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Our team consistently sold our listings in less time for over asking with multiple offers on all.

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Single-Family Homes

	2020	2021
Total # Sold:	111	138
Average Sold Price:	\$1,166,319	\$1,392,451
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
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## SIERRA MADRE NEWS BRIEFS

### SIERRA MADRE HONORS DINNER RESCHEDULED TO APRIL 27, 2022

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sierra Madre are pleased to announce the rescheduling of the Citizen of the Year and others who have made major contributions to the community during 2021. The original date for the event was in January and was postponed do to the rise in Covid-19 cases. A virtual event was scheduled in it's place, however, the preference of both recipients and the community at large was to wait and have an in-person, outdoor event.

As the incidence of new cases have continued to decline (See related story on page 8), a new date of April 27, 2022 has been selected.

Honorees of the event include, Bob Spears as the 2021 Citizen of the Year, Paul Mansour pharmacist and owner of Best Buy Pharmacy as the Business of the Year. Other honorees include: The George Maurer Lifetime Achievement Award f to Ward

and Louise Calloway known most notably for their work with the Sierra Madre Playhouse and Pioneer Cemetary,

The Spirit of Sierra Madre Award will be presented to extraordinary volunteers Sharon Pesvner and Heidi Hartman; The Mayor's Special Award to Pat and De Alcorn; City of Sierra Madre Employee of the Year to Roberta Maltafano of Public Works and the Exemplary Service Award to Christian Delgado, of the Information and Technology (IT) Department.

Awardees were selected from nominations received from members of the community.

The awards will be presented at the Honors Dinner on April 27, 2022. New Reservations are required and must be made by April 20, 2022. The event is free. Please call 626-999-3614 or email HonorsDinner@cityofsierramadre.com to reserve your seat.

### CITY COUNCIL RETURNS TO IN PERSON MEETINGS

The Sierra Madre City Council will resume in person meetings beginning on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Residents will also have the option of also participating virtually on Zoom.

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 3:00PM on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting, filed into public record and scanned onto the City website for public review. Any member of the public may also join the meeting as an attendee to provide their comments. To provide public comment as an attendee, please join the meeting at the start of our scheduled meeting time. Attendees will be muted upon entry into the meeting and will remain muted until any Public Comment period is opened. Attendees will be able to watch and listen to our meeting live to all topics being discussed by the Council. Once the Public Comment period is opened, you will utilize the "Raise Hand" feature in the Zoom Client, or dial \*9 from a landline or phone. You will then be placed in the queue for public comment and allowed to speak in the order that you entered the queue.

To participate in public comment call: 669-900-9128  
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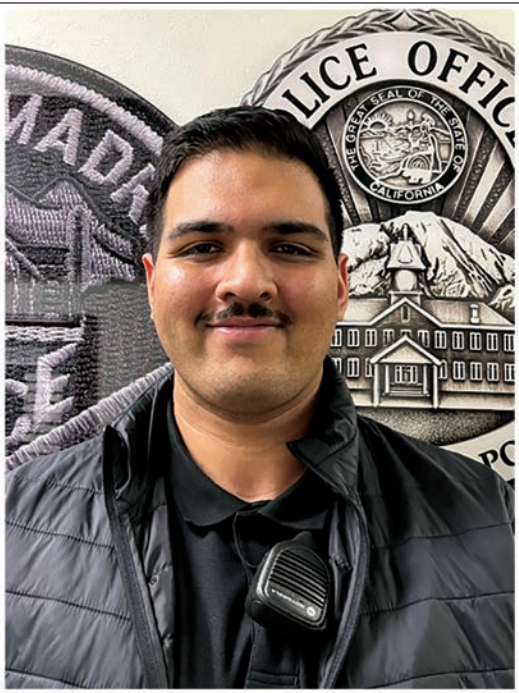
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To join using Zoom: [www.zoom.com/join](https://www.zoom.com/join)  
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The meeting will also be streamed live on the City's website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com), on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)

## SIERRA MADRE WELCOMES SAMIL SIDDIQI, NEW SMPD COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

On February 1st, Chief Rodrick Armalin added Samil Siddiqi to the SMPD team as the new Community Service Officer. Siddiqi was born and reared in the area and is, "proud to finally give back to my community."



Siddiqi is excited about the opportunity to work with residents and business owners in Sierra Madre. He believes his task to be simple, ".....to provide the public with a partnership in law enforcement and to address our communities concerns."

His goals include expanding the Neighborhood Watch Program, implementing the much anticipated Citizens Academy, and assist in strengthening the Police Department's partnership with community members. He shares, "Many of you may have heard Chief Armalin express his desire to get feedback and input from community members on the service we provide, and any crime or quality of life concerns they may have. At his request, to accomplish this we will soon be conducting community surveys to better hear your voices. Working together in partnership, we at the Police department and you our wonderful community members, can continue to make Sierra Madre one of the safest cities in the state! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding the mentioned programs. I look forward to connecting with the Sierra Madre Community!"

Feb 22nd City Facilities Re-Opening

- No Appointments Required.
- Masks will still be required in City facilities.



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# Sierra Madre POST OFFICE LANDSCAPE PROJECT



## PLEASE HELP THE SIERRA MADRE POST OFFICE!

Please help us re-landscape the Sierra Madre Post Office. We would like to make it a showplace for drought-tolerant water-saving landscaping that everyone can enjoy.

Our goal is to improve the existing appearance and provide the community with a place where they can learn about some of the best options in native plants and saving water. Additionally, we would like the Sierra Madre Post Office to be a place that represents Sierra Madre in a way that we can all be proud of and to help ensure that it remains an essential part of our community.

The work will be done by community volunteers and overseen by local experts. The project will be funded entirely by donations. All donors will receive a thank you/tax-deductible donation acknowledgement letter.

If you would like to help us with this project, please send a tax-deductible donation check payable to the "Post Office Landscape Project c/o SMCF." The mailing address is:

Sierra Madre Community Foundation,  
P.O. Box 716, Sierra Madre, CA 91025

*If you prefer to make your donation by PayPal, please scan this PayPal QR Code:*



Thank you for your support to safeguard the viability of this important Sierra Madre community resource by helping us attract people to the re-landscaped Sierra Madre Post Office. We hope that, when people come to the newly landscaped building, they will admire the planting, learn about the water saving vegetation options, and transfer that interest to their own yards.

***Thank you for your consideration!***

## 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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## REMEBRANCES

### ROSEMARY ABERNETHY

On Wednesday, February 9th, Rosemary Abernethy peacefully passed away in her sleep, 3 weeks short of her 92nd birthday.

Many might recognize Rosemary from her community involvement or working the gift section of Arnold's Hardware for more than four decades. If Arnold's sold it, she could gift wrap it, famously including, a chain saw, no box.

Most recently, she was a resident at the Kensington assisted living, after living for more than 60 years on San Gabriel Court raising four boys with her husband Jim. Sierra Madre was home for Rosemary, the daughter of Tom and Alice Tarwater, along with her brothers Tom and Ted.



She is survived by her sons, Stephen and his wife Cynthia, residents of Sierra Madre; Mark and his wife Susan, residents of Arlington TX; and Jon and his wife Sharon, residents of Sparks, NV. Her grandson Trevor and wife Kendra, reside in Newcastle WA, including Rosemary's three great granddaughters, Holly 9 years old, Charlotte 6, and Zoey 2. Second grandson Kevin, resides in Arlington TX with his wife Megan. Additionally, Rosemary is survived by her first daughter-in-law, Mary Payton of Las Cruces NM, who was married to her first son Jim, having lost his heroic battle to leukemia in 1975.

After her sons were independent, Rosemary enjoyed the local Parks and Recreation tennis league, walking throughout Sierra Madre, and hiking various trails of the Angeles Forest with long-time friends. Later, she enjoyed various travel trips to Hawaii and Europe. While her boys were growing and attending local schools, Rosemary donated her time to the Sierra Madre and Sierra Mesa school PTA, whether it was her participation in the annual Extravaganza, volunteer noon aid, or as a room mother. Still, she found time for league play bowling, once on the team known as the Lucky Strikes.

Later, she had time and energy for organizations such as the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library and the Boys Republic of Chino Hills.

It was her wish to forego a public service, however her sons invite you to remember her as you pass the Sierra Madre library, Arnold's Hardware, the Wisteria Vine, or any of the many locations that characterize her long-time home of Sierra Madre. In Spring, her ashes will be released on the Central Coast of California adjacent to husband of 57 years.



### ANTHONY L. BAILEY, "BLUE"

Anthony L. Bailey, "BLUE", was born in Glendale, California on June 4, 1983 to Dominique L. Bailey and the late Albert Bailey, Jr.

At an early age, Anthony asked for a Bible. He began his Christian education at Metropolitan Baptist Church and proceeded to Victory Bible Full Gospel Baptist Church where he was baptized in 1991.

Anthony loved the Lord God with all his heart and soul. He was constantly playing worship music, praying and inviting people to come to his church. He was lovingly nicknamed "Rev" at John Muir High School. Anthony had a special anointing for working with kids. He served in the Children's Ministry with the Nursery, Children's Church, mid-week Bible Study and the Summer Tutoring Program. He started a monthly Boys' Meeting, concurrent with Sisterhood, so mothers could bring their sons when they attended.

Anthony became a certified Armorbearer for the Western Region Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship, serving Pastors and Bishops, in 2010. He received his Certificate of License to preach the Gospel from Victory Bible Full Gospel Baptist Church in March, 2011.

Anthony also loved sports. He had a "Big Foot" for soccer; a fast, curved strike-out ball and a strong home-run bat in baseball; and, a consistent 3-point shot in basketball at John Muir High School. As a teen, he worked in the City of Sierra Madre Recreation Dept. He enhanced his referee and umpire skills by working in the Inter-Murals Dept. while attending Cal-State University Northridge. Anthony's Company, Another Level Sports, specialized in Youth Personal Training and Skills Development and Sports Officiating for the major sports. He was a member of several professional Umpire and Referee Associations and worked at the Rose Bowl, City of Pasadena and L.A. County Parks.

Anthony formed unbreakable bonds with people. He invested his time and resources into caring for them and helping them achieve their highest potential as they navigated through their personal journey. We will miss his charismatic personality and ever-present sense of humor. His assignment on earth is completed.

Anthony leaves to cherish his memory, mother, Dominique Bailey; two brothers, Allan T. Bailey (LaDawn) of Upland, California, Alex L. Bailey of Los Angeles, California; one sister, Rochelle M. Bailey-Dixon, Hamden, Connecticut and a host of family and friends.

## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

*"It's not what you LOOK at that matters, it's what you SEE."*  
Henry David Thoreau

*"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change."*  
Wayne Dyer

*"My mama always said, 'Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get.'"* Forrest Gump

*"Until further notice, celebrate everything!"* David Wolfe

Well, friends and neighbors, I finished "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig, the Sierra Madre Library's "One Book One City" selection for February and enjoyed it thoroughly. The heroine, Nora Seed, drowning in hopelessness and regret, finds herself in The Midnight Library where the librarian is none other than the librarian who was kind to her in her school days. An infinite number of books/lives are available to her and she chooses many of them to sample. If you haven't read it, it's not too late. Nora tremendously admired Henry David Thoreau and the first quote above is mentioned several times through the book. That thought led me through several more quotations ending with the best one of all: Until further notice, celebrate everything!

I'm anxious to see what the One Book One City selection for March is going to be. If it's as good as "The Midnight Library," I'm in!

Speaking of Celebrate Everything, Valentine's Day has been thoroughly celebrated around here with small gifts, lots of cards and lunch out at Chili's featuring fajitas, a little wine and a lot of laughter.

Super Bowl LVI was celebrated everywhere, including up the street from me where I found this guy in today's picture, hunkered down and ready to tackle. As my daughter, Leah, put it, "The right team won," and her chili was a big hit.

I'm not sure many of you will remember this, but the first Super Bowl ever was played January 15, 1967 in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. It was Kansas City Chiefs, coached by Hank Stram, against the Green Bay Packers, coached by Vince Lombardi. This first game was the only one ever to be simulcast on NBC and CBS. The National Anthem was played by the marching bands from the University of Arizona and Grambling State University. These bands, plus trumpeter Al Hirt also provided the halftime show. The cost of a 30-second commercial spot was \$42,000.00. Green Bay won: 35 to 10. A 30-second spot this year ran between \$6 and 6.5 million. Yep, million, which is up a million from 2021. Nielsen ratings showed 51.18 million viewers, both networks combined, in 1967. The 2022 Super Bowl scored more than 100.2 million viewers. Of course, let's face it, a lot of folks (that would include me) tune in strictly for the commercials. Well, and the guacamole and chips and chili.

"Spring is nature's way of saying "Let's Party!" Robin Williams

Spring isn't quite here, but it's coming. I'm seeing more flowers...Mexican petunias blooming with brilliant purple flowers. The lantana that's looked like it's never coming back is covered with yellow, pink and purple blooms. My pink oleander is starting to put out flowers and I've had so many lemons that I've been giving bags of them away. It is beyond wonderful to have all the lemons I want. I baked lemon muffins yesterday and was not one bit stingy with the zest and the juice. Sadly, the apricot tree I had such hopes for is history and I'm waiting for our amazing yard guy, Ricardo, to take it away. I'm thinking I'd like another orange tree. I've got a dwarf orange - not what I really wanted, but that's what I've got - that gave me a huge crop of exactly one orange this past summer.

"Income tax returns are the most imaginative fiction being written today." Herman Wouk

The 1099's are arriving in every mail and Income Tax time is upon us once again. I've already gotten the 2021 Tax Organizer from the tax guy and my daughter, Leah, the chili maker and lawyer, who is also a terrific accountant, will be sharpening our (her) pencils soon and getting this odious annual task finished. Ugh!

It was painful to see in last week's Mountain Views News that John Talevich, D.C. is closing his doors. Dr. Talevich fixed me more times than I could count. Hip problems that kept me from being able to walk comfortably, knees, shoulders. He would bend me here and bend me there and I'd dance out instead of limping. Thank you, my friend, for all you did to make so many Sierra Madre folks feel better. Your gentle way was always the first step toward less pain. God bless you and I'll see you down the road.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
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## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

February 6-12, 2022 During this period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 210 calls for service. This list is not intended to be considered exclusive or all-inclusive.

**Sunday, February 6 / Fraud** On February 1, 2022, a victim reported unknown suspect(s) illegally gaining access to their credit card and made an unauthorized charge for \$1100.00. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.  
**Monday, February 6 / Arrest for a Hit and Run Traffic Collision** On February 6, 2022, at 2:30 pm, in the Sierra Vista Park parking lot, a victim reported that a driver had backed into their vehicle and caused damage. The driver of the vehicle left the scene without leaving contact information. Several witnesses observed the collision. The witnesses provided a suspect vehicle license plate and were able to identify the driver.  
On February 7, 2022, the officers conducted a follow-up with the driver of a suspect vehicle. The driver admitted to colliding into the parked vehicle and not notifying the victim. Ultimately, the driver was arrested, cited, and released for a Hit and Run traffic collision.  
**Monday, February 7 / Theft** On February 7, 2022, from 4:30 am to 5:00 am, in the 00 block of W. Grandview Ave, a victim reported an unknown suspect(s) stole the catalytic converter from their vehicle. The loss is estimated at approximately \$500.00. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.  
**Arrest for Trespass and Vandalism** At about 11:00 am, officers responded to a call for trespassing at a residence in the 300 block of N. Lima St. Ultimately, the subject was arrested, cited, and released for trespassing and vandalism.  
**Tuesday, February 8 / Vandalism** On February 8, 2022, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, in the 600 block of E. Sierra Madre Blvd, a victim reported an unknown suspect(s) vandalising their vehicle's windows with an unidentified object. The damage is estimated at approximately \$200.00. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.  
**Wednesday, February 9 / Theft** On February 2, 2022, from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm, in the 050 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd, a victim reported an unknown suspect(s) stole their Amazon delivery from the porch of their residence. The loss is estimated

ed at approximately \$40.00. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.  
**Friday, February 11 / Theft** From February 10, 2022, at 5:30 pm to February 11, 2022, at 5:30 am, in the 600 block of E. Sierra Madre Blvd, a victim, reported an unknown suspect(s) stole the catalytic converters from three of their vehicles. The loss is estimated at approximately \$3000.00. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.  
**Friday, February 11 / Arrest for Carjacking** At about 8:40 am pm, officers responded to the 2000 block of Kaia Ln; regarding a male who was trespassing. During the contact, officers determined that the male had stolen a vehicle.  
The officers conducted a follow-up with the vehicle owner, and he stated the detained male had forcibly stolen his vehicle from him. The detained male had admitted to the same. Ultimately, the male was arrested and booked at the Pasadena PD jail for carjacking.  
**Friday, February 11 / Vehicle Burglary** On February 11, 2022, from 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm, in the 400 block of W. Carter Ave, two separate victims reported an unknown suspect(s) forced entry into their parked vehicles and stole their property. The loss is valued at \$300.00  
The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.  
**Saturday, February 12 / Vehicle Burglary** On February 12, 2022, from 9:20 am to 9:405 am, in the 100 block of E. Carter Ave, a victim reported an unknown suspect(s) forced entry into their parked vehicle and stole property. The loss is valued at \$200.00  
The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.  
**Saturday, February 12 / Arrest for Driving Under the Influence** At about 11:00 pm, 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.

# Art In Bloom

Taking inspiration from artists, floral designers create botanical interpretations of art pieces displayed in a gallery setting

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**Saturday, March 5th, 10am - 5pm**  
**Sunday, March 6th, 11am - 4pm**

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## Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	40s
Mon	Ptly Cldy	Hi	50s	Lows	40
Tues	Rain	Hi	50s	Lows	40
Wed	Ptly Cldy	Hi	50s	Lows	30s
Thur	Sunny	Hi	50s	Lows	30s
Fri	Sunny	Hi	50s	Lows	30s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 2022  
5:30 pm

### THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ON ZOOM!

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

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



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**February 21—26**

#### Monday

Library Closed for Holiday—No Services

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Sewing Machine Basics—In-person at 11:00am  
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register

#### Thursday

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

#### Saturday

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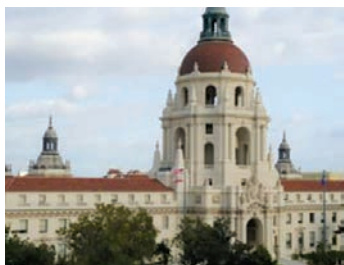
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# Pasadena Altadena

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## Pasadena: Presidents' Day Closures and Reminders



In observance of Presidents' Day, Pasadena City Hall and many city services will be closed Monday. A list of closures and reminders is provided below.

The city's Citizen Service Center will be closed and will reopen Tuesday at 8 a.m. Trash, recycling and yard waste collection will occur on Monday. There will be no delay in pickup for residents.

Pasadena residents and businesses experiencing any power emergencies should call Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. PWP's Customer Service Call Center will be closed Monday, Feb. 21; however, customers can access their accounts and make payments through the automated phone system at (626) 744-4005 or online at: PWPweb.com.

The City's Municipal Services Payment Center and Parking Office will also be closed on Presidents' Day. All parking meters will be free and parking time limits will not be enforced. Violations for overnight parking restrictions, red curb parking and blocking fire hydrants will be issued. Parking meter enforcement resumes Tuesday. Pasadena Transit and Dial-A-Ride buses will operate on their regular schedules.

The Permit Center will be closed on Presidents' Day; however, some services will be available via Permit Center Online, where subtrade permits can be obtained and plans for commercial tenant improvements (new submittals) and accessory dwelling units can be submitted. In-person operations will resume Tuesday.

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be closed Sunday and Monday. They will reopen to the public Tuesday.

Pasadena Fire and Police Departments will continue to provide patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services during the holiday. For life-threatening emergencies, remember to always call 9-1-1. For non-emergencies, call Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241. If you "See Something, Say Something." Report suspicious activity to the police department at (626) 744-4241.

Pasadena City Council will not meet on Presidents' Day. The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 28. For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.

## Fire Rips Through Pasadena Motel Room



By Dean Lee

Fire and heavy smoke poured out of a East Pasadena Motel early Tuesday morning gutting one of the units and damaging a storage room. Noone was injured in the blaze that broke out shortly after 1 a.m.

According to Pasadena Battalion Chief Wendell Eaton when firefighters arrived at the Ace Motel 2870 E. Colorado Blvd. they found heavy fire coming from the windows and door of a single unit, 104, on the east side of the single-story complex. The fire was first reported at 1:15 a.m. The fire was knocked down in 5 minutes he said in the incident report.

After firefighters conducted a primary search of the unit for victims and adjacent units for fire, and after it was determined to be safe, all of the occupants were allowed back into the non-affected portions of the building. Eaton said none of the occupants were displaced for more than a few hours.

The San Marino Fire Department assisted as the incident safety officer.

The fire is currently under investigation. A Pasadena Fire Arson Investigator was on scene Eaton said.

Ace Motel

## Pasadena Library Black History Month Free Events

**African American Firefighters Museum Tour**

Tuesday, Feb. 22 • 5 p.m. • Zoom

Join museum historian Brent Burton for a virtual tour of the Los Angeles Firefighters Museum, the first and only free-standing museum dedicated to the African American firefighter experience in the United States. To attend the program on Zoom sign up at: [pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5452](https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5452).

**Jasmine Elizabeth Smith: South Flight**

Thursday, Feb. 24 • 5 p.m. • Zoom

Poet Jasmine Elizabeth Smith presents her poetry collection *South Flight*, a eulogy and unabashed love letter to the history of Black sovereignty, community and resistance in Oklahoma. *South Flight* is set in Boley, Oklahoma in the wake of the Tulsa Race Riots of May 31, 1921, the worst race riot in U.S. history, and escalating violence toward African Americans across the South in what historians would later call the Red Summer. *South Flight* was named a finalist for the 2020 National Poetry Series and the Jake Adam York Prize, and is a winner of the 2021 Georgia Poetry Prize. To attend the program on Zoom sign up at: [pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5385](https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5385).

**Conversation about Passing**

Saturday, Feb. 26 • 2 p.m. • Zoom

Join us for a discussion of Nella Larsen's book, *Passing*, led by Denise McIver, research librarian from the California African American Museum, and Pasadena Public Library librarians Diane Walker and Christine Reeder. *Passing* is the story of Irene Redfield, a Black woman living an affluent, comfortable life with her husband and children in the thriving neighborhood of Harlem in the 1920s. When she reconnects with her childhood friend Clare Kendry, who is similarly light-skinned, Irene discovers that Clare has been passing for a white woman after severing ties to her past—even hiding the truth from her racist husband. To attend the program on Zoom sign up at: [pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5386](https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5386).

## The Huntington to Present Opera 'On Gold Mountain'



From left: Portrait of the See family, including Fong See (third from left) and Leticia "Ticie" Pruett (second from right) and their five children, 1914. The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens; Lisa See (photo by Patricia Williams); and Nathan Wang (photo by Derek Wang).

The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens and LA Opera Connects will present an outdoor, site-specific staging of *On Gold Mountain*, an opera based on author Lisa See's bestselling book about her Chinese American family's immigrant experience in California. The opera features a colorful musical score by Nathan Wang, The Huntington's newly inaugurated 2022-23 Cheng Family Foundation Visiting Artist in the Chinese Garden. Eight performances will be held Thursday, May 5, through Sunday, May 15. Tickets are on sale now at [huntington.org](https://huntington.org).

*On Gold Mountain*, which premiered in 2000 at the Aratani Theater in Los Angeles, tells the story of See's great-grandfather, Fong See, who emigrated from China to California in the 19th century. Arriving in the United States alone at age 14 in search of his father, Fong See faced discrimination and challenges, but with hard work, determination, and ambition, he eventually became a successful businessman. Despite laws against interracial marriage at the time, he married a white American woman, Leticia "Ticie" Pruett, and they had five children. Fong See's journey takes the audience from China

to Los Angeles' Chinatown, where he became a prominent community member and opened an antique shop that is still owned by the family today.

Archives from the See family are held at The Huntington in the Lisa See Collection and the Gilbert, Florence, and Leslee See Leong Collection. Photographs and documents from these archives will be incorporated into the new production, which will be brought to life in The Huntington's renowned Chinese Garden, Liu Fang Yuan, or the Garden of Flowing Fragrance. *On Gold Mountain* will be the first theatrical production staged in The Huntington's new Terrace of Shared Delights, which opened in late 2020 as part of the final phase of the garden's construction.

Blending Western and traditional Chinese music, Wang's musical score will be performed by an orchestra composed of members of the LA Opera Orchestra and student musicians from the greater Los Angeles community. Casting for the production is underway. *On Gold Mountain* will be directed by Jennifer Chang with a libretto by See.

For more information, visit: [huntington.org/on-gold-mountain](https://huntington.org/on-gold-mountain).

## Supervisors Unanimously Approve Crossing Guards at Two Altadena Schools



In an effort to ensure the safety of students before and after school, Supervisor Kathryn Barger proposed a motion Tuesday directing crossing guards to serve the busiest intersections outside Altadena Arts Magnet and Eliot Arts Magnet Academy. Barger's motion was unanimously approved during the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors meeting the same day.

"As students navigate busy streets when they arrive and leave from school, their protection and safety are the absolute top priority," Supervisor Barger said. "I thank the leadership from both schools and the Altadena Town Council for speaking up about this urgent need. Advocacy and collaboration are key to resolving community safety concerns."

Barger's motion ensures there will be professional traffic supervision during arrival and dismissal times to

prevent students from being struck by vehicles when children are being dropped off and picked up from school.

As a result, the crossing guard currently stationed at the intersection of Calaveras Street and Catherine Road will be reassigned to the intersection of Calaveras Street and El Molino Avenue adjacent to Altadena Arts Magnet. Additionally, the motion reassigns the crossing guard at the intersection of Lake Avenue and Calaveras Street to the intersection of Lake Avenue and Boston Street adjacent from Eliot Arts Magnet Academy. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, in coordination with the County Office of Education, will report back to the Board of Supervisors in 30 days with a comprehensive traffic safety analysis, recommendations for improvements, and projected timelines for implementation.

## Pasadena Heritage In-Person Tour - South Lake Ave. Macy's

*Macy's (formerly Bullock's Pasadena), is the Nation's First Post-war Suburban Department Store*



As part of Pasadena Heritage's Spring Tours organizers are set to have an in-person tour of Macy's on South Lake Ave. Sunday, February 27. The tour will go from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Groups are limited.

Pasadena Heritage has watched over this store since 1978 and nominated Bullock's, now Macy's to the National Register of Historic Places in 1996. The landmark building received several awards, including an Award of Merit in 1950, and in 1952 the Pasadena Chapter of the American Institute of Architects declared it as one of the "outstanding examples

of architecture constructed over the last half century." Designed to be a plush department store with the atmosphere of a home or an exclusive country club, the Late Modern building includes murals, fireplaces, art tile, and many rare woods. Knowledgeable docents will guide the tours. The staff at Macy's will be available to meet and greet guests and present gift bags to all tour attendees.

For more information or to signup visit: [pasadenaheritage.org](https://pasadenaheritage.org).

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## Caltech Remembers Professor Richard Dean

Richard Albert Dean (BS '45), a professor of mathematics at Caltech from 1955 to 1987, passed away on January 27, at the age of 97.

Dean (pictured) was born in 1924 in Columbus, Ohio. He earned an undergraduate degree from Caltech in 1945 and a PhD from Ohio State University in 1953. He taught mathematics at Middlebury College in Vermont in 1947. Dean returned to Caltech in 1954 as the Harry Bateman Research Fellow before joining the faculty as an assistant professor in 1955. Dean was named associate professor in 1959, professor in 1966, and professor emeritus in 1987.

Dean's achievements in mathematics include showing that the word problem in a finite presented lattice (a certain type of algebraic structure coming from order theory) is solvable. He later applied lattice theory to problems in economics. He authored two algebra textbooks, Elements of Abstract Algebra (1966) and Classical Abstract Algebra (1990), and co-authored the high school algebra textbook Arithmetic and Calculators: How to Deal with Arithmetic in the Calculator Age (1978).

Dean served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946, and 1952 to 1954, and as a consultant for the National Security Agency from 1955 to 1963. He was a member



of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematics Association of America. He earned an honorary doctorate of science from Denison University in Ohio in 1973.

Dean also served as an admissions officer at Caltech. "This was very important to him, because he felt that he was able to give a chance to students who didn't necessarily 'check all the boxes' but showed great drive," says Jason Dean, Richard's son, who is now a researcher in sociology at the University of Strasbourg in France.

In addition to his son, Dean is survived by his second wife, Carol K. Dean, formerly of Pasadena City College; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## SAN MARINO CRIME BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, February 6 through Saturday, February 12, the San Marino Police Department responded to 436 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, February 6**  
9:48 A.M. / Multiple Offenses  
2100 Block of Huntington Drive  
Officers observed a male subject yelling at vehicles and drinking out of an aluminum can that appeared to be an alcoholic beverage. Officers contacted the subject and determined that the subject was under the influence of alcohol.

The subject and suspect became uncooperative during contact with the officers. While attempting to place Miller in handcuffs, he physically resisted and verbally threatened the officers' safety. Officers gained control of the suspect and took him into custody. He refused medical treatment and officers on scene suffered minor injuries.

The subject was transported to Pasadena City Jail for booking. He was charged with PC 647(f) – Disorderly Conduct: Public Intoxication, PC 594 – Vandalism, and PC 148 – Obstruction of Justice.

10:16 A.M. / PC 459 – Vehicle Burglary  
500 Block of Winston Avenue  
Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's vehicle, took property, and then fled in an unknown direction by unknown means.

11:04 A.M. / Warrant Arrest  
1400 Block of San Marino Avenue  
Officers made contact with a subject loitering in the 1400 block of San Marino Avenue.

After conducting a records check, it was revealed the subject had an outstanding no bail warrant for a parole violation. Incident to arrest, the subject was searched and drug paraphernalia was located on his persons. The subject was taken into custody for the outstanding warrant and issued a citation possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Monday, February 7**  
11:04 A.M. / PC 484 – Petty Theft

1700 Block of South Robles Avenue  
Unknown suspect(s) took property from the victim and fled in an unknown direction by unknown means.

2:09 P.M. / PC 459 – Residential Burglary  
1300 Block of Sierra Madre Boulevard

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

**Tuesday, February 8**  
2:36 P.M. / 901T – Traffic Collision with Injuries  
2000 Block of Huntington Drive  
Officers responded to a traffic collision involving two vehicles.

3:26 P.M. / Fall on City Property  
2400 Block of Huntington Drive  
Officers responded to a call for service regarding an individual who fell on city property and sustained injuries.

5:14 P.M. / 901T – Traffic Collision with Injuries  
South Los Robles Avenue and Oak Street

Officers responded to a traffic collision involving two vehicles.

**Wednesday, February 9**  
11:56 P.M. / CVC 14601 – Driving while License is Suspended/Revoked  
South Los Robles Avenue and Wilson Avenue  
Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle and contacted the driver and suspect, to be in violation of CVC 14601. He was issued an own recognition citation and was released from the scene.

**Thursday, February 10**  
1:13 P.M. / Found Property  
San Marino Police Department  
A report was made for documentation purposes for found property.

6:12 P.M. / PC 484 – Petty Theft  
2700 Block of Huntington Drive

Unknown suspect(s) took property from the victim and fled in an unknown direction by unknown means.

6:55 P.M. / 902T – Traffic Collision without Injuries  
San Marino Avenue and Orlando Road  
Officers responded to a solo vehicle traffic collision.

**Friday, February 11**  
11:11 A.M. / PC 459 – Vehicle Burglary  
1400 Block of Westhaven Road

Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's vehicle, took property, and then fled in an unknown direction by unknown means.

**Saturday, February 12**  
No significant incidents to report for this date.

For more information about the San Marino Police Visit: [cityofsanmarino.org](http://cityofsanmarino.org).

## Pasadena Boston Court Reading: Hold These Truths



Streaming Monday, February 28 at 6 p.m.

*Tickets are free to the public; All attendees must register by visiting: [bit.ly/HoldTheseTruthsVirtual](https://bit.ly/HoldTheseTruthsVirtual).*

Created in response to the sharp rise in hate directed toward the AAPI community over the past few years, Boston Court Pasadena, East West Players, and Pasadena Playhouse have joined forces to share a virtual reading of Jeanne Sakata's timely solo play Hold These Truths. The evening is co-directed by Jessica Kubzansky and Margaret Shigeko Starbuck.

All proceeds raised through this event will go to the Consortium of Asian American Theaters and Artists and the incredible work they do to promote AAPI artists and to contribute to our national theatre ecology. You are invited to this special event to honor, support, and uplift our amazing community of AAPI Theatre Artists.

Hold These Truths, an exceptional evening of theatrical storytelling, tells the inspirational true story of a civil rights hero, Gordon Hirabayashi, who took his World War II fight for his constitutional rights all the way to the Supreme Court. Playwright Jeanne Sakata relayed to Broadway World, "In the 1990's, I saw on PBS a documentary film made by John de Graaf called A Personal Matter: Hirabayashi vs. The United States, where I first learned about Gordon. And I was just floored, because here was this absolutely riveting story about a young Japanese American college student who had taken such a brave stand for his rights as an American citizen, and I had never heard about him. It was fascinating, and enthralling, and also upsetting at the same time. I asked myself the same question that many people ask when they come to see the play: "Why haven't I heard this story before? Why isn't it in our history books?" After that, I became absolutely obsessed with the story and determined that I was going to find out everything I could about it."

75 years ago, Executive Order 9066 called for all people of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast to be ripped from their homes and forced into barbed-wire prison camps, without due process of law. Amid the chaos, one young student stood up for what he passionately believed were his rights as an American citizen. Based on a true story which follows the life of civil rights hero Gordon Hirabayashi, Hold These Truths is a shockingly relevant cautionary tale of the injustices perpetrated when nationalism, fear, and hysteria collide.

This live-streamed event features six of the wonderful actors who have given tour-de-force solo performances as Gordon in Hold These Truths productions across the country

## Pasadena Heritage Tour - Three Early Communities

This Drive yourself Tour Premiers Sunday, Feb. 27.

Three of Pasadena's earliest neighborhoods contain some of the city's best architect-designed homes, including those by Charles and Henry Greene, Alfred and Arthur Heineman, Frank Lloyd Wright, George Washington Smith, Sylvanus Marston, and more. What was once called "Millionaire's Row" with an abundance of Victorian-style mansions remains a beautiful boulevard with expansive lawns and garden apartments and echos of the past. Drive the route that begins the world's most famous parade and learn

and around the world. The event will be hosted by Tamlyn Tomita and Sean Miura and live-streamed on Monday, February 28th at 6PM PST. All attendees must register by visiting [bit.ly/HoldTheseTruthsVirtual](https://bit.ly/HoldTheseTruthsVirtual). The event will be available as a video on demand for 48 hours following the live-stream on the 28th.

Playwright Jeanne Sakata says, "It's been an incredible joy and honor to have worked with so many brilliant AAPI actors who have performed Hold These Truths over the last 15 years, and who have shared Gordon Hirabayashi's story all across the country. With six of those actors – Ryun Yu, Greg Watanabe, Michael Hisamoto, Hansel Tan, Jomar Tagatac, and Steven Eng – now joining forces to raise money for CAATA so that more AAPI artists can share their stories as well, I'm grateful to be reminded of the great power of our individual and collective voices in combating the anti-AAPI hate and violence of our times—the same forces that our parents and grandparents faced so courageously before us—and to celebrate these stories that tell the world, "we are here, and we are here to stay."

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of CAATA, we have long been fans of playwright Jeanne Sakata and her powerful play about the life of American hero Gordon Hirabayashi, and his resistance to the Japanese American incarceration during World War II," said CAATA Board President Leslie Ishii. "We are grateful to our member theater East West Players, as well as Boston Court Pasadena and Pasadena Playhouse for designating CAATA the recipient of this benefit. Funds raised will go directly toward CAATA's programs to advance the field of Asian and Pacific Islander American theater through our national network of organizations and artists, and we thank you for your support."

CAATA says, "Our mission is to advance the field of Asian American theater through a national network of organizations and artists. We collaborate to inspire learning and sharing of knowledge, and resources to promote a healthy, sustainable artistic ecology. As a collective of Asian American theater leaders and artists, we bring together local and regional leaders to work nationally toward our shared values of social justice, artistic diversity, cultural equity and inclusion. We hold national conferences and festivals biennially in different parts of the country, reaching as wide a range of Asian American populations and communities as possible. We survey Asian American theater artists and organizations to find out their foremost concerns. We form alliances with other theater groups of different affinities to advance mutual goals cooperatively and to exchange ideas and strategies."



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## Chris Holden Builds Ties Through Syunik Sister City

Assemblymember Chris Holden announced last week that his resolution, ACR 105, Sister state relationship with the Province of Syunik has passed the Senate Floor. The resolution would establish sister state relationship between California and the province of Syunik in Armenia. Syunik is the southernmost province in Armenia and has profound historical and cultural significance for Armenia and the world. It is one of the original provinces of the ancient Kingdom of Armenia. It is also home to the Armenian Stonehenge which dates to the bronze age and has petroglyphs that are seven thousand years old. Syunik is described by Armenians as the backbone of Armenia, as it is an essential to importing and exporting goods from the south.

ACR 105 would reinforce California's solidarity with and support for the people of Syunik and will facilitate mutually beneficial educational, economic, and cultural exchanges between the two states. The resolution would also create a taskforce with representatives from the community of Syunik, government of Syunik, government of California and community partners of California.

"Strengthening the relationship with Syunik comes at a critical time as regional powers like Azerbaijan and Turkey pose a threat to its existence and livelihood. This resolution reaffirms California's solidarity with Armenia and our 1-million-strong community of California-Armenians," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. There is power in our solidarity and there is even more when we acknowledge the wrongs committed and urge for justice. We set precedent for the future with our action or inaction and today, we are creating long-lasting ties to thread forward a better tomorrow.

"As an immigrant, this issue hits close to home for me. I and many of my constituents worry about the safety of loved ones residing in that region. So, I am deeply aware of the uncertainty inherent in living there and the privilege we have to live in California. By creating this sister-state relationship with the Syunik Province, we will do our part, albeit small, to share some of the benefits of living here through economic, educational, and



cultural engagement," said Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, co-author of ACR 105.

"Today, we are grateful to Assemblymember Chris Holden for working with us and spearheading the effort, now adopted both by the State Senate and the State Assembly, in establishing a Sister State relationship between California and Syunik province of Armenia. At such a critical time when Syunik's sovereignty is at great risk under the grave threats posed by Azerbaijan and Turkey, this bold move by the State of California is a declaration of solidarity meant to facilitate mutually beneficial educational, economic, and cultural exchanges, which in turn will strengthen the resolve of the people of Armenia to stand strong against the ongoing threats they face from belligerent and aggressive actors in the region," remarked Nora Hovsepien, Chair of the ANCA-WR.

"In the aftermath of the war and given the absence of requisite pressure by the international community, the Azerbaijani military conducted deep, cross-border incursions into the Republic of Armenia's Syunik and Gegharkunik provinces. Such actions are in clear violation of Armenia's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The Armenian Assembly of America salutes and thanks Assemblymember Chris Holden for working in solidarity with Armenian Americans statewide and leading this landmark humanitarian effort. Now adopted both by the California State Senate and the State Assembly, we look forward to assisting Assemblymember Holden in creating a long-lasting bond between the State of California and Syunik Province," stated Mihran Toumajan, Western Region Director of the Armenian Assembly of America.

## 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: [pasadenaseniorevent.org](https://pasadenaseniorevent.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 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.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, February 6th through Saturday, February 12th, the Police Department responded to 919 calls for service, of which 110 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, February 6:

1. At 9:42 a.m., an officer contacted a subject in the area of Foothill Boulevard and First Avenue. During the consensual encounter, the suspect admitted to being in possession of methamphetamine and a smoking pipe. The 45-year-old male from Glendora was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At 12:08 p.m., an officer responded to Grocery Outlet, located at 165 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a fight in progress. An investigation revealed two male subjects were arguing when one of the men hit the other with a wooden stick. The fight was mutual and neither party was arrested, however, the investigation is ongoing.

Monday, February 7:

3. At 12:47 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2500 block of Paxson Avenue regarding a mail theft report. The victim stated she witnessed the suspect steal her mail from her mailbox and flee in a dark blue, two-door Honda. The suspect is described as a Hispanic female in her 30s or 40s, wearing a blue floral shirt with dark hair in a bun. The investigation is ongoing.

4. At 3:18 p.m., an officer responded to 125 North First Avenue regarding an assault investigation. The officer discovered the elderly victim was pushed to the ground, for no apparent reason, by the unidentified suspect. The suspect then boarded the westbound train. He is described as a Hispanic male with dark hair, approximately 5'8" tall, with a larger build and wearing dark-colored clothing. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, February 8:

5. At 4:51 a.m., an officer responded to the 900 block of North Santa Anita Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime during the previous night, an unknown suspect smashed the victim's rear window and stole her purse containing credit and debit cards. The suspect then used the stolen bank cards to make fraudulent purchases. The investigation is ongoing.

6. At 9:59 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 00 block of Lucille Street regarding an extortion report. The victim stated he received flirty messages on Instagram from the suspect's account. After messaging each other, the victim sent elicit photos of himself to the suspect. The suspect ultimately forwarded the victim's elicit photos to his sister when the victim refused to pay a \$300 ransom. The identity of the suspect has not been determined.

Wednesday, February 9:

7. At 6:16 a.m., an officer responded to Coldwell Banker, located at 660 West Huntington Drive, regarding a suspicious subject in the area. Upon contacting the subject, the officer discovered she was in possession of a stolen package, stolen mail, and had two outstanding warrants. The 30-year-old female from Santa Ana was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

8. At 7:32 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of California Street regarding a residential burglary. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect broke open a lock box, used the keys to enter the home, and used the shower. No other loss was reported.

Thursday, February 10:

9. At 12:55 p.m., an officer took a grand theft report that occurred at Friar Tux, located at 1000 South Baldwin Avenue. The officer discovered an employee had conducted fraudulent returns amounting to a loss of \$22,000. The investigation is ongoing, and the suspect is outstanding as of the publication of this report.

10. At 10:41 p.m., an officer responded to Luxy Karaoke, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a report of a threat. The victim stated a male suspect entered several rooms and harassed customers. After being asked to leave by the victim, the suspect threatened to shoot her. The suspect is described as an Asian male, approximately 50 to 55-years-old, around 5'7" tall, 130 pounds, and wearing a green military-style jacket with black pants and black shoes.

Friday, February 11:

11. At 1:53 a.m., an officer responded to Knockouts Topless Sports Bar, located at 1580 Clark Street, regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed two employees engaged in a mutual fight resulting in one of the women sustaining minor injuries to her face. Arcadia Fire transported the female to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for an assessment. The incident is under investigation.

12. At 2:10 p.m., an officer responded to Grocery Outlet, located at 140 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding an aggravated assault report. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect concealed various items in her purse before exiting the store, failing to pay for the items. However, when the store owner confronted her, she entered her vehicle and attempted to hit him while driving away. The suspect, an Asian female between the ages of 40 and 45, fled in a white sedan. The investigation is pending a review of the footage.

Saturday, February 12:

13. At 6:47 a.m., an officer responded to Cherub Technology, located at 11940 Goldring Avenue, regarding an alarm activation. The officer determined unknown suspect(s) pried open the front door and burglarized the business. The loss is unknown.

14. At 7:44 p.m., an officer responded to Meizhong Dongpo, a restaurant located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. The suspect, a 41-year-old male from Santa Monica, consumed almost \$80.00 worth of food and drinks before leaving and failing to pay. The suspect was arrested and issued a citation.

DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

Crime Blotter for the Week of February 6 - February 12, 2022 The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of February 06, 2022 - February 12, 2022.

February 06, 2022 •Grand Theft Auto: 1600 Block of Eastford Avenue. An unknown male suspect stole the victim's gray 2017 Chevy Colorado van. Vehicle outstanding. On 02/06/22 4:35 am video survelance shows an unknown male enter the victim's other vehicle, where he retrieves the keys to the above vehicle and takes it without owners' consent.

February 07, 2022 •Burglary (Vehicle): 1600 Mountain Avenue (Walmart). On 02/07/22 between 1:50 pm and 5:30 pm suspect(s) unknown entered the victims locked vehicle a 1996 white Acura Integra and stole the victim's detachable "Momo" steering wheel. No signs of forced entry. Loss was approximately \$300. No surveillance video available.

February 08, 2022 •Grand Theft: 2100 Block of Citrusview Avenue. Between 02/07/22 4:00 pm and 02/08/22 7:30 am suspect(s) unknown stole the Catalytic Converter to the victims 2006 silver Honda Accord. Loss was approximately \$1,500. No surveillance video available.

February 09, 2022 •Aggravated Assault: 1301 Buena Vista Street (Duarte Library). On 02/09/22 at 12:00 am the victim, whom is a known transient was at the location with the suspect, also a known transient. The suspect without reason assaulted the victim by strangling her and then pushed her up against a utility box. The victim's son who is also a transient shouted for the suspect to stop at which point he did. The victim was taken to the hospital by her son, where deputies made contact. Suspect later arrested on 02/11/22 for additional crimes.

•Burglary (Residential): 1800 block of Buena Vista Street. Between 02/05/22 4:30 pm and 02/09/22 12:00 pm suspect(s) unknown entered the victim's residence and stole the victims 9mm "Glock" handgun he had secured in his closet. No signs of forced entry and location was not ransacked. Loss was approximately \$900. No surveillance video available.

February 10, 2022 •Grand Theft Auto (Attempt): 1400 Block of Bloomdale Street. Between 02/09/22 7:30 pm and 02/10/22 11:00 am suspect(s) unknown forced entry into the victims white 2013 Kia Optima and punched the ignition and attempted to take the vehicle. No surveillance video available.

February 11, 2022 • Aggravated Assault: 1122 Huntington Drive (McDonalds). On 02/11/22 11:00 am a male black adult 6'03', 200lbs, whom is a known transient jumped on the hood of a vehicle and continued to walk across the car damaging the hood and windshield. The suspect ran into "McDonalds", where he picked up a plastic safety cone and threw it at an employee striking the electronic television menu damaging it in the process. The suspect proceeded to run out of the McDonalds and across the street towards Starbucks, where he jumped on the hood of another vehicle damaging the hood. The suspect proceeded to jump on top of the dumpster area of Starbucks where a prolonged standoff occurred. After a lengthy negotiation with the suspect, he came down without further incident where he was arrested. Suspect was additionally charged with the Aggravated Assault from 02/09/22.

•Petty Theft: 2000 Block of Buena Vista Street. Suspect unknown was observed on video surveillance on 02/11/22 2:52 am taking the victims bike and scooter from the backyard of the location. Loss was approximately \$300.

•Burglary (Vehicle): 2200 Block of Huntington Drive. Between 02/10/22 6:00 pm and 02/12/22 11:30 am suspect(s) unknown entered the victims locked vehicle a 2013 gray Kia Soul and stole miscellaneous items. Driver side door lock damaged. Loss was approximately \$1,000. No surveillance video available.

NEWS BRIEFS

ARCADIA ANNOUNCES MARCH 1 PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING

February 17, 2022 – The Arcadia City Council is seeking public input on draft maps for the redistricting of City Council districts. The next public hearing to review draft maps is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 240 W. Huntington Drive. Please note that the City Council meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

For more information regarding the City's redistricting process, please visit the City's redistricting page on the website at ArcadiaCA.gov/redistricting. If you have any questions regarding the redistricting process or wish to submit comments prior to the public hearing about draft maps, please email us at CityClerk@ArcadiaCA.gov.

MONROVIA YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM RECEIVES 2021 CALIFORNIA PARK & RECREATION SOCIETY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The California Park & Recreation Society has awarded the City of Monrovia with the 2021 Creating Community Award of Excellence for the Youth Employment Services (YES) Program. Since its inception in 2007, this eight-week summer internship program is aimed at providing meaningful experiences for the youth while also investing in tomorrow's workforce.

To prepare the youth for the rigors of a modern business environment, interns are provided with unique, but relevant work experience. Through the City of Monrovia's partnership with the Monrovia Unified School District, Monrovia Chamber of Commerce, Oak Crest Institute of Science, the Boys & Girls Club of the Foothills and Centre Stage, interns receive the benefits of real-world work experience in administrative offices, a science and technology lab, afterschool club for youth and a performing arts studio.

The YES Program is set apart from the typical summer internship because it connects participants with caring mentors to support their transition into adulthood. These important relationships serve as a safety net for teens who may be struggling to find their way, or feeling overwhelmed with academic challenges and pressure for college admission.

In an effort to diminish the achievement gap, the program provides interns with access to relevant training topics that includes computer skills, public speaking, interview skills, resume development, customer service expectations and personal financial responsibility. The exposure to workforce development opportunities, coupled with real-life skills, increases the likelihood of post-secondary education.

The YES Program not only serves just the youth, but the community has seen substantial benefits over the past 13 years. Over 200 interns have graduated from the YES Program with many returning to become recreation leaders with the City of Monrovia, college interns with community organizations or as mentors to others in the program. Overall, the YES Program provides youth with vision for a better personal future and discovery of new pathways for academic and professional success.

DUARTE KIWANIS MEMBER SERVES TIJUANA CHILDREN

Duarte Kiwanis member, Reyna Diaz made a recent trip to Tijuana to bring food and clothes to some of the children there. The children were thrilled with the new shirts. Each Saturday, these children now receive a hot breakfast from the supplies Reyna has brought.

Kiwanis International is a global community of clubs, members and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children one community at a time. Reyna and all of the Duarte Kiwanis Club are proud to share in that vision through action.

If you are interested in joining the Duarte Kiwanis or presenting at a future meeting, please contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com. The club is currently meeting virtually through Zoom.



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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## CALTECH OBSERVATORY TO BE REMOVED FROM MAUNAKEA

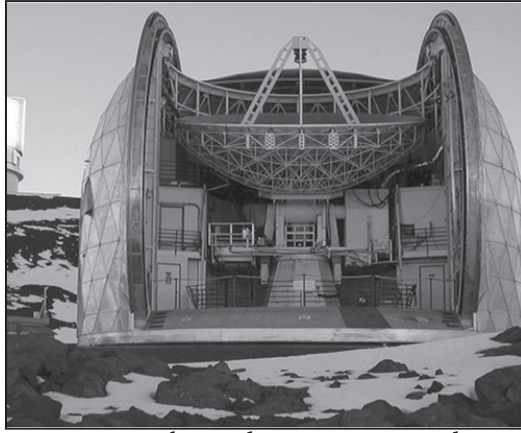
Caltech officials announced Thursday that they received the final approval needed to begin decommissioning the Caltech Submillimeter Observatory (CSO) from Maunakea in Hawai'i.

According to a statement the Hawai'i Board of Land and Natural Resources unanimously approved, on January 14, the Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) for the decommissioning of the CSO from the Mauna Kea Science Reserve.

"We are grateful to move forward with the deconstruction process," said Sunil Golwala, Caltech physics professor and CSO director. "Caltech aims to undertake the decommissioning this summer, with removal and restoration completed by the end of 2022." This will be the first observatory removed under the 2010 Decommissioning Plan for Maunakea Observatories.

During the observatory's lifespan, the CSO was one of the world's premier facilities for astronomical research and instrumentation development at submillimeter wavelengths. Discoveries made at the facility include an elucidation of the role of atomic carbon in the space between stars, a new phase of stellar evolution for red giant stars, the first ground-based detection of heavy water in a comet, and more.

The CSO's 10.4-meter submillimeter telescope, which came online in 1987 for use in research by astronomers at Caltech and other



institutions, is housed in a compact dome near the summit of Maunakea. The telescope was used by many scientists, including almost 200 student and postdoctoral researchers. All the astronomical instruments were removed from the facility in 2015.

The CDUP is the culmination of a careful process required under Hawai'i law to address technical aspects of the CSO's removal and the restoration of its site, including a detailed review of the potential cultural and environmental impacts. The CDUP sets the terms and conditions Caltech must follow during the decommissioning. Copies of the CDUP, the final environmental assessment, and other planning documents can be found at: [cso.caltech.edu/wiki/cso/outreach/outreach](https://cso.caltech.edu/wiki/cso/outreach/outreach).

A summary of CSO's contributions to astronomy and astronomical instrumentation is available at: [cso.caltech.edu/wiki/cso/science/overview](https://cso.caltech.edu/wiki/cso/science/overview).

## PORTANTINO INTRODUCES BILL TO PRIORITIZE PEDESTRIAN & CYCLIST

Senator Anthony Portantino introduced Monday Senate Bill 932, a measure to prioritize pedestrian and cyclist safety by requiring California cities to take concrete steps to reduce traffic collisions and fatalities. SB 932 is sponsored by Streets For All, ActiveSGV, Calbike, and Streets Are For Everyone. Recent data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration documenting a nearly 20 percent increase in traffic fatalities in the first six months of last year.

"There is no denying it, California needs safer streets. And, despite efforts during the last several decades to make our streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists, many of our streets have grown more dangerous in recent years," Portantino said. "Data driven plans to remedy this serious problem are necessary to save lives and encourage more people to walk and bike to their destinations. An annual grant program to cities for implementing effective ways to mitigate injuries and fatalities are a good step forward and will yield positive change for our communities."

Though California has been part of a national trend to create safer streets, many cities lack data on how to address traffic violence, deaths caused by accident, serious injuries to pedestrians, cyclists, and other human-powered-transit users. In certain cities where the most dangerous streets and corridors have been identified, no plans exist to remedy these deadly situations. Even in cities that have developed safety plans, meaningful changes that would actually save lives have yet to be implemented he said.

"In California, the general plans of cities have often been very car centric when it comes to their street network," said Michael Schneider, Founder of Streets For All. "That all changes today, with Senator Portantino's critical bill that would integrate multi-modal thinking into the planning process, helping make our streets safer for all modes and fight climate change."

SB 932 requires a county or city to include a map of the high injury network in its General Plan and would further require a county or city to identify and prioritize safety improvements within 15 years that would address serious and injurious traffic collisions. The bill would increase or decrease the 15-year implementation period, based on whether the measures introduced by a county or city achieve results to reduce percentages of traffic violence.

SB 932 creates an annual grant program to award funding to cities and counties that implement timely and effective short-term efforts to mitigate bicycle, pedestrian, and other human-powered transportation injuries and fatalities.

"Every day I'm on my bike, I learn more about the communities I represent and the areas of good bike safety and those that are not," Portantino said. "In fact, the intersection directly in front of my house is one of the most dangerous I traverse. It has been a tremendous benefit for me as a policy maker to reach out to the biking community to share my story and to collaborate on this important public safety and environmental effort."



## LA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

### VACCINATED CHILDREN PROVIDED MORE PROTECTION FROM COVID INFECTION AND HOSPITALIZATION THAN UN-VACCINATED CHILDREN

*With the winter surge subsiding, Public Health reminds residents that vaccinations and masking remain important effective layers of protection, especially in school settings and crowded spaces.*

As of February 10, 34% of 5-11-year-olds and 84% of 12-17-year-olds had received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine and 26% of 5-11-year-olds and 76% 12-17-year-olds were fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated children ages 5-11, were 2.5 times more likely to be infected when compared to those who were fully vaccinated. For those ages 12-17, vaccinated teens were almost 3 times less likely to be infected when compared to those who were unvaccinated.

Similarly, hospitalizations were also higher for unvaccinated children in both youth age groups 5-11 and 12-17. Unvaccinated children 5-11 were at three times higher risk of hospitalization when compared to fully vaccinated children. And unvaccinated teens 12-17 were four times more likely to be hospitalized than fully vaccinated teens.

Between February 7 and 11, nearly 477,000 tests were administered at TK-12 schools across the county; test positivity declined by 90% since the beginning of January to 1.5%. This remarkable decline likely reflects lower rates of community transmission as well as the impact of mitigation strategies that schools are using to reduce transmission.

When looking at the number of COVID-19 cases among students and staff in K-12 schools by grade level, the largest number of cases have been among elementary school students, followed by high school and then middle school students. The week of January 10-16, there were over 21,000 cases reported among elementary school students, over 11,000 reported among high school students, and 9,200 among middle school students. By the week of February 7-13, cases had dropped to 1,650 for elementary school students, 810 for high school students, and 648 for middle school students.

The number of school outbreaks currently being investigated also declined to a total of 46, down from 56 that were under investigation last week. This includes eight new outbreaks (5 in elementary schools, one in middle school, and two in youth sports) between February 6-12.

The decision to require masks in schools, along with the other mitigation safety measures likely helped to successfully limit the number of school disruptions in LA County during the Omicron surge. Public Health is aware of only eight learning disruptions across LA County at the district level in 2022. Three school districts had selected school closures and the others had a delayed opening or non-instructional day. In each case, the school or district, not Public Health, made the decision to take this action based on staffing and safety concerns.

"I send my deepest sympathies and wishes of peace and comfort to the many families who have lost a loved one due to COVID-19," said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Indoor masking requirements at schools, which remain in effect per the state order for at least another few weeks, continue to be an effective part of a comprehensive school safety program. As we have seen over the past few months, wearing a face mask or respirator in indoor public settings is associated with significantly lower chances of testing positive for COVID-19, and masking requirements in schools have been associated with lower numbers of outbreaks. As we think about 'post-surge' strategies, the focus remains on ensuring our schools have the tools and resources to offer safe learning environments for staff, teachers, and students. As always, we are grateful for the hard work of parents, students, administrators, staff, and teachers to diligently implement mitigation strategies that promote safety at schools."

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

- Adhere to masking requirements when indoors or at crowded outdoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status.
- Remain home when sick, isolate if they test positive and quarantine if they were in close contact with someone with COVID-19.

Residents are legally required to isolate themselves away from others if they test positive for COVID-19. Close contacts with symptoms and close contacts who are unvaccinated or not up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations need to follow quarantine requirements. For updated isolation and quarantine guidance, please visit [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](https://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov).

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

To find a vaccination site near you, or to make an appointment, please visit: [www.VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.VaccinateLACounty.com) (English) or [www.VacunateLosAngeles.com](https://www.VacunateLosAngeles.com) (Spanish).

## COVID 19 Cases - It's Not Over Yet!

**WHERE WE ARE W/E 2/18/22 VERSUS LAST WEEK (2/12/22)**  
**Cases/Deaths are still occurring especially among the unvaccinated.**

Cases	This Week (02/12/22)	Deaths	This Week (02/12/22)
LA County	2,777,165 (2,746,866)	30,216 (29,690)	

### LA COUNTY VACCINATIONS AS OF 02/18/2022 (Fully)

	Adults 12+	87.0%	Seniors 98.8%
(Last Week)	Cases	Deaths	Fully Vaccinated
Arcadia	7,700 (7,611)	160 (157)	90.1%
Altadena	8121 (8031)	89 (88)	82.3%
Bradbury	62 (61)	0 (0)	71.2%
Duarte	5,037 (4,986)	113 (113)	83.5%
Monrovia	8,061 (7,964)	99 (96)	80.6%
Pasadena	27,433 (27,129)	397 (385)	84.9%
Sierra Madre	1,472 (1454)	16 (15)	89.0%
So.Pasadena	3,843 (3792)	53 (53)	94.0%

## The Chef Knows By Peter Dills

### CINDY'S

When you say "diner", one thinks of those train-like Airstream coach dive restaurants from 60's New Jersey fame, so when I was told to check out the food at Cindy's in Eagle Rock... well, you can understand my reluctance. My readers are a creative and demanding lot, and the thought of disappointing you lurked in the back of my mind. I have driven past Cindy's at least a hundred times to reach one of my favorite restaurants, Colombo's, just down the street, without even a glance at this place, but today that all changed.



My first impression was a good one. It wasn't a dive. And everyone was working in rhythm as they tended to the packed house. I could see immediately that this was a homestyle environment made for the eclectic new Eagle Rock residents. My party of two decided to sit at the counter, being this truly is a diner. Within seconds, we were greeted and served water with a huge side of good attitude. Then, there was the menu. And all the choices! I focused on something new and different called Crab Hash, and my partner in food crime chose the Eggs Benedict topped with Pesto. Pesto for breakfast? You bet!

You'd maybe think that a packed house at 10:30am on a Sunday would bring so-so food, but no - our food came out hot, and in a very acceptable time frame. The Crab Hash was terrific. There was nothing stingy about the amount of crab or potatoes in the hash, and I was pleasantly surprised with the quantity and quality! My dining partner elected to go green and have the Green Goddess omelet, with the homestyle potatoes that were a little crispy. The plating was pleasant and the portion quite large. He went crazy for the homemade pesto that put this dish on his "have again" list, and said that the amount was perfect for making you want more. I also ordered the homemade chocolate cake and coconut lime pie to go (review on that to follow!).

On a side note: I noticed French fries on the menu, and since the owner, Paul, went to great lengths to ensure everything is made from scratch, I ordered some, and gave them two thumbs up. I will be back!! For the complete menu, go to their website, and by all means tell them Peter Dills sent you!

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SIERRA MADRE COLLEGE STUDENT RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

OLD WESTBURY, NY (02/18/2022)-- Melina Tsinoglou, from Sierra Madre (91024), was named to New York Institute of Technology's Presidential Honor List for fall 2021. To qualify for the Presidential Honor List, a student must achieve a minimum semester GPA of 3.7 and complete at least 12 credit hours without any incomplete grades. About New York Institute of Technology

New York Institute of Technology's six schools and colleges offer undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs in in-demand disciplines including computer science, data science, and cybersecurity; biology, health professions, and medicine; architecture and design; engineering; IT and digital technologies; management; and energy and sustainability. A nonprofit, independent, private, and nonsectarian institute of higher education founded in 1955, it welcomes nearly 8,000 students worldwide. The university has campuses in New York City and Long Island, New York; Jonesboro, Arkansas; and Vancouver, British Columbia, as well as programs around the world. Nearly 110,000 alumni are part of an engaged network of physicians, architects, scientists, engineers, business leaders, digital artists, and healthcare professionals. Together, the university's community of doers, makers, healers, and innovators empowers graduates to change the world, solve 21st-century challenges, and reinvent the future.

EMERSON COLLEGE STUDENT MARCEL TRUONG-CHUN OF SIERRA MADRE, CA NAMED TO FALL 2021 DEAN'S LIST

BOSTON, MA (02/16/2022)-- Marcel Truong-Chun of Sierra Madre, CA 91024 is among the students named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester. The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester. Truong-Chun is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2022. About Emerson College

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, the District of Columbia, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals, with the first program launching this fall in Paris. The College has an active network of 51,000+ alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

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COVID-19 vs. Allergies

	COVID-19	Allergies
 Common		
Fever or chills		
Cough		
Body aches		
Headaches		
Tiredness		
Loss of taste or smell		
Shortness of breath		
Sore throat		
Sneezing		
Itchy or watery eyes		
Runny or stuffy nose		

\*Seasonal allergies do not usually cause shortness of breath, unless a person has a respiratory condition such as asthma that can be triggered by pollen.



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...books about the Presidents' lives.

Kids: color stuff in!



Do you know which two U.S. presidents were born in February and have holidays on the calendar? Can you recognize them by their profiles, which you've probably seen many times on coins?



Read the clues below and fill in the puzzle with the last name of the correct President:

- First African-American President; encourages students to get a good education; likes basketball: Barack \_\_\_\_\_.
- One story tells that our first president never "told a lie" and confessed to cutting down a cherry tree: George \_\_\_\_\_.
- Family was poor, but he learned to read and write; loved books; tallest president; fought to keep the nation united: Abraham \_\_\_\_\_.
- First president to travel outside the U.S.; first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize; Teddy Bear named for him: Theodore \_\_\_\_\_.
- Became president 12 years after his father: George W. \_\_\_\_\_.
- Wrote most of the Declaration of Independence; designed his own home: Thomas \_\_\_\_\_.
- President who served 2 terms not back-to-back; married in the White House: Grover \_\_\_\_\_.
- First president to have his photo taken; had an alligator; kept a diary: John Quincy \_\_\_\_\_.
- On the \$50 bill; fought in Civil War where he was the first 4-star general: Ulysses S. \_\_\_\_\_.
- Was governor of Arkansas; can play the saxophone: "Bill" \_\_\_\_\_.
- Never married; his niece went to the White House to be his hostess: James \_\_\_\_\_.
- Five-star Army General; first president to ride in a nuclear-powered submarine: Dwight D. \_\_\_\_\_.
- Youngest elected president; set up the Peace Corps to help poor countries: John F. \_\_\_\_\_.
- At 13, took part in a Revolutionary War battle; was taken prisoner and slashed with a sword for refusing to clean a British officer's boots: Andrew \_\_\_\_\_.
- His wife, Dolly, saved a favorite portrait of George Washington before the British attacked the city of Washington and burned down the White House: James \_\_\_\_\_.
- He was inaugurated as President when he was 78 years old: Joe \_\_\_\_\_.

Pop Quiz!

Fill in the blanks with the letters that spell the last names of these two presidents:

Cleveland 14 9 Kennedy 15

Clinton 13 Bush 5

Washington 8 Grant 4

Obama 10

Biden 12

Adams 16

Roosevelt 7

Eisenhower 11

Madison 6

Lincoln Buchanan

Jefferson Jackson



Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



IT’S A ‘GUESS THE BREED’ CONTEST!

Last week I was sitting in front of Mary’s Market when along came a couple I’ve know in town for several years. They are such friendly folks, it was easy to get to know them back when they used to live around the corner from us, and after they bought a bigger house down the road to accommodate their growing family, I continued to see them out and about and happy to say we’ve maintained a cordial, neighborly friendship over the years.

It’s always a pleasure to cross paths with this cute couple, whose names will need to remain anonymous, for now. Let’s just call them “Mom” and “Dad” since that’s how they’re known in their home. We struck up one of those “Hey, how are ya?” kind of conversations that we Sierra Madreans are so famous for, and I took the time to pet their adorable dog. I asked when they got the pup, and they proceeded to share the sweetest story of how it happened that she became such an important part of their lives.

It was during a walk home from getting coffee in town one day in February, 2013 that dad noticed a puppy running around loose on Montecito Ave. The poor thing seemed lost but she was friendly enough. She kept approaching him, so he picked her up and started knocking on doors, trying to find out where she lived. There was no collar, so no ID. She was so vulnerable. He simply could not leave her wondering the streets by herself.

He went house to house until one lady answered the door with the phone to her ear. She’d already called Pasadena Humane Society. Apparently the little dog had been roaming around the neighborhood on-and-off for a few days. He asked to speak to the person on the phone, and was told no one had reported a lost puppy that fit the description. He gave PHS his address as the location where she would be, as he’d already decided he was taking her home.

The PHS person arrived at the house and performed the scan, but no chip was found which meant the poor pup had to go to the shelter for 7 days, to allow ample time for the owner to call in and pick her up - standard protocol in keeping with CA due-diligence law when one finds a lost dog. It was hard to let the puppy go, as you can imagine. But the PHS people promised the couple if the owner did not materialize, they would have 1st dibs at adopting her. So off the little girl went to the shelter. She’d already made such a huge impression on the couple and their kids, there was no way they would miss out on the opportunity to make her their own.

And sure enough, that’s exactly what happened. After that “7-day stay” during which the family paid daily visits to see her, the precious pup finally got to go home with her new forever family where she has been loved, cuddled and cared for ever since! The little cutie got off to a rough start, but she eventually embarked on a life beyond her wildest imagination and her family is over-the-moon to have her. I love pet adoption stories like this, don’t you?

SO, let’s get down to the real focus of this week’s Happy Tail.

Who wants to participate in a “GUESS THE BREED CONTEST”? All are welcome to join in on the fun.

The lost pup in this story was about 6 mos. when she found her forever home, so she’s about 9½ years now. The family has always wondered what breed(s) she is. In 2013, the idea of using DNA to determine a pet’s ancestry wasn’t so much a thing, but it’s practically the norm now and it’s exactly what the family decided to do. The kit was ordered, the sample submitted, and the results are in, but the envelope will not open until March 5th.



NOW it is UP TO YOU to look closely at the photos, read the detailed description, and enter your guess as to what breed(s) you believe this darling dog is made up of. The participant who guesses closest to the actual scientific DNA lab report will win a real nice prize. It’s for real. No joke. READY? SET! GO!

**PHOTOS:**  
Be sure to take a good look at the 3 included photos. For clearer copies, go to this week’s Mountain Views News on-line issue at: [mtnviewsnews.com](http://mtnviewsnews.com) and click on the Just for Best Friends tab.

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**  
She weighs about 26 lbs. and is approx. 24” long (top of head

to butt) with 8-9” legs and an 8” tail that curls up on her back. She has soft, sort of fluffy hair. Tri-colored; black & white, freckles on legs and nose, beige eyebrows & points.

**TEMPERAMENT:**  
Absolutely the sweetest, most charming little pup you could ever hope to meet. Not an aggressive bone in her body. Awesome with kids and grown-ups alike. Great with other dogs, too.



**CONTEST RULES:**  
E-mail your “guess” entry to me: [chris@canyoncanine.com](mailto:chris@canyoncanine.com) by no later than Wed., March 2, 6 PM. I’ll confirm receipt of your e-mail within 24 hours and add you to the list of contestants.

The actual DNA/breed ID results will be announced in the March 5 issue of Mountain Views News.

The winner will be awarded a \$25 Chewy.com gift certificate, compliments of Canyon Canine Dog Walking

& Pet Sitting. GOOD LUCK GUESSING!

Katnip News!



He’s Simply “SIMON”

Do you love the Siamese breed, with their stunning blue eyes? Or do you just want a big boy who loves the simple things in life--getting pet, napping, basking in a sunny window, but who also has a playful streak? Then Simon, age 6, is the cat for you! (Yes, this big boy is playful, per-haps catching up on the kittenhood that he never had, being abandoned at a very young age to the streets). He’s very trusting of people and somewhat of a big baby! He is FIV+ but needs no meds, a condition easily managed as long as he is kept indoors. Simon would make a wonder-ful pet for almost any adult or maybe with very gentle, older children. He should be an only pet. Seal Point Siamese cats have very dark, almost black, seal-brown points, with facial mask, ears, tail, paws, nose leather and paw pads all in the same dark brown color--spectacular! Just submit your application at Lifeline for Pets: [www.lifelineforpets.org/cat-adoption-application-revised.html](http://www.lifelineforpets.org/cat-adoption-application-revised.html) where you can see more pictures of Simon and his video on our Adult Cats page.



Pet of the Week

Two-year-old Sergeant is an intelligent, active dog who loves playing games! Sergeant is a big fan of puzzles – everything from treats in egg cartons, to snuffle mats, to searching for hidden hot dogs around the room. This smart pup will do best in a home where he has lots of enrichment and games to keep him busy. When Sergeant isn’t solving puzzles, he loves getting attention from his favorite people and getting lots of pets!

The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines.

New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet.

View photos of adoptable pets and schedule an adoption appointment at [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org). Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.





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IN QUEST OF A HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE

[[www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com](http://www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com)]

After spending long hours cleaning the contents of a dark, moldy, and neglected garage, and after filling more than two large dumpsters with material that could only be trashed, we decided to do the right thing and take the old paints and solvents and unworking electronics to a proper hazardous waste site.

After the long weekend of cleaning, I searched on-line for places near my home where I could take our several boxes of hazardous waste for disposal. On-line, I found that there were many places in the greater Los Angeles County area where I could take such waste, some of which would cost me a fee. I examined all the free sites close to my home and the most reasonable site was adjacent to the L.A. River, on Glendale’s west edge. Hours of operation were only Saturdays and Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

I studied the map until I felt I would have no trouble finding it, but I would have to wait for the following weekend since 3 o’clock was now fast approaching.

I told a friend that I was going there to drop off some old paint and stuff, and she told me that she goes there often to drop things off, and that it was right off the freeway, easy-peasy! OK, good, I thought.

On the following Sunday, I awoke early and loaded my car with 5 boxes of materials to drop off, materials I was glad to have out of my yard. It was Valentine’s Day so when I turned on the radio, I was not surprised to hear someone interviewing a “matchmaker.” They were talking about what it takes for a marriage to be successful.

I wanted to arrive as close to 9 a.m. as possible so I could get rid of the waste and get on to my regular Sunday morning activity. The freeway seemed particular slow, and quiet, and all went well. I was on my way south on the 5 freeway, and found exit 142, and took the exit which segued into Colorado Street. So far so good. Colorado, and the numbers didn’t match the number of the waste facility, and I drove another block and I knew something was wrong, but I continued to listen to the “matchmaker,” saying that the biggest flaw in the thinking about relationships is that there should be a “spark.” The spark is irrelevant, she said, and it isn’t necessary for a quality long term relationship. But because young couples don’t realize that, they never get together because they didn’t feel a “spark” at their first meeting.

I drove around the block, and up and down San Fernando Road, with the voice of the matchmaker the only thing that was keeping me from getting angry. Where was the hazardous waste site hiding? I backtracked, and drove south on Pacific, all the way to Los Feliz, where I knew I was impossibly far from the site, but I drove through the Atwater district, and got a view of how the place had been so built up since my last drive through that area. The matchmaker happily talked on about the elements of a good relationship – all the things that young couples in love should be thinking about, but don’t.

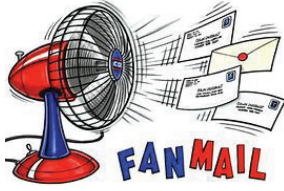
I came to the 5 freeway, and I decided I would try again to find the site. I would be furious and humiliated if I had to drive home with my boxes of paint and solvent and other electronic junk, with the only benefit of my roundabout drive being the lessons from the matchmaker.

This time I was driving north on the 5 freeway, eager to get to the Colorado exit, and then as I exited, I noted a named street that was not noted on Google maps. It was just a short street that took me from, drumroll, from Colorado to Colorado. Colorado Street to Colorado Blvd., an important distinction that I had not noted. I took this street, looked both ways and immediately saw the hazardous waste site. With relief, I drove down the long empty road, and finally, following the traffic cones, came to a small bustle of activity.

A woman came up to my car and asked me my zip code and what I had to deposit, making sure I had no needles! Then I drove up further and men in white hazardous waste suits insisted I stay in my car as they efficiently rummaged through the back hatch and removed all my unwanted material. After a quick “thank you,” I was on my way. I was happy and relieved to be rid of the dangerous materials, and even though I had an unintended tour of this portion of Glendale, with radio commentary on what actually makes a good relationship.

I got to my Sunday morning meeting on-time, and learned that there were at least two, maybe three, men named Valentinus from which Saint Valentines Day was derived. I learned that one of them, who was not selected as a Catholic Bishop, chose to defy the Roman emperor Claudius’ order against marrying soldiers. Claudius believed that single men made better warriors, but Valentinus, the Gnostic, felt that marriage was a God-given right. I learned that morning that Valentinus was jailed and eventually beheaded for his defiance, an gruesome historical point that seems lost in the flurry of the romantic atmosphere of the day.

In a rather odd convergence of feelings that morning, I felt bad for Valentinus, but relieved that at last I’d discarded our garage’s hazardous wastes.



FAN MAIL FOR MR. NYERGES:

It was such a pleasant reading of your "Childhood's End" in the newspaper. I really enjoyed it! It reminded me of Peter Pan's feast with children - the magic of imagination.

Yingchao Xiao, Sierra Madre.



## HOW TO CONVINCE AN ELDERLY PARENT TO STOP DRIVING

Dear Savvy Senior:

What is the best way to deal with older drivers who probably shouldn't be driving anymore? My dad, who's 86, is bound and determined to keep driving as long as he's alive. Backseat Daughter

Dear Backseat:

For many families, talking to an elderly parent about giving up the car keys can be a very difficult and sensitive topic. While there's no one way to handle this issue, here are a few suggestions that can help you evaluate your dad's driving and ease him out from behind the wheel when the time is right.

Take a Ride

To get a clear picture of your dad's driving abilities, a good first step, if you haven't already done so, is to take a ride with him and watch for problem areas. For example: Does he have difficulty seeing, backing up or changing lanes? Does he react slowly, get confused easily or make poor driving decisions? Does he drive at inappropriate speeds, tailgate or drift between lanes? Also, has your dad had any fender benders or tickets lately, or have you noticed any dents or scrapes on his vehicle? These, too, are red flags.

If you need some help and your dad is willing, consider hiring a driver rehabilitation specialist who's trained to evaluate elderly drivers and provide safety suggestions. This type of assessment typically costs between \$200 and \$400. To locate a professional in your area, visit [AOTA.org/older-driver](http://AOTA.org/older-driver) or [ADED.net](http://ADED.net).

Transitioning and Talking

After your assessment, if you think it's still safe for your dad to drive, see if he would be willing to take an older driver refresher course.

These courses will show him how aging affects driving skills and offers tips and adjustments to help keep him safe. Taking a class may also earn your dad a discount on his auto insurance. To locate a class, contact your local AAA ([AAA.com](http://AAA.com)) or AARP ([AARPdriversafety.org](http://AARPdriversafety.org), 888-227-7669). Most courses cost around \$20 to \$30 and can be taken online.

If, however, your assessment shows that your dad really does need to stop driving, you need to have a talk with him, but don't get carried away. If you begin with a dramatic outburst like "Dad, you're going to kill someone!" you're likely to trigger resistance. Start by simply expressing your concern for his safety.

For more tips on how to talk to your dad about this and evaluate his driving skills, the Hartford Financial Services Group and MIT AgeLab offers a variety of resources to assist you. Visit [TheHartford.com/lifetime](http://TheHartford.com/lifetime) and click on "Publications" on the menu bar, then on the "We Need to Talk" guidebook.

Refuses to Quit

If your dad refuses to quit, you have several options. One possible solution is to suggest a visit to his doctor who can give him a medical evaluation, and if warranted, "prescribe" that he stops driving. Older people will often listen to their doctor before they will listen to their own family.

If he still refuses, contact your local Department of Motor Vehicles to see if they can help. Or call in an attorney to discuss with your dad the potential financial and legal consequences of a crash or injury. If all else fails, you may just have to take away his keys.

Alternative Transportation

Once your dad stops driving, he's going to need other ways to get around, so help him create a list of names and phone numbers of family, friends and local transportation services that he can call on.

To find out what transportation services are available in your dad's area contact Rides in Sight ([RidesInSight.org](http://RidesInSight.org), 855-607-4337), and the Eldercare Locator (800-677-1116), which will direct you to his area agency on aging for assistance.

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



## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

## 4 REASONS WHY ESTATE PLANNING IS ESSENTIAL FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

If you are running a business, it's easy to give estate planning less priority than your other business matters. After all, if you're facing challenges meeting next month's payroll or your goals for growth over the coming quarter, concerns over

your potential incapacity or death can seem far less urgent.

But the reality is, considering what would happen to your business in the event of your incapacity or when you die is one of your most pressing responsibilities as a business owner. Although estate planning and business planning may seem like two separate tasks, they're inexorably linked. And given that your business is likely one of your family's most valuable assets, estate planning is crucial not only for your company's continued success, but also for your loved one's future wellbeing.

*Issue #1: If your estate plan consists of only a will, your business and its assets must go through probate when you die.*

When it comes to creating an estate plan, most people typically think of a will. While it's possible to leave your business to someone in your will, it's far from the ideal option. That's because upon your death, all assets passed through a will must first go through the court process known as probate.

During probate, the court oversees your will's administration to ensure your assets (including your business) are distributed according to your wishes. But probate can take years to complete and be quite expensive, which will seriously disrupt your operation and its cash flow. What's more, probate is a public process, potentially leaving your business affairs open to your competitors.

*Issue #2: If you become incapacitated by illness or injury and you haven't legally named someone to manage your business assets, the court will choose someone for you.*

Another issue with relying solely on a will is that a will only goes into effect when you die and offers no protection for your business if you're incapacitated by accident or illness. With just a will—or no estate plan at all—the court will appoint a financial guardian or conservator to assume control of your business until you recover.

Like probate, the court process associated with guardianship can be long and costly. And whether the guardian is a family member, employee, or outside professional, it's doubtful that individual would run your business exactly how you would want them to, and this can seriously disrupt your operation. Not to mention, having a court-appointed guardian managing your business affairs can lead to serious conflicts and strife within both your team and family, particularly if you're out for a lengthy period.

*Issue #3: If your business partner dies and you don't have a legal agreement that allows you to purchase your partner's share of ownership in your company, along with a source of liquidity to fund that purchase, you could find yourself in business with your partner's heirs.*

If you share ownership of your business with one or more other people, it's crucial that you have a legally binding plan in place designating what would happen to each partner's ownership interests should one of you leave the company, get divorced, die, or become incapacitated. Without such a plan in place, along with the funds needed to execute that plan, all sorts of potential problems and conflicts can arise.

For example, should your partner die without such a plan in place and the partner's children inherit his share of ownership in your business, you could find yourself in business with your partner's kids or be forced to pay an inflated price for their share of the business. A similar situation could arise should your partner get divorced, and your partner's former spouse is awarded a share of the company in the divorce settlement.

*Issue #4: If you name a family member to run your company after your death and you don't provide them with a detailed plan, your business can be ruined by just a few poor decisions.*

There are countless stories of family members assuming control of multi-million-dollar businesses and running things into the ground in just a short span of time. And if such massive fortunes can be squandered so easily, it's seriously doubtful that smaller operations like yours will fare much better.

Even if your successor doesn't destroy your company, he or she can cause serious conflicts among your staff, clients, and family simply by managing the business radically differently than you. For this reason, simply naming a successor to take the reins in your absence is not enough.

Secure Your Business, Your Legacy, and Your Family's Future with Estate Planning Solutions

If you haven't taken the time to create a proper estate plan, your business is missing one of its most essential components. You should work with a trusted attorney to create a comprehensive estate plan to ensure the company and wealth you've worked so hard to build will survive—and thrive—no matter what happens to you.

Your comprehensive plan should include, at the very least, a living trust, powers of attorney, healthcare directives, and business succession plan. Furthermore, we recommend that every estate plan addresses your personal and inter-personal legacy, which will greatly facilitate your ability to preserve and communicate your most treasured values, insights, stories, and mementos with your loved ones so you can rest assured that your business and legacy will offer the maximum benefit for the people you love most.

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...February Birthdays\*

Tracy Verhoeven, Beatrice DaRe, Catherine Adde, Hilda Pittman, Anne-Marie Stockdale, Susan Henderson, Allie Attay, Ursula El-Tawansy, Gladys Moser, Sylvia Lorhan, Ana Ptanski, Winifred Swanson, Janet Gillespie, Marian DeMars, Vickie Vernon, Mary Beth Knox, Sharon Lefler.

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



## FEBRUARY Senior Moments

**The Hart Park House Senior Center is currently closed for indoor use. Programming will resume March 1st, 2022.**

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(626) 355-7135**

**Hours of Operation**

**Monday-Thursday—7:30 am-5:30 pm**

**Hart Park House****Senior Center**

**222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
(626) 355-7394**

**Hours of Operation**

**Monday-Thursday—8:00 am-5:30 pm**

## ONGOING PROGRAMS IN THE COVERED PAVILION

## CHAIR YOGA

Every Monday and Wednesday, 10-10:45 am

Please join us for some gentle stretching, yoga, balance exercise and overall relaxation with Paul. Classes are ongoing and held in the Memorial Park Covered Pavilion.

## HULA &amp; POLYNESIAN DANCE

Every Friday, 10-10:45 am

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

## TAX ASSISTANCE

Wednesday 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Beginning February 2nd – April 6th, Don Brunner is available for income tax consultation. Appointments are required: Please call 626-355-5278 x704.

## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

## WHAT'S SO COOL ABOUT A CUCUMBER?



When it comes to vegetables, I am no connoisseur at all. The only vegetable I really like is carrot cake. According to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, that is not a vegetable.

We often discuss vegetables, and she has brought to me a lot of proof that carrot cake is not a vegetable.

"Why then," I argue, "do they use the word carrot when they talk about this particular cake."

She will then stare at me, one of her vicious stares by which I get the message.

Then we argued that an apple fritter is not a fruit.

She wins in both of these arguments, but I still have yet to give in to her argument. Sometimes, as a famous psychologist says, it's better to be happy than to be right. I understand completely what he's talking about.

Then recently, I heard my wife say that something was "as cool as a cucumber."

I've heard that phrase so many times and still do not quite understand what it really means. I know that a cucumber is a vegetable, but I'm not really cool about vegetables.

We were driving somewhere, she was in the driver's seat, and I'm not quite sure what we passed, but she said to me, "Look at that. That's as cool as a cucumber if you ask me."

I wish I could remember what it was, but I was very confused when she made that comment. Up to this point, I had never heard her mention that phrase before. I've heard a lot of people say it, and I just shrug it off, but now you have The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage using that phrase which was rather stunning to me

At the time, I looked at her and said, "What's so cool about a cucumber?"

As she was driving, she laughed and said to me, "Oh, you know what I mean."

For a veteran husband such as I, to know what his wife means when she says anything is beyond the realm of reality. I like to live in reality, but oftentimes, I don't.

I think during my life I have eaten a cucumber. It's not that I don't like a cucumber; I would rather have something else like a vegetable of my own choosing, a carrot cake, for instance.

I'm not sure what cucumbers are, and I don't want to ask my wife because then she will tell me and at the next lunch or dinner, there will be several cucumbers on my plate. So I don't want that to happen.

I know what being cool is all about; I just don't know how a cucumber can be cool about anything.

If a cucumber is the standard of coolness, I will never be cool.

I could come up with different slogans, like, "As cool as an apple fritter."

If I understand the word cool, nothing is more cool than a fresh apple fritter. If you've ever had an apple fritter, you know exactly what I'm talking about. To me, being cool has nothing whatsoever to do with vegetables.

Of course, if you're a vegetarian, you will disagree with me all the way. I'm not a vegetarian; I'm more of a fruitarian. In my mind vegetables aren't cool, but some fruit is rather cool to me.

I know my definition of fruit is not the same as my wife's definition. As long as we have been married, over 50 years, this is the only argument we have yet to settle. So I let her think she's right along this line, which makes me happy. Can you imagine if she ever found out that I was actually right along this line, how unhappy she would be?

I may not really understand the phrase, but I will say, to this date, our marriage has been "as cool as a cucumber." I may not understand it, but I am happy if it makes my wife happy.

Whatever a cucumber has to do with anything, I'm not too concerned about. Let her have her cucumbers as long as she lets me have my apple fritters. A good marriage allows the other to have their way as long as their way is not my way.

Even after 50 years, I'm still trying to navigate this marriage ship. So, the other day I thought I could make a little more progress in this. I said to her, "My, you're as cool as a cucumber."

I thought I was making progress, but as soon as I said it, she looked at me and said, "So, you think I'm a cucumber?"

You try to get along, and sometimes it doesn't really get you too far ahead. I meant it in the best sense of the word, but she thought I was just joking. And here I thought she had high regards for a cucumber.

That proves that I'm not cool was a cucumber.

As I thought about this a wonderful passage of Scripture came to mind. "9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. 10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10).

I guess it's nice to know where you are in life And that you have a partner in life.

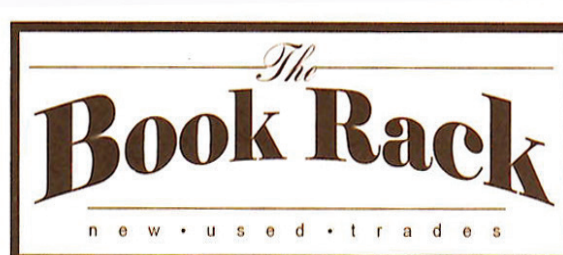




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We hope to return to in-person meetings in March

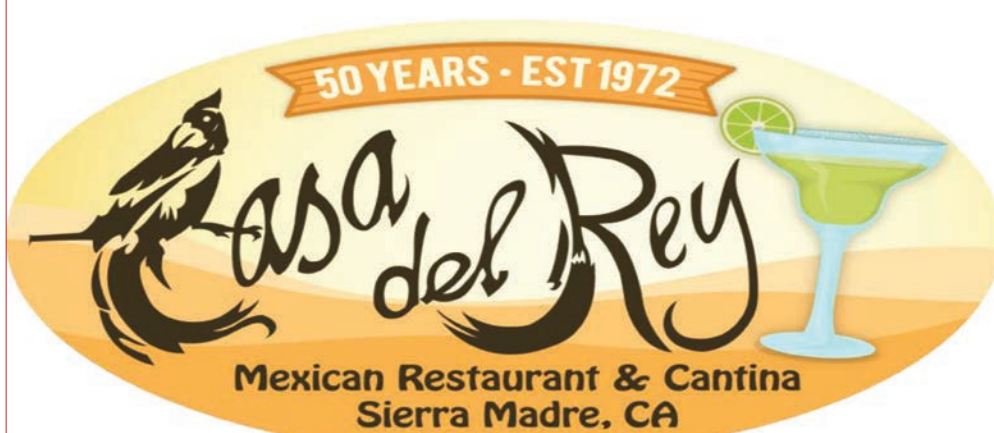
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE PETITION

**PROTECT SIERRA MADRE - STOP THE HOUSING PROJECT** has filed an Initiative to place an Ordinance on the Ballot in this year’s election to be voted on by all registered voters of Sierra Madre. It would change the zoning of the Monastery parcel (Mater Dolorosa) and any subdivisions of it, from Institutional to Hillside Residential Zone. A petition with signatures of 10% of Sierra Madre registered voters will put the question on the ballot.

If the measure passes at this year’s election, the Retreat Center can continue to operate as a pre-existing non-conforming use, as long as they choose. But any change in use, or development of any part of the parcel, would be subject to the requirements of our Hillside Ordinance.

Over the years, recognizing that all Sierra Madre properties adjacent to the mountains, and part of the wildland-urban interface, require special protection, our elected officials enacted many General Plan changes and ordinances to protect what makes Sierra Madre special, the Environment, the wildlife, tree canopies, the Hillsides, and the Monastery parcel. In discussing the Hillside Ordinance, Planning Commission members commented that the Ordinance wasn’t only about slope, but about elevation, topography, views, vegetation, wildlife, fire safety and “things that would change the look and feel of this town.”

The “Monastery” parcel is one of the only properties abutting the mountains that is not protected by a zoning designation of Open Space or Hillside Residential.

In 2015, during the drought, the Sierra Madre Planning Commission and City Council added many Water Conservation measures to the pending General Plan update, including removal of a provision that might have someday allowed the reuse of the Monastery property as housing. The EIR was certified and the General Plan adopted in 2015, and in 2016 the zoning was amended to conform to the General Plan with no objection to any of these actions during the 90 day periods after enactment.

The California Constitution gives voters the power to enact initiatives, to change laws in their City in light of the theory that all power of government ultimately resides in the people. We believe the citizens of Sierra Madre know best what is right for their City and will vote to forever protect that fragile open space, with an ordinance to change the zoning on the property from Institutional to Hillside Residential Zone.

Development can happen on that land, but with the protections of all our values that our City Government has failed to enact.

Original signed on January 25, 2022 by Barbara Vellturo, Alexander Arrieta, and Gary Bacio

INITIATIVE MEASURE TITLE AND SUMMARY  
PREPARED BY CITY ATTORNEY  
UNDER ELECTIONS CODE § 9203  
BALLOT TITLE

**Petition for Initiative Measure to Change the General Plan Land Use Designation from “Institutional” to “Hillside” and the Zoning Designation from “Institutional” to “Hillside Management” for the Mater Dolorosa Property**

INITIATIVE SUMMARY

This initiative amends the allowable land use for the parcels owned by The Congregation of Passion, Mater Dolorosa Community. Specifically, the initiative changes the parcels’ General Plan land use designation from “Institutional” to “Hillside” and zoning designation from “Institutional” to “Hillside Management.”

The Congregation of the Passion, Mater Dolorosa Community, is a California charitable corporation that owns the parcels located at 700 North Sunnyside Avenue in Sierra Madre, California (APN: 5761-002-008) (“Mater Dolorosa Property”). The initiative does not amend the land use designation for any other property owner in the City.

Currently, the Mater Dolorosa Property is zoned as Institutional. Residential uses are limited in the Institutional zone. Single-family homes are prohibited, whereas communal residential facilities are allowed with a conditional use permit and master plan amendment approved by the City’s Planning Commission after a public hearing.

Under the initiative, the Master Dolorosa Property would be zoned Hillside Management. Any subdivisions of the Mater Dolorosa Property created after January 25, 2022, would also be zoned Hillside Management. Residential uses are permitted in the Hillside Management Zone. Under state law, duplexes, single-family homes, and accessory dwelling units are allowed with a permit approved ministerially and without a public hearing by the Director of Planning and Community Preservation. The existing Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center would be allowed to continue operating as a nonconforming use.

If you sign this petition, you will help place this initiative measure on the ballot for election by the qualified voters of the City of Sierra Madre.  
If you do not sign this petition, you will not help place this initiative measure on the ballot.

Signed by: Aleks R. Giragosian, City Attorney, on February 9, 2022

A WORD FROM PROTECT SIERRA MADRE - STOP THE HOUSING PROJECT

By Barbara Vellturo

Our Petition will be available for signing on Sunday Feb 20 at Kersting Court or Memorial Park from 9am to 3pm. If our Measure is adopted by the People of Sierra Madre at the Nov 2022 election - ALL NEW DEVELOPMENT on the Monastery Parcel will be regulated by the requirements of our Hillside Ordinances.

For those of you not familiar with Sierra Madre’s Hillside ordinance, these are its purposes as created in 1994. It’s purposes are what most of us want for our City, and represent the values expressed in our General Plan.

17.52.010 - Purpose. The purposes of this chapter are to:

- A. Protect the natural environment of hillside areas from change by preserving and protecting the views to and from hillside areas in the city to maintain the identity, image and environmental quality of the city;
- B. Maintain an environmental equilibrium consistent with the native vegetation, animal life, geology, slopes, and drainage patterns;
- C. Facilitate hillside preservation through the development standards and guidelines set forth in this chapter; to direct and encourage development that is sensitive to the unique characteristics of the hillside areas in the city, which include, but are not limited to, slopes, land forms, vegetation and scenic quality; accordingly, innovation in the design of buildings and structures is encouraged so long as the result preserves hillside areas and is consistent with this chapter and with the General Plan;
- D. Ensure that development in the hillside areas is located so as to result in the least environmental impact;
- E. Ensure that all hillside development is designed to fit the existing land form;
- F. Preserve significant natural features of hillside areas, including swales, canyons, knolls, ridgelines, and rock outcrops. Development may necessarily affect natural features; therefore, a major design criterion for all hillside development shall be the minimization of impacts on such natural features;
- G. Provide safe ingress and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic to and within hillside areas, with minimal disturbance of natural features;
- H. Correlate intensity of development to steepness of terrain to minimize grading, removal of natural vegetation; and to prevent the creation of land instability or fire hazards;
- I. Provide, in hillside areas, alternative approaches to conventional flat-land development practices by achieving land use patterns and intensities that are consistent with the natural features of hillside areas;
- J. Encourage the planning, design, development and use of home sites which:
  - 1. Eliminate fire hazards,
  - 2. Prevent exposure to geological hazards,
  - 3. Provide adequate drainage controls, preventing erosion and siltation, which
  - 4. Use proper construction materials,
  - 5. Make best use of natural terrain,
- K. Prohibit development that will cause hazards to the public peace, health, welfare, and safety.

(Ord. 1994, § 1(Exh. A), 6-23-09)

NIMBYS SEEK TO VOTE AWAY RELIGIOUS RIGHTS

By Robert K Gjerde

It sounds innocent enough, “Give the power to the people.” We are a country born out of the democratic process. It is ingrained in our very soul. But the Founding Fathers knew that a direct democracy was not enough to secure the rights of people when a group can simply strip them away with a majority vote. We have a constitutional democracy that protects rights from the majority, and we have a republic which elects representatives who understand complex issues so they can do what is best for those they represent.

The Monastery is looking to use a portion of their old fiesta parking lot to become part of Sierra Madre’s 4000+ home community. A group led primarily by neighbors of the Monastery are opposing the project. Understandably, no one wants to be inconvenienced with construction noise or a less than significant (according to the EIR) increase in traffic, but that desire doesn’t necessarily trump the rights of a property owner. These NIMBYs will do almost anything to stop the project (at least, that is what one told me last week).

Property owners have a right to due process and to have their project fairly considered. There will be numerous meetings with public input and consideration of all the facts by both the planning commission and city council who must assess the thousands of pages of information relating to the project. Most people will not make this commitment to understand the complexities.

The group(s) opposing the development are taking a drastic step by using a ballot initiative to stop the project without the normal due process that takes into consideration the rights of all property owners involved. A majority of voters can engage in overreach and simply strip the Monastery’s rights without understanding what the ramifications are. These groups are publicly condemning the planning commission and city council for not taking steps to stop the project when they have not had any action items to act on. At this point, city officials are limited in what they can say or do. There have also been insinuations of the planning commission, city council, and prior city manager being in bed with the developers and even getting kickbacks, as evidenced by a public records requests searching for “Any and all monetary or financial contributions, donations, or campaign contributions” made by the developer to city representatives. These are shameful claims.

We have one of the most well-respected planning commissions and city councils in the 25 years I’ve lived in Sierra Madre. They are all dedicated volunteers who do not get paid to put up with these false allegations. These are OUR duly elected representatives, WE voted them in and they have the right to consider the needs of the city as a whole and should not be so casually thrown under the bus. They are the ones putting in the time and effort to assess the relevant facts, including having legal representation to understand the city’s risks and obligations.

NIMBY’s fueling public rage because they don’t like some aspects of the project does not mean they are seeking the city’s best interests, including concessions like the three acre park (they have told me many times that the city doesn’t need another park!) and the 37 acres to be placed in conservancy (which they have told us is unnecessary while also trying to pass an initiative to protect the hillsides!). The initiative will force the Monastery, one of the city’s oldest religious institutions, into the most restrictive residential zone and strip them of their rights to future institutional religious development. As I understand it, any homes would be limited to two-acre lots which means they could build about six homes on the 17 acres if they scrapped the plans for the park. I’ve asked numerous times for clarification on how many homes could be built and they never answer, which tells me they know it will not go over well with informed voters.

This initiative singles out the Monastery for discriminatory spot-zoning. Their existing buildings will be grandfathered in but any future buildings would be disallowed. If they apply for a variance or zoning change, they have to go through another expensive ballot initiative which costs us taxpayers around \$50,000 each! Speaking of costs, we are also paying many thousands of dollars for processing thousands of pages of vague Public Records Requests related to the project through numerous similar frivolous requests.

This stripping of rights is an egregious violation of a religious institution and will likely lead to a complex legal entanglement that may not play out for ten to twenty years after some future project is denied, but it could cost us, the city, dearly if we choose. There are federal laws protecting religious properties from drastic downzoning unless it is the least restrictive option available to accomplish a particular goal like protecting the hillsides. The development nothing to do with the hillsides and there are far less restrictive ways to protect them. The development area is almost identical to the neighbors to the west, which aren’t subject to the hillside zone and also just happen to be some of the people pushing these unfair restrictions on the Monastery.

This is a horrible precedent for the city to set and should be a warning to all religious institutions within the city’s borders. Every future project by any church or private religious school could become the next target anytime a group of residents oppose some project.

Do not sign this horribly devised initiative. It does not even deserve to be on the ballot. Trust the city council that you voted in to make the most informed decision. You can vote NO right now by doing nothing and save the city \$50,000 by avoiding this initiative process. Independent of what you think of the proposed development, no religious institution should be unfairly stripped of their most basic property rights because a small group of people don’t feel they are getting their way.

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Special Joint Meeting

CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION

Updated Info

- Regarding The Meadows at Bailey Canyon Contemplated Project
- Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 at 5:00PM
- Sierra Madre Middle School – Auditorium  
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- Meeting Agenda can be found at [cityofsierramadre.com/agendas](http://cityofsierramadre.com/agendas)



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I am saddened to learn of a ballot initiative petition being circulated by some residents in Sierra Madre. These residents believe they can stop new homes from being built by unjustly restricting Mater Dolorosa's property rights, which would negatively impact the future of our ministries. Whatever their intentions may be, that is what their initiative actually does. It changes City law and makes our retreat facilities become "non-conforming uses." **The proposed initiative would make it nearly impossible to ensure our property can serve future generations.**

Please help us stop this injustice to Mater Dolorosa and the people we serve. Please do not sign the ballot initiative petition.

Sincerely,

Fr. Mike Higgins C.P.

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**WE MAY BE IRRELEVANT AS YET (OR TODAY).....BUT HERE'S ANOTHER OPTION**

A constant theme and overriding concern of ours for the past year is the lack of two-way communication from the City Council. Despite our many attempts to promote a dialogue – it falls repeatedly on deaf ears. We have asked for a town hall meeting to openly discuss the proposed Meadows housing development to no avail. Instead, there will be Joint Meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission with the project developer, New Urban West, who will view the meeting as ‘another’ successful ‘outreach’. We residents are allowed to ask questions, but only once, and only to the Planning Commissioners and/or City Council, not the developer. Is it any wonder we at Preserve Sierra Madre feel no one is listening to us, or if they are listening, they are not hearing us?

Two weeks ago, we wrote that our 24 page rebuttal to the Draft EIR for the 42 unit housing development on the Monastery project was inexplicably not included. Two emails received the day after the deadline of October 4 were included - But our 24 page report was missing? Really? Director of Development Vincent Gonzalez eventually got back to us with an explanation....It was an “oversight.” We were advised that the company responsible for the Draft EIR, Dudek, would issue an Addendum with the missing comments and responses, but we have no word on when that will be. As a result, we printed up ten copies and gave them to each City Council member and Planning Commissioner so that they would have them before the Joint Meeting.

When city officials don’t listen and don’t pay attention to the concerns of the citizens who elected them, there are other options for those willing to protect and preserve Sierra Madre. One is to give the citizens an opportunity to voice their opinion at the ballot box. The Protect Sierra Madre group has filed an Initiative to place an Ordinance on the Ballot in this year’s election to be voted on by all registered voters of Sierra Madre. As proposed, it would change the zoning of the Monastery parcel (Mater Dolorosa) and any subdivisions of it, from Institutional to Hillside Residential Zone. The “Monastery” parcel is the only large property abutting the mountains that is not protected by Open Space or Hillside Residential zoning. The Hillside designation would prevent the owner and developer from building a densely packed tract housing development or an oversized institutional development.

Over the years, our elected officials, after five years of hard work from many citizens, enacted significant General Plan changes and ordinances to protect what makes Sierra Madre special - the Environment, the wildlife, tree canopies, the Hillsides, and the Monastery parcel. The Monastery parcel had been in the original General Plan as institutional, which did not change in the update.

If the property is zoned Hillside, any building would be limited to fewer homes, larger lots, more open space, vegetation and trees. Habitat will be protected. There will be less air pollution, traffic, noise, water use and, significantly, reduced fire danger. The Retreat Center can continue its mission and visitors can continue to enjoy the tranquility that the meadow provides.

Instead of allowing this developer to ignore the city’s General Plan and zoning, and replace it with their own ‘Specific Plan’ that disregards the standards and protections we desire, registered Sierra Madre voters can sign a Petition to get the Initiative on the ballot for the November election. Yes, it is the Monastery’s property, but we have zoning laws for a reason. If City Council will not listen to their constituents, we do have options. We support our fellow Sierra Madre citizens who want the best outcome for the Monastery property in our city.

**“THE MEADOWS”— STILL A RED-HOT TOPIC BUT IS IT A MOOT POINT?**

By Kevin McGuire

Thanks to the efforts of our wonderful firefighters, there are no active wildfires in Sierra Madre. But, one hot topic has been burning for over a year now—the proposal known as “The Meadows” at Bailey Canyon on the grounds of the Monastery.

Residents have shown up in full force to City Council and Planning Commission meetings, put “Save the Monastery” signs on their front lawns, made phone calls, sent letters, and took to the streets to stop the project that looks to build 42 single-family houses on 20 acres owned by the Congregation of the Passion, Mater Dolorosa Community.

The Final Environmental Impact Report for this project is available for download on the city website. (Note: It’s large, so it may take some time to download).

One of the first new business items approved by Mayor Gene Goss this year was to support a change that would eliminate the reading of emails sent in as public comments. Instead, these emails would be put on the city’s website to fulfill the city’s “transparency” requirements while reducing the length of the meetings.

So, this change in public comment policy spawns a few new questions. Should public comments have to be read in public? Or, is putting the comments on the website sufficient to appease The Brown Act and provide enough transparency by the city?

But, during the City Council meeting on January 25, one resident, Deb Sheridan, sent an email to Mayor Goss asking

for a town hall meeting to discuss the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on “The Meadows” project. She also called in to make sure her point was heard.

According to Sheridan, Mayor Goss had this to say about the town hall idea. “Concerning the Monastery, I see no reason why we need any more public meetings other than those that have already been scheduled.”

“When, pray tell, have these aforementioned public meetings been scheduled? I respectfully request that you actually let the public know,” Sheridan inquired.

One of the online public comments came in from Clyde Stauf. “I’m not sure why the Planning Commission and City Council continues to fast-track this misguided project. Any layman could see that pouring 700-800 additional car trips a day down Sunnyside and an inadequate outlet on Carter St. doesn’t work and would have a very negative impact on the residents. The traffic study is totally inadequate to justify the traffic increase.”

Maria Karafilis also chimed in online. “It poses an unacceptable fire danger and traffic congestion that will result, especially down Fairview Ave., Sunnyside, and Carter, should be reason enough to pause and reconfigure what goes into this space,” she stated. “Many residents feel that their concerns are not being heard, and the City Council members have not been sufficiently responsive. I have contacted each member by email and received only one response. Your responsibility is to represent and protect the citizens of Sierra Madre, and I urge you to quit bending over backward to accommodate the developers and instead look out for your electorate,” Karafilis said.

Lastly, resident Pat Alcorn addresses the new public comment process, “the most confusing process anyone could have come up with. If I want to make a public comment in person, I need to have a phone dialed in with a code and password. Or, I can bring my computer and somehow get online? Or stay at home with my computer and get on Zoom with the code listed? Posting comments online is a waste of time since few people will make the effort to pull up the comments,” Alcorn noted.

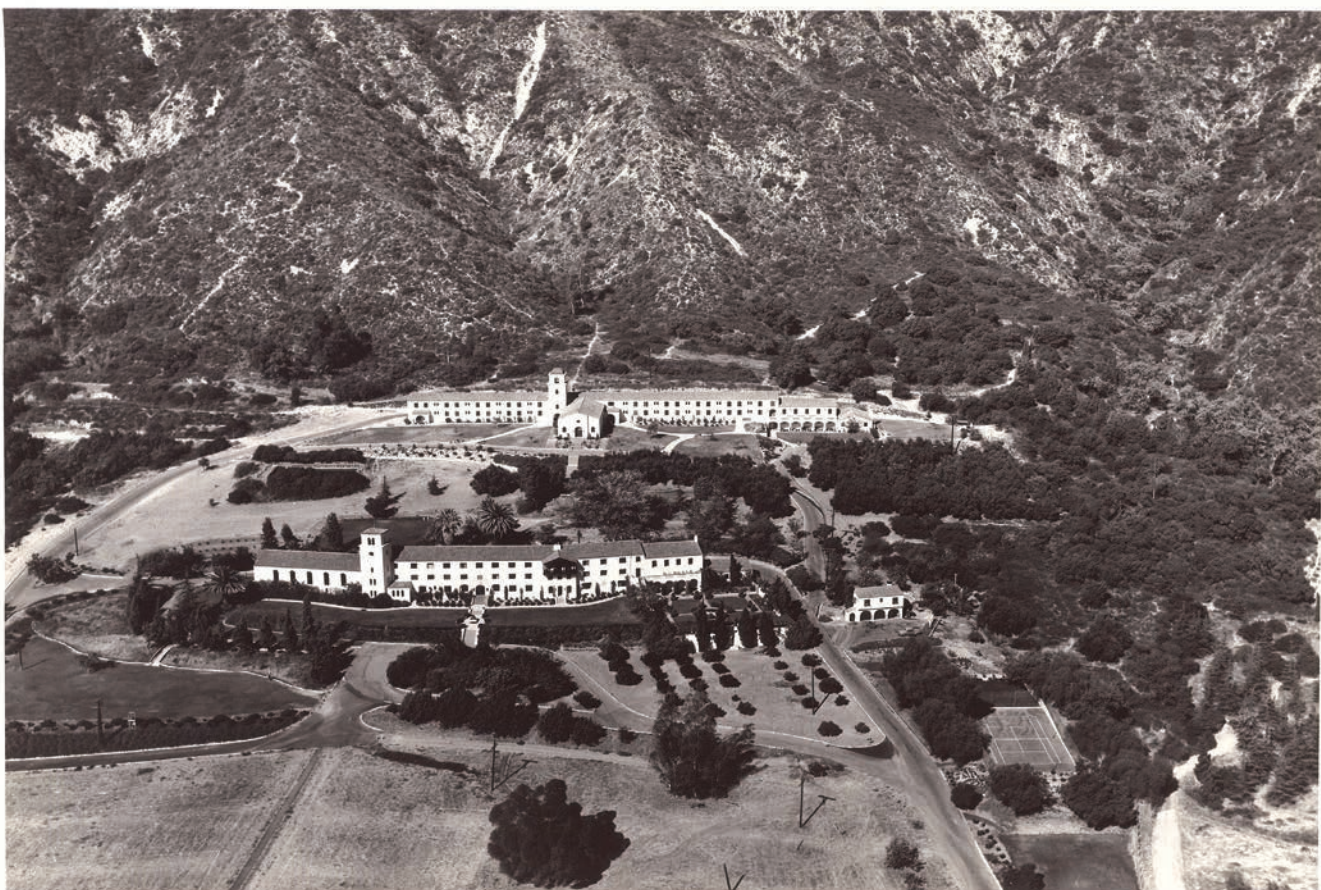
Only one partial response was given for any of the online public comments. None of the Monastery questions or comments were responded to during the actual meeting, which was virtual via Zoom.

As the conversation continues, with similar comments sent in to the latest meeting on February 8, there will be a special joint session with City Council and The Planning Commission to discuss “The Meadows” proceedings at Bailey Canyon and the proposed 42-lot residential subdivision located at Sunnyside Ave.

*Left: An aerial view of the Retreat Center Property which includes the actual Monastery (lower building) that was demolished after being damaged by an earthquake.*

*Below is a more recent aerial view of the property and surrounding area.*

*Photos courtesy of the Retreat Center from MVNews Archives*



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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING WRAP UP

by Marina Coco La Salle

Mayor Nancy Walsh, Mayor Pro Tem John Harabedian, and Council Members John Capoccia, Chris Koerber, and Josh Moran were all present at this week's city council meeting. Most of the members seemed to reminisce on the town's Halloween festivities and the turn out of the VFW Veteran's Day Commemoration. Mayor Nancy Walsh and Council Member Chris Koerber specifically took the time to thank the Civic Club, Kiwanis Club and Sierra Madre staff for their efforts and continued support with the community.

### Tentative Tract Map

Development Service Director, Danny Castro gave the council and audience an overview of what a recent applicant submitted. The applicant created a tentative map for the development of seven condominiums on the property located at 413 Mariposa Avenue. The city's planning commission made their final decision to approve the seven-unit, two-story, twenty-eight foot high project.

### Building Code Adoption

This was the second reading of the building code adoption. When last discussed, Council Member Capoccia requested options regarding higher penalties for those who build without a permit and expanding protection for areas that are not listed in the historic register. Due to government policy the maximum penalty fee is and will stay at \$1000. Most building codes protect historically classified spaces but an addition of (cont. on page 3)

## MATER DOLOROSA RETREAT CENTER CONTEMPLATING HOUSING PROJECT



By Susan Henderson

At the very end of north Sunnyside in Sierra Madre is an 88 acre expanse of land which houses one of the city's most beautiful landmarks, the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center (aka, The Monastery). It is an area well known to most residents of Sierra Madre for a variety of reasons. From 1932 to 1991 the land included the home of the Passionist Father's Monastery. (The Monastery was destroyed by the 1991 Sierra Madre Earthquake and ultimately demolished.) The retreat center was built in 1949 and is still very much in use for religious purposes and for use by the general public. The property has also been the site of many festivals and events and was the site of the Sierra Madre Town Picture taken during the Centennial Celebration in 2007. Every Good Friday, the property is opened for the Annual Seven Stations of the Cross service. Dog walkers and hikers have also availed themselves to the property for years. However, much of those 88 acres are about to change.

According to Jerry Pearson, President of the Board of Directors for the Retreat Center, there are preliminary discussions underway surrounding the implementation of portions of the retreat center's 2006 Master Plan. Those plans currently include the development of an unspecified number of "low density housing units" on the lower (southern) portion of the property.

City Manager Elaine Aguilar, in an interview earlier in the week, confirmed that "preliminary inquiries" had been made, however, "nothing has formally been submitted to the city". No timeline was given by either Aguilar or Pearson as to when anything more substantive will be available. According to Pearson, "We are just in the feasibility stage".

Pearson, along with the center's Director, Father Michael Higgins, and Deacon Manuel Valencia, the Associate Retreat Director, emphasized that their primary concern was retaining "a sense

of open space and an atmosphere of reflective tranquility", and yet, "evaluate the best use of the property".

At this point, Pearson was not able to articulate the specifics of the project but he was very clear on what they did not want. "We don't want any 'McMansions'". "It will not be a gated community", and "It will be an environmentally sustainable project". He also added that nothing would be done to the hillside area behind the Retreat Center.

When the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center was incorporated in 2004, one of their immediate goals was to "evaluate and enhance the property to support the retreat ministry, Passionist Community life, and Holy Cross Province". In order to develop the property and maintain their goals, whatever is constructed must support the serene and reflective environment of the retreat center.

Sierra Madre residents have been noticing that there has been some "unusual activity" at the Monastery for a while. Earlier this year, several residents who walked their dogs on the grounds inquired about the construction of a fence around the property. Others noticed a number of large trucks, "larger than brush clearing trucks", that had been going up and down the street.

If there is any housing at all constructed on the property, street access will have to be considered. Currently, the only direct access is North Sunnyside. However, Pearson indicated that discussions have included expanding and improving the portion of Carter that dead ends into the retreat center's property. If that is done, then Grove Street would also be impacted by the project. The land is bordered on the North by Angeles National Forest; on the west by Pasadena, Sierra Madre and the County of Los Angeles; on

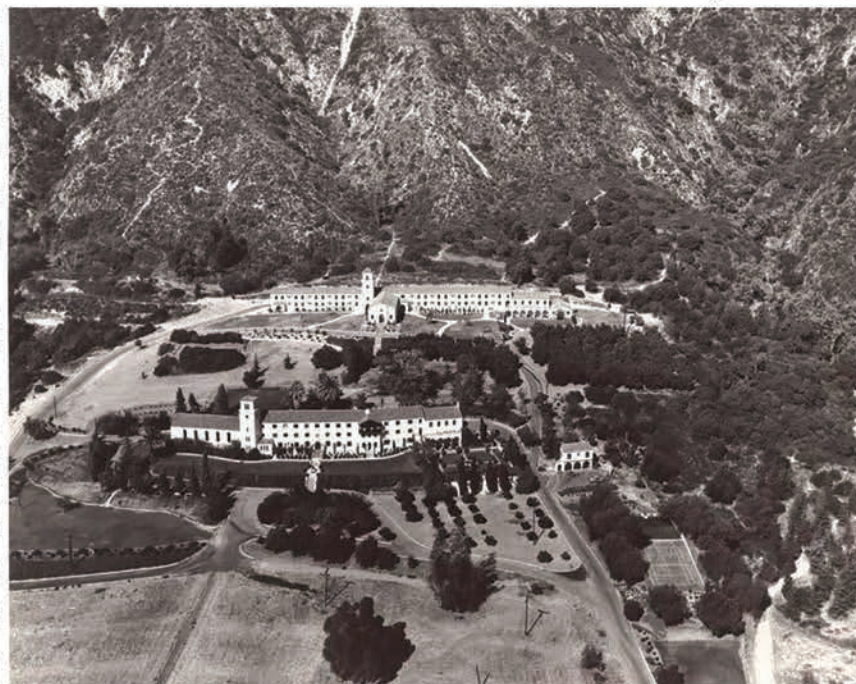
the east by Bailey Canyon and on the South by Sunnyside Avenue.

Several property owners on Sunnyside and Grove who are aware of the proposed project, are concerned about the impact it will have. A local realtor, who is thoroughly familiar with the history of the site and property values in Sierra Madre, says, "What will happen to home values will depend on the type of units constructed. If they are truly low-density, single family, market rate homes, then property values will increase."

Regardless of what type of housing is developed, the city will have an increase in funds. Currently the development fees for each unit are \$45,000, to cover the increased demands on our infrastructure. If streets have to be widened, those costs would also be the responsibility of the developer. And, additional housing units will eventually mean additional property tax revenue.

There does not appear to be any way of blocking reasonable construction on the monastery property. When speaking with Aguilar, she pointed out that the city's General Plan allows for the Monastery to construct either recreational or residential projects on the land. This is in the current plan, written in 1996, and there was no change to that segment of the proposed new General Plan.

However, when the formal application is made to the city, regardless of the size and scope, there are a number of steps that have to be taken and most include input from the community. The process includes an environmental impact report and a zoning change among other things. When questioned as to whether or not Pearson thought getting through the process would be difficult, he responded by saying that he looked forward to working with the city and residents in order to make this project something that all could embrace and of which we all can be proud.



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STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON  
MAYBE NOT TOO BRIGHT



I have conflicted feelings about a lot of things including the Rams and professional football in general. I was happier when games were played in the Coliseum reminding me of the ancient game of Christians versus Lions. That didn't offend me. Now the new stadium where the Super Bowl was played carries the name SoFi Stadium in recognition of the pursuit of money, a kind of money I do not understand and don't want to. This offends me! Recently, the former coach of the Miami Dolphins, Brian Flores, brought attention to the racist nature of the whole National Football League. He describes the entire League as a "plantation" where a closed society of all-white owners hire almost all white coaches who direct the activities of the players about three quarters of whom are black. In keeping with the name of the new stadium the real competition is the pursuit of money, more money for the League and team owners. We fans need our diversions, especially now and I admit that I am an avid fan. Still, I was very distressed to learn that many times at the end of the season the coaches are not even playing to win. Flores explained that he was offered an extra one hundred thousand dollars for every game his team did not win because the teams with the worst records are entitled to the first choices in the selection of players in the following year. Flores did not comply with his "owner's" dictates. The Dolphins had a winning record and despite this, or more accurately because of this, Flores was fired.

Sadly team owners resemble the corporate heads of movie studios who don't care much about the quality of their films but are more interested in the money the films generate. After all this is capitalism and the name of the real game is making more and more money. I read today that even scientific research is directed more towards disease treatment rather than disease prevention because ongoing treatment generates money while disease prevention stops the constant money flow. Actually I am grateful for the continuing medical treatments, operations, and daily medications that have kept me alive so far and, among other things, have given me the opportunity to keep rooting for the Rams; but the more I know, the harder it gets. For a while we can forget about racism, brutality, and questionable ethics. Yes, for a while we can forget about the possible impending demise of humanity; forget about the pandemic that has already caused close to a million deaths in the U.S. alone, forget about possible wars, even forget about the inflation that has given us five dollar a gallon gas and even three dollar newspapers. Forget about it all and celebrate! Our team won ---hooray!

As to the business of the three dollar newspaper, I was so excited by the victory that I went out the next day planning to buy a couple of L.A. Times as mementoes. Surprisingly it was very hard to find a place where newspapers are actually sold. You know newsstands used to be everywhere but now those stands have disappeared. Finally I saw a few papers outside the Liquor Store and poked my head in the door planning to buy two or three papers. I asked how much was each paper and was told each one was three dollars. Why is the price so high? It seems clear to me that the paper publishers could keep the price down by selling more advertising or raising revenue in some other way. Suddenly, it hit me- The Times owners do not want to sell their papers on the stands. There's probably more money to be made selling on line, or home delivery subscriptions, or some other reason that I don't understand.

Yes once more there's lots that I don't understand. Sometimes I realize that I am like an ignorant domestic animal satisfied to have a home and food and not really understanding the true purpose behind anything. At these times it's like I'm watching a movie that I really don't like, but don't know how to get out of the theatre. Maybe it's best to just sit back and try to enjoy the movie and stop thinking too much. The parade for the Rams is scheduled for today and by the time you read this you may have joined the parade and had a good time and perhaps didn't notice the people living on the streets. I have to leave right now for a sure to be painful dental appointment which I am doing my best not to think about. If there was another Super Bowl today I would have cancelled the appointment. Too bad! Happy President's Day.

TOM PURCELL SOCIAL INSECURITY

*A quarter of a million dollars.*



That's the amount that I've paid in FICA payroll taxes during my working career, according to my recent Social Security statement.

FICA, which stands for "Federal Insurance Contributions Act," "is a payroll tax that helps fund both Social Security and Medicare programs, which provide benefits for retirees, the disabled and children," says the Social Security Administration (SSA).

The FICA tax also will partially fund — at least I hope it will — my retirement years.

My statement says I am eligible to begin receiving Social Security payments of \$1,851 a month when I hit age 62.

If I wait until I am 70, I'll receive \$3,370 a month — which is a nice little chunk of dough.

However, if I had invested the \$250,000 FICA deducted from my earnings on my own, I'd have, according to my money manager, more than \$1.5 million socked away.

If I drew a conservative 4 percent of that \$1.5 million every year, I'd be collecting a \$5,000 retirement check every month right away.

Of course, that is assuming I would have saved and invested all the money that FICA took from my weekly paychecks.

More likely, me knowing me, I would have blown most of it on nicer cars and more vacations.

Saving money for your future is hard, even for more-disciplined people.

My parents raised six kids on one income and had a lot of big bills along the way, so saving money for the future was not always possible.

They now rely on the Social Security payments they receive every month to help them cover their basic expenses.

Millions of elderly Americans are in the same precarious financial boat.

The Social Security Administration reports that about 40 percent of Americans 65 and older receive half of their retirement income from Social Security — and about 13 percent rely on it for 90 percent or more of their income.

It takes some of the sting out of the 15.3 percent FICA tax that is imposed on my self-employed earnings to know that my contributions are helping others get by in their old age.

But will Social Security be around to help me in my old age?

Social Security is now paying out more than it is taking in and the funds working taxpayers contribute now go directly to Social Security recipients.

But what about the Social Security "trust fund," which saved trillions of the surplus tax contributions that had rolled in for years?

The partially good news is that it will not run out of money until 2034 — at which time Social Security payments will have to be reduced, taxes will have to be raised or more money will have to be borrowed.

The bad news is that its funds were "invested" in government bonds, which the federal government happily spent on day-to-day budget expenses, such as foreign wars, food stamps and the national debt.

As the great columnist Charles Krauthammer explained in 2011, the Social Security trust fund is filled not with money but with special-issue government IOUs that can only be repaid by raising taxes or borrowing even more money.

In any event, it's anybody's guess how much my monthly Social Security checks will be, so let me make the guys at the Social Security Administration an offer.

How about you give me back my 250 large in return for removing me from your rolls?

What do you say, SSA? Hello?

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



RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH



MOMS...THROUGH THE EYES OF THEIR KIDS!

Several years ago while my children were still somewhat manageable (that means in their early elementary school years) I regularly helped out at their school (Bethany School in Sierra Madre.) Typically I would entertain the kids while simultaneously trying to motivate parents into greater participation.

It was here that I garnered an even greater respect for the role of mothers. There is no doubt when comparing mothers and fathers, mothers ended up with the short end of the stick. The following answers were generated by young elementary aged kids...which makes them great.

Why did God make mothers?

1. Think about it. It was the best way to get more people
2. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. God made my mom just the same like He made me. He just used bigger parts.

What are moms made out of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair, and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
2. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.

How did your mom meet your dad?

1. Mom was working in a store and dad was shoplifting

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook. Does he make at least \$800 a year. Did he say no to drugs and yes to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. My grandma says that my mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
2. Moms work at work and work at home. Dads just got to work at work.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but mom's have all the real power because that's who you gotta ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Moms don't do spare time.
2. Mom says she pays bills all day long.

Thank you moms everywhere for being moms. There is little more valuable in the land.

I would like to take a moment and thank a certain city official for extending an act of gracious kindness toward me. You see, I didn't know robbing banks was illegal. And this public servant let me off with a warning. Thank you. By the way, is robbing banks illegal all over the San Gabriel Valley or just here in Sierra Madre?







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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-013842 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DANILLO LAZO ENTERTAINMENT, 3616 BARIHAM BLVD APT X301, LOS ANGELES, CA 90068. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DANILLO LAZO, 3616 BARIHAM BLD APT X301, LOS ANGELES, CA 90068. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DANILLO LAZO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/20/2022. 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. 29, FEB 5, 12, 19, 2022

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-012553 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DIRECT SUPPORT 365, 214 ½ W. 7TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MAXIMILIANO ANTONIO CANELA, 214 ½ W. 7TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90014. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MAXIMILIANO ANTONIO CANELA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/19/2022. 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. 29, FEB 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-012552 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EKONO BIN, 9511 SAN VINCENTE AV, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VICTOR AARON RIOS LEDEZMA, 9511 SAN VINCENTE AV., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VICTOR AARON RIOS LEDEZMA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: JAN. 29, FEB 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-014872 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ERNESTO LANDSCAPING, 427 DUNSVIEW AVE, LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERNESTO CARDENAS HERMOSILLO, 427 DUNSVIEW AVE., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERNESTO CARDENAS HERMOSILLO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/21/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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. 29, FEB 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-012232 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EASTER EXHAUST CLEANING, 877 E. PHILLIPS BLVD, POMONA, CA 91766. Full name

of registrant(s) is (are) CANTORBEY CARRILLO CARDENAS, 877 E. PHILLIPS BLVD., POMONA, CA 91766. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CANTORBEY CARRILLO CARDENAS/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/19/2022. 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. 29, FEB 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-015084 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HT ELECTRICAL, 6317 GREYTA AVE, WHITTIER, CA 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HERBERTH ANTONIO TABORA, 6317 GREYTA AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90601. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HERBERTH ANTONIO TABORA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/21/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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. 29, FEB 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-013838 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IVA ENTERTAINMENT, 3616 BARIHAM BLVD APT X301, LOS ANGELES, CA 90068. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PETER IVANOV, 3616 BARIHAM BLVD, APT X301, LOS ANGELES, CA 90068. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PETER IVANOV/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/20/2022. 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. 29, FEB 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-015086 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROI CONSULTING, 2409 DANIELAND ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAVIER MOSCOSO, 2409 DANIELAND ST., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAVIER MOSCOSO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/21/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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. 29, FEB 5, 12, 19, 2022

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-015088 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TOP 1 LOGISTICS, 15867 SIERRA VISTA CT, LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARTURO CARAVEO, 15867 SIERRA VISTA CT., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ARTURO CARAVEO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/21/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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. 29, FEB 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022014193 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE EMBROIDERY STUDIO 8027 W SUNSET BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90046; THE EMBROIDERY STUDIO 1520 N. ROSSMORE AVE SUITE 203, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90004. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HOLLYWOOD NEW MEDIA GROUP, INC. 8027 W SUNSET BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90046. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: HOLLYWOOD NEW MEDIA GROUP, INC., PATRICK F SKIFFINGTON, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/21/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: JAN 22, 29, FEB 5, 12, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022014240 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HEART WEHO 8911 SANTA MONICA BLVD., WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA. 90069. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) 8280 SUNSET LOUNGE LLC 8911 SANTA MONICA BLVD., WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA. 90069. This Business is conducted by: AN LLC. Signed: 8280 SUNSET LOUNGE LLC. LEO FRANK AMARI, MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/21/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: JAN 22, 29, FEB 5, 12, 2022

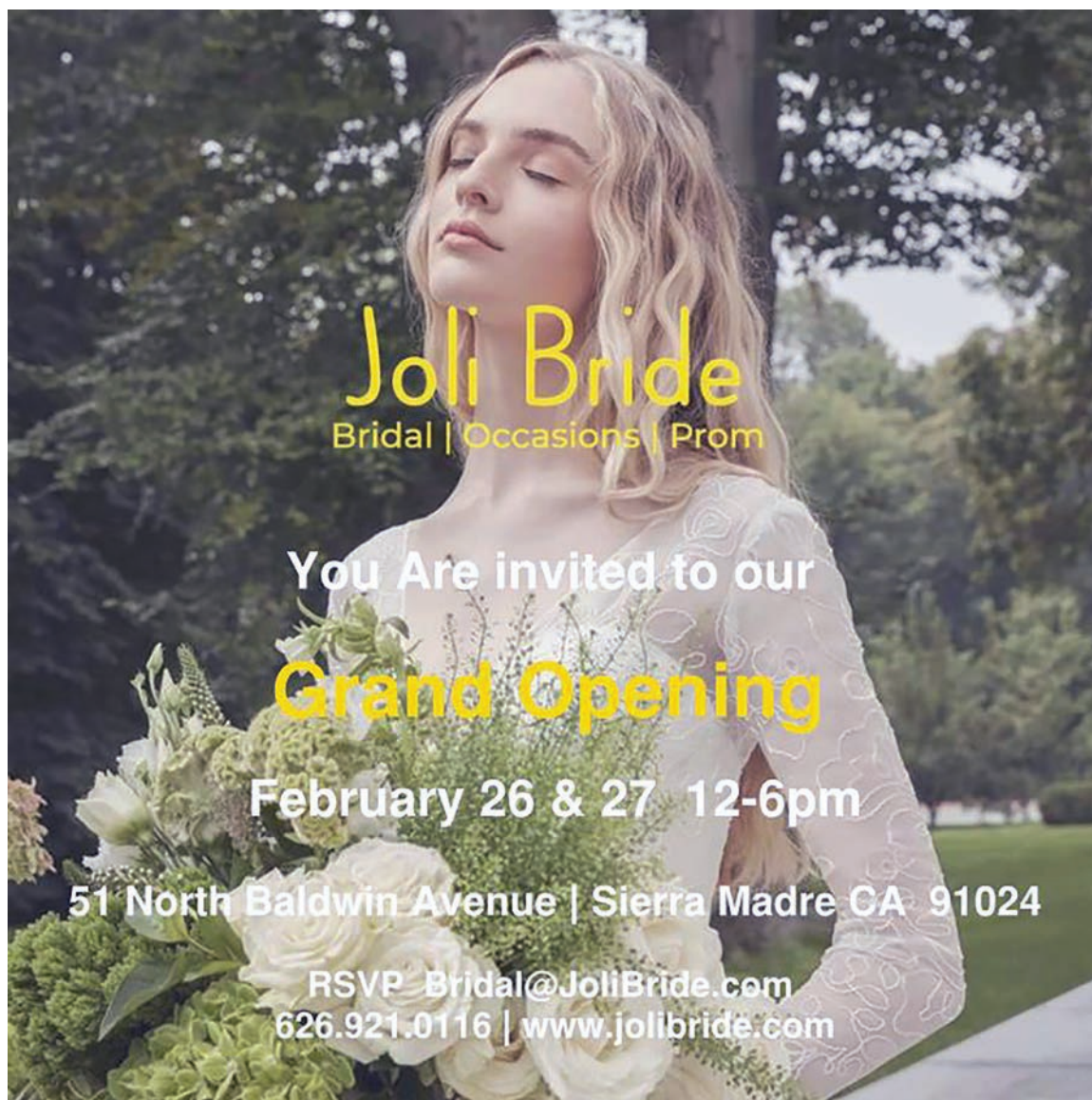
section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: JAN 22, 29, FEB 5, 12, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022014258 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BRIDGE TO SOMEWHERE 7906 BRIMFIELD AVE UNIT 1, PANORAMA CITY, CA. 91402. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DRIFTWOOD FILMS, INC. 7906 BRIMFIELD AVE UNIT 1, PANORAMA CITY, CA. 91402. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: DRIFTWOOD FILMS, INC., BOUGAR ROBERT LINARES SOTO, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/21/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: JAN 22, 29, FEB 5, 12, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021281295 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LA BELLA BANQUET HALL 10315 ZELZAH AVE NORTHBRIDGE, CA. 91326. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NOAH'S ARC RESTAURANT & HALL LLC 10315 ZELZAH AVE NORTHBRIDGE, CA. 91326. This Business is conducted by: AN LLC. Signed: NOAH'S ARC RESTAURANT & HALL LLC, VLADIMIR GRIGORYAN, MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/30/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/2021. 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: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: JAN 22, 29, FEB 5, 12, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021281298 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LA BELLA MEDITERRANEAN KITCHEN 10315 ZELZAH AVE NORTHBRIDGE, CA. 91326. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NOAH'S ARC RESTAURANT & HALL LLC 10315 ZELZAH AVE NORTHBRIDGE, CA. 91326. This Business is conducted by: AN LLC. Signed: NOAH'S ARC RESTAURANT & HALL LLC, VLADIMIR GRIGORYAN, MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/30/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/2021. 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: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: JAN 22, 29, FEB 5, 12, 2022

## THE SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER WELCOMES:



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On Saturday, February 26 & Sunday, February 27, 2022, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Joli Bride along with the City of Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, will celebrate the opening of its location in beautiful Sierra Madre. The City of Sierra Madre Mayor Gene Goss will perform the ribbon-cutting ceremony at 51 N Baldwin Blvd in Sierra Madre, CA on Saturday, February 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Located at the foot of the San Gabriel mountains in Sierra Madre, cousin duo, Juann and Zina created Joli Bride as a gallery to showcase their exclusive collection of the latest fashion of bridal and Special Occassions gowns exclusively from renowned national and international designers that dress high-profile celebrities and the everyday women who value high end coture. Joli's designers include Reem Acra, Carolina Herrera, Sareh Nouri, Pronovias, Amsale, and John Paul Ataker, to name a few. Through its designers, Joli Bride's mission is to bring cutting-edge fashion to its boutique to satisfy the taste of every bride regardless of budget, size, and background. Joli Bride is a carefully curated collection meant to reflect the California girl style of Hollywood glamor and earthiness. She is modern, sophisticated, and spontaneous!

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## LOOKING FOR A GOOD SAMARITAN

We need your help. There is a wonderful man in Sierra Madre who is in desparate need of someone who has a vehicle with a ramp, preferably a van, that can assist in the event of an emergency with transportation for him and his guide dog.

The gentleman has challenges with his sight. His guide dog however, has multiple challenges and may have to be transported to an emergency care facility.

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**Rotary**  
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Tuesday, February 22, 2022





**The Sierra Madre Rotary Club Welcomes Our Guest Speaker**  
**GENE GOSS, Mayor of Sierra Madre**





Long-time Sierra Madre resident Gene Goss was elected to the Sierra Madre City Council in April 2014. He was selected to serve as Mayor for the City in 2016 and 2018 and once again in December 2021. Goss holds degrees in political science from Linfield College and the University of Southern California. For twenty-six years he has been a professor of political science at Long Beach City College. While on the City Council Goss has served as a Board member of numerous community organizations. For many years he served as a coach, manager and volunteer for the Sierra Madre Little League, and as a coach for the Sierra Madre Pony League. He has also volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America. Goss is married to his wife Lisa.

The community is invited to join our meeting  
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## ANNOUNCING THE SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE SOLO SHOWS FESTIVAL; BEGINS FEBRUARY 25

By Philip Sokoloff



Synthia L. Hardy in "Billie! Backstage with Lady Day"

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 Sierra Madre Playhouse has 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 backstage, 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).

April 2-3: **EINSTEIN!** Writer-performer Jack Fry portrays young Albert Einstein, whose world is in turmoil as he fights to establish his Theory of General Relativity, which would affect profoundly the technology of the 20th and 21st Centuries. An inspiring and true story.

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 remains: 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 portraying five real-life individuals whose lives made a difference in the world in which they lived.

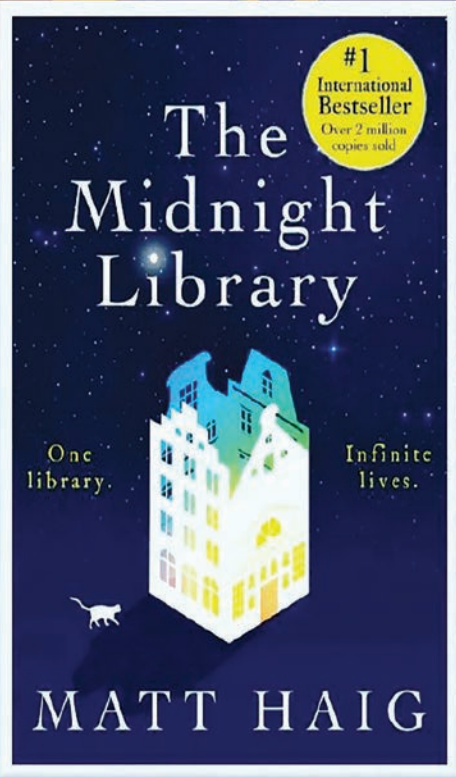
Sierra Madre Playhouse Solo Shows Festival is produced by the Playhouse's Interim Artistic Director Gary Lamb.

Tickets will be available either for individual shows or via a flex-pass subscription. Go to <http://sierramadrepayhouse.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 behind the Playhouse, and in a lot across the street, as well as street parking. There are several dining establishments just steps from the Playhouse.

*The Sierra Madre Playhouse Solo Shows Festival: Your tickets to five nights of theatrical enchantment, LIVE on stage. Join us.*

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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  
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**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 Meeting

**OFF THE PAGE: A STAGED READING THE WORLD'S STRONGEST LIBRARIAN**  
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