstage with Lady Day. Synthia L. Hardy stars as jazz and blues legend Billie Holiday. Billie talks about her life and times to reporters back-stage, before giving a concert where you'll hear the hits that made her famous. Written by Synthia L. Hardy. Directed by Bryan Rasmussen. Synthia is backed by a four-piece live jazz ensemble.

March 4-6: Frank Ferrante's GROUCHO. Frank Ferrante returns to Sierra Madre Playhouse to perform his internationally renowned show as legendary comedian Groucho Marx, with stories, jokes, and famous novelty songs (Hooray for Captain Spalding!, Lydia the Tattooed Lady).

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April 9-10: INDEPENDENCE: The True Story of Dr. Mary Walker. Combat veteran. Battlefield physician. Abolitionist. Suffragist. Feminist. American hero. Kathie Barnes stars as Dr. Mary Walker in the real, inspiring story of the first and only woman to win the Congressional Medal of Honor. Written and directed by Lloyd J. Schwartz.

April 23-24: An Evening with John Wilkes Booth. America has a fascination with true-crime stories, and this is the most infamous true-crime story of all. The question re-mains: Why? Stephen Spiegel stars as the notorious assassin. Written by Lloyd J. Schwartz and Clinton Case. Directed by Lloyd J. Schwartz.

There you have it: A series of five shows starring five remarkable performers por-traying five real-life individuals whose lives made a difference in the world in which they lived.

Sierra Madre Playhouse Solo Shows Festival is produced by the Playhouse's Inter-im Artistic Director Gary Lamb.

Tickets will be available either for individual shows or via a flex-pass subscription. Go to <http://sierramadreplayhouse.org> or call (626) 355-4318. The flex-pass subscription will offer you a break on ticket prices.

Sierra Madre Playhouse is located at 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre, CA 91024. This is just east of Pasadena. There is free parking available in a municipal lot be-hind the Playhouse, and in a lot across the street, as well as street parking. There are sev-eral dining establishments just steps from the Playhouse.

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

THE LEADING EDGE OF TIME



[Nyerges is an educator and the author of many books, including "Extreme Simplicity," "How to Survive Anywhere," and many others. More information is available at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com].

I have nearly always thought deeply about time, even as a young child. When I was 10 or so and enrolled in Catholic school, the nuns and priests schooled us in the dogmas of the Church, such as "God has always existed," and "God has no beginning and no end." I don't recall if my classmates ever exerted much mental effort to consider the application of the dogma that we routinely recited. I know that I spent

considerable time wracking the nerve endings of my still-developing brain trying to see how something – anything – could have no beginning and no end.

I had less trouble with the idea that something could have no end, since to have no end, a thing would simply need to continue to exist, endlessly, forever, continually. But to have no beginning? How does one reckon backwards? How far back is too far? A span of time called infinity, going backwards in time, seemed impossibly difficult to grasp. Regardless how far back in time one could go, that's still not infinity, still not back to the "no beginning."

Doesn't everything require a beginning? Even God? There never seemed to be a rational way to extend backward into infinity. Something that never ends, of course, is equally without ration, but it's slightly easier to grasp. The thing continues to continue. OK.

In time, I had neither the luxury or desire to solve Catholicism's most fundamental dogmas, and mysteries, as many more pressing and practical matters pressed upon my mind.

As a teen and growing older, I often obsessed about my future. Not "the future" but "my" future. Where will I be in 5 years? What will I be doing? Where will I be living? In time, this expanded into "the" future. What will the world be like in 10 years? Will we all be using flying vehicles like in the Jetsons? Will our food become nothing but pills? Will world civilization evolve and flourish, or will it devolve into a Dark Age?

But a more fundamental question was: How will I know that I have arrived at the future? Thus began a lifelong consideration of the nature of time, past, present, and future.

I remember some of the catch phrases from the 70s, like "Be Here Now." I remember a guru who would say "Now is the only reality." Of course, I expected gurus and their types to expound with abstract phrases, and even nonsensical statements that have no basis in the real world. And yet, as I passed through the hours of each day, finding myself back in school another day, finding myself getting ready for bed again, and observing the current experience, a very simple realization began to hit home as a fundamental reality. I realized that I never experienced the future. Never. Now, I don't mean that on Monday when I think about what I might do on Thursday, and then Thursday comes and I do what I do. Thursday is the future from the Monday perspective, but when I experienced Thursday, it was in this moment. The moment of Now, the now that is the only reality.

As I move from Monday to Thursday, and from Saturday to Tuesday, and from March to June, I never experience the "future." I only live and can only live in the leading edge of time, the now. It sounds abstract but every one must know that this is so. The sun rises, goes across the sky, sets below the horizon and thus measures our sense of time. Things change, things are born and they die, and yet, we never, ever experience this thing we call "the past." We can recall it, and hopefully learn from, but we only experienced it as "the now." And the flow of time and the changing of scenery continued, all in the Now. And we never, ever experience the future, because "the future" is simply an abstraction. When the supposed future arrives, we only experience it as a flowing moment of time in the Now.

All this is not the mathematics of calculus, necessarily, but is the reality of our subjective experience of life.

This knowledge of The Now informs me about so many things. For example, how dwelling on the past and all your mistakes can sap your energy and provide nothing useful. Or, dwelling on the future to the extent that you are not living fully in the moment, since your mind is elsewhere. We generally, collectively, do not fully live in the Now.

Multi-tasking is a bogus concept where we kid ourselves into thinking we can do many projects at once, as if we were running out of time! In fact, multi-tasking is nearly always doing more things poorly. It is a form of trying to be fully into the Now, but because we are not mentally focusing our attention like a laser beam, multi-tasking is not living the Now.

Time is like a train that is constantly moving. It cannot be stopped, but just goes on.

What is the practicality of all the foregoing? I didn't say to forget the past. Learn lessons from it. Identify what you did wrong, and what you did right, so you can always improve your actions. And I didn't say that you should not plan ahead. You should and you must plan ahead so that you don't just wander through life bouncing from thing to thing that "comes along." Procrastinators live in an imaginary future that never seems to come, though they often say "I will get to it later."

Living in the moment and understanding that the Now is all we have for improving our lives is a step in the right direction on the path of our human evolution.

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APPROACHING 65? HERE'S WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT ENROLLING IN MEDICARE

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you give me a brief rundown of Medicare's enrollment choices along with when and how to sign-up? Approaching 65

Dear Approaching:

The rules and timetables for Medicare enrollment can be confusing to many new retirees, so it's smart to plan ahead. Here's a simplified rundown of what to know.

First a quick review. Remember that original Medicare has two parts: Part A, which provides hospital coverage and is free for most people, and Part B which covers doctor's visits and other medical services, and costs \$170.10 per month for most enrollees in 2021.

When to Enroll

Everyone is eligible for Medicare at age 65, even if your full Social Security retirement age is 66 or later.

You can enroll any time during the "initial enrollment period," which is a seven-month period that includes the three months before, the month of, and the three months after your 65th birthday. It's best to enroll three months before your birth month to ensure your coverage starts when you turn 65.

If you happen to miss the seven-month sign-up window for Medicare Part B, you'll have to wait until the next "general enrollment period" which runs from Jan. 1 to March 31 with benefits beginning the following July 1. You'll also incur a 10 percent penalty for each year you wait beyond your initial enrollment period, which will be tacked on to your monthly Part B premium. You can sign up for premium-free Part A, at any time with no penalty.

Working Exceptions

Special rules apply if you're eligible for Medicare and still on the job. If you have health insurance coverage through your employer or your spouse's employer, and the company has 20 or more employees, you have a "special enrollment period" in which you can sign up. This means that you can delay enrolling in Medicare Part B and are not subject to the 10 percent late-enrollment penalty as long as you sign up within eight months of losing that coverage.

Drug Coverage

Be aware that original Medicare does not cover prescription medications, so if you don't have credible drug coverage from an employer or union, you'll need to buy a Part D drug plan from a private insurance company (see Medicare.gov/plan-compare) during your initial enrollment if you want coverage. If you don't, you'll incur a premium penalty – 1 percent of the average national premium (\$33 in 2022) for every month you don't have coverage – if you enroll later.

Supplemental Coverage

If you choose original Medicare, it's also a good idea to get a Medigap (Medicare supplemental) policy within six months after enrolling in Part B to help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles. See Medicare.gov/medigap-supplemental-insurance-plans to shop and compare policies.

All-In-One Plans

Instead of getting original Medicare, plus a Part D drug plan and a Medigap policy, you could sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan instead (see Medicare.gov/plan-compare) that covers everything in one plan. Nearly half of all new Medicare enrollees are signing up for Advantage plans.

These plans, which are also sold by insurance companies, are generally available through HMOs and PPOs and often have cheaper premiums, but their deductibles and co-pays are usually higher. Many of these plans also provide coverage for extra services not offered by original Medicare like dental, hearing and vision coverage along with gym/fitness memberships, and most plans include prescription drug coverage too.

How to Enroll

If you're already receiving your Social Security benefits before 65, you will automatically be enrolled in Part A and Part B, and you'll receive your Medicare card about three months before your 65th birthday. It will include instructions to return it if you have work coverage that qualifies you for late enrollment.

If you're not receiving Social Security, you'll need to enroll either online at SSA.gov/medicare or over the phone at 800-772-1213.

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

DON'T LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN WITH THE BABYSITTER UNTIL YOU READ THIS

As we head into the third year of the pandemic, it's clear just how fragile our lives and health really are. If you haven't gotten sick yourself, it's almost certain you know someone who has, and many of us even know of one or more individuals who have died in the past two years.

Although serious illness and death are something we are always at risk for—and should plan for—the pandemic has forced many of us to face our own mortality like no other event in recent memory. Some of those worst-case scenarios we thought would never happen now seem much more likely, and for some people, those unthinkable situations have even become reality.

Understanding The Risks

Yet even if you manage to avoid becoming sick right now, the fact remains that everyone is vulnerable to serious illness or injury, regardless of how young or healthy you are. And if you are a parent, one of the most frightening aspects of that reality is knowing that if something should happen to you, your children would be left without you to care for them, whether only temporarily or permanently.

Consider the following scenario: You and your spouse are out to dinner and your kids are at home with the babysitter. On your way home, you get into a car accident. When you fail to make it home on time, the babysitter calls you repeatedly, but when no one answers, she calls the police.

The police arrive and find your kids with the babysitter who offers to stay with the children until a relative can be found to take them. But because the babysitter doesn't have the legal authority to care for the children—even temporarily—the police have no choice but to call Child Protective Services. In such a scenario, CPS will take your children into custody until the proper guardian can be located and/or appointed.

This is the case even if you have friends or family nearby who are willing to care for the children. If you haven't left proper legal documentation, the authorities have no other option. You must give the authorities a legal basis for keeping your children with the friends or family you designate.

What's more, your kids are still at risk of being taken by the authorities even if you've named legal guardians for them in your will. That's because your will only becomes operative in the event of your death, so if you are incapacitated by an accident or illness, your will would be ineffective.

Even if your will is effective, your named guardians must be confirmed and appointed by a judge before taking legal custody of your children. It can take days, if not weeks, to get a hearing date on the Court's calendar. All this to say, if you haven't covered your legal bases for the immediate care of your children, it's possible they will be placed in foster care for a time.

Most Guardianship Documents Are Lacking

These are just a few of the many scenarios that can cause your children to be taken into custody by strangers. And sadly, this happens all too often to those parents who've purchased online estate planning documents and even those who've worked with traditional estate planning lawyers.

In the estate planning industry, there remains a distinct lack of knowledge and understanding of the legal strategies necessary for the unique needs of families with minor children. As a result, the well-being and care of minor children is often an afterthought – if it's even a thought at all – in the estate plans of young families.

I know from personal experience. As a father of young children looking for an estate planner myself, I realized most attorneys were severely deficient in this area. That's why I transformed my practice area from litigation to estate planning more than ten years ago – to provide my family, and then other families like mine, a sound set of legal planning tools to make sure there is never a question about who will take care of the children if their parents are in an accident or suffer some other life-threatening incident.

A comprehensive legal plan for minor children should include the following:

Legal documents naming short-term guardians, who can be there immediately for your children, so they will never be put into foster care. Not even for a moment.

Letters to your short-term guardians, so they will know just what to do if called upon.

Instructions to everyone who takes care of your kids as to exactly what to and whom to call if you are in an accident.

Legal documents naming long-term guardians, so it's your decision, rather than the court's.

Letters to your long-term guardians, letting them know exactly what to do if called upon.

Instructions and guidelines for your long-term guardians on how you want your kids to be raised.

Medical powers of attorney for your minor children, so you know they will always get the medical care they need, no matter what.

A custom, personalized I.D. card for your wallet stating that you have minor children at home and identifying who should be contacted if you are in an accident.

A Learning Experience

Although the pandemic is likely to go down as one of the most tragic periods of our lifetime, if it motivates more people to get serious about estate planning, it may end up having some lasting positive effects, too. On that note, if you are a parent of minor children and want to ensure your kids will always be taken care of by the people you want, in the way you want, no matter what happens to you, you must be proactive about it. Get your planning in order and make sure it specifically addresses the specific needs of your minor children.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

IT WAS A MURPHY'S LAW KIND OF WEEK



I am not what you would call a superstitious person. [Knock on wood.] I am a realist in a modified definition of that word and I usually take things as they come.

My past week, however, was an open commentary on "Murphy's Law." Off-hand I am not quite sure who came up with this concept, but they must have had a week somewhat like my week this past week.

If I had it within me, I would establish "Snyder's Law" which simply stated means, what can go right will go right. Then all would be right with the world. Well, except for those who are left-handed.

It all started Monday morning when I had an early morning meeting. I meant to set my alarm clock for 6 AM but for some reason I set it for 6 PM and overslept. Have you ever noticed when you are 15 minutes late in the morning the day ends up being 90 minutes late? Do not ask me how that happens. Ask Murphy.

In the mail, I got a notice from the bank that I was overdrawn and they were charging me an insufficient fund fee. Well, I was furious. After all, I know how to add and subtract and I know how to take care of my bank account. I was about ready to call them and give them a piece of my mind when I noticed, how it happened I will never know, I forgot to include two checks I had written last week. I hate when that happens. My whole checkbook is now screwed up. I think it might be easier for me just to close my account and start all over again.

It was Tuesday but I had to go across town and endure all that traffic. It is not my favorite place to drive, I will tell you right now. Just as I turned onto a street, my engine sputtered a little bit. Then, much to my chagrin, the engine stopped completely. I hate when that happens.

I turned the key several times and then, I do not know why I did it, but I glanced at the gas gauge and the arrow was pointing way beyond the E. My gas tank was about as empty as my bank account. It is bad to run out of gas, but the worst thing for me about running out of gas is calling the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and asking her for help. I would walk 100 miles not to tell her I am out of gas.

She always comes and bails me out. However, for the next six months I am reminded and reminded and reminded to put gas in my tank.

Thursday also had its issues. My wife wanted me to go to the store and pick up something and for some reason, I cannot remember it now, I used her car. Maybe it was because I did not want to run out of gas!

I got to the store, paid for my purchase, came out and tried finding my truck. I walked up and down and my truck was nowhere in sight. The only thing I could think of at the time was that somebody had stolen my truck.

I thought about calling the police, and then I thought better and decided I would call my wife first. You know what it is like when your wife hears something secondhand. And so I called her.

"I can't find my truck," I said trying to keep my voice as calm as possible not to get her upset, "I think somebody stole it. Should I call the police?"

Silence on the phone. Then I heard her say in a very calm voice, "Whoever stole your truck parked it in our driveway."

I then remembered I was driving her car.

I tried to chuckle within but I knew that this incident would hang in our house for months to come and I have Mr. Murphy to thank for that.

It was such a horrific week and I was so deep in trouble with my Better Half, I decided to take her out Friday night for a nice meal on the town. I took her to her favorite restaurant and we ordered our supper, then set back and kind of sighed the week away. Maybe all that could go wrong has gone wrong and the week was about to turn around.

We chatted; I tried to skew the conversation away from running out of gas and misplacing my truck. Then the waitress came with our meal. I was ready to settle down, enjoy a scrumptious meal and end the week on a happy note.

The waitress set my wife's plate in front of her and she smiled. Then the waitress set my plate in front of me and I freaked out. For some reason the waitress got my order mixed up with somebody else's order and right in the middle of my plate was a pile of broccoli.

The only hope I have is that it cannot get any worse than this. I think David, the psalmist, understood this when he wrote, "... weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30:5 KJV).

As bad as it gets, as a Christian I have some great things to look forward to in Jesus Christ.

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STUART TOLCHIN



PUT THE LIGHTS ON A POSSIBLE LESSON LEARNED

On Sunday my son and I went up to a friend's house to watch the National Football League Divisional playoffs. There were some people present that I had not seen for years. Once masks were removed I could see the same smiles but when hats came off balding heads presented themselves. My friend's stepson reminded me of how I had assisted him in being accepted at one of the Magnet High schools which had previously rejected him. At that time I was good friends with some powerful people and at his request I contacted them and very soon he was accepted. He explained that this acceptance led to a major change in his life. The other accepted students were people who took their life and their studies very seriously and he learned to do the same. Twenty years later he has a very responsible position and is very conscientious in performing his duties.

Hooray for him and, likewise, hooray for me. I asked him many questions about his life and he was very forthright in his answers. After he and most of the other people left I could tell that something was wrong in the way the stepfather & owner of the house related to me. On Monday I called my old friend and asked him if there was a problem. He hesitantly explained that my behavior was inappropriate and rude. My questions to people required answers that were personal and that should never be addressed in public. He explained that if someone wanted to talk about personal subjects it was up to that person to bring it up. He went on to say that I had no boundaries and that was why people were often uncomfortable around me.

Frankly I was crushed and hurt. This is not the first time I had heard such criticism but I generally laugh it off. I always want to know how people feel about things and ask why they have made certain decisions. An example of that behavior is my frequent questioning of friends about how they have made the decision not to have children. One friend in response to that question condescendingly explained that although he had been happily married for over twenty years the question had never been discussed. He said it was like asking why he and his wife did not go to Paris for lunch. Even to me, it seemed clear that he didn't want to talk about it; but, nevertheless, I seem to repeat the question.

This question about what is appropriate behavior has been on my mind all week. I picked up this week's issue of THE WEEK magazine and read on page 10 an interview Francoise Giolot the former partner of Pablo Picasso later married to Jonas Salk, developer of the polio vaccine. She has now reached the age of 100 and is a celebrated artist herself. In all her relationships, she says, she kept something of herself hidden. "You should not make yourself known that much to other people and should keep your most intimate thoughts to yourself." Perhaps not surprisingly, this was real news to me.

I started this morning off, as I customarily do by watching "Democracy Now" Today, there were only two subjects. First a discussion of Whoopi Goldberg's unfortunate comment that she did not believe the holocaust was an example of racial prejudice but was simply an example of man's inhumanity to man. You know just an example of one group of White People clashing with another group of White People. The next segment of the show was an interview of the cartoonist Art Seligman creator of the Pulitzer Prize winning graphic novel "Maus", a description of the horrors inflicted upon Jews by Hitler's Germany. I had the book around the house and picked it up and read the introduction: "The Jews are undoubtedly a race, but they are not human." Adolf Hitler

Putting both segments of the show together it is understandable why many people were profoundly upset by Whoopi's statement and the consequences to her could have easily been more severe than the two week suspension she received. Whoopi has attempted to apologize at least three times and says she now understands that what seems right to her might be insulting to someone else. She says she will try to educate herself more before she opens her mouth.

The point of this article is my attempt to explain that I, too, must learn this same lesson. Rather than saying or asking about whatever pops into my head it may be best to consider the effect that my words might have on other people. This will be quite a change.

DICK POLMAN



CLARENCE AND GINNI THOMAS, POSTER COUPLE FOR HIGH COURT CORRUPTION

When word spread last week about an imminent Supreme Court retirement, I hoped against hope that it would be Clarence Thomas.

No such luck.

Replacing Clinton appointee Stephen Breyer with a Biden appointee is really no biggie. Ridding the court of Clarence, and his blatant conflicts of interest, would be a major upgrade – at least in terms of repairing the court's record-low reputation. Because for more than 20 years it has been an open secret, and a patent disgrace, that wife Ginni has been a right-wing activist working on a range of hot button issues on which hubby sits in judgement.

Perhaps it's sheer coincidence that he was the lone dissenter in the 8-1 ruling that bars Donald Trump from blocking the release of documents about the Jan. 6 insurrection – the same event that Ginni agitated for on Facebook, the same event to which she helped send busloads of insurrectionists. At the very least, it sure looks bad. In fact, the official Code of Judicial Conduct, embedded in federal law, specifically states that "any justice, judge, or magistrate judges of the United States shall disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned" by a reasonable, objective person.

Yup, the code says "any justice." Problem is, the Supremes exempt themselves from the code.

There are no Supreme Court rules governing conflict of interest. The justices police themselves, which of course means that, in practice, they don't police themselves at all. All other federal judges in all the lower courts are inhibited from putting themselves in any situation that might convey an appearance of impropriety. But not the nine folks at the top of the pyramid.

That's long been a great deal for Clarence and Ginni. As far back as December 2000, while the high court was weighing whether to stop the Florida recount and award the White House to George W. Bush (which it did, with Clarence voting in the 5-4 majority), Ginny, as a staffer at the conservative Heritage Foundation, was already screening resumes for the incoming Bush administration. A decade later, Clarence sat in judgement of Obamacare while Ginni was earning roughly \$165,000 working for several groups that lobbied to repeal Obamacare. During the Trump administration, Ginni worked closely with (and was paid by) a prominent anti-immigrant activist who filed amicus briefs defending Trump's Muslim travel ban – while Clarence was hearing cases about the travel ban.

The conflict of interest episodes are too numerous to list here. Suffice it to say that Clarence steadfastly refused to recuse himself, despite repeated demands over the years that he do so. It's a blatant breach of judicial ethics – and the all-important perception of impartial justice – that he's still on the bench when gay rights cases get debated (Ginni is on record railing against "transsexual fascists"), and when national security cases get weighed (Ginni is on record railing against "the Deep State").

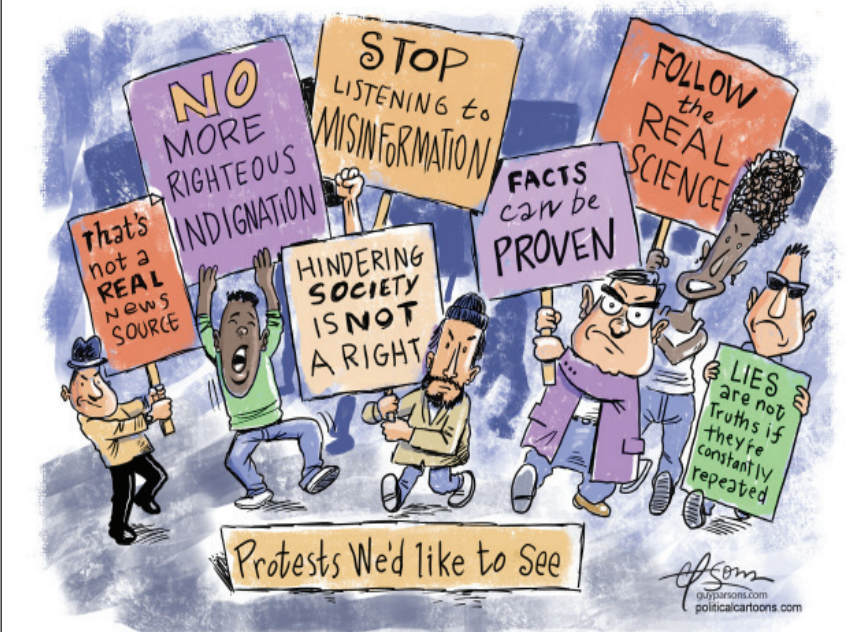
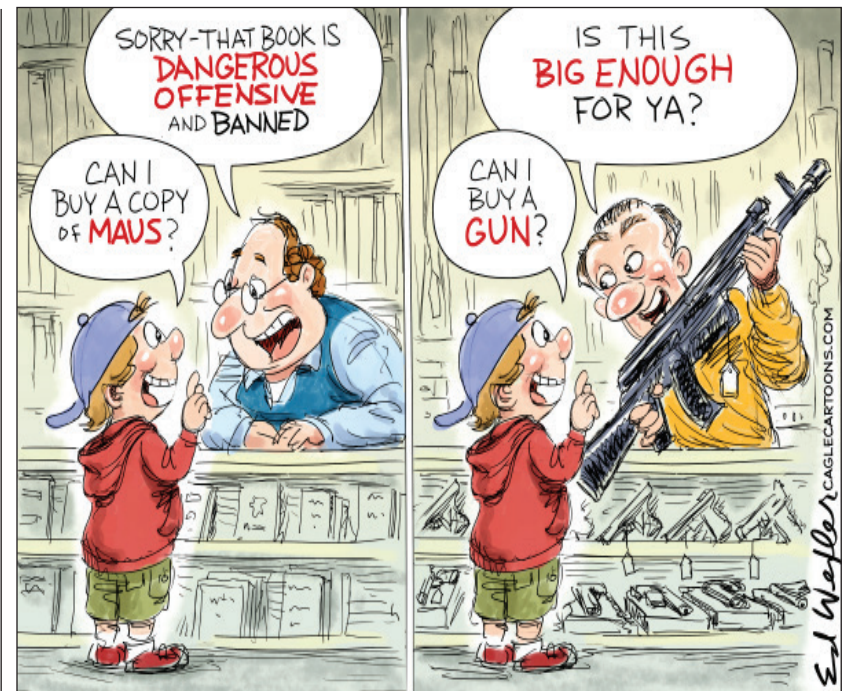
Last year, a bipartisan coalition of 107 law professors from 76 law schools asked Congress to require that all federal judges with perceived conflicts at least explain in writing the reasons why they'd refused to recuse themselves. A tepid reform, for sure. But right now Clarence doesn't have to explain anything.

The only available constitutional remedy is for the House to target the guy with an impeachment probe. Democrats, who run the Judiciary Committee, could subpoena Ginni and ask pointed questions about her actions on behalf of the Jan. 6 insurrectionists. With that matter under investigation, Clarence might actually be compelled to recuse himself on all Jan. 6-related cases. But alas, as we all well know, hand-wringing Democrats shrink from that kind of hardball.

So I suppose there's only one solution. President Biden, having pledged to replace Breyer with a well-qualified Black woman, should simply announce that his choice is Anita Hill. Having long survived Clarence Thomas' sexual harassment, the attorney and law professor is rested and ready.

Perhaps forcing Clarence to share the bench with Hill would be sufficient impetus for him to quit.

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RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH



WILL ROGERS ON AMERICA

I'm a big fan of Will Rogers.

Will Rogers, a humorist and political commentator, began his career circa 1901 as a trick roper in a Wild West Show, first in South Africa and then Australia. Returning to the U.S. in 1904 he performed his trick roping act on the vaudeville circuits. At one such western show in New York City a wild steer broke out of the arena at Madison Square Garden and started making its way up into the viewing stands.

Will roped the steer to the delight of the crowd and that feat got him front page attention from the New York Newspapers. He ended up in New York's Ziegfeld's Follies where he performed his rope tricks and provided a nightly monologue on current events. Twirling his lasso evenings on stage in his cowboy outfit he said, "Well, what shall I talk about? I ain't got anything funny to say. All I know is what I read in the papers".

He pre-wrote his epitaph and it is memorable to this day: "When I die, my epitaph or whatever you call those signs on gravestones is going to read: 'I joked about every prominent man of my time, but I never met a man I didn't (sic) like.' I am so proud of that I can hardly wait to die so it can be carved. And when you come to my grave you will find me sitting there, proudly reading it."

Will commented on many facets of American life that are still relevant today:

National Debt: "...Let's sell off enough of this country to somebody and pay off all national debts, then the taxes wouldn't be nearly as much. The Democrats will agree to peddle Texas and Florida. And I am certain the republicans will let Massachusetts and Rhode Island go." (December 16, 1928)

War and Peace: "I have a scheme for stopping war. It's this – no nation is allowed to enter a war till they have paid for the last one." (August 29, 1928)

Politics: "Politics ain't nothing but reciprocity, you know. Congress will vote for anything if the thing they vote for will turn around and vote for them." (October 12, 1935)

Politicians: "I'm just like a politician – the less I know about anything, the more I can say." (January 27, 1935)

Presidents: "It's a tough life, this thing of being President and trying to please everybody – well, not exactly everybody, but enough to be re-elected." (September 22, 1929)

U.S. Congress: "There is an old legend that years ago there was a man elected to Congress who voted according to his own conscience." (1919)

U.S. Congress: "Congress meets tomorrow morning. Let us all pray. Oh, Lord, give us strength to bear that which is about to be inflicted upon us. Be merciful with them oh, Lord, for they know not what they are doing. Amen."

U.S. Government: "We got a long-sighted government. When everybody has got money, they cut taxes, and when they're broke, they raise 'em. That's statesmanship of the highest order." (March 27, 1932)

Will was one of the truly great Americans. His humor helped our country weather through the early years of the Great Depression.

is (are) LETICIA TORRES MEZA, 3796 MILLSTONE LN, POMONA, CA 91766. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LETICIA TORRES MEZA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/05/2022. 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/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: JAN 15, 22, 29, FEB 5, 2022)

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RUBENS CUTTING TABLE SERVICE, 3430 E 14TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90023. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RUBEN AYALA ROSALES, 3430 E 14TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90023. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RUBEN AYALA ROSALES/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/03/2022. 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/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: JAN 15, 22, 29, FEB 5, 2022)

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UP UP BEAUTY STUDIO, UPUU LASH BEAUTY, 837 S. LARK ELLEN AVE, AZUSA, CA 91702. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) UP UP BEAUTY STUDIO, 837 S. LARK ELLEN AVE, AZUSA, CA 91702. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: SHUANG AN/CEO. 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/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: JAN 15, 22, 29, FEB 5, 2022)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-002597

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UVS HEALTH AND SERVICES, 234 E. 47TH STREET SP6, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MIGUEL ANGEL UGALDE SORIA, 234 E. 47TH ST SP6, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MIGUEL ANGEL UGALDE SORIA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/05/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2017. 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/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: JAN 15, 22, 29, FEB 5, 2022)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-006649

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VC TOWING, 8035 GOLDEN AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VC TOWING, INC., 8035 GOLDEN AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: CESAR MANUEL VILLARREAL RAMOS/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/11/2022. 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/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: JAN 15, 22, 29, FEB 5, 2022)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-006070

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VAZQUEZ DRYWALL, 4436 LOVETT ST, COMMERCE, CA 90040. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CAVAZ CONSTRUCTION, INC., 4436 LOVETT ST, COMMERCE, CA 90040. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JUAN CARLOS VAZQUEZ/PRESIDENT. 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/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: JAN 15, 22, 29, FEB 5, 2022)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-003962

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WESTSIDE LOGISTICS LLC, 113 1/2 N 19TH ST, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WESTSIDE LOGISTICS LLC, 113 1/2 N 19TH ST, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: MARCELLA O'ONSUREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/07/2022. 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/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: JAN 15, 22, 29, FEB 5, 2022)

FILE NO. 2022-005956

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) DIRECT LINE TRANSPORT, LLC, 5125 E. 61ST ST, MAYWOOD, CA 90270, LUIS JIMENEZ, 13529 VIRGINIA AVE, WHITTIER, CA 90605, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: DIRECT LINE TRANSPORT, 5125 E. 61ST ST, MAYWOOD, CA 90270. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 12/07/2018, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2018304949. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 01/10/2022. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) ELDIN PEREZ PORTILLO, CEO
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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 17.34 (AFFORDABLE HOUSING)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of Planning Commission Resolution 22-03, amending Chapter 17.34 (Affordable Housing), Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The amendment to the City's affordable housing ordinance is to conform to recent changes to State Density Bonus Law, specifically, Senate Bill 290 which replaces the reference to "common interest developments" to extend the law to all types of for-sale housing developments, removes "specific, adverse impact on the physical environment" from the list of reasons a city can refuse a concession, incentive or waiver, among other changes.

SB 290 took effect January 1, 2022. Staff also proposes adding a preliminary design review provision to allow the Planning Commission and residents an opportunity to review projects upon submission of a complete application and adding an appeal provision to be consistent with other development permit procedures.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre Planning Commission meeting; Thursday, February 17, 2022 (Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, this meeting will be conducted virtually. The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum). 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 5:00PM on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Planning Commission meeting and filed into public record.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 15061, subdivision (b)(3), this proposed ordinance is exempt because it is not a "project" for purposes of Public Resources Code section 21065 and section 15378 of title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. This ordinance is a ministerial action to establish conformance with State law and has no direct or indirect physical impact on the environment.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 17.29 (R-3-20 AND R-3-30 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONES) AND CHAPTER 17.39 (RELIGIOUS HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of Planning Commission Resolution 22-05, amending Chapter 17.29 (R-3-20 and R-3-30 High Density Residential Zones) and recommending adoption of Planning Commission Resolution 22-06, adding 17.39 (Religious Housing Overlay), Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The amendments to the City's zoning ordinances are to conform to recent adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element update.

In November 2021, the City Council approved Sierra Madre's Sixth Cycle Housing Element update, which selected housing priority sites to increase the density to 20 units per acre for parcels in the R-3-20 zone, 30 units per acre for parcels in the R-3-30 zone, and maximum density of 42 units per acre for the parcels in the Religious Housing Overlay zone, which took effect on November 9, 2021.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The adoption of this amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations and is also exempt from review because it does not meet the definition of a project under CEQA Guidelines sections 15061, subdivision (b)(3), and section 15378, subdivision (a) and subdivision (b)(5). The proposed changes to Chapter 17.29 and Chapter 17.39, as authorized and required by Housing Element update of the Sierra Madre General Plan.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS IN RESPONSE TO STATE LAW ADDING CHAPTER 17.58 (SMALL LOT SUBDIVISIONS), ADDING CHAPTER 16.18 (URBAN LOT SPLITS) AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.59 (MINISTERIAL DESIGN REVIEW PERMITS)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of Planning Commission Resolution 22-02, adding Chapter 17.58 (Small Lot Subdivisions), adding Chapter 16.18 (Urban Lot Splits) and adding Chapter 17.59 (Ministerial Design Review Permits) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish objective zoning, subdivision, and design standards to promote the orderly subdivision of parcels and development of housing under Senate Bill 9 (SB 9) and Assembly Bill (AB 803). Both bills took effect on January 1, 2022.

SB 9 amends the Subdivision Map Act and the California Planning and Zoning Law to ministerially approve a housing development containing up to two residential units on a lot in single-family residential zones, and permitting a lot split of a single-family zoned lot. SB 9 also applies Exceptions to Ministerial Design Review Permits and Urban Lot Splits, exempting properties located within an historic district or containing an historic property (on a state or local register); or located in an environmentally sensitive area, such as earthquake fault zones or very high fire hazard severity zone, unless the City has adopted mitigation measures required by existing building standards.

AB 803 amends the Subdivision Map Act to authorize developers to apply to build a "small home lot development." In these developments, a single parcel in a multi-family zone would be subdivided pursuant to a tentative and final tract map. The resulting "small home lot development" would consist of single-family homes on parcels owned in fee simple.

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SEE UPDATED MEETING INFORMATION

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Subject: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 22-01 (GPA 22-01) & ZONE CHANGE 22-01 (ZC 22-01)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider amending the General Plan Land Use Map (GPA 22-01) to change the land use designation of certain parcels and to amend the Zoning Map (ZC 22-01) to change the zoning designation of correlating parcels. The consideration of the Planning Commission for these items is limited to a recommendation for approval to the City Council.

The purpose of the General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map amendment is to address those parcels which realized a land use and/or zoning designation of a reduced residential capacity by the 2015 General Plan Update and by General Plan Amendment 21-01 and Zone Change 21-01.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre Planning Commission meeting; Thursday, February 17, 2022 (Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, this meeting will be conducted virtually. The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum). 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 5:00PM on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Planning Commission meeting and filed into public record.

Any member of the public may also call into the meeting to provide their comments. To provide public comment by telephone, please call in when your topic of interest is being discussed by the Planning Commission and provide your name, your property address and the agenda item number. You will be placed in the queue until the Chair opens up the topic for public comment.

To participate in public comment:

- Join by phone: 669-900-9128; Webinar ID: 822 1940 3423 Passcode: 91024
- Join from your computer: <https://bit.ly/CSMPlanning> Passcode: 91024
- Join using Zoom: www.zoom.com/join Meeting ID: 822 1940 3423 Passcode: 91024

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

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

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