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## SIERRA MADRE BACK TO NORMAL....ALMOST!



For the first time since 2019, spring in Sierra Madre was as it should be. The Wistaria Festival was held on Sunday, March 27th with a great turnout. Local businesses welcomed the guests who came to eat and shop and tourists visiting the city were able to take a shuttle ride a view Historic Sierra Madre.

The Festival is presented by the Chamber of Commerce with the assistance this year from the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society organizing the shuttle tour.

This was the first festival without a tour of the Guinness Book of World Records Vine Viewing, however, the Vine at City Hall presented a spectacular display of Wistaria blossoms for visitors to see.

Many thanks to all for the day's success.  
All photos by Dirk Bolle. To view more go to:  
<https://www.dirkbolle.com/Sierra-Madre-Wistaria-Festival-and-Car-Show-2022/>



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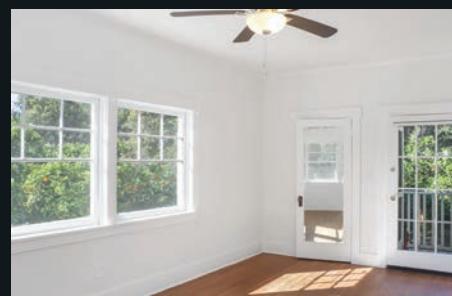
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**MARY CARNEY**

Originally from Pennsylvania, Mary's Gemini characteristics took her to Europe, Africa, and Bangladesh before becoming attracted to Sierra Madre's charms 40 years ago. After landing in California, her avocation became focused on healing energy studies of all types, likely because of the planetary influences here. In 1998 Mary was introduced to the Human Design System, which offers a graphic design to help "hang" information from ancient systems of wisdom such as China's 5,000-year-old I'Ching, the Jewish Kabbalah, the Hindu Chakra system, as well as a bit of Western Astrology and the protein structure of the human genetic code. A life changer for her, Mary will share her love of this system.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5**  
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[honorsdinner@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:honorsdinner@cityofsierramadre.com)

**City Awards**

- Youth Service Award
- George Maurer Lifetime Achievement Award
- Mayor's Award
- Public Safety Award
- Wisteria Award
- Employee of the Year
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## Drought Tolerant Landscaping

The Meadows will be designed with only drought-tolerant and native landscape.

## Focused Groundwater Recharge

The Meadows will harvest all stormwater to replenish the local aquifer and reduce demand on the City's existing well.

## Send a Letter to Support the Monastery

Our City's decision-makers need to hear from you, and we need your support. To send a letter, visit our website: [SupportTheMonastery.com](http://SupportTheMonastery.com) or scan the code with your smartphone ►



SCAN ME





MONASTERY MINUTE:

By Robert Gjerde

CAN THE SIERRA MADRE HANDLE THE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC FROM THE MEADOWS PROJECT?

If there is one thing Los Angeles is known for it is traffic. Sierra Madre is so idyllic because it seems to escape the hustle and bustle of the “big city.”

There is concern that the Meadows homes and three acre park will cause an unreasonable increase in traffic. The Environmental Impact Report (Appendix K), using the State required traffic standards based on Vehicle Miles Traveled, determined the impact will be “less than significant”.

This metric doesn’t tell us what the tangible impact will be. For that we can look at the Fehr and Peer traffic study which shows existing trips to or from homes and the Monastery at 340 per day. After the Meadows project is complete that will increase that to 710 trips per day. The most impacted intersection of Sunnyside Ave. and Fairview Ave. will have just under 600 trips per day.

That might sound like a lot, but if we look at the worst case scenario and assume all that traffic is squeezed into a 12 hour period, that is 50 cars per hour or less than one car per minute. If we compare that to the peaceful Upper Canyon, with 85 homes (served by a single 20’ wide street), there are about 1000 trips per day. That is 83 cars per hour or 66% more traffic than Sunnyside Ave. and Fairview Ave. will experience.

The Meadows project will not create an unreasonable amount of traffic by adding less than one car every two minutes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In his letter to the editor that appeared in the March 26, 2022 edition of the Mountain Views News, John Doyle of “Neighbors for Fairness in Sierra Madres” asks: “What if it were your property?”

He also invokes the 1st Amendment and damage to the property rights of Mater Dolorosa. If it is the private property of “Mater Dolorosa” isn’t the disposition of the land their decision? Oh, they are a religion. The 1st Amendment says that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;”

And congress, via the tax laws, have decreed that churches (and non-profit organizations) do not have to pay property and other taxes.

If I wanted to have a religion of the Great Green Grasshopper and have church property on which I don’t pay taxes then I have to comply with laws established by Congress that decide whether I qualify as a religion. That pretty much sounds like “Congress making a law respecting the establishment of religion.”

The real questions are:  
1) Do the owners of a property have the right to dispose of it as they wish? Of course they do. 2) Do

religious organizations, and other non-profit organizations, deserve exemptions from paying taxes? No, they don’t. There should not be any exemptions on the responsibilities of an entity under the laws of the United States.

Take a look at the 14th Amendment to the Constitution:

“All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

Tax law considers corporations as a “person”. Churches and non-profits are therefore corporate persons. They too should pay taxes and have the same rights to life, liberty and property that are guaranteed to all citizens of the United States and the equal protection of the laws. They should also have the same responsibilities which include paying taxes.

Let religions and other non-profit organizations pay their “fair share”. All is all. Equal is equal. Ronald Walker, Citizen

JUST THE FACTS: THE MEADOWS DEVELOPMENT AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

I’m not fond of bickering, but I am fond of getting facts right and John Doyle’s rebuttal of my letter to the editor had so many misstatements I feel I need to step up again.

First he claims I was trying to hide the “real” purpose of the proposed initiative which asks the voters to require the Mater Dolorosa “monastery” development be consistent with current Hillside zoning.

He claims the initiative secretly “seeks to outlaw any institutional expansion of the property ever and to restrict residential development to untenably large parcels, essentially rendering the Mater Dolorosa property incapable of development”.

That’s simply wrong. The initiative asks that the citizens of Sierra Madre vote to require the developers to follow the current Hillside provisions in the city’s General Plan for buildings in similar parts of the city, if the project is approved. It does not prevent them from developing. It does prevent them from developing under a new Specific Plan they drafted, full of special provisions just for those 42 homes and apart from and not approved for the rest of the city.

More importantly, John claims the initiative and other efforts to resist the development of 42 homes on the property violates the religious freedom of the current owners, the Passionist Fathers organization of Chicago. Specifically, he cites the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) and claims the initiative violates it.

The RLUIPA states: “No government shall impose or implement a land use regulation in a manner that imposes a substantial burden on the religious exercise of a person, including a religious assembly or institution, unless the government demonstrates that imposition of the burden on that person, assembly, or institution—” and goes on to detail how that is implemented. It is a good law that helps protect against religious

discrimination and government intrusion in to Religious activities.

But building 42 homes is not a religious activity. It is a money making activity to generate up to \$200M for the Passionist Fathers and the developer New Urban West. And it will forever impact and change our community if it goes on unchecked.

Property rights are not religious rights if the use is not religious. And the wider community has a say when builders do something that impacts their neighbors. Would it be violating the Passionists’ religious freedom if the city prevented them from building a slaughterhouse or a nuclear powerplant or a skyscraper on that property?

When I joined the SM General Plan Steering Committee (GPSC), the property was already zoned as “institutional”. Institutional zoning means the owners are free to develop anything they want that is institutional in nature; such as a church, religious school, or whatever religious activity they want. It does not allow them to build housing.

The GPSC spent years polling and meeting with our fellow citizens to develop a plan that reflects their desires for Sierra Madre. When the city approved the General Plan, we did not do anything in particular aimed at Mater Dolorosa; we established guidelines that the community as a whole desired for all of Sierra Madre. The zoning of that area has a long history, starting with its original zoning as low density residential. This was updated, along with the rest of the city, in a long process starting in the 80’s where zoning for hillside portions of the city and for institutions such as churches and schools were designated consistent with the long standing desire of Sierra Madre residents that this town maintain its small town character and ties to the natural mountain landscape.

As honored fellow citizens, the owners of the Mater Dolorosa should honor the General Plan when they develop their property and do so according to the Hillside provisions. That is what the initiative is asking the citizens of Sierra Madre to vote for. Ed Miller, Sierra Madre

WHAT’S IN THE MATER DOLOROSA HILLSIDE RESIDENTIAL ZONING INITIATIVE?

For a couple of weeks, we’ve been talking to people about the current “Mater Dolorosa Hillside Zoning Initiative” being circulated throughout Sierra Madre. It seems as if many of those who have signed the petition either have a misunderstanding about what will be asked of the voters or what effect it will have on an institution’s ability to use their private property.

Others who have signed the petition have the misconception that the proposed project will change the character or quaintness of the entire City. In our 58 years of living in Sierra Madre, first in the Canyon, and then on East Grandview, we have seen many changes, including several housing projects – all except for the Jameson property, are above Grandview. We can honestly say that in those years the character or quaintness of Sierra Madre has not gone away. In fact, it has been enhanced as our new neighbors have brought

their talents and individual personalities to our City.

The claim of some is that the wildlife that interface with our City will be displaced. This is simply not true. The wildlife will have space around and behind the Retreat Center, in Bailey Canyon Park, and all of the foothills behind Sierra Madre. In fact, where we live the deer have chosen to graze and rest under our Jacaranda tree even though there is a “Meadow” just three doors up from our house.

Mater Dolorosa has been a major part of Sierra Madre’s fabric for 100 years. The Initiative is directly aimed at violating the very purpose of the Mater Dolorosa’s existence. The Initiative states, “The intent of this Initiative is to permit the continued operation of the Mater Dolorosa Passionists Retreat Center without expansion, significant physi-

cal alteration, or change in use, as a non-conforming use.” (Italics mine). This is the most restrictive covenant that can be placed on their property without it being a complete taking. The Initiative covers the entire property owned by Mater Dolorosa, not just the area of the proposed project. It negates the current Institutional zoning. In other words, hypothetically, should the Passionists want to convert their Retreat Center into a Retirement Home that would not be allowed under the proposed change to the Hillside Residential Zone.

Further, under Section 5, the Initiative states, “It is the intent of the voters that the City of Sierra Madre retains its authority. . . . However no such authority shall be exercised in a manner that undermines or is inconsistent with the provisions of this Initiative, unless an amendment of this Initiative is approved by the voters” thus restricting Mater Dolo-

rosa from making any changes to their property unless they create an Initiative of their own to be placed on the ballot. Not even City officials can change the zoning by application or request to the Planning Department should this Initiative pass. How is this fair? Any other property owner in the City can apply for a permit to build, a change in zoning, or other use of their property. Why discriminate against this particular property owner?

By supporting this Initiative, you are, in effect, approving the violation of a 100-year religious institution’s right to further expand their ministry. Please do not sign this petition or if you have already done so, you may request to have your signature removed by contacting the city clerk.

De and Pat Alcorn, Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

“Wistaria...this violet vision carries me to a magical dreamland!”

The weather was perfect for the Wistaria Festival last Sunday, crisp, sunny, not too hot and everyone who came to see wistaria got to see it at City Hall and around town. Hopefully, tours through the actual vine will be available again next year, but a good time was had by all who came to Sierra Madre. There now, a little good news!

Here’s a little more good news: Savor the Flavor looks incredible and is incredible in their new location on Baldwin. Such a beautiful store, filled with unique goodies. If you can’t find the perfect gift in there, you’re just not trying.

And a little more...A new sandwich shop where Subway was! How delightful to find something delicious filling an empty space.

And one last piece of good and exciting news...Shelby Scribner has opened a small lash salon on Baldwin and East Highland. You can call her or text her at (626) 755-7404 if you’d like your eyelashes augmented and glamorized.

There now, good news abounds, including the rain last Monday night. Chuck Seitz, my official rain measurement expert tells me 2.6 inches soaked into our dry and thirsty land.

“Why does it take a minute to say hello and forever to say goodbye?”

“Throughout the years, amidst my tears, I will call your name.”

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain...” Rev. 21:4

“How blessed I am to have known someone who was so hard to say goodbye to.” This Friday, April 1st, would have been our 55th anniversary. This coming Monday, April 4th, is my birthday. Alas, it is one of those significant birthdays which will be celebrated with great gusto and enthusiasm by my family. I shall celebrate by changing my age. I have been 29 a number of times but, as I mentioned, this is one of those significant birthdays and so I shall change my age to 39, like Jack Benny, who was 39 about as many times as I was 29. I shall also celebrate by going to dinner at P F Chang’s with our daughter, Crissy, her husband, Chris, and granddaughters Jessie and Emily. It is my intention to order dozens of dumplings, some sushi, some kung pao shrimp and everything else we could possibly want, including dessert and Mai Tais.

As is our custom, we shall take pictures by the giant stone horse out in front and have the best time imaginable, trying hard not to notice the empty chair that should be occupied by John, my dearest friend and husband of 55 years, who will be celebrating our anniversary in heaven where I am sure they must have pan-fried dumplings, sushi and really good wine. Jesus talked about wine many times. In fact, his first public miracle was turning water into really good wine at the marriage feast in Cana. Remember? When the master of ceremonies of the wedding tasted the water that had been turned into wine, he called the bridegroom aside and said, “Wow! Everybody brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have saved the best till now!” Jn. 2:9-10

April 4th is also the birthday of my friend Arne Kalm, who will be celebrating his birthday with John in heaven. Celia, Arne’s wife and best friend wholeheartedly agrees with me that we are saying goodbye to beloved friends and family way more often than we ever expected we would, and finding ourselves wondering what we’re going to do with the rest of our lives now the person we expected to be going out to dinner with someplace fun for the next fifty years or so, instead is sharing bread and wine with the Lord Himself. How blessed we both have been, Celia and I, to have known and loved such exceptional men for so many years. Men about whom it was said their lives were well lived. As another good friend pointed out to me, good persons need to be talked about!

If you know a good person who should be talked about...talk about them! Tell the world how grateful you are you know them. I have a really good person who should be talked about who is also an April 4th birthday guy: Grandson, Brady Benjamin Davis, who is going to be 7! Here he is with his mommy, Michon. Seeing that happy face is just one more little bit of good news.

The day the Lord created Hope was probably the same day he created Spring.” Bern Williams

Rejoice dear friends, it’s Spring! Look for flowers, look for hummingbirds, look for amazing sunrises and sunsets. Speaking of hummingbirds, Ken Fong’s photos of hummingbirds, which I see frequently on Facebook are absolutely awesome!

One last thought: Until further notice, celebrate everything!!  
My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis

Easter is just a few weeks away and “The Crown” my story about what happened to that infamous crown of thorns is now a real book in addition to a Kindle. It’s available on Amazon.com and it’s only \$3.99

If you want to check it out, here’s the link where you can see a short video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y\\_pC0X286T8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_pC0X286T8)

<p><b>SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANTS</b></p> <p>The Sierra Madre Community Foundation (SMCF) recently awarded the following grants to local organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Sierra Madre Post Office Landscape project received a grant to install a drip-irrigation system and purchase native plants.</li><li>• The Sierra Madre Elementary School received a grant to promote mental health issues for students and staff through art, essay, poster, and video contests.</li><li>• The Sierra Madre Public Library received three grants to support several programs:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o The annual Bookmark Contest, a community-wide outreach program</li><li>o The outdoor reading program “Walk This Way Story Adventure” in Memorial Park</li><li>o Family Science Workshops, a six-week summer program hosted by local teach-</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>er Dany Richey.</p> <p>Combined with earlier grants, the SMCF has awarded \$4,400 in grants this year to support local civic and community organizations, including the City of Sierra Madre’s Mt. Wilson Trail Kids Fun Run and the Sierra Madre Search &amp; Rescue team.</p> <p>“Through the generous giving of residents, we’re pleased to support local organizations which provide engaging programs and key services for our community,” said Frank Moore, Community Foundation chair.</p> <p>Sierra Madre Community Foundation is singularly devoted to the Sierra Madre and solicits donations to support and enhance the community. In addition, the SMCF assists other Sierra Madre community groups in the collection and distribution of their funds that enable ongoing program support and continued operations.</p> <p>If you would like more information about this topic or would like to donate, please visit <a href="http://www.sierramadrecf.org">www.sierramadrecf.org</a></p>
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## Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	50s
Mon	Rain	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Tues	Rain	Hi	80s	Lows	50s
Wed	Ptly Cldy	Hi	80s	Lows	50s
Thur	Ptly Cldy	Hi	90s	Lows	50s
Fri	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows	50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

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

April 12, 2022 5:30pm

### THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transparency efforts and The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to [PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com](mailto:PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com) by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- 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).



## Games Tea

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**Minecraft Monday: Survival**—Online or in-person at 4:00pm

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

**Baby Rhyme Time at Memorial Park**—Outdoors at 9:00am. Call 626-355-7186 to register

**Build-a-Book Day**—In-person all day

#### Saturday

**Craft It!: Paper Seed Bombs**—In-person at 11:00am

**Music & Mindfulness: Harp**—In-person from 12:00-2:00pm

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## SMPD Participates in Joint DUI/ Driver License Checkpoint



Officers from the San Marino Police Department collaborated with surrounding outside agencies by participating in a Sobriety and Driver License Checkpoint on Friday, March 25. Hosted by the Vernon Police Department, officers from Bell Gardens, San Gabriel, San Marino, and South Gate worked jointly between the hours of 6:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

The checkpoint was situated within the southbound lanes of Soto Street at the intersection of 37th Street and Bandini Boulevard. As a result of the checkpoint, one subject was arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol and two other subjects were arrested for driving with a suspended license due to a prior DUI

conviction. A total of 1,108 vehicles passed through the checkpoint and of those vehicles, 385 vehicles were contacted. 30 individuals were issued citations for operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed.

DUI checkpoint locations are determined based on the crime statistics for a given area, focusing on impaired driving-related traffic collisions. The main purpose for conducting DUI checkpoints is to promote public safety by ensuring impaired drivers are not on the roadway.

Funding for the DUI checkpoint was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## Movies at the Senior Center

Friday movie matinees will be shown April 8 to 29 at 1 p.m. onsite at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

Seating will be limited and reservations will be required on a first-come, first-served basis. Each member of the Pasadena Senior Center may reserve one additional seat for a nonmember guest. COVID protocols are observed for all onsite events and activities at the center. "The Last King of Scotland" (2006, R) starring Forest Whitaker and James McAvoy – Friday, April 8, at 1 p.m. The story of the brutal Ugandan dictator Idi Amin's regime is recounted through the eyes of his personal physician. The film is based on true events.

"Harvey" (1950, NR) starring James Stewart and Peggy Dow – Friday, April 15. Due to his insistence that his best friend is an invisible six-foot-tall rabbit, a whimsical middle-aged man is thought by his family to be insane – but he may be wiser than anyone else.

"Ford v Ferrari" (2019, PG-13) starring Matt Damon and Christian Bale – Friday, April 22, at 1 p.m. To defeat Ferrari at France's

24 Hours of LeMans high-endurance sports car race in 1966, American car designer Carroll Shelby and driver Ken Miles battle corporate interference and the laws of physics to build on a revolutionary race car for Ford. The film is based on true events.

"Sister Act" (1992, PG) starring Whoopi Goldberg and Maggie Smith – Friday, April 29, at 1 p.m. When a Reno lounge singer is forced to take refuge from the mob at a convent in San Francisco, she ends up turning the convent choir into a soulful chorus complete with a Motown repertoire until the newfound notoriety of the choir jeopardizes her identity.

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

In accordance with updated Pasadena Public Health Department guidelines, proof of COVID vaccination is required for everyone who uses the fitness center or attends onsite activities indoors. Masks are optional.

## San Marino Senior Trip – Carlsbad Flower Fields



Tuesday, April 19 from 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$118

For over sixty years, Mother Nature has transformed the rolling hills of North San Diego County into one of the most spectacular and coordinated displays of natural color and beauty

anywhere in the world. Join us to see the fifty acres of Giant Tecolote Ranunculus flowers that make up the Flower Fields. Prior to arriving at the Flower Fields, we will have lunch at Hunter's Steak House. Register at: [cityofsanmarino.org](http://cityofsanmarino.org) or call the Recreation Division at (626) 403-2200.

## Educational and Community events at The Playhouse

On April 20, Pasadena Playhouse is proud to host the 6th annual National Jewish Theater Foundation Holocaust Theater International Initiative - Remembrance Readings with The Diary of Anne Frank - a reading by the JFed Players, presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys. This reading commemorates January 27th, International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and the week of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) April 27-28, which will honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust. Their collective goal is to keep alive the memories, stories, and must-never-be-forgotten lessons. May the power of live theater serve as a moral compass for future generations.

Educational events offered this spring at the Playhouse include the USC NEW WORKS FESTIVAL 2022 May 20-21, which features plays by the graduating MFA in Dramatic Writing cohort of USC School of Dramatic Arts, presented as concert readings with professional actors and directors. NWF Year Three is a partnership with Pasadena Playhouse's Playworks, a continuation of the theatre's 100-year commitment to cultivating playwrights and original works. This year's plays include Kept Man by Grafton Doyle, Seven Stage Circle by Zharia O'Neal and Strollin in the Dark by Katrina Richard.

The Master of Fine Arts in Dramatic Writing (MFADW) at the USC School of Dramatic Arts provides students with the foundation to not only build a fruitful career, but to further discover and develop their own authentic voice.

At the heart of this program, the MFADW teaches playwriting first and foremost, then expands into adaptation, screenwriting, television

writing, digital media and beyond. Presentations occur each year as part of a yearly New Works Festival, presented in conjunction with prominent local and national theatres most recently including The Hero Theatre, The Latino Theatre Company, and Pasadena Playhouse.

Opportunities for collaboration with acting students at the graduate and undergraduate levels are also supported — in addition to internships and exposure to a wide array of celebrated guest artists, who have included Suzan-Lori Parks, Stephen Adly Guirgis, Colman Domingo, Paula Vogel, Tony Kushner and many others.

SDA MFADW alumni have found their success on stages throughout the country and internationally, as well as on film and television, and other media. More importantly, they have learned ways of sustaining and finding joy in their dramatic writing, giving them not simply a career but a calling.

The USC School of Dramatic Arts is a national leader in dramatic arts training, offering an unprecedented range of creative experiences on multiple platforms. Under the leadership of Dean David Bridel, the faculty and administration of the School have begun to reimagine and redefine what it means to train dramatic artists in the 21st Century without losing the rigorous foundational training that has been a hallmark of the school for over 70 years. This flexible and contemporary approach responds to today's rapidly changing media climate and provides the versatile and cutting-edge skills essential to the contemporary actor, writer, stage manager and designer.

Pasadena Playhouse will continue its educational programming with Scene Study Intensive with Alfred Molina June 27 – July 22, a four-week deep dive into theater scene study and text analysis. Students will work on monologues and scenes from the classic American canon and further develop the tools needed to break down a script and build realism and depth into characters. This course will be focused on process, rather than performance.

Alfred Molina's diverse and lengthy career has moved effortlessly between film, television, and theatre worldwide. In addition to his numerous performance credits, Molina has taught Scene Study & Shakespeare at UCLA for MFA Acting students, Circus Theatricals/ New American Theatre, HB Studio in New York, and Guildhall School of Music & Drama in London, his alma mater. Molina has also given Master Classes at Julliard, USC, and Pepperdine University, as well as private coaching and consulting for various productions.

Classes will take place Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 7PM-10PM, and class size will be limited to 12 students, ages 18 and up. Previous acting class experience required. Students will be selected through an application and interview process by the staff of Pasadena Playhouse. The course fee is \$650, with scholarship funds available. A scholarship application will be provided to finalists prior to interviews.

For more information, contact Katharine McDonough, Artistic Project Coordinator, at [scenestudy@pasadenaplayhouse.org](mailto:scenestudy@pasadenaplayhouse.org).

## San Marino April Events and Announcements

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Now Hiring Part-Time, Seasonal Recreation Staff**  
The Community Services Department is hiring for the following positions: Program Leader, Recreation Specialist, Lifeguards, and Water Safety Instructors.  
**Wristbands On Sale for the Great San Marino Egg Hunt!**

The Great San Marino Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 9 AM - 12 PM at Lacy Park.

Bring your baskets and bunny ears! This fun-filled event includes crafts, games, pictures with the bunnies, and a giant egg hunt! Children will be grouped in appropriate age divisions for the hunt to ensure fun for all. The first hunt begins at 10am in the following order: 2 yr. olds & under, 3 yr. olds, 4 yr. olds, 5 yr. olds, 6-7 yr. olds, 8-9 yr. olds, and 10-12 yr. olds.

Pre-order your wristbands between now and April 14 at [CityofSanMarino.org/Registration](http://CityofSanMarino.org/Registration). Pre-order wristbands must be picked up at Stoneman School (open Monday –Thursday, 7 AM – 5 PM and Friday, 7 – 11 AM) by April 15 at 11 AM.

Wristbands for Egg Hunt participants (ages 2 and under - 12 years old) are on sale online through April 14 for \$4.

Wristband sales are non-refundable. For more information visit:

[CityofSanMarino.org/EggHunt](http://CityofSanMarino.org/EggHunt).

**Check Out the Street Sweeping Schedule**

In keeping with the City Council's priority of well-maintained infrastructure, the Parks and Public Works Department works with Athens Services to ensure that the City receives comprehensive, environmentally responsible street sweeping services. Frequent street sweeping not only improves the appearance of the streets, but also prevents unwanted

materials from flowing into storm drains, keeps job sites clean, and helps minimize tire damage. Residents can visit the Street Sweeping page on the City's website at: [cityofsanmarino.org](http://cityofsanmarino.org). for more information on the street sweeping schedule for their neighborhood.

**Parks & Public Works Installs Traffic Safety Signage**  
Parks and Public Works staff painted "25" mile per hour reminders on San Marino Avenue from Huntington Drive southbound to City limits. This signage can help deter speeding and improve safety for pedestrians and drivers. Staff also installed "NO STOPPING AT ANY TIME" signs on either side of the Oak Grove Avenue and Virginia Road intersection.

### EVENTS

**April 4: Public Safety Commission Meeting**

The Public Safety Commission advises City Council on public safety issues. They will meet virtually at 7 PM.

**April 6: Smarter Living Talk on Mindfulness**

This workshop helps to prepare participants with practical steps to deal with day to day stress using a form of mindfulness. Meet at the Barth Community Room at the Crowell Public Library at 1 PM.

April 6: Design Review Committee Meeting

The Design Review Committee oversees building plans to ensure architectural compatibility with the neighborhood. They will meet virtually at 7 PM.

**April 9: Neighborhood Coyote Program Workshop**

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's Neighborhood Coyote Program will be at Lacy Park to answer questions about coyote safety, deterrence, and reporting from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

For more information about these announcements and events visit: [cityofsanmarino.org](http://cityofsanmarino.org).

## SAN MARINO CRIME BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, March 20 through Saturday, March 26, the San Marino Police Department responded to 177 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 period.

**Sunday, March 20**

2:05 P.M. / H&S 11350 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE  
2255 Huntington Drive

Officers responded for a report of a suspicious person in the rear alley to the above mentioned location. During the course of the investigation, the person was found to have a controlled substance without a proper prescription on his person. Person was issued a citation and released from the scene on his own recognizance.

**Monday, March 21**

No significant incidents to report for this date.

**Tuesday, March 22**

1:48 P.M. / PC 459 BURGLARY, PC 594 VANDALISM, and PC 602 TRESPASSING  
1540 Chelsea Road

Officers responded to a burglary alarm activation. Upon arrival, officers located an unsecured detached garage and living space door. During the search of the location, a bathroom was found to be vandalized. At the time of investigation, there was no suspect information and no suspect(s) found.

**Wednesday, March 23**

No significant incidents to report for this date.

**Thursday, March 24**

No significant incidents to report for this date.

**Friday, March 25**

6:49 P.M. / PC 594 Vandalism, WIC 5150

1461 San Marino Avenue

Officers responded to the above mentioned location and contacted a subject, later identified as the suspect. The subsequent investigation revealed the suspect experienced a bipolar manic episode and had thrown a rock through the location's window. The suspect was taken to the hospital for further medical evaluation. The suspect was released on her own recognizance to the care and custody of hospital staff with a citation for the vandalism offense.

**Saturday, March 26**

3:31 P.M. / Warrant Arrest

Huntington Drive and Monterey Road

Officer conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation and the driver was found to have outstanding warrants out of the LAPD for a prior grant theft offense. Driver was issued citations for the traffic offense and warrant before he was released from the scene on his own recognizance.

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PASADENA HUMANE

**events**

**CALENDAR**

**APRIL 2022**

### OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

**2** **Mobile Tag Event**  
at Brand Park, Glendale  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**3** **Pop-Up Adoption Event**  
at PCC Flea Market  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**10** **Pop-Up Adoption Event**  
at Gelson's, La Cañada  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**16** **Pop-Up Adoption Event**  
at Pet Food Express, Pasadena  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**23** **Pop-Up Adoption Event**  
at Jackalope Artisan Fair  
Saturday and Sunday  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**30** **Pop-Up Adoption Event**  
at the 16th annual "Hometown Country Fair," La Crescenta  
8-11 a.m.

### COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

**18** **Kitten Shower Donation Drive**

### PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

**Kids For Animals Club**  
(ages 7-11)  
New session begins April 4  
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Circle Time (New Program)**  
(ages 3-5)  
New session begins April 5  
10 - 11 a.m.

**Academy at Pasadena Humane**  
(ages 12-14)  
New session begins April 5  
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE: MAY 10**  
**Pasadena Humane Day of Giving**

### VISITING HOURS

**Saturdays: 2 - 5 p.m.**

**Sundays: 3-5 p.m.**



For a full list of virtual & in-person events, visit [pasadenahumane.org/events](http://pasadenahumane.org/events).



ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, March 20th through Saturday, March 26th, the Police Department responded to 838 calls for service, of which 122 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, March 20:  
1. At 4:57 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. Surveillance footage captured two suspects had smashed one of the windows and had stolen a dash camera/radar detector. The suspects are described as two males, one wearing a red hat and a black, long-sleeved shirt, and the other wearing a black hooded sweatshirt. The investigation is pending a review of the submitted footage.  
2. At 4:28 p.m., an officer responded to the area of Foothill Boulevard and 1st Avenue regarding a disturbance. An investigation revealed the suspect entered Dollar Tree, located at 131 East Foothill Boulevard, began yelling at patrons, stole four lighters and threw them at employees. The suspect then fled to the nearby wash and started a fire. The suspect, a 24-year-old male transient from Arcadia, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, March 21:  
3. At 8:10 a.m., an officer responded to Kobe Range Hoods, located at 11775 Clark Street, regarding a commercial burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects broke the front glass door of the business, removed the alarm panel, left it on the floor, and fled. It is unknown if they fled with any stolen property. Suspect #1 is described as a male, medium build, wearing a dark colored sweater and light-colored pants. Suspect #2 is described as a male, thick build, wearing a light-colored hooded sweatshirt and light colored pants. The investigation is ongoing.  
4. At 10:47 a.m., an officer responded to Motel 6, located at 225 Colorado Place, regarding a battery report. The officer discovered the suspect, a 41-year-old male from Alhambra, hit and choked the victim, who was the mother of their children. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The victim did not request medical treatment.  
5. At 8:48 p.m., an officer responded to an apartment complex in the 800 block of West Duarte Road regarding a mail theft report. The victim stated someone stole her mail, containing a credit card, from her mailbox sometime between March 2nd and 20th and made multiple fraudulent charges. It is unknown how the suspect(s) gained entry to her mailbox as it was secured and did not appear to have been tampered with.

Tuesday, March 22:  
6. At 7:13 a.m., an officer responded to the 00 block of Cornell Drive regarding a theft from vehicle report. The victim awoke to three suspects sawing and removing the catalytic converter from his Honda Element. The suspects fled in an older model white minivan.

Wednesday, March 23:  
7. At 8:01 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1000 block of South Golden West Avenue regarding a burglary report. Sometime during the previous night, someone entered the secured residential park-

ing area and stole various items and electronics from the victim's unlocked vehicle. The suspect(s) then attempted to use the victim's stolen credit cards at two nearby convenient stores, but the charges were declined.  
8. At 10:54 a.m., an officer responded to Ralphs, located at 211 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a grand theft report. Surveillance footage captured the suspect, a Hispanic male wearing a gray shirt, steal two boxes of seafood from a warehouse freezer. The investigation is pending a review of the surveillance footage.  
9. At 2:11 p.m., officers and the Mental Health Evaluation Team (MET) responded to the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Las Tunas Drive regarding a subject throwing objects into oncoming traffic. Upon contacting the subject, they discovered he had flipped over concrete benches and had vandalized a nearby trash can. The incident is being investigated and the 35-year-old male from Arcadia was not taken into custody.

Thursday, March 24:  
10. At 11:44 p.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of San Simeon Road regarding a grand theft incident. The victim stated two male Hispanic suspects stole his gardening equipment from the bed of his truck at approximately 1:00 p.m. on March 22nd. The suspects fled in a newer model, black Chevrolet truck.  
11. At 1:15 p.m., an officer responded to Public Storage, located at 12340 Lower Azusa Road, regarding a commercial burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed a suspect forced open the victim's storage unit and tunneled into another unit. Once inside the adjacent unit, the suspect stole multiple rifles. The suspect is described as a White or Hispanic male, approximately 30 to 40-years-old, wearing all black clothing. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, March 25:  
12. At 9:21 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Methodist Hospital, located at 300 West Huntington Drive, regarding a theft from vehicle report. The victim discovered someone had stolen the catalytic converter from her Ford Excursion between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on March 24th.  
13. At 12:36 a.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of South Santa Anita Avenue regarding a traffic collision. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his person. Through a series of tests, the officer concluded the suspect was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and had a blood alcohol content of 0.197%. The 47-year-old male from Santa Barbara was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, March 26:  
14. At 1:52 p.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of East Huntington Drive regarding a physical altercation in progress. Upon contacting the involved parties, the officer discovered one of the parties, a 32-year-old male from Palmdale, was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage in public and was unable to care for himself. During a search of the suspect prior to arresting him, the officer located a container of what appeared to be methamphetamine. A records check revealed the suspect was also recently paroled. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

Crime Blotter for the Week of March 20 - March 26, 2022

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of March 20, 2022 - March 26, 2022.

March 20, 2022  
• Grand Theft Auto:  
1600 Block of Glenford Avenue. On 03/19/22 at 11:00 pm suspect(s) unknown stole the victims parked vehicle, a grey 2022 Honda Civic containing her purse and keys to vehicle. Vehicle recovered on Evergreen street after a family member observed the vehicle fleeing the area with male white adult driver. Possible video surveillance, however resident uncooperative in providing.

March 21, 2022  
Burglary (Commercial):  
1050 Huntington Drive (Target). On 03/20/22 at 8:53 pm suspect unknown wearing a white surgical mask, grey hoodie, grey shirt, black jeans, and black shoes was seen on surveillance video hiding inside a restroom prior to close of business. After the business was closed on 03/21/22 at 1:30 am, the suspect selected a bicycle and a container of "Van Der Hagen" shave cream and exited out the rear fire door setting of the alarm. Loss was approximately \$200. Video Surveillance available.

Grand Theft:  
3300 Block of Fish Canyon Road. Between 03/20/22 6:30 pm and 03/21/22 at 7:00 am suspect(s) unknown stole the tailgate to the victims parked vehicle a white 2014 Toyota Tacoma. Loss was approximately \$2,000. No surveillance video available.

March 24, 2022  
Attempted Burglary (Residential):  
1100 Block of Maynard Drive. On 03/24/22 at 7:00 pm the victim was home when a male Hispanic adult wearing a red shirt, red baseball cap and light-colored pants rang the bell to his "Ring" doorbell. The victim answered the "Ring" doorbell and the Suspect asked for "Chris". The victim advised the suspect that no one by that name lived at the address, at which point, the suspect attempted to access the door by inputting a combination into the keypad. The suspect was unsuccessful in entering the location, however he lingered at the door for approximately 15 minutes before leaving in a white 4 door sedan.

March 26, 2022  
Robbery:  
2300 Block of Maynard Drive. On 03/26/22 at 4:17 pm the victim stated he was approached by a newer white, possible Toyota Sienna with 4 occupants asking him for directions to the freeway. The driver described as a male adult 40-50 with blue/green eyes asked the victim to get closer because he could not hear. As the victim got closer the rear passenger, a female adult 50-60 opened the door and grabbed the hand of the victim to thank him. The rear passenger pulled the victim into her as if to give him a hug at which point the victim felt a sharp object pressed against his body that he believed to be a knife. The female suspect removed the victims wedding ring and necklace and shut the door to the vehicle as the vehicle sped off eastbound on Maynard Drive and out of view. Loss was approximately \$5,000. Possible video surveillance available.

ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTS MICHAEL DANIELSON TO REPRESENT DISTRICT 5

March 30, 2022 – At the March 29, 2022, Special City Council Meeting, the Arcadia City Council unanimously appointed Michael Danielson to fill the District 5 vacancy created by the passing of Council Member Roger Chandler. The appointment became effective immediately and will continue for the unexpired term through November 2022.



“On behalf of the City of Arcadia, I want to congratulate Mike on his appointment to the City Council,” said Mayor Sho Tay. “The residents of District 5 and the entire Arcadia community will benefit from Mike’s leadership, compassion, and dedication to our City. My colleagues and I look forward to working with him on the City Council.”

Originally a native of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Mr. Danielson moved to Los Angeles in 1978, and worked as a freelance musician for several world-renowned artists including Jerry Lewis, Milton Berle, Joel Grey, the Four Tops, the Temptations, as well as theatrical productions for Siegfried & Roy and Disneyland, among others.

Council Member Danielson is a 36-year resident of Arcadia and a retired Arcadia Unified middle school music teacher. Affectionately known around Arcadia as Mr. D., in 2020, Mr. Danielson was recognized as one of sixteen teachers named Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year from a pool of nearly 70,000 teachers countywide.

During his distinguished career, Mr. Danielson has taught over 10,000 students and received numerous awards for his instruction including the Profile in Excellence Award (twice), Rotary Teacher of the Year (twice), Arcadia Teacher of the Year, and the National Endowment of the Arts Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence in the State of California.

Mr. Danielson was also the president of the Arcadia Teachers Association for several years and was commended for unifying teachers and district administration though listening, transparency, honest dialogue, and principled decision-making. In addition to his significant involvement in teaching and mentoring Arcadia’s youth, Mr. Danielson is also active in the Arcadia Rotary and is an Elder and music worship team musician for Arcadia Friends Community Church. He currently serves on the Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation Board and has volunteered his time as an AYSO Soccer Coach, Scoutmaster for Troop 111, and coordinated several music groups for Downtown Arcadia events.

"I am incredibly honored by the appointment to the City Council to represent the residents of District 5 and the City we all call home," said Council Member Danielson. "Arcadia is a wonderful place with so much to offer to so many. My life’s work has been dedicated to public service and I look forward to uplifting our community in this new and exciting way."

Mr. Danielson is a graduate of the University of Michigan and University of Southern California, holding several degrees in Music Performance and Music Education. He and his wife, Blennie, raised their two children in Arcadia, and both graduated from Arcadia High School.

For more information about the appointment of Council Member Danielson, please contact the City Manager’s Office at (626) 574-5403.



# Now Hiring

## YES Intern (Part-Time/Seasonal)

Salary: \$15.00/hour

The City of Monrovia is recruiting for an ambitious, energetic, and responsible high school-aged youth who either resides in Monrovia or attends Monrovia Unified School District. Come join us for the summer and serve our community in one of our seven (7) departments, Monrovia Chamber of Commerce, Boys and Girls Club, Centre Stage, or at other businesses in Monrovia. The YES internship allows you to gain valuable hands-on work experience, professional development training, and mentorship. Throughout the summer, YES interns will work with mentors to complete projects related to their work assignments and at the end of the summer, you will present what you have learned to your peers. This internship is designed to provide a glimpse into the daily activities of local government and provide opportunities for you to develop professional skills, build strong relationships with the community and create memories that will last a lifetime!

Qualifications include any combination of education and experience that would provide the required knowledge, abilities, and skills is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the qualifications would be:

- Monrovia resident enrolled in High School or Monrovia Unified School District student & at least 15 1/2 years old as of June 1.
- Some volunteer work or involvement in school, place of worship, organization, and/or clubs is desirable
- Experience working with diverse groups and the ability to exercise cultural sensitivity awareness is desirable

The Youth Employment Service (YES) internship is an 8-week program: June 13 - August 5, 2022. There will be a parent/guardian and intern meeting held on Wednesday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Monrovia Community Center that all selected individuals will be required to attend. Additionally, selected candidates are required to participate in the entirety of the summer program.

**APPLY TODAY!**  
**Application Deadline: April 15, 2022**  
<https://www.cityofmonrovia.org/jobs>

**Tentative Interview Date: Saturday, April 23, 2022 at the Monrovia Community Center**





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## The Chef Knows *By Peter Dills*

### GAS OR WINE ?

Recently, I was the recipient of a question from reader Cruz Trevino of Sierra Madre. It appears that Cannon Drive (Beverly Hills) and their wine list may have migrated to a location near us. Cruz was at the Langham Hotel and enjoyed a glass of Tattinger Champagne (\$27), and he asked this writer to investigate how establishments come up with prices of wines by the glass. I dream of a day when a poor restaurant critic may soothe his many worries with an exceptional glass of wine and not be required to carry a bag of gold dust as payment. Like the majority of us, Cruz strikes me as a regular consumer of wine; a person who is not cheap but searches for value when he is dining out. I must admit I, too, like the gentle view from the Tap Room over looking the 50 acres of greenery.



I reached out to my many sources in the industry and this is what I found out. Ian Blackburn, founder of Learnaboutwine.com, said, "That (\$27) is fairly common (really?) for a good glass of wine and the math works out to (\$135) for the full bottle at that price per glass." While many chain restaurants use a Libby wine glass which costs a couple of bucks, upscale restaurants use a higher quality glass, so you can guess that the cost of the glass might be just a bit lower than what they paid for the entire bottle. My next call was to Randy, who owns the Domenico's restaurant on Washington in Pasadena. He tells me that his wine purveyors suggest to "tripling the cost of the bottle". This means if you see a bottle for \$30 at your favorite restaurant, by this rule of thumb, they paid \$10 for it."

Ok, so how about corkage fees? Most restaurants charge \$4-\$15 for this service because, yes, they still have to open your bottle and clean the glasses. I find it that is unacceptable to bring in a bottle of wine that is already listed on the restaurant's menu. If it is an owner-occupied restaurant, often it is a good gesture to let the owner sample the wine that you have brought in. Who picks the wine? Erudite wine broker Eddie Ramirez offers this insightful advice, "Always have the wine list when ordering, and I do not recommend asking the servers for a wine recommendation unless you do not have any issues with the price." My suggestion to Cruz and my readers is it to never blindly let the server choose the wine for you and be careful on the "House Wine" I stayed at a resort in South Laguna just a few years ago and my bill was \$110!!

I hope this helps. I learned something as well.

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## SECOND BOOSTER DOSES AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS AT PUBLIC HEALTH OPERATED VACCINATION SITES

### Public Health Reports 541 New Positive Cases and 7 New Deaths Due to COVID-19 in Los Angeles County

Last week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized a second booster dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or the Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for individuals 50 years of age and older at least 4 months after they received their first booster dose. Public Health sites will be prepared to administer second booster doses to those eligible starting immediately.

Sites administering second booster doses for those 50 years of age and older starting tomorrow include Obregon Park (East Los Angeles), Ted Watkins Park (South Los Angeles), Balboa Sports Complex (Encino), Commerce Senior Citizens Center (Commerce), Market Street Center (Santa Clarita), Palmdale Oasis Recreation Center (Palmdale), and the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex (Norwalk). Visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinate.lacounty.gov) for more information.

Eligible residents can also check with other vaccination sites about the availability of the second booster dose.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) today released the latest data on COVID-19. The number of cases and deaths are likely to reflect reporting delays over the holiday weekend.

- 541 New COVID-19 cases (2,831,655 cases to date)
- 7 New deaths due to COVID-19 (31,626 deaths to date)
- 321 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19
- More than 11,675,000 individuals tested; 22% of people tested positive to date

### THE HIGHLY INFECTIOUS BA.2 SUBVARIANT INCREASING IN LA COUNTY, ACCOUNTING FOR 32% OF ALL SPECIMENS SEQUENCED

Increases in LA County reflect patterns seen around the world, with the World Health Organization announcing last week that worldwide, BA.2 accounted for 86% of sequenced cases from the prior 4 weeks. And on Tuesday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that BA.2 is now the dominant variant in the U.S., accounting for approximately 55% of sequenced cases for the week ending March 26.

While there are not yet increases in cases or hospitalizations in LA County, given the increased risk for spread of BA.2, it's important to take steps to maximize protection against spread, including increasing vaccination and booster rates for residents, as these gaps in vaccination coverage create significant risk.

As of March 27, 83% of LA County residents ages five and older had received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine and 75% were fully vaccinated. Additionally, 57% of eligible residents ages 12 and older received the additional protection of a booster. This leaves about 2.6 million booster-dose eligible residents not benefiting from the extra protection of a booster dose and 1.7 million eligible residents needing to get their first vaccination. If residents cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons or because their body can't mount an appropriate immune response to vaccines, they may still be able to be protected with COVID therapeutics. Residents should ask their provider if they're eligible to receive Evusheld, a new therapeutic for people 12 years and older that can prevent COVID-19. There are also several therapeutics available that can reduce severe illness for people who have been infected with COVID-19. If residents test positive, they should check immediately with their provider whether they are eligible to receive one of these treatments. Residents who don't have a doctor can call the COVID-19 information line at 833-540-0473, 8:00 am - 8:30 pm daily for more information. Note that the monoclonal antibody medicine Sotrovimab is no longer authorized for use in California due to studies showing less efficacy against BA.2.

Residents can also stock up on the over-the-counter COVID test kits that they can administer themselves at home. Up to two sets of four at home tests can be ordered at no charge from the federal government at [www.covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). Residents who have health insurance can receive eight free at home tests each month for each insured member in their household. Individuals can also get tested at one of the many free testing sites located throughout the County. Visit [www.ph.lacounty.gov/covidtests](https://www.ph.lacounty.gov/covidtests) for information and links to testing sites. Individuals should get tested if they feel sick, have an exposure, or are gathering with others at elevated risk.

Individuals should also continue to wear a mask indoors in public places, especially if they, or others they will be in contact with, are not fully vaccinated, elderly, immunocompromised, or have serious underlying health conditions. Masking is one of the easiest and most effective strategies for protecting ourselves and others from COVID-19.

"We continue to extend our deepest sympathies to everyone mourning the loss of a loved one from COVID," said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "We're about two months out from the peak of our winter surge and have seen significant declines in our cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. However, with case numbers no longer decreasing and increases in the circulation of the more infectious BA.2 subvariant in LA County, now is the time for us to use the tools at hand to decrease both personal and community risk: vaccination, testing, masking and therapeutics. In a similar way that we take steps to be prepared for fires and earthquakes, we now also need to take preparedness actions that allow us to be safe during a pandemic. And just like we don't wait until there is a fire or an earthquake to make a plan, we don't need to wait until we are experiencing another surge, to increase our protection. Get vaccinated and boosted, have a supply of test kits, talk to your provider about eligibility for new therapeutics, and wear a well-fitting, high filtration mask in places where the risk for transmission is elevated."

A wide range of data and dashboards on COVID-19 from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health are available on the Public Health website at <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov>





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CHARMING CHATA

At the ripe ole age of 59, I have come to appreciate true friendship more than ever before and I feel blessed to have as many loyal friends as I do. One thing that came to mind for me recently as I reflected on this fact, is that most of my closest friends are a lot different from me. Some are much older, and some are considerably younger. Many do not look anything like me; they are not the same color, shape or size and they come from a myriad of back-grounds. Indeed, several of my dearest friends don't even speak my language, yet they know me intimately and love me unconditionally.

You might be wondering how I could have found such genuine friendships in people with whom I have so little in common. The answer is simple: First of all, I am naturally drawn to diversity in other humans, and secondly, the majority of my friends just so happen to be animals! Fortunately the humans and animals I surround myself with are kind and open-minded enough to accept me just the way I am, and I accept them likewise, so friendship is inevitable.

Among my closest canine companions is one that inspired me enough to write this story about her. I think her example could help do away with one of today's most damaging urban myths about her canine breed. The friend I am referring to is an 11 year old girl named Chata. Chata has a beautiful, shiny golden coat and matching smiling eyes. She is symmetrically perfect from one side of her body to the other. She's as fit as a fiddle and healthy as a horse, with not an ounce of spare fat and plenty of tight muscle to fill out her stature in all the proper places. Her bone structure is striking with alluring curvature including a dramatically "to-die-for" slim waist (don't I wish!).

Her senses are extremely keen, and her heart is bigger and warmer than that of many humans I know. Chata lives quite the life of leisure with her family of 4 humans including 2 small children, and a 6-year-old Chocolate Lab named Charlie. She is remarkably aware of how lucky she is to have been adopted into an incredible family that loves and cares for her. When Chata looks directly into your eyes, she melts your heart. She is a true charm. What kind of dog is Chata? She is what is commonly known as a Pit Bull, but her official breed title is American Pit Bull Terrier.

Known for their intelligence and loyalty, American Pit Bull Terriers make excellent companions despite the bad reputation they have gained due to the cruel treatment and unfair press they've received. They are often confused with the American Staffordshire Terrier, and apparently in the eyes of the United Kennel Club (UKC) they are considered to be the same breed, although there are those who disagree. Some AKC (American Kennel Club)-registered American Staffordshire Terriers are dual-registered as American Pit Bull Terriers with the UKC.

The AKC, on the other hand does not allow a UKC-registered American Pit Bull Terrier to be registered as an American Staffordshire Terrier. To be dual-registered, the dog must first be an AKC-registered American Staffordshire Terrier and then it can be registered with the UKC as an APBT -- but not vice versa. Having said all of that, I am an individual who would rather steer clear of canine breed titles and labeling altogether. To me, it is much more important that each dog be recognized as an individual, each with his/her own unique personality and qualities, the same way we strive to view our fellow human beings.

My beautiful American Pit Bull Terrier friend, Chata defies all negative rumors about the behavioral traits that are "typical" for her breed. She puts you at ease the moment you are in her presence, both with her body language and her eye contact. She respects others more than most humans do, in my opinion and she is a great "nanny" to her baby brother, Charlie. She plays gently with the two youngsters she lives with. She displays humility by lowering her head slightly when you first greet her, then she begins her child-like writhing back and forth with her tail swiftly whipping from one side of her groin to the other. She lets out a tiny whimper now and then when she is excited, as if to say "I am so happy to see you".

Contrary to what some people think about her breed, Chata is by far one of the most sensitive and loyal canine companions that I have ever known. As humans beings, we have learned to be very careful not to jump to conclusions about one another, regardless of color, race or culture. In fact there are certain laws that prohibit us from such profiling. Well, I say it's high time that we learned to apply the same moral principals to the way we view and treat man's best friend!

Many rumors have been spread indicating that Pit Bulls are vicious dogs that are likely to attack, but in reality, most are quite the opposite. Although it is clear that they are capable of potential harm, it's all about how they are raised. Again, let's remember that each dog is an individual. It is well put in the old adage "You can't judge a book by it's cover". Yes, some Pit Bulls are unfriendly, but that is typically because they have been either neglected or abused by the human.

The Pit Bull was originally bred to fight, (who's warped idea was that?) but thankfully, breeding dogs to fight has been outlawed in this country. I say treat every dog equally with kindness and respect, regardless of it's appearance. Don't be ignorant by breed-bashing based on rumors and assumptions. If we assume things about a dog because of it's breed, are we not breaking our own moral code as human beings, to refrain from judging one another based on appearances? Keep an open mind, think for yourself and above all, love and let live.

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



Katnip News!



Pretty IRIS

Can you foster a feral kitten? Iris, age 7 months, is non-aggressive, just terrified. She is spayed and vetted but we do not have enough personnel to work with her. We need a local foster home with lots of experience with feral or very skittish cats who can make at least a 6 month commitment to foster. A calm, stable environment with no young children or dogs, yet a somewhat older cat who is mellow and playful who could take a kitten under his/her wing and be a good model, showing that life with humans is a great thing, would be helpful. Won't you please open your heart and home to help Iris turn her life around? See more pix of Iris on our website's More Cats page. Our foster application is [www.lifelineforpets.org/fosterapplication1.html](http://www.lifelineforpets.org/fosterapplication1.html).



Pet of the Week

One-year-old Pedro is a happy, active dog with lots of adorable puppy energy! He loves being the center of attention and being pet, and will even sit in your lap to be close to you. Pedro is very friendly and is always very excited to meet new people. He's a quick learner and highly motivated by delicious treats – he already knows sit, down, and shake. Pedro is a bundle of energy and will bring so much fun to your life!

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.

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Lately, reading and listening to the world news has been challenging. How many more people have died today in a pointless war in Ukraine? It's hard to watch! And how much higher will our gasoline prices go here at home? It's hard to drive without fishing every dime out of the seat cushions. And how many drivers died in harsh road conditions over the weekend? There but for the grace of God go I.

And so, while putting out my rain barrels to collect the coming rain, I sat down for just a bit to watch the Academy Awards. Oh, not the Academy, the Oscars. What's the difference? I know there's a difference, but, well, that's not my point.

I turned on the TV for just a while, to watch Will Smith crying as he accepted his award, and apologizing. That's funny, I thought. What is he apologizing for? So I looked on-line to see if there was something I was missing, and oh boy, down the rabbit hole!

Chris Rock was talking on the stage, and making some jokes. Chris is one of the fresh and talented comedians, who doesn't mind a bit of controversy. He seems to come from an out-standing lineage of talented black comedians, going back to Richard Pryor. And then he made a comment about Will Smith's wife, saying that he'd love to see her in G.I. Jane 2. Kinda funny, sort of, and everyone saw Will Smith laughing, though his wife – the butt of the joke – showed by her facial expression that she didn't consider the comment funny. Who knows what transpired next between wife and husband, but then Chris Rock is saying "Oh oh," and Will strides up to the stage without saying a word, and delivers an exaggerated slap to Chris Rock. Will strides back to his seat, and Chris Rock doesn't miss a beat, pointing out that he just got whipped by Will, and Chris asks, "Really?"

Many people thought it was all some sort of publicity stunt, but what happened next cured them of that illusion. Will loudly heckles back, twice, to Chris that Chris should absolutely keep his wife out of any comedy routines, including the unacceptable "F" word in Will's comments.

And then, for better or worse, Chris just kept rolling and the show went on. A few minutes later, Will Smith wins an award for a film I'd never heard of, and he's up on stage crying, and talking about fatherhood, protecting the family, and also apologizing for what everyone had just witnessed.

What does it all mean? For one, it means that everyone – and I mean "everyone" – was overly preoccupied in the days that followed by talking about the slap, and what it meant, and who

was right, and who was wrong, and what now. Suddenly everyone forgot that death and killing were taking place in Ukraine.

When I realized what had occurred, I found it to be a sad moment. First, it should be said that I never enjoy a comedian "roasting" anyone in the audience, in the harsh manner that people such as Don Rickles used to do. It always makes me cringe. And yet, if you're going to be a politician, or have a high public profile, you need to have thick skin. And at first I sided with Will Smith, especially when I learned that Chris Rock had gone after Will's wife before. So there was some history and background that I didn't at first appreciate. Still, in retrospect, was the G.I. Jane comment really demeaning, or sarcastic, or degrading? Not really. If I were Chris, nevertheless, I would find ways to be funny without unnecessarily hurting innocent bystanders.

As for Will Smith, he did the wrong thing, on several levels. Granted, I might have done the same in similar circumstances, though I probably would have run onto the stage and tackled the comedian while the crowd tried to tear us apart. Just saying. Still, I have had the highest respect for Will Smith – and for Chris Rock. I can see that Will could do so much good in the world, and that means he must bite the dust sometimes, and be an example. He could have just bid his time, and when he won the award and had the world listening to him, he could have set Chris Rock straight with a medical lesson. As it is now, are comedians fair game for attack if we dislike their "comedy?" I hope not.

To his credit, after the dust of emotions had settled, Will issued the following statement:

"Violence in all of its forms is poisonous and destructive. My behavior at last night's Academy Awards was unacceptable and inexcusable. Jokes at my expense are part of the job, but a joke about Jada's medical condition was too much for me to bear and I reacted emotionally," Smith wrote. "I would like to publicly apologize to you, Chris. I was out of line and I was wrong. I am embarrassed and my actions were not indicative of the man I want to be. There is no place for violence in a world of love and kindness."

That was a good gesture, though I doubt it will be the final word.

Chris Rock issued the following: "As a comedian it can be difficult to understand which lines are to be crossed and which ones aren't. Last night I crossed a line that I shouldn't have and paid the enormous price of my reputation as a renown comedian. Comedy is never about poking fun at or making lite of people with major ordeals happening in their lives. Comedy is about using real life circumstances to create laughter and bring light to an otherwise dark world. With that said, I sincerely apologize to my friends Jada Pinkett-Smith, Will Smith, and the rest of the Smith family for the disrespect and disregard I displayed which was unfortunately broadcast for the world to see. I hope that, with time, forgiveness can come of this situation and we can all be better, more considerate people in the end."

Sometimes it takes a tragedy for good things to come about. I hope and pray that this is so in this case.

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## HOW TO CHOOSE A MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN

*Dear Savvy Senior:*  
*I will be 65 and eligible for Medicare in a few months and am interested in getting a Medicare Advantage plan to cover my health care and medications. What tips can you provide to help me pick a plan? Ready to Retire*

Dear Ready:

Medicare Advantage plans have become very popular among retirees over the past 15 years, as nearly half of all new Medicare enrollees are signing up for Advantage plans, which accounts for about 42 percent of the entire Medicare market. Here are some tips and tools to help you pick a plan that fits your needs.

First, let's start with a quick review. Medicare Advantage plans (also known as Medicare Part C) are government approved health plans sold by private insurance companies that you can choose in place of original Medicare. The vast majority of Advantage plans are managed-care policies such as HMOs or PPOs that require you to get your care within a network of doctors.

If you join an Advantage plan, the plan will provide all of your Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance) coverage like original Medicare does. But many plans also offer extra benefits like dental, hearing and vision coverage along with gym/fitness memberships, and most plans include prescription drug coverage too.

Medicare Advantage plans are also cheaper than if you got original Medicare, plus a separate Part D drug plan and a Medigap policy. Many Advantage plans have \$0 or low monthly premiums and don't always have a deductible, but they also typically have a high out-of-pocket maximum. In 2021, Advantage plan participants on average were responsible for a maximum of around \$5,100 for in-network care, and about \$9,200 when out-of-network care is included.

### How to Choose

To help you pick a plan, a good first step is to call the office managers of the doctors you use and find out which Advantage plans they accept, and which ones they recommend. Then go to the Medicare Plan Finder tool at Medicare.gov/plan-compare to compare Advantage plans in your area. This tool provides a five-star rating system that evaluates each plan based on past customer satisfaction and quality of care the plan delivers. When comparing, here are some key points to consider:

**Total costs:** Look at the plan's entire pricing package, not just the premiums and deductibles. Compare the maximum out-of-pocket costs plus the copays and coinsurance charged for doctor office visits, hospital stays, visits to specialists, prescription drugs and other medical services. This is important because if you choose an Advantage plan, you're not allowed to purchase a Medigap policy, which means you'll be responsible for paying these expenses out of your own pocket.

**Drug coverage:** Check the plan's formulary – the list of prescription drugs covered – to be sure all the medications you take are covered without excessive co-pays or requirements that you try less expensive drugs first.

**Dental, vision and hearing:** Many Advantage plans come with dental, vision and hearing benefits, but are usually limited. Get the details on what exactly is covered.

**Coverage away from home:** Most Advantage plans limit you to using in-network doctors only within a service area or geographic region, so find out what's covered if you need medical care when you're away from home.

**Out-of-network coverage:** Check to see what's covered if you want to see a specialist in a hospital that is not in a plan's network. You can get a list of doctors and hospitals that take part in a plan on the plan's website.

### Need Help?

If you need help choosing a plan, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program at ShipHelp.org or call 877-839-2675. Also see the HealthMetrix Research 2022 Cost Comparisons Report at Medicare-NewsWatch.com that lists the best Advantage plans based on health status.

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## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

### PROBATE: WHAT IT IS & HOW TO AVOID IT

Unless you've created an estate plan that works to keep your family out of court, when you die (or become incapacitated) many of your assets must go through probate before those assets can be distributed to your heirs. Like most court proceedings, probate can be time-consuming, costly, and open to the public, and because of this, avoiding probate—and keeping your family out of court—is often a central goal of estate planning.

To spare your loved one's the time, cost, and stress inherent to probate, you can spend a little time and effort planning now.

#### How To Avoid Probate

Before we discuss the more advanced ways you can use estate planning to allow your loved ones to avoid probate, it's important to point out that not all of your assets will have to go through the probate process—and that's true even if you don't have any estate plan at all.

**Assets That Do Not Require Probate:** Certain assets, such as those with beneficiary designations like 401(k)s, IRAs, and the proceeds from life insurance policies, will pass directly to the individuals or organizations you designated as your beneficiary, without the need for any additional planning (unless your named beneficiary is a minor child, then you will need additional planning).

Outside of assets with beneficiary designations, other assets that do not go through probate include assets with a right of survivorship, such as property held in joint tenancy, tenancy by the entirety, and community property with the right of survivorship. These assets automatically pass to the surviving co-owner(s) when you die, without the need for probate.

However, it's critical to note here that if you name your "estate" as the beneficiary of any of these assets, those assets will go through probate before being distributed. The same goes if you overlook a beneficiary designation, or if you die at the same time as a joint property owner—each of those assets will also go through probate, even though they have beneficiary designations.

In addition, we generally recommend that you do not rely on beneficiary designations to handle the distribution of your assets. These designations give you little to no control over how

your assets are distributed, and they can result in negative outcomes you did not intend, especially if you have a blended family with children from a prior marriage or if you have no children at all.

Although there are several different types of assets that automatically bypass probate, the majority of your assets will require slightly more advanced levels of planning to ensure your loved ones can immediately access them, without the need for any court proceedings in the event something happens to you. The primary estate planning tool for this purpose are trusts.

#### Avoiding Probate With A Revocable Living Trust

Trusts are a popular estate planning tool for avoiding probate. Although there are a variety of different types of trust, the most commonly used trust for probate avoidance is a revocable living trust, also called a "living trust."

A trust is basically a legal agreement between the "grantor" (the person who puts assets into the trust) and the "trustee" (the person who agrees to manage those assets) to hold title to assets for the benefit of the "beneficiary." With a revocable living trust, this agreement is typically made between you as the grantor and you as the trustee for the benefit of you as the beneficiary. You act as your own trustee during your lifetime, and then you name someone as a "successor trustee" to take over management of the trust when you die or in the event of your incapacity.

It might seem odd to make an agreement with yourself to hold title to assets for yourself in order to benefit yourself. Yet by doing so, you remove those assets from the court's jurisdiction in the event of your incapacity or when you die. Instead, those assets transfer to your successor trustee, without any court intervention required.

At that point, your successor trustee is responsible for managing the trust assets and eventually distributing them to your beneficiaries, according to the terms you spell out in the trust agreement. This is how a trust avoids probate, saving your family significant time, money, loss of privacy, forfeiture of control, and emotional stress.

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS



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

Howard Rubin, Anita Hardy, Hattie Harris, Wendy Senou, Mary Harley, Bette White, Doris Behrens, Freda Bernard, Beth Copti, Terri Cummings, Marilyn Diaz, Virginia Elliott, Elma Flores, Betty Jo Gregg, Barbara Lampman, Betty Mackie, Elizabeth Rassmusen, Maria Reyes, Marian DeMars, Anne Schryver, Chrisine Bachwansky, Colleen McKernan, Sandy Swanson, Hank Landsberg, Ken Anhalt, Shannon Vandavelde

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

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**SIERRA MADRE SENIOR CLUB    Every Saturday from 11:30am-3:30 pm in the Hart Park House Senior Center. Join us as we celebrate birthdays, holidays and pay BINGO. Must be 50+ to join. For more information call Mark at 626-355-3951.**

**DOMINOES TRAIN GAME    Wednesday, 4/6 & 4/20    11:00 am— 12:30 pm** Hart Park House The object of the game is for a player to play all the tiles from their hand onto one or more trains, emanating from a central hub or "station". Call Lawren with questions that you may have.

#### PAINT PALS

Tuesday, 4/12 & 4/26,, 10:30 am—Hart Park House If you enjoy painting, sketching, water color, or making some other form of artistic creation please join our new program, PAINT PALS!!! Bring a project that you are working on to the HPH and enjoy some quality art time with other artists looking to paint with a new pal.

**TEA AND TALK SENIOR BOOK CLUB    Tuesday, 4/6 & 4/20— 9:00 am** Staff has launched a new book club series, Tea and Talk, which meets twice a month to discuss the fun, suspense, intrigue, love and so much more that each selection will have in store!

**FIBER FRIENDS    Tuesday, 4/5 & 4/19 —10:00 am** If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, embroidery, needlepoint, bunka, huck, tatting or cross stitch then we have a group for you! Bring your current project, a nonalcoholic beverage, then sit and chat with likeminded fiber friends. We meet in the Hart Park House

**BINGO    Tuesday 4/12 and 4/16    1:00 pm- 2:00 pm** Come on down to enjoy this time with friends. We are trying a new spin on BINGO fun so please bring your good luck charms and BINGO markers!

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## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### A SWITCH IN TIME ON MY BEHIND



Recently, I was reminded of my father's passing 12 years ago. It's funny how time quickly goes by, and then something happens to remind you of the past. When I was growing up, spankings were normal. And, for someone like me, those spankings were quite regular. Today my father would be arrested for all the spankings he gave me while I was growing up. At that time, something was wrong if you didn't get a spanking. When I was in the fifth grade, my schoolteacher happened to have been my father's schoolteacher. I'm afraid she wouldn't pass today because she also believed in spankings, as did our elementary school principal. I remember when we went to class right after some bill passed saying we could not pray in school. Our fifth-grade teacher stood before the class with the spanking stick bouncing it off her hand and said most arrogantly, "Let them come to my class and tell me I'm not allowed to pray." I would not have wanted to be that person.

Home rule was simple; if I get a spanking at school, I get a spanking at home. That's just how it was, and I had to learn to live with it.

Quite often, our schoolteacher, before the day began, would stand before the class with the spanking stick and remind everybody that she was in charge and if you didn't do it her way, you would get the spanking stick. Sometimes we were sent to the principal's office to get a spanking. I would rather go to the principal's office than have my teacher spank me if the truth were known. He knew when to quit; she didn't.

After a spanking at school, my father was informed about my spanking. When I got home, he was standing there, ready for me to come in, and escorted me to my bedroom, where he honored me with another spanking. He didn't know what I got spanked for, and it didn't matter to him. The spanking at school meant a spanking at home. That was the rule. I tried to figure out ways to keep my father from knowing about the school spanking, but that was impossible because my teacher knew my father. During that time, I did not have an advocate in the situation of home spankings, that is, until one day.

Growing up, I loved hunting, and usually, it would be for rabbits. That was the vogue in those days.

Because I loved hunting rabbits, I needed a dog. So I got a beagle and trained him to hunt rabbits with me. So we made a good team. We spent a lot of time together, so there was that deep bond between a young boy and his dog, almost like "Old Yeller."

One day, as usual, I got into trouble. I can't remember the trouble, but it's not important now. What is important is that the trouble inspired my father to donate a high-class spanking to me.

I was outside near my dog pen and saw my father come toward me angrily waving his belt. I knew exactly what was in store for me, and there was no place to run. And if I did run, I would sooner or later have to come back home. So the best thing for me to do was to wait and take my punishment like a boy in trouble. No way was I prepared for what was going to happen next.

As my father came closer, I could hear him yelling, and he was waving his belt in the air, and it would not be too long to get to me.

When he got to me, he continued yelling and began the spanking session. Even he wasn't prepared for what was going to happen.

Suddenly, I heard my dog, Sparky, bark as I had never heard him bark before. He was chained to his pen, which would assume a great deal of safety from the dog. But not Sparky.

Before I could process it, I heard Sparky yell and lunge forward, and then I heard the chain break, and he was on his way to my father. I'm sure he wasn't going to my father to give him a good friendly hug.

He lunged for my father, and my father turned and ran as fast as he could, but Sparky caught him several times and bit him.

My dilemma at the time was, do I laugh or cry? Nobody ever stood up for me through all my spanking sessions.

My father finally got into the garage and shut the door. Sparky turned around and came racing toward me. He wiggled and waggled when he got there and wanted me to pet him, which I did most graciously.

My father's favorite Bible verse, and he quoted it repeatedly in my presence, was, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Proverbs 13:24).

I must say that he was very faithful to this verse of Scripture.

As a father, I was more into this verse, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

I have tried to combine these two verses throughout my life. Each situation demands a lot of thought, and I've tried to give my thoughts a lot of room.

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Hey, who's that? I'll watch him like a hawk ...er...eagle.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle about birds!



webbed 9

vertebrates 12

babies 10

communicate 6

winter 1

insects 1

bones 7

everywhere

Tweet! Sweet!

I wonder if it comes with a birdbath?

I have the fastest wingbeat of any bird. I am a h \_ mm \_ ngb \_ rd

Where did I leave my eggs? I can be a bit of a birdbrain.

flock 4

toes 8

beaks 2

nests 2

1. Birds are warm-blooded and have backbones. They are \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Flying birds have hollow \_\_\_\_\_ that make their bodies lighter, and powerful wings covered with feathers that help to lift them into the air. Only birds have feathers!

3. Most bird feet have four \_\_\_\_\_, three in front and one in back, to help them perch.

4. Ducks, geese and other water birds have \_\_\_\_\_ feet that help them swim.

5. Birds have \_\_\_\_\_, but no teeth. The shape of a bird's beak is suited to its diet.

6. Birds may eat fruit, seeds, \_\_\_\_\_, fish, flower nectar and, in some cases, meat.

7. Female birds lay eggs, sometimes on the ground, but mostly in \_\_\_\_\_ they build.

8. When their \_\_\_\_\_ hatch, many mother birds will chew food, then feed it to them.

9. Birds \_\_\_\_\_ with each other using chirps and tweets. Some birds, such as parrots, can mimic human speech.

10. Birds live almost \_\_\_\_\_: forests, deserts, jungles, grasslands and on mountains.

11. Birds may fly south before the \_\_\_\_\_ to warmer areas where it's easier to live.

12. Some birds, like eagles, live in pairs while others, like geese, stay together in a \_\_\_\_\_.

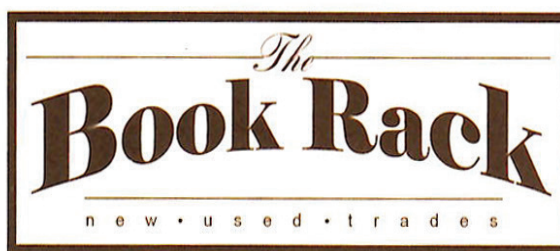




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## STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON



### WE DON'T TALK ABOUT...

Of course we do: That is all anybody seems to be talking about. Today is Wednesday and perhaps by Saturday or Sunday when you have a chance

to read this article the furor will have died down. It's been a week since Will Smith, the 6 foot 2 inch Black Male celebrity, struck or slapped 5 foot 10 inch Chris Rock, also a Black beloved celebrity, right in his face. This occurred during the presentation of the OSCARS program and as Chris said it was "unforgettable television". Frankly, I wish I could forget.

Why do I mention that both Will Smith and Chris Rock are Black male celebrities well known to huge audiences across America? Like all other attendees at the ceremony, Smith and Rock wore fancy tuxedos and the whole presentation was an attempt to market the worthiness of the Black People and the entertainment industry. This particular OSCAR presentation was for the first time produced by a Black producer, Will Packer, who employed an all Black production team all with promise that the show

So why do I emphasize the racial component. Remember, I'm an old guy with memories of times when Black people were thought incapable of playing quarterback or of being smart enough to be coaches or of being admitted to prestigious colleges or of being considered able enough to produce a show like the OSCARS. Those times are not far behind us and this 2022 Oscar presentation was intended to increase viewership and to demonstrate the abilities to the world of people for whom those opportunities were formerly foreclosed.

As I began watching the show there appeared the Williams Sisters, Black female athletes born anything but rich in Compton and new world-famous, wealthy and admired. There they were presented in beautiful dresses with their boobies falling out. Maybe the dresses were fashionable and beautiful, I really didn't notice. What I did notice was their almost completely exposed breasts and I was repelled. In these "Me Too" times displaying women in this matter to the ogling eyes of audiences plainly gives the wrong message. Certainly if women wish to dress this way certainly they have that right I guess but to me it gives the wrong message. Frankly, I am glad that prospective Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson did not present herself in that manner at her confirmation hearing and I believe there is something off-kilter

about Russian President Vladimir Putin baring his chest to display his toxic-masculinity which somehow makes him qualified to preside over a nation or even he whole world. (I hope Vice-President and potential future President Kamila Harris agrees with me.)

Back to the Oscars. Do you think Will Smith would have acted the same way if the person telling the joke which arguably insulted Will's wife was a more powerful Black Man, or a White Man, or a Black Woman, or a White Woman? As far as I am concerned Smith's explanation that the innocuous joke caused him to lose complete emotional control is complete nonsense. There must be other factors involved and I really don't have enough information to speculate. The fact that Smith was simply allowed to resume his seat and minutes later was allowed to receive his Oscar to a standing ovation absolutely disgusted me. To my mind the producers of the show should have required that he be immediately escorted out of the theatre as he retook his seat.

There is an important racial element to all this as has been expressed by my old UCLA classmate Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Kareem, an extraordinarily famous successful Black Athlete, wrote a column saying that Will Smith's behavior "perpetuated stereotypes against Black People advocating violence, diminishing women, and insulting the entertainment industry." In his column Abdul-Jabbar noted that Smith's action will allow pundits to push a narrative that "Black People are more prone to violence and less able to control their emotions."

I would like to think that those stereotypes no longer exist in the minds of people, or at least younger people, but for older people like Kareem and me it is still necessary for Black people, and particularly Black celebrities, to understand that their actions contribute to the way an entire Race is judged. Listening to the Brown Jackson confirmation hearing I was especially moved by her explanation of the importance of racial modeling to young people. What are we teaching our children when obviously wrong behavior is ignored and everyone stands to applaud the wrongdoer.

Sure, Chris Rock's current tour in Boston is sold out and he's making lots of money that he doesn't need and that's not the point either. Meanwhile global warming continues, the war in the Ukraine is unresolved, there's possibly a new threatening virus variant but the public discourse seems to center around whether Will should be required to return his Oscar. What else is there to talk about? Oh yes, gas prices are real high!

## DICK POLMAN



### HOW MUCH MORE EVIDENCE DOES MERRICK GARLAND NEED TO INDICT TRUMP?

If or when Merrick Garland bestirs himself to action, he'd do well to ponder the new federal court ruling that drops the hammer on coup conspirator John Eastman.

On Monday, the case for indicting Donald Trump was succinctly framed and arguably wrapped in a bow. And this was without even knowing what Trump may have said to fellow conspirators during seven key hours on Insurrection Day, the 7 hours and 37 minutes that are mysteriously missing from the White House phone logs.

Seriously, folks. What is it gonna take? First, some quick housekeeping: Eastman, you may recall, is the Better-Call-Saul lawyer who's been outed for concocting a "legal" memo that was designed to help Trump overturn his election loss. Sort of a fascist instructional sheet for dummies.

Monday's court ruling, authored by U.S. District Judge David Carter (a former decorated Marine), commanded Eastman to cough up 101 emails – mostly exchanges with Trump – and to share them with the House's Jan. 6 Committee. That was the narrow issue at hand. But, fortunately, Carter took it upon himself to connect the dots that situate Trump at the center of the blessedly failed coup. Carter's warning was an implicit plea for Merrick Garland to wake up:

"If Dr. Eastman and President Trump's plan had worked, it would have permanently ended the peaceful transition of power, undermining American democracy and the Constitution. If the country does not commit to investigating and pursuing accountability for those responsible, the Court fears January 6 will repeat itself."

It would seem that our accountability sleuths at the Justice Department still need to be enlightened about the evidence that shines with the strength of 100 suns. Whatcha got for us, Judge Carter?

"Dr. Eastman and President Trump launched a campaign to overturn a democratic election, an action unprecedented in American history... Their campaign was not confined to the ivory tower – it was a coup in search of a legal theory. The plan spurred violent attacks on the seat of our nation's government, led to the deaths of several law enforcement officers, and deepened public distrust in our political process."

As Judge Carter reminds us, Eastman insisted in his Jan. 3, 2021 memo that Mike Pence, during his ceremonial task of counting the Electoral College votes, could simply throw out seven Biden states, thus reducing the tally to 232-222; and that Pence could then announce that since no candidate had reached the magic 270, the election would be decided by the House, where each state would get one vote – and since the GOP at that time controlled 26 of the 50 state delegations, presto! Trump would win the election.

The problem, of course, was that Pence had no power to toss Electoral College votes, because there's no such provision in the Constitution. But that mattered not a whit to Trump, who spent days trying to muscle Pence into executing the plan that Eastman had touted as "BOLD."

The judge zeroed in on one particular provision of the federal criminal code – 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2) – which, as he explained, "criminalizes obstruction or attempted obstruction of an official proceeding. It requires three elements: (1) the person obstructed, influenced or impeded, or attempted to obstruct, influence or impede (2) an official proceeding of the United States, and (3) did so corruptly." He thus concluded:

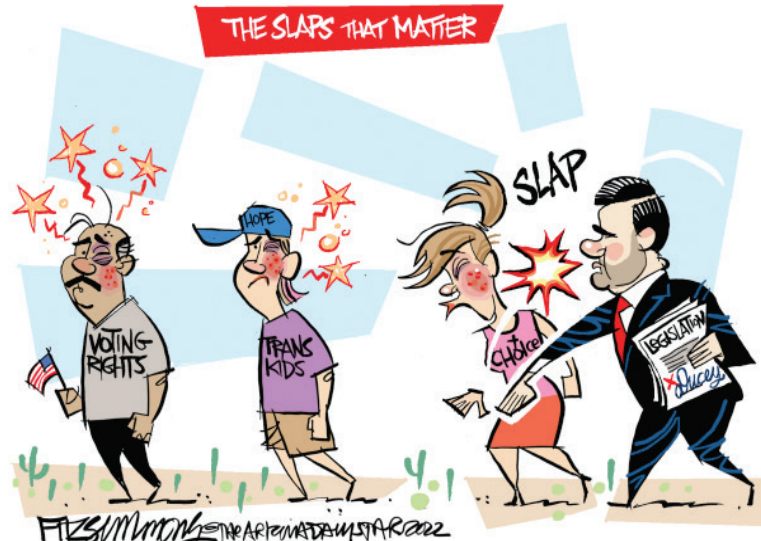
"Because President Trump likely knew that the plan to disrupt the electoral count was wrongful, his mindset exceeds the threshold for acting 'corruptly'... After filing and losing more than 60 suits (in court), this plan was a last-ditch attempt to secure the Presidency by any means." The potential hitch in all this evidence is that to prove Trump's criminality to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt, prosecutors need to successfully argue that Trump knew in his mind that his coup conspiracy was wrong. Hence the potential problem: This mope doesn't have a moral compass. He tends to believe that whatever he wants or says at any given moment is right and true.

For instance, one possible explanation for the seven-hour gap in the White House phone logs is that Trump communicated with fellow conspirators by using burner phones. In a statement, he denied doing that because, he insisted, "I have no idea what a burner phone is, to the best of my knowledge I have never even heard the term."

I'm sure he believes that lie in his mind. The problem is, he used the term "burner phones" at least three times in his recent lawsuit against niece Mary Trump. And former national security adviser John Bolton told CBS News, "Wait a minute, Trump knows burner phones."

The Jan. 6 Committee members have been calling on the Justice Department "to do its job," but alas it's possible that Garland is hesitating to indict Trump precisely because it's so hard to prove that someone so amoral has any consciousness of wrongdoing. Heck, just this week Trump asked his 2016 campaign ally, war criminal Vladimir Putin, to release some dirt on Hunter Biden.

I know, I know. Just like you, I'm rolling my eyes. Again.



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The culinary arts have always been a favorite topic of mine. Probably because my Scandinavian heritage is not known for enjoyable (let alone edible) delicacies. At last count how many Norwegian Restaurants have you dined at? Zero!

Am I right?

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OMG! My taste buds discovered flavor for the first time. Little did I realize I was suddenly thrust into an eternal struggle known as the battle of the bulge.

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So where can you get the perfect empanada? Remember two locations. First "Lord Empanada"! Not all empanadas are created equal. You want the best...go to Lord Empanada. 1540 So. Myrtle Ave (a block south of the 210 freeway Myrtle offramp (East side). Their phone number (626) 415-1044. Enjoy a meal there or "Lord" Empanada, aka Ryan Lopez, will also tell you of other local dining spots where you can enjoy his empanadas. By the way, their website is lordempanada.com. And Lord Empanada serves a lot more than empanadas. Check out their website.

If you are near South Pasadena, you can also enjoy delicious empanadas at the Waverly Bookshop Café and Cooking School. 1010 1/2 Fair Oaks Ave. (626) 460-6027. Stop in, meet proprietor and single mom, Sandy Olivas (she raised her kids in Sierra Madre). Enjoy an empanada or three with delicious coffee. Their website is waverlyla.com. Waverly also has a variety of vegan empanadas, vegan pastries and pies. Plus a cooking school for all ages. And Waverly commits a percentage of sales to various charities. Visit Waverly's website at Waverlyla.com.

And if you like fun rock from the 60s and 70s, April 23rd is the next JJ Jukebox concert at Nano Café. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre. Best time to make reservations is Wednesday through Saturday after 4:00pm. Call the restaurant at (626) 325-3334.

Have a good week!







## SIERRA MADRE LITTLE LEAGUE

Players of the Week March 21, 2022 (Pictured below )

**T-Bal SM TWINS**  
Coming off of IIR. Ellie Bled he Sierra Madre Twins against t:he Giants his pas weekend. Due to sfici< fielding on the mound and solid hitting, she ,eame<l 1he game barl for the week. Ellie has showin a positiv•e affitude throughout the season! She is an amazr,g eammate as well as making great im-  
provements as a baseball player!

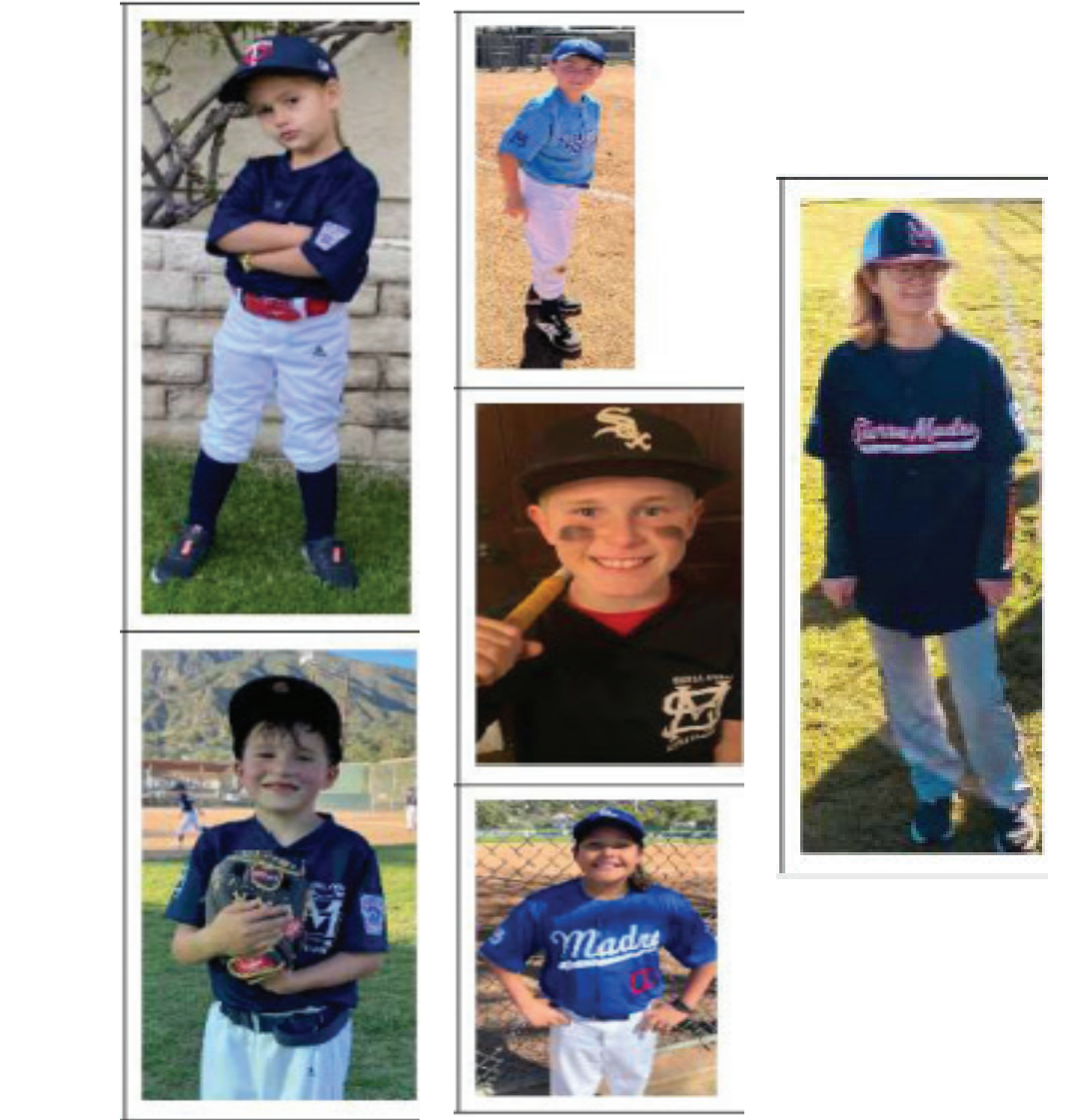
**A- SM YANKEES HUGO H** Hugo couldn't wait for the SMLL Spring 2022 season to start He would count down tle days until he could pla with his new A Ball team, the• Madre Yankees. But before he season began,, and even before the first practice was held, Hugo suffered a skull injury during ain accident at scho•ol. While It was not life-threatening, lhis pediatricriar, "benched him for the start of the season. Hugo couldn' practice or play in an games until his tied injury healed. But Hugo wouldn't let llat. stop him from jo,ining his team. He attended practices aind watched his teammates om the bench\_ He attended SMLL Opening Day and sat out duringi game after game - all while in 1t.mifom1. After two months, on March 22, he was finally given the green light to take the tleld l-l'e tiamd three hits and made an out for the Madre Yankees as they played the Madre Rangers. At he end of the game, the team che,ered for him anid he earned U1e game ball.

**AA- SM ROYALS** This is his first year ever p laying baseb.all. When Andrew Z... is not at school or pla ring baseball, he is on the 'ice. Andrew plays l ice hocke:ir, and is actually an e-lite and well known player around he area. In between his busy hockey schedule, he has been practicing hard working on his fie'lding and hitting\_ And,r,ew got his first hit a few weeks ago, but- his past weekend Andrew absolutely blistered he ball wi ha full count on; him for his first inside tih park horne run! He also has be en a key player ,in the Roy a Is def en s,e and has been makiiflg accurate and smart throws! Every week he cont'jnuines to grow as a baseball played

**AAA - SM WHITE SOX** Lukas C. has. been making a huge impact on his team and is 011e of tihе yornlge-st players -n. AAA' Lukas always has a positive altitude and p'lays wiha ever position he is asked to! This pas week he hi 2 triples to help his team earn a W against PSW! He ls a positive team-mate a11d brings a solid attitude to his gamel Wh-e-n not on the field, he enjoys spending- time at Heasley Field enjoying the diner a.nd watchiing baseball!

**MAJORS - SM DODGERS** Miles B. was stellar in his game last week where ttie SM Dodge-rs took on the PALL Marlins. Miles W'ent 3, for 3 wi h 3 doubles. In addition, he pitched 2 scoreless innings in a , 4-6 victory for the Dodgers. His positive altitude, strong sportsmanship, and performance on tihе field earned llim this weeks SM major player of- he week.

**CHALLENGER** An 8 •tear veteran of the Sierra Madre Challenger program, Jolie P. -never fails to bring her shining personality to the field\_ A hard working hitter and fielder, Jolie has fun at everything she does and shares that joy with 11 other members if of her entire team. Always a kind word for the new players, the familiar players and the players on the other team, Jolie is quite literally the heart oi Sierra Madre's Challenger prngiram.



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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2022-055294  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALLIE & PAWS PAWTIQUE, 8337 FRISTONE BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEXANDRA HANKS, 10015 DOWNEY AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90240. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALEXANDRA HANKS/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/10/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-051960

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: APRECIA, 9200 DOWNEY, DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GLORIA A PECINA DAVILA, 9200 DOWNEY AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GLORIA A PECINA DAVILA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/07/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-053265

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BALLNMORE CLOTHING, 515 W 3RD ST UNIT 1, LONG BEACH CA 90802. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VINCENT E MANNING, 515 W 3RD ST UNIT 1, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VINCENT E MANNING/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/08/2022. 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  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-054345

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DEPENDABLE CONSTRUCTION, 8556 FLORENCE AVE, SUITE B, DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DEPENDABLE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., 8556 FLORENCE AVE, SUITE B, DOWNEY, CA 90240. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: GILBERTO LEGASPI/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/09/2022. 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  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DREAM'S BEAUTY SALON, 2235 PACIFIC AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA GUADALUPE CORRAL VELAZQUEZ, 2235 PACIFIC AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90806. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIA GUADALUPE CORRAL VELAZQUEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/08/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/22/2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-054342

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ESCUELA MADISON FIONAL DEL PACIFICO, 1507 E 22ND ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) UNION TREE GLOBAL MINISTRY, 1507 E 22ND ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: BENEDICTO ALVAREZ/ PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/09/2022. 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  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-051866

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GRACELAND INDEPENDENT LIVING, 473 WEST 2ND

ST, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MIGUEL ANTONIO BELTRAN, 473 WEST 2ND ST, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MIGUEL ANTONIO BELTRAN/ OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/07/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-055292

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ITZEL'S JEWELRY, 914 N DITMAN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90063. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ITZEL VARGAS ROJAS, 914 N DITMAN AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90063. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: ITZEL VARGAS ROJAS/GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/10/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-053165

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MICHAEL COOPER FOUNDATION, 1443 S BROADMOOR AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) M.C. LEGEND, INC., 1443 S BROADMOOR AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: GERARDO TORRES/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/11/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-051868

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SANTY'S UPHOLSTERY, 11547 S PRAIRIE AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SANTIAGO GUIDINO GIL, 14919 S NORMANDIE AVE, APT 25, GARDENA, CA 90247. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

## SIERRA MADRE GIRLS SOFTBALL SPRING SEASON UPDATES

March 24, 2022 – Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association's Spring Season is off to a strong start! After an exciting Opening Day Parade and Ceremony on March 6th to celebrate our 50th Anniversary Season, the girls have been playing hard and having fun! Highlights from the past month's games include:

### 8U Division

March 6 – Killer Bees 9 vs. Panthers 3  
March 11 -- Killer Bees 7 vs. Diamond Dynamites 1  
Maddy Liang 2-2 with 3 RBI's for KB.

### March 20 –Flaming Hawks 7 vs. Pink Lightning 4

Rylie McKenzie pitched 3 great innings for the Flaming Hawks. Stella Majich made a great put out at 1st base and got a big hit at the plate. All Flaming Hawks players contributed to the win at the plate, getting timely hits and doing a great job running the bases.

March 20 – Killer Bees 2 vs. Baby Yodas 0  
Olivia Medrano pitched complete game shutout with 18 Ks. Mario Gomez doubled the winning run in. Baby Yoda's CJ Hull had a double play: pop-fly and force out a second.

March 25 – Killer Bees 13 vs. Pink Lightning 1  
M. Liang 3 for 3 with 3 RBIs. M.Stearns, J.Frey, M. Gomez with 2 hits.

### March 27 – Pink Lightning 5 vs. Killer Bees 10

For Pink Lightning, Natalie Miranda made a great play snagging a line drive at third base. Abigail Sanchez had a big triple. Nala Saunders had a single that drove in two runs for the Pink Lightning. Sarah Bates continues to show of her arm at catcher and made a number of big throws to keep the runners at bay. For Killer Bees, Daphne Tolentino 2-2 with 2 RBI's.

### 10U Division

March 6 – Killer Crocs 5 vs. Lady Bruins 5  
March 13 – Red Hot Chili Peppers 6 vs. Killer Crocs 13  
Lily Hageman, who just started playing softball this year, got her first hit of the season:)

March 20 – Killer Crocs 3 vs. Danger Zone 6  
Molly Ruyle collected her first hit of the season. Lilian Dawkins crushed a two-run homer in the final inning.

March 25 – Lady Bruins 5 vs. Killer Crocs 7  
Caitlin Cobb and Chloe Luna collected their first hits of the season. Way to go!

March 27 – Purple Reign 10 vs. Killer Crocs 3  
Jenay Jones recorded her first hit of the season. Great job!

### 12U Division

### March 20 – Cobra Kai 6 vs. Kryptonite 3

Surging Cobra Kai defeated previously unbeaten Kryptonite behind a pitcher Angelica Guerrero who pitched 5 innings. Cobra Kai's Rhiannon Barry hit a deep drive to RF for HR and added a great catch in CF in the 5th. Shortstop Jaden May added two stellar plays in the 5th inning to thwart any comeback attempt. With the victory, Cobra Kai rose to 2nd place in the standings with another matchup against Kryptonite in two weeks.

Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association offers girls ages 5 to 14 from Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia, Pasadena, Altadena and surrounding communities the opportunity to develop softball skills and good sportsmanship in a positive environment. For more information, visit smgsa.org and follow SMGSA on Facebook @sierramadregirlssoftballas-  
sociation and Instagram @smgsa.

**KEY CONTACT:**  
Russ Meek, SM Girls Softball President  
626.827.5011 / sierramadregirlssoftball@gmail.com

Signed: SANTIAGO GUIDINO GIL/OWNER. This statement 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  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-051578

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STAR PAINTING, 212 S NORMANDIE AVE 210, LOS ANGELES, CA 90004. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHRISTIAN ARNULFO OLIVA, 212 S. NORMANDIE AVE 210, LOS ANGELES, CA 90004. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHRISTIAN ARNULFO OLIVE/ OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/07/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-052946

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TAM'S AND JIMS, 4301 S. FIGUEROA ST SUITE H, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HERACIO FLORENTINO, 4301 S. FIGUEROA ST SUITE H., LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HERACIO FLORENTE/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/08/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2012. 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  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-052948

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE HERBUNZ BOUTIQUE, GLITZ AND GLAM LITTLE BOUTIQUE, 13213 WILDER AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARMEN YADIRA LUCERO, 13213 WILDER AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARMEN YADIRA LUCERO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/08/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-051870

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WELDING MECHANIC CHASSIS REPAIR, 14002 DUMONT AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WELDING MECHANIC CHASSIS REPAIR, INC., 14002 DUMONT AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: CARLOS R CRUZ MARTINEZ/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/07/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-054348

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: XPRESS ONE MINI MARKET, 1916 ROSECRANS AVE, COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA ROCIA MORALES, 1916 ROSECRANS AVE., COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIA ROCIO MORALES/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/09/2022. 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  
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### FILE NO. 2022-052945

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
The following person(s) ALFRED J. MUNOZ, 5900 E OLYMPIC BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: MUNOZ AUTO SERVICE, 5900 E OLYMPIC BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 10/01/2018, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2018249530. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 03/08/2022. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) ALFRED J. MUNOZ/OWNER  
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### FILE NO. 2022-054624

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
The following person(s) VALLEY BLVD COLLISION CENTER, LLC, 4963 VALLEY BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: VALLEY BLVD COLLISION CENTER, LLC, 4963 VALLEY BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 04/24/2019, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2019108290. The business was conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 03/09/2022. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) RUBEN NORIEGA/CEO  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-045219

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AMERICAN CANNABIS COMPANY, 1315 OCEAN FRONT WALK VENICE, CA, 90291. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SARKIS BALASANYAN, 11944 NUGENT DR., GRANADA HILLS, CA, 91344. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SARKIS BALASANYAN, 11944 NUGENT DR., GRANADA HILLS, CA, 91344. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SARKIS BALASANYAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/25/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-045388

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALWAYS BEST DEALS, 11944 NUGENT DR., GRANADA HILLS, CA, 91344. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SARKIS BALASANYAN, 11944 NUGENT DR., GRANADA HILLS, CA, 91344. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SARKIS BALASANYAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/25/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/2015. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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Above: SMPD Chief and Organizer Armalin Congratulate the BEST OF SHOW Winner, Mercedes Oliver's Classic Buick

Below left: FIRST PLACE: Classic Silvertone Mercedes Convertible owned by Joe Alduena

Below right: SECOND PLACE: '57 Chevy Bel Aire woned by Norman George.

More than 100 cars were show cased at this year's festival along with a Vintage Packard Car Show that was housed on the east end of the festival.



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Right:  
Sierra Madre Police Chief Rodrick Armalin, Joe Alduena, Mercedes Olivera, Norman George, and Councilperson Rachele Arizmendi, and Classic Car Show organizer, Ted Saraf.  
Photos by Dirk Bolle



GOOD FRIDAY

A WALK-THROUGH EXPERIENCE

Fri, April 15  
8a - 8p

A visual journey through the multi-layered significance of the cross.

Stop by our Sanctuary any time between 8a-8p to walk through this self-paced reflective journey. Children ages 4+ are welcome to attend and will be provided materials to interact with this experience.

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Sat, April 16  
10a - 12p

Free event for families with children ages 11 and under. Register online by April 10!

EASTER SUNDAY

SERVICES

Sun, April 17  
9a & 10:45a

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