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## WILDLIFE ORDINANCE ADOPTED

*Passive and active feeding of wildlife is prohibited; violators could see fines.*

By Kevin McGuire

After frequent and sometimes scary encounters with a momma bear and its cubs and other wildlife, City Council adopted the Sierra Madre Wildlife Management Plan on February 22, 2022. One of the top priorities of that plan was to present a local ordinance to curb the feeding of wild animals.

On April 12, Ordinance 1453 had its first read before City Council during a public hearing. In a presentation, Management Analyst, James Carlson, outlined the new ordinance, which would add a chapter to Title 6, "Animals." Chapter 6.10 will be entitled "Feeding Of Wildlife Prohibited." In addition, there will be an amendment to section 8.16.010 "Property Maintenance Nuisances" of Chapter 8.16 (Site Nuisances) of Title 8 "Health and Safety" of The Sierra Madre Municipal Code to prohibit the feeding of certain wildlife. Did I lose you? Well, let me break it down.

Now, it's already against the law to feed wildlife, as indicated by the California Code of Regulations and Los Angeles County Ordinances. But, the city's Wildlife Management Plan recommends that Sierra Madre adopt its ordinance to point out more specific areas that need to be addressed locally. The hope is that this new ordinance will bring attention to the dangers and challenges residents face when dealing with the wildlife in Sierra Madre.

One bear, in particular, known as "bear 508" and her two cubs, made national headlines when it broke a car window to get some food left on the seat, knocked the parking brake, and crashed the car into a wall. The interior of the vehicle was torn to bits. And it could have been much worse. In other instances, pets have been taken, houses have been broken

into, and damage has been done inside the properties.

In recent months, there has been a "dip" in bear-related instances, at least as far as break-ins and property damage is concerned, according to Carlson.

Many residents unintentionally feed wildlife by leaving smelly food open in their trash cans or leaving pet food and water dishes on porches and in yards. Others intentionally feed squirrels and other critters. Soon, both actions could take a bite out of your wallet.

Ordinance 1453 addresses both active and passive feeding activities. The following activities will be prohibited:

- Leaving or storing refuse or garbage in a negligent manner
- Leaving or storing pet food and seed (including birdseed) in a negligent manner
- Leaving or storing fruit, meat, dairy, vegetable, grain, or other food in a negligent manner.
- Leaving or storing water sources in a negligent manner.

The Ordinance also provides for discretionary application for additional activities that may be found to be sources of attractants to wildlife, including the following:

- Securing or removing outdoor refrigerators
- Removing bird feeders
- Removing fruit tree litter
- Eliminating standing water.
- Eliminating composting activities

The ordinance was unanimously adopted and will return for a second reading at a later date.



*This bear cub caused quite a stir earlier in the week while crossing Santa Anita Ct. He may have been searching for food unwittingly made available by unsuspecting residents. SMPD alerted residents in the immediate area that the cub was 'on the prowl' and encouraged them to avoid the area until the visitor was gone. Photo by resident Merrill Joan Gerber*

## SIERRA MADRE HONORS!



2021 Citizen Of The Year Recipient Bob Spears and his wife Sue

On Wednesday, the City of Sierra Madre and the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce honored the Volunteers and Employees who gave so much to the community during 2021.

More than 150 residents and guests gathered in Memorial Park, which had been converted to a formal outdoor dining room, to say thanks to the honorees. Honorees were selected by members of the community for their service in 2021, however due to concerns about public health, the event was postponed until April, 2022.

In addition to the Awards from the City and The Chamber, Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senator Anthony Portantino and Assemblyman Chris Holden also sent Proclamations honoring the awardees dedication and hard work.

Honored were:	
Youth Community Service Award:	Avery Bogue
Exemplary Public Service Award:	Roberta Malfitano, Public Works
	Christian Delgado, IT Department
Exemplary Employee Award:	Heidi Hartman
	Sharon Pevsner
Spirit of Sierra Madre Awards:	Pat and De Alcorn
2021 Mayor's Award:	Ward & Louise Calaway
George Maurer Lifetime Achievement Award	Paul Mansour, Best Buy Drugs
Business of the Year:	

The event was catered by Corfu Restaurant and Fred Thomas provided the music and AV Support.

## TWO HISTORIC MUSEUMS NEED TLC

*Assessments show infrastructure deficiencies for Lizzie's Trail Inn and Richardson House*

By Kevin McGuire



City Council requested a report from staff on the state of the City's infrastructure regarding the historic Lizzie's Trail Inn and the Richardson House Museums. The information presented by Chris Cimino, Director of Public Works, outlines the current deficiencies and immediate needs of both structures over 100 years old.

City staff met with Lesley Ziff, President of the Historical Society, and former Mayor John Capoccia, who now serves as a Historical Society Board Member, to discuss the high-priority infrastructural needs to preserve both buildings. It's the Historical Society's responsibility

to maintain the interiors of the museums at its own expense, according to the agreed-upon lease. The city is responsible for all exterior repairs and maintenance, though the Historical Society has taken care of outside wood and window repairs, paint, and electrical maintenance.

Richardson House

Located at 167 E. Mira Monte Ave., the Richardson House is said to have been built around 1890. It was named for John Richardson, a Civil War veteran who was granted a patent for 150 acres

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## MONASTERY MINUTE:

By Robert Gjerde

### HOW CAN THE MONASTERY HELP PROTECT THE HILLSIDES?

Continuing last week's discussion, the Passionists own more than 45 acres of hillsides. Ten acres were shown on last week's map directly to the north of the Retreat Center. An additional 20 acres sits above that in Sierra Madre west of Bailey Canyon, and just over 15 acres is situated west of that parcel, in unincorporated LA County. As part of the Meadows project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) it stated the Passionists would be voluntarily dedicating to the City "open space hillside land north of the existing retreat center." There has been some confusion about whether this is 35 or 45 acres and who would be holding title. Understandably the Passionists want to maintain privacy and it would be reasonable for them to keep control of the ten acres to the north abutting the Retreat Center. The good news is that everyone's goals can be met and all these hillside properties can be protected with conservation easements.

The Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy, a neutral non-profit organization with a vested interest in protecting the hillsides, is our local conservancy. They hold conservation easements for many hillside properties, including 920 acres of watershed that the City owns in unincorporated LA County around the Mt. Wilson Trail. The purpose of the easements is to protect the hillsides by balancing the uses and access between the public, the City, and private property owners. For the lower ten acres the Passionists can own the land, restricting public access, and the Conservancy can protect the property in perpetuity. For the remaining 35 acres to the north the City can hold title, incorporating it into Bailey Canon Wilderness Park to guarantee enjoyment by the public, and the conservation easement will protect the property by ensuring it is used in ways that is compatible with the hillside environment. The City holding title to the northern most properties is an important part of the MOU and should not be lost in negotiations since it meets a number of goals and objectives of the City's General Plan including: expanding parkland, supporting the purchase of hillside property, providing public access to the mountains via parks and trails, and by working to establish a protected hillside corridor along the San Gabriel Mountains.

### PROTECTING MATER DOLOROSA'S PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTS EVERYONE'S PROPERTY RIGHTS

By Father Clemente Barrón, C.P. Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center

I am one of the three Passionist Fathers who, along with one Passionist Brother, reside at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Community just as previous generations of vowed Passionists have resided since 1924 when the Passionists bought the land. Some 25 years later, we built Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center, where we do ministry to this day.

As you have probably heard, the Passionists hope to sell a small portion of our property and use the proceeds to care for our senior priests and brothers and help fund future Province ministries across the United States and internationally. I hope that everyone would agree that we have that right under our Constitution to do this, just as other property owners do, in accordance with applicable regulations.

I am respectfully asking the City and its residents to consider the proposal for The Meadows at Bailey Canyon in this light. We have never requested the City to rezone our entire property for The Meadows, but only a smaller section of it. Unfortunately, supporters of the "Stop the Housing Project" ballot initiative want to act as the owners and rezone the entire property, which would include the Retreat Center, to the City's most restrictive zoning category. At the Sierra Madre Planning Commission hearing on April 7, one of the group leaders behind the proposed initiative said this would not harm Mater Dolorosa.

This is not true. By rezoning the entire property, the initiative makes the Retreat Center portion a non-conforming use and would require us to hold a city-wide election every time we wanted to make even a modest change to our use of our property. This would unfairly treat us more harshly than every other property owner in the City, who could simply go before the City Council for their needs. The high cost and great risk involved in being forced to hold a new ballot initiative each and every time we need to make a change effectively revokes our property rights.

Why would we want to change our property? There could be many reasons but the principal one is this: Because more people than we can accommodate are seeking the ministries we provide. Supporting the ballot initiative is also supporting the future denial of these ministries to those in need of them.

I would think that everyone would consider these points before forcing a rezoning of the property we own, as the proposed initiative would do. Mater Dolorosa is a private property, and we wish to keep the Retreat Center portion of it under its current zoning. Why would any of us want to live in a city where a property can suddenly be rezoned just because some of its neighbors want to rezone it?

For nearly a century, The Passionists of Holy Cross Province have been good neighbors to the City of Sierra Madre and its residents. We let the City use our property for practice drills and give their emergency services access whenever needed. We invested our own resources to landscape our gardens as a beautiful, sacred place, and our gates are open so residents can enjoy them, except when retreats are in session. We are now offering to give three acres to the City as a public park and additional acreage as permanently protected open space.

With The Meadows at Bailey Canyon proposal, we and our development partner are following all the rules and procedures. We trust our City leaders and managers to treat us accordingly, under their fiduciary responsibility. We trust our neighbors to be good neighbors, willing to let us do with our property what other Sierra Madre residents have done so many times before: buy land, build on it and sell it, so long as proper procedures are followed. Chances are, your own home is there because a previous property owner was allowed to do just that. We should be like every Sierra Madre property owner in that regard, and we ask that you treat us as you would like to be treated. You can do so by not signing the ballot initiative petition, or by asking to have your name removed if you have already signed it.

For directions on how to remove your name from the petition, and to learn more about its unfairness, please visit [www.ProtectMaterDolorosa.com](http://www.ProtectMaterDolorosa.com).

When we Passionists have gathered in our chapel over these 98 years to pray, we have often prayed for the well-being of our City of Sierra Madre. We want to remain on our land for many generations to come, so we may continue to pray for our good neighbors.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Regarding the highly controversial Monastery project (a/k/a The Meadows), there's so much misinformation out there - what to believe? We'd like to set the record straight... Anti Catholic? Trying to limit the Mater Dolorosa property rights and stifle their ability to do their good works? All because of a petition to give us residents a vote of what happens in our town rather than leave it up to five members of City Council who don't seem to hear anything that is said.

What the petition that is being circulated by the Protect Sierra Madre group will do is give residents a vote in November, (when we vote for three City Council members as well as state and national mid-terms). The vote is to hold the owners of the Monastery property, the Passionist Fathers in Chicago to the same zoning laws as the rest of us. Every large property north of Grand View is in the Hillside Management Zone, limiting placing very large homes crammed together. This will also limit the very real damage of cutting down over 100 trees. **The Anokia property, at the northwest corner of Baldwin and Foothill closed the school, and built 20 large homes on 20 acres - not 42 crammed together.**


New Urban West representative Jonathan Frankel told the Planning Commission that they plan to plant 500 saplings, including many cypress and deodar trees. We know we are in a severe drought, and we know that these saplings will take substantial water for their roots to take hold - water that we don't have according to our own City Manager. These trees are highly flammable, according to a local fauna expert, being planted in the high fire zone. **Our water situation, or lack of it is getting worse by the day.**

What the initiative will not do - limit the Mater Dolorosa Fathers' good works. Not only have they not added on to their current building, but they tore down one after the 1991 earthquake, over the objections of many protestors. We know young men are not joining the priesthood, Retreat Centers have been closed throughout the US. Restrictive? How will this hinder what they are already doing - feeding the hungry, renting out their property for a Retreat. **We residents are now getting flyers, paid for by New Urban West, on our doorsteps about the dire consequences if the petition is allowed to go forward - the priests will no longer be allowed to feed the hungry, rent out their retreat center. Of course they will. The four priests who live there, will have to ask for a variance if they want to expand. They can do what the want to revitalize their kitchen, which they haven't done to date.**


Anti Catholic? How about anti Sierra Madre? If you attended or watched the Planning Commission meeting on April 7, you saw all the green shirted people in the audience supporting the Meadows project. Sadly, over 50% of those people had received a post card at their Hastings Ranch home, were fed dinner at the Only Place in Town, before taking up the majority of seats, including two rows of "reserved" seats. **The next Planning Commission meeting is this Thursday, May 5, 7 pm. If you are a resident, please come early to get a seat.**

This project controversy will heat up as the Planning Commission and City Council study the facts. Let's us stick to the facts as well!


Citizens for the Truth




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**The community is invited to  
attend our meeting on  
Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at the Hart House in  
Memorial Park, Sierra Madre.**

**The non-host breakfast  
begins at 7:00am with the  
meeting at 7:30am.**



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Michael Driebe has over 30 years of community service experience in a variety of non-profit leadership roles with a demonstrated history of success in fundraising for the non-profit hospital and health care industry. He is a highly ethical fund development professional with a Master of Science in Leadership and Management from the University of La Verne, with concentrations in Strategic Planning and Non-Profit Management.

Michael will speak about the affiliation between Methodist Hospital of Southern California and Keck Medicine of USC.





SIERRA MADRE

# Neighbors for Fairness



Our neighbors are being approached by people in Kersting Court, Memorial Park, and at their home to sign an initiative petition.

To collect signatures, these people will claim the initiative will not hurt the future of the historic Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center and its ministries.

**That's simply not the truth.**

**All you need to do is look at the language of the initiative to see the true purpose.**

## What the initiative actually says:

### INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE DIRECTLY SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

#### B. Intent and Purpose.

- a. The intent of this Initiative is to permit the continued operation of the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center without expansion, significant physical alteration, or change in use, as a nonconforming use.

**The Monastery has said that the initiative will clearly harm its ministries.**

**The fact is, the initiative will:**

- **Halt the expansion of the Monastery's food ministry** program that would help more people in need
- **Make illegal any improvements to the Monastery chapel** to accommodate more parishioners
- **Prevent planned improvements to support the broadening** of the Monastery's religious programming and ministries

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*City of Sierra Madre*

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: 1. MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS IN RESPONSE TO STATE HOUSING LAWS AFFECTING SECOND UNITS (“ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS,” “ADU”) 2. MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT – ORDINANCE CLEAN-UP

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

1. The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 1454, amending Chapter 17.08 (Definitions), Chapter 17.22 (Second Units) in its entirety, and Chapter 17.28 (R-3 Medium/High Density Residential Zone) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

The Planning Commission recommended approval to the City Council of the proposed text amendments at a noticed public hearing held on April 21, 2022.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish objective design and development standards to promote the development of housing under Senate Bill 13 (SB 13), Assembly Bill 68 (AB 68), Assembly Bill 881 (AB 881) and to implement the 2021-2029 Housing Element objective to update the ADU Ordinance.

2. The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 1455 amending Chapters 17.20 (R-1 One-family Residential), 17.28 (R-3 Medium/High Density Residential Zone), 17.40 (M Manufacturing Zone), 17.48 (Development Standards), 17.52 (H Hillside Management Zone), and 17.60 (Variances and Discretionary Permits) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to address those parts of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code which are ambiguous, unclear, and inconsistent with other related parts of the Code. The Ordinance would also provide relief for several development standards.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING	PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre Thursday, May 10, 2022 (Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)	City Council meeting; City Council Chambers City of Sierra Madre 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

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

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

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Community Services Commission has one (1) expected vacancy.

Library Board of Trustees has two (2) anticipated vacancies.

Natural Resources Commission has one current vacancy and one anticipated vacancy for a total of two (2) vacancies.

**Interested? Go To: <https://www.cityofsierramadre.com/cityhall/commissions>**

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**WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side**

by Deanne Davis

*“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.” Mt. 10:29-31*

*“You’ll have a lot more respect for a bird after you try making a nest.” Cynthia Lewis*

*“One small strand at a time leads to massive success.”  
Dr. Moses Simuyemba*

God loves His birds. He’s made so many amazing beauties...peacocks, parrots, rain-bow lorikeets, blue jays. Remember Noah, releasing a raven out of the Ark window to see if the land was still covered in water? The raven found someplace that suited her, built a nest and stayed there. Then he sent out a dove and that little guy came back with an olive leaf in its beak

This picture is my Tipu tree, which is currently covered in blossoms. Although you can't see it, in the heart of this tree is a nest, carefully constructed by a dove, who sits there all day and night, keeping her eggs warm. This nest is an amazing thing as it stays anchored no matter how windy it is and she stays anchored, no matter how hot it gets. We’ve gotten to be tolerant of each other. I try really hard not to come near the tree too often and she’s stopped flying off the nest in a panic if I get closer than six feet.



This bird speaks Hope to me. She is constant in her duty, even though she is fearful. She is hopeful that her eggs will eventually hatch and this job will be completed. In 2017, right after my best friend and life-long partner in adventures of all sorts, John, moved his residence address to heaven, I would sit in the kitchen and look out over the San Gabriel Valley. There was a bird who came almost daily to perch at the very top of this very tall tree, which had to have been 50’ high if it was an inch! He would sway up there on what was little more than a twig, surveying the world spread before him. He sat peacefully for many minutes. He would survey his world and I would survey mine. I called him the bird of hope. Now there’s a new bird of hope looking out on my world.

I mentioned the bird of hope to my friend, Cecilia, a therapist who brings hope to many people who have lost the power of speech after strokes and other grave health situations, and to my granddaughters, Ashley and Nicole. Ashley is a Labor and Delivery nurse who brings joy and hope with each baby she assists into the world. Nicole will be married to the love of her life on May 30th and she is an Orca trainer at Sea World. They all shared lovely stories of birds who brought them encouragement and...well, hope!

Cecilia: “That bird reminds me of right after I had Sadie (her six-year old daughter) I had the baby blues but every morning at 4:00 I would hear the same bird outside my room singing. He was like my best friend. I will never forget the melody the bird by my room sang every day. He brought me joy when I was depressed.”

Ashley: “There is a hummingbird who comes to my back yard almost every day. He always shows up when I feel anxious or worried about something. I know it is God telling me to relax and he will take care of me.”

Nicole: “I had that same thing when I first lived in San Diego, hummingbirds around when I was feeling any anxiety at all. It was amazing.”

Scott Daniels, Senior pastor at College Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, Idaho frequently used a phrase to explain wonderful, unexplainable things, “It’s Him again!” The bird of hope is Him again. The dawn singer outside the window, “It’s Him again!”

When I see that dove perched on her nest, I feel that same thing

ng, “It’s Him again!”

“That is why I tell you not to worry about your everyday life – whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to Him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?” Mt. 6:25-27

We’re getting through Covid and can see light at the end of this seemingly endless dark tunnel. Hope for the future! Weddings are happening, a new baby is expected in our family in September. We have all somehow gotten through the school year. The Rose Float Association is preparing for the 2022 parade with a glorious theme: “Dream. Believe. Achieve.” The July 4th Parade will happen and Hope is in the air.

Columnist Harvey MacKay recently used this statement in his column: “Apathy is the glove in which evil slips its hand.” Apathy cannot stand in the same place as Hope! Have a great week, dear friends and neighbors. Is there a bird of hope in your backyard?

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
Where you’ll find “Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope”  
And “A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter”  
Take a look at both of these books, stuffed with hope and some really good recipes.

**MUSEUMS** *continued from page 1*

in Sierra Madre. Over the years, it has been through numerous repairs, including wood repairs to the floors and structure outside, paint, window repairs, and a deck and railing rebuild. There was an addition to the rear of the property used as a kitchen for Elizabeth Louisa Ciez Adler Weiss Stoppel McElwain (not a misprint). She was better known simply as “Lizzie” and was famous for her yummy meals and the secret moonshine she made in a back shed, the second addition to the home, which is now in complete disrepair.

The determination is that the kitchen needs to be rebuilt to match the existing quality of the rest of the building. The shed may have to be removed entirely.

Lizzie’s Trail Inn

At the foot of Mount Wilson Trail just behind the Richardson House, the rustic Lizzie’s Trail Inn, built around 1900, served as a hot lunch spot for hikers and trail enthusiasts for many years. Lizzie cooked up a mean ravioli and fried chicken and served some “prohibited” adult beverages to wash it all down. The structure was almost lost due to the age of the structure and several earthquakes, but it was saved and received numerous repairs, including electrical, paint, and some foundation work.

Today, one of the biggest challenges is a 100-year-old oak tree trying to occupy the same place as Lizzie’s Inn. It is leaning into the side and roof of the building, pushing about two inches into the structure and causing some leaks when it rains. An arborist will be called in to assess the health of the oak, and a structural engineer will study what needs to be done to preserve the museum. Hopefully, the tree and building can be saved and coexist.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE BIG REVEAL!**  
*Monday, May 9 at 6:30pm*  
Memorial Park in the Hart House  
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## Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 50s
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Tues	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 50s
Wed	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 50s
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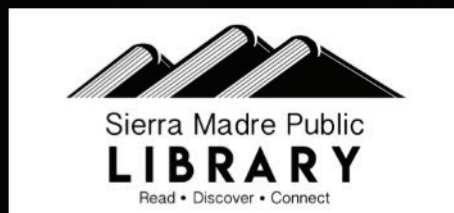
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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## Interim Police Chief Moody Set to Retire



Pasadena Interim Police Chief Cheryl Moody announced Thursday that she is retiring, effective May 23, after serving the City of Pasadena for nearly 30 years and after five months as chief.

According to city officials, Moody was promoted in 2020 to deputy chief with the Pasadena Police Department—the first female in the 130-year history of the department to be promoted to this rank. Chief Moody made history again this past January as the first female to be appointed as the interim chief of the department.

“My goal has been to strengthen the relationship between the men and women of the Pasadena Police Department and the community we serve in this great city,” Moody said. “I hope that through my tenacity, hard work, diligence and willingness to push forward that I served as a role model for females—particularly women of color—who desire to reach the pinnacle of their careers. For centuries, women have learned that things don’t always come as easy for them as they do their male counterparts. But as we continue to shatter glass ceiling after glass ceiling, we can see the sky and visualize that there are no limits—even through adversity, unequal treatment and injustice. We must not forget the courageous women who paved the way, and on whose shoulders we stand.”

During her time as interim police chief, Chief Moody has made promotions at all levels of the department with diversity, inclusion and fairness in mind; and the police department’s vacancy rate is the lowest it’s been in many years.

“I would like to thank Chief Moody for accepting the interim chief position. She has shown true leadership and has been responsive to community needs,” said Interim City Manager Cynthia Kurtz.

Chief Moody is a founding member of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), which started in 2003. This year, Chief Moody completed a two-year term as the president of Women Leaders in Law Enforcement of Los Angeles County.

Commander Jason Clawson will assume the role of interim police chief on Monday.



## Courtyard to be Renamed Honoring Bill & Claire Bogaard

The Pasadena city council is set Monday to discuss voting to rename the Pasadena City Hall Courtyard to honor former Mayor Bill Bogaard and former First Lady of Pasadena Claire Bogaard (both pictured).

If approved, the new designation, would be in the form of a bronze plaque with appropriate language, city staff said.

According to city officials, including Interim City Manager Cynthia Kurtz, over the course of 40 plus years, together the Bogaards have helped to shape Pasadena as one of the nation’s leading cities, a city that is internationally recognized for its culture, arts, education, science, jobs and economic opportunity.

Bill Bogaard served on the Pasadena Board of Directors from 1978 until 1986 and served as rotating Mayor from 1984 to 1986. In 1999, he became the city’s first directly elected Mayor and served until 2015. As mayor, he oversaw the arrival of the Metro Gold Line, construction of the new Pasadena Convention Center and many other projects to



better roads, bridges, schools, parks, businesses and city services.

Claire Bogaard is a founding member of Pasadena Heritage, a community based historic preservation association, along with her colleagues they were instrumental in preserving Pasadena’s historic downtown at a time when it was contemplated that it be raised and replaced with high-rise development, Kurtz said in the Agenda Report. In addition to her work with Pasadena Heritage, Claire Bogaard has served on the board of the City’s oldest and largest neighborhood association, West Pasadena Residents Association, as well as an advisor to the National Trust of Historic Preservation, California State Historic Commission, and other City commissions and advisory committees, including the Committee for the Restoration of Pasadena City Hall.

In 1980, Pasadena City Hall was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

## CaltechLive! to Present the Vocal Ensemble Chanticleer

*First live performance at Beckman Auditorium on the Caltech campus in three years*

CaltechLive! presents GRAMMY-winning vocal ensemble Chanticleer on Friday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Beckman Auditorium on the Caltech campus, as part of the 2022 CaltechLive! performance series.

This performance marks the first in-person, live performance on the Caltech campus since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online or at the Caltech Ticket Office (Caltech Cahill Center for Astroscience and Astrophysics, 1216 E California Blvd.).

The program, called Awakenings, begins with a commissioned work from composer Ayanna Woods touching on shared experiences of the past years. The text for close[r], now is an erasure poem created by Woods from unusual source material: a March 11, 2020, Los Angeles Times commentary by theatre critic Charles McNulty detailing

reasons why theaters and live performing arts should “close, now.”

Chanticleer’s Music Director Tim Keeler said, “Woods restructured and resampled the article to create a new text full of questioning and yearning, highlighting the changes we’ve had to make to connect. Through isolation and distance, we’ve been forced to ‘hone the dexterity of love’ and to be creative with how we care for each other. Woods closes the piece with an imperative for the world: ‘come back to life.’ In Chanticleer, it’s our hope that the life we return to is more compassionate, more caring, and more creative than the one that we left in 2020.”

The Beckman Auditorium is located 332 S. Michigan Ave.

Caltech requires that all guests wear a high-quality mask (surgical, N95, KN95, KF94) indoors at all times. In addition, proof of full vaccination and booster, along with a government-issued ID. Children under 5, who are not yet eligible for vaccination, are not permitted inside the auditoriums.

For more information visit: caltech.edu.

The city council meets Monday at 4 p.m. and will take place solely by video. A livestream with captioning can be found at: pasadenamedia.org,

## 626 Golden Streets to Return Sunday

Event organizers are reminding the community that the San Gabriel Valley’s largest ciclovía or “open streets” event will return Sunday to the Cities of South Pasadena, Alhambra and San Gabriel. The first 626 Golden Streets since Fall 2019 will provide attendees an opportunity to walk, bike, run, skate, scoot, dance, and play across five miles of car-free streets. A follow-up to the successful 2019 event, Mission-to-Mission will link the historic San Gabriel and South Pasadena Mission Districts with downtown Alhambra.

Like cicLAVia in Los Angeles, 626 Golden Streets is a free, family-friendly “ciclovía” that temporarily opens streets for people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy in a healthy, fun, and novel fashion. The festivities will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with the official Opening Ceremony on Main Street in downtown Alhambra featuring special guests, entertainment, and community raffle. At 9 a.m. a family-friendly 5K Fun Run free to all youth 17 and under will start from the San Gabriel Hub.

The event is free to the general public. Attendees can start and stop at any point along the route, at any time from 9am to 4pm. Activity zones in each participating community will host live music, cultural performances, family-friendly games and activities, kids play zones, vendors, zero-emission demo zones, and more! Participants are encouraged to enjoy the day by foot, bike, skate, skateboard, scooter, or any other type of human-powered vehicle.

For more information visit: 626goldenstreets.com.

## Rotary Awards \$58,000 to 13 Arts/Culture Groups



The Rotary Club of Pasadena co-chairs Deborah Lewis and Scott Vandrick, on behalf of President Cory Brendel, announced Wednesday the 2022 Pasadena Rotary Club’s Community Grants awardees. Since 2004, through its Community Grants program, the Rotary Club of Pasadena has awarded more totaling \$765,000 to 152 organizations in Pasadena.

This year the committee reviewed applications from non-profit, (501)(c)(3) organizations that serve residents in the Pasadena area in arts or culture with a focus on organizational recovery from the impact of the pandemic. We are proud to announce the 13 recipients who received grant awards at the 2022 Rotary Club of Pasadena’s Community Grants luncheon on Wednesday, including:

- A Noise Within \$4,000
- Armory Center for the Arts \$5,500
- ArtCenter College of Design \$5,500
- Boston Court Pasadena \$3,000
- Light Bringer Project \$5,500
- Lineage Performing Arts Center \$5,000
- Los Angeles Children’s Chorus \$5,000
- Makoto Taiko \$1,000
- MUSE/IQUE \$3,000
- Parson’s Nose Theater \$6,000

- Pasadena Conservatory of Music \$3,000
- Pasadena Heritage \$4,500
- Pasadena Symphony and POPS \$6,000

Rotary Club of Pasadena is the oldest and largest community service group in the San Gabriel Valley. In 2020, Pasadena Rotary celebrated its Centennial year and raised over \$180,000 to support Union Station Homeless Services as well as a number of other local projects. The Club currently has over 200 members who meet at the University Club of Pasadena with dozens of committees contributing to the well-being and growth of the community, region, and world. During the current pandemic restrictions, the Club meets weekly each Wednesday in a hybrid format (limited capacity in person seating and on Zoom) and continues its dedicated service in a new creative manner to the Pasadena community.

Current committees of the Rotary Club of Pasadena Include: Fight to Erase Polio, Adopt-A-Meal; Christmas Project; Community Grants; International Projects; Done In A Day; Shop with a Cop; Human Trafficking Awareness; Business Alliance; Rotary Readers; Program and Teachers of Excellence to name a few as well as resourceful social events.

For more information visit: pasadenarotary.com.

## Home Instead Donates to Pasadena Senior Center

Dr. Gregorio Sanchez, co-owner of Home Instead of Pasadena, presented a \$10,000 check April 19 to the Pasadena Senior Center to help PSC empower older adults to engage, enrich and inspire their lives.

“Our commitment to create great experiences for our direct-care staff has resulted in a \$70,000 grant from the national Home Instead Foundation to support nearby organizations that serve older adults, and the Pasadena Senior Center is one of them,” said Sanchez. “We plan to continue providing fulfilling career opportunities that in turn will help older adults age safely and gracefully at home.”

For more information about Home Instead of Pasadena, visit: homeinstead.com/479.

For more information about the Pasadena Senior Center, visit: pasadenasenorcenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

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## Portantino Statement on \$6.8M Measure W Funding for Descanso Gardens

Senator Anthony Portantino, on Thursday, issued the following statement on the recent approval of \$6.8 million in Measure W funds by the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee for Descanso Gardens. The funding will prioritize projects that address the environmental priorities of Los Angeles County and State of California such as sustainability, conservation, and growth.

"As a frequent visitor and supporter, I appreciate Descanso Gardens for its one of a kind distinctive and multifaceted landscape, bridging culture and nature, as well as our past, present and future. The Measure W funds are necessary for water infrastructure improvements included in the Master Plan. Their recent Master Plan prioritizes to protect and enhance the Gardens' natural assets through ecological

restoration, enhanced water conservation, and habitat considerations. In addition, the plan works towards long-term resilience by reducing off-site dependency on water. The projects include water capture and reuse for irrigation, increased green space and shade, and an improved lake environment.

Descanso Gardens is an integral part of the community and I believe that these projects will greatly benefit the Gardens and the community for many years to come. I was very pleased to have strongly advocated in support of Descanso Garden's application for Measure W funding."

Descanso Gardens is located in La Cañada Flintridge and operated by the Descanso Gardens Guild, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, in a public-private partnership with Los Angeles County.

For more information about Descanso Gardens visit: [descansogardens.org/](http://descansogardens.org/)

## Cosmic Cocktail Hour

### James Webb Space Telescope: Searching for Our Origins in Stars and Galaxies

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), successfully launched on Christmas day 2021, is the farthest seeing telescope humankind has ever built and will usher in a new age of discovery in astrophysics, astronomy and planetary science.

For the Carnegie Observatories Cosmic Cocktail Hour presented by the Pasadena Senior Center on Wednesday, May 11, at 4 p.m. via Zoom, Dr. Alan Dressler will review the history of the JWST project, the challenges faced by thousands of engineers and scientists and the success to date in activating and calibrating the telescope and spacecraft. A Q&A period will follow the presentation.

Several Carnegie astronomers will be among the first to lead projects using data from JWST observations. Their planned investigations will span the breadth of expertise at Carnegie Observatories and its Earth and Planets Laboratory – from experiencing the makeup of distant worlds to revealing the secrets of ancient galaxies and seeking answers to cosmological questions.

Dressler is staff scientist/ astronomer emeritus for Carnegie Observatories where

he has devoted his career and beyond to the study of galaxy evolution, changes in galaxy structure and form, and the pace and nature of star birth. Even before the Hubble Space Telescope launched in 1990 with its 7.8-foot mirror, Dressler chaired a Carnegie committee that proposed a "next generation space telescope" that would be a successor to Hubble and powerful enough to see the first stars and galaxies that existed in the universe. The committee called on NASA to fund and create what would become the James Webb Space Telescope, which will travel a distance of one million miles from Earth while Hubble is 340 miles from earth. Dressler earned his bachelor's degree in physics at UC Berkeley in 1970 and his PhD in astronomy at UC Santa Cruz in 1976.

The cost of Cosmic Cocktail Hour is only \$7 for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and \$10 for nonmembers 50 and older. To register, visit: [pasadenaseniorecenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorecenter.org) and click on Lectures & Classes, then Cosmic Cocktail Hour or call 626-795-4331.

Then pour your favorite beverage on May 11, sit back and enjoy the astronomical trip.

Everyone who registers will receive an email link to access this Zoom event. Pasadena Senior Center membership is not required, and participants do not have to live in Pasadena.

## Former Caltech Postdoc Launches Into Space



*Jessica Watkins, who worked on the Mars Curiosity rover mission while at Caltech, makes history as the first Black woman on the International Space Station*

Jessica Watkins, formerly a Chair's Postdoctoral Scholar in the Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences (GPS) and California Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Fellow, launched to space aboard a SpaceX Crew-4 mission from Launch Pad 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center at 3:52 am Wednesday.

When Watkins was selected for the 2017 astronaut class, she had just spent two years working at Caltech on the Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) mission's Curiosity rover with John Grotzinger, the Harold Brown Professor of Geology and Ted and Ginger Jenkins Leadership Chair for GPS.

"Jess Watkins is a force of nature who simply wills herself to success in her own quiet way," says Grotzinger, who traveled to Florida to see Watkins off and watch the launch. "She passed on an almost certain berth to the USA women's Olympic rugby team in order to learn more about Mars—to prep herself for selection to the astronaut corps. She knows what she wants." Watkins was one of 12 individuals selected for the astronaut program out of a pool more than 18,000 applicants.

Prior to her postdoctoral research fellowship with Grotzinger, Watkins—then a graduate student at UCLA—spent time at Caltech working with Bethany Ehlmann, professor

of planetary science and associate director of the Keck Institute for Space Studies. Ehlmann joined Grotzinger in Florida over the weekend for a friends and family "wave across" event—where the sequestered astronauts got an opportunity to wave at loved ones and colleagues from a distance prior to launch.

"We are incredibly proud to see Jessica launch to space as part of Crew-4 and continue exploration of the solar system as a NASA astronaut," Ehlmann says.

During astronaut training, Watkins and her fellow astronauts from the 2017 class received training on how to make geological observations from the International Space Station (ISS) from Caltech alumna Lauren Edgar (MS '09, PhD '13), now a research geologist at the USGS Astrogeology Science Center. Though Watkins is a trained geoscientist, the majority of astronauts are not. Edgar, who had previously worked with Watkins and Grotzinger on MSL, also traveled to Kennedy to wish her good luck.

"It was great to be there to support Jessica and to see how happy and calm she seemed prior to launch," Edgar says. "We are all very excited to have a friend and fellow geologist flying to the ISS! Jessica is a fantastic teammate, and I can't wait to see what Crew-4 will accomplish. She's going to have some incredible views of the Earth from her vantage point, and hopefully she'll remind her crewmates of their geology training while they're working up there!"

*Written by Robert Perkins Caltech*

## LitFest Pasadena Kicks Off



Now in its 10th year, LitFest Pasadena launches today with bestselling crime fiction authors Michael Connelly and Gregg Hurwitz conversing at Cecil E. Bryan's 1923 stunning architectural masterpiece, Mountain View Mausoleum in Altadena. The day's program also includes an incredible line-up of diverse, local, and acclaimed authors.

Hear about mystery with Wendy Heard and Joe Ide, speculative fiction with Natasha Deón, the Geography of Crime with Steph Cha, true crime with Jillian Lauren and Christine Pelisek, horror with Carlos Allende and Peter Atkins, and a celebration of Pasadena's own Octavia E. Butler with Ashaki Jackson and Shonda Buchanan.

LitFest Pasadena is a free event, no registration is required. Masks are encouraged, but not required. Panels taking place simultaneously in two locations: Chapel of the Gardens and Old Radiance Hall, beginning at 2pm, with the last event starting at 7pm.

On-site and street parking

are ample and free. Flintridge Bookstore is selling authors' books and Ramirez Tacos is providing sustenance (cash and card). Come for one panel, stay all day!

LitFest Pasadena is produced by Light Bringer Project, a nonprofit organization that delivers unique arts and learning programs throughout Los Angeles County. The organization produces LocavoreLit LA, an online journal and classroom resource designed to provide relevant reading and writing experiences for youth in public schools.

Joining longtime LitFest Pasadena partners Red Hen Press, Vroman's Bookstore, Playhouse Village Association, and Omega Sci Fi Awards are many new collaborators: Open Book, Flintridge Bookstore, Once Upon a Time, The Ripped Bodice, Mountain View Mausoleum, Pasadena Presbyterian Church, and Altadena Library.

Check the website for four more LitFest Pasadena event days in May: [LitFestPasadena.org/schedule](http://LitFestPasadena.org/schedule).

## San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

### Brain Aerobics & Lip Reading

Monday, May 2 from 12:30 – 2:30 PM;

Tuesday, May 3 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM at the Barth Community Room

This popular class led by Francine Katz (MA, SLP, & CCC) concentrates on lip reading and memory. She provides seniors a fun way to fight the common problems of diminished hearing and memory as people age. Registration is not required, but regular attendance at sessions is encouraged.

### AAPI Heritage Storytime

Saturday, May 7 from 11 AM – 12 PM at the Barth Community Room

In celebration of Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, the Library will host community readers sharing stories and crafts appropriate for children in kindergarten through 3rd grade.

### Crain Art Gallery Reception for April Drew Foster

Sunday, May 8 from 2 – 4 PM at the Barth Community Room

April Drew Foster's lush watercolors, painted in a softly realistic style, will be on display in Crowell Public Library's Crain Art Gallery from April 23 through June 3. Believing that art should evoke the beauty and pleasure of natural forms, Foster strives to bring the joy of her artistic journey to her painting. Stop by and visit anytime during regular Library hours.

## Tournament of Roses Holds Youth Empowerment Forum



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses last week hosted more than 250 Southern California youth for #ThisGen2022, a youth empowerment forum presented by East West Bank.

The half-day forum brought together a diverse group of inspiring speakers who gave attendees insight into breaking barriers, overcoming obstacles and following their passions. The panels featured professionals from premier companies and organizations in sports, entertainment and technology including Marvel Studios, Walt Disney Television Animation Studios, the Los Angeles Dodgers and LA Rams.

"The more you realize you have a superpower and lean into it, the more things happen and the more authentic it is," said #ThisGen panelist Jeff Stern, Apatow Productions.

The event featured three panels: "Hustle & Motivate," "Victory Lap" and "The Blueprint." Speakers focused on following your dreams, finding success doing what you love, confidence and networking to help build future goals and leveraging your talent in the professional world.

"We are extremely proud to bring together students and professionals for such an inspiring event," said Pasadena Tournament of Roses President Amy Wainscott.

"These professionals are from a variety of industries and backgrounds which after today, have given these young people fun and exciting ideas for their future."

Attendees were also presented career opportunities in science, technology and art, and how their talents can be used in the professional world. Attendees left feeling empowered, inspired and excited to tackle what comes next.

"My favorite moment was when Johnathan spoke to the kid who got open heart surgery. It was really emotional. I also liked Anedra with her tips into editing. This really is a good guide to what steps I can take for my future," #ThisGen attendee Charlette Browning, Ontario Christian High School.

#ThisGen2022 was a forum to empower youth and we are grateful to East West Bank for their continued partnership and their role as presenting sponsor.

"East West Bank is proud to yet again be a presenting sponsor of #ThisGen and be a part of our youth's journey to reach further in their professional lives," said Janie Beaman, First Vice President, Senior Manager, Communications and Media, at East West Bank. "Our young people are our future leaders, innovators, and changemakers, and we hope that they will leave this forum hopeful and ready to tackle whatever challenges come their way."

#ThisGen2022 was hosted by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, a volunteer-driven non-profit organization that produces the annual Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game.

For complete panelist bios, please visit: [tournamentofroses.com/event/this-gen-2022/](http://tournamentofroses.com/event/this-gen-2022/).

## Mt Lowe Chamber Players Concert: Woodwind Quintets

Join the Altadena Library as the MT LOWE CHAMBER PLAYERS perform from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Main Library on Sunday, May 1.

They will present a program that includes "Wind Quintet" by Carl Nielson, "Sea Shanties" by Malcolm Arnold, "3 Pièces brèves" by Jacques Ibert, "Piccola offerta musicale" by Nino Rota, and "Three Brazilian Choros (arr by Frank Morelli).

Musicians include Larry Kaplan (flute), Michele Forrest (oboe), Jim Foschia (clarinet), Phoebe Ray (bassoon) and John Mason (horn).

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER



For the period of Sunday, April 17th through Saturday, April 23rd, the Police Department responded to 895 calls for service, of which 115 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, April 17:

- At 9:27 a.m., an officer responded to the 600 block of Santa Maria Road regarding an attempted stolen vehicle report. An officer discovered someone entered an unlocked truck and attempted to steal it. The suspect was able to move the vehicle causing it to collide with the victim's other vehicles. The suspect left behind property that had been reported stolen from two nearby vehicle burglaries.
- At 7:18 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a battery that happened at a residence in the 600 block of Fairview Avenue. The victim stated he was struck by his father after an argument. The suspect, a 50-year-old male from Arcadia, was unable to be located for questioning.

Monday, April 18:

- At 9:58 a.m., an officer responded to Foothill Mini Storage, located at 431 North 2nd Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary investigation. The victim determined someone broke into his storage unit. The loss is unknown as the crime occurred sometime within the last two months.
- At 4:52 p.m., an officer responded to Big Lots, located at 610 Las Tunas Drive, regarding a theft report. A store employee witnessed the suspect steal a large trash bin and fill it with various store products. The suspect was recognized from past encounters and was described as a Hispanic male, approximately 5'7" and 250 pounds. The suspect fled in a gray Kia Optima.

Tuesday, April 19:

- At 8:22 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 500 block of East Longden Avenue regarding a burglary report. Sometime during the previous night, someone cut the lock to the front gate and stole property from multiple tenants. The investigation is pending a review of the available surveillance footage.
- At 11:32 a.m., an officer responded to Grocery Outlet, located at 32 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a theft that had just occurred. The officer located the suspect and during a consensual search, discovered the 30-year-old male from El Monte was in possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, April 20:

- At 1:22 a.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of West Duarte Road regarding a vandalism report. The victim stated someone caused extensive damage to his car between Tuesday, April 19th at 11:30 p.m. and Wednesday, April 20th at 1:22 a.m. The victim was unable to provide any investigative leads.
- At 4:45 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2200 block of Holly Avenue regarding a grand theft report. The officer determined someone stole the victim's catalytic converter from her Toyota Prius at approximately 4:45 a.m.

Thursday, April 21:

- At 2:54 a.m., officers responded to Unchained Bicycle Garage, located at 341 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a burglary in progress. An investigation revealed a lone suspect stole three bicycles from the store. The suspect was located inside the business and the officers found methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia in his possession. The 31-year-old male transient was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 12:43 p.m., an officer responded to the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department to take a grand theft report. The officer determined the victim's stepson stole nearly \$15,000.00 from their account by fraudulently depositing a small sum of money and withdrawing the rest through unauthorized transactions. The suspect, a 48-year-old local male transient, is outstanding as of April 26th.

Friday, April 22:

- At 3:35 a.m., officers responded to Westfield Santa Anita Mall, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a disturbance. The officers located the subject and discovered he was under the influence of alcohol and unable to care for himself. The 19-year-old male from La Jolla was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. While in custody, he threatened to take his own life and was transferred to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for a mental evaluation.
- At 9:20 p.m., an officer responded to Westfield Santa Anita Mall, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime between 6:50 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. on April 22nd, an unidentified suspect smashed the victim's car window and stole a bag and electronics. The burglary occurred in the parking lot west of Nordstrom.

Saturday, April 23:

- At 9:51 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1000 block of West Duarte Road regarding a fraud incident. An investigation revealed the suspect solicited a sum of \$15,000.00 from the victim as a business investment. The victim gave the money to the suspect and after further investigation, discovered the agreement was a scam. The suspect is a 45-year-old female from Arcadia and the investigation is ongoing.
- At 1:55 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2700 block of Winthrop Avenue regarding a burglary report. The officer discovered someone broke into the home by breaking a rear window and once inside, it appears as though the suspects were living in the vacant home. The investigation is ongoing.



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### HOW TO PREVENT A CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT:

Always park in well-lit areas when possible. If you have a personal garage, keep your car in the garage with the door closed when the vehicle is not in use. Park your vehicle close to a building entrance or the nearest access road when parking in a public lot. This is due to the increased amount of pedestrian traffic in those areas.

Security devices are available that attach to the converter, making it harder to steal. Having the converter welded in place also makes it more difficult to remove.

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This 5K is more than a fast-paced race for the very fit. Hard-core runners who want the course to themselves or set a personal record, will go first at this out-and-back USTAF sanctioned and certified race. Next, individuals and families who want to walk/run at their own pace will enjoy the scenic trail with shady trees, historical Mr. Bradbury's Bridge and remnants of the long-gone Pacific Electric Railway that took up the same area some 70 years ago. Children ages 3-8 have their own special 1K time slot. A short, fun run with parents or race volunteers. Each child receives a t-shirt, medal and goody bag. Grandma, grandpa and those with special needs can enjoy the festivities too. The Leisure K is just for those who need to go particularly slow, are not able to complete the full distance or must use a wheelchair.

Walking/running the actual 5K is not the only attraction. Kaiser Permanente of Baldwin Park will be giving free vaccinations to all. Duarte's Tropicana International Market is slated to sell farmer fresh fruits and vegetables. Live Demonstrations from Fortune Fencing and Ole Ole Dance Academy will provide free entertainment and fun. Other organizations dedicated to children and fitness will highlight their offerings as well, from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to the Santa Anita YMCA. Contests, prizes and park games are scheduled too.

Register at [www.runreg.com/kidfit](http://www.runreg.com/kidfit) Fees: \$25 children 3-8, Adults \$39, Teams \$30 each member. Questions, call Michele Silence at 626-848-2950 or email [michele@kid-fit.com](mailto:michele@kid-fit.com).

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## SMOG SEASON IS HERE - THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO CHECK AIR QUALITY

DIAMOND BAR – May marks the start of ozone season in Greater Los Angeles. During this time of year, hot, stagnant days with strong sunlight can increase the formation of ground-level ozone, commonly referred to as ‘smog’, creating poten-tially unhealthy air quality throughout the region.

It is common to reach unhealthy ozone levels in the afternoon hours throughout the region, especially in inland areas. South Coast AQMD reminds residents to stay informed of air quality levels in their area and adjust their outdoor activities accord-ingly.

- There are several ways to access air quality information:
- Download South Coast AQMD’s award-winning mobile app to view local air quality in real time, receive notifications when air quality is poor in your neighborhood, and view hourly air quality forecasts. The free mobile app is available in English and Spanish on Apple and Android devices: [www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp](http://www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp)
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  - Follow South Coast AQMD’s social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Residents can also do their part to help reduce emissions that contribute to ozone formation by:

- Limiting the use of gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment until evening hours
- Conserving electricity and setting your air conditioner at a higher temperature
- Trying to delay trips to the gas station
- Avoid using household chemicals until the evening

Ozone pollution can cause or worsen respiratory problems, including asthma, lung inflammation and bronchitis. Young chil-dren, older adults and people with chronic respiratory conditions may be more sensitive to the health effects of ozone.

What to do during periods of unhealthy air quality:

- Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (101 to 150). The following groups should limit prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion: People with heart disease, pregnant women, children and older adults, people with lung diseases, such as asthma.
- Unhealthy (151 to 200). Everyone may begin to experience some adverse health effects (e.g. diffi-culty breathing and throat irritation), and members of sensitive groups may experience more se-rious effects. People with heart disease, pregnant women, children and older adults, people with lung diseases, and asthma.
- Very Unhealthy (201 to 300). This would generate a health alert suggesting that everyone may ex-perience more serious health effects. The following groups should avoid all outdoor physical activi-ty: People with heart disease, pregnant women, children and older adults, people with lung disea-ses, such as asthma. Everyone should else should avoid prolonged or heavy outdoor activity.
- “Hazardous” (greater than 300). This would trigger a health warning of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected. Everyone should avoid all physical activity outdoors.

Smog season officially ends on September 30, although high ozone levels may continue well into the fall, and other air pollu-tants can lead to unhealthy air quality during the rest of the year

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov), download our award-winning app, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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## LA COUNTY HEALTH UPDATE:

### *Early Alert Signals Remind Us of the Need for Caution 2,550 New Positive Cases and 4 New Deaths Due to COVID-19 in Los Angeles County*

With Los Angeles County experiencing a high rate of transmission and cases steadily rising, Public Health encourages residents to use caution to avoid getting infected with COVID and transmitting it to others.

Public Health continues to monitor community-wide and sector-specific indicators for early alerts that transmission and risk may be increasing. This week, although all of the County’s Early Alert Signals are of Low Concern except for the percentage of specimens sequenced that are identified as a new variant or subvariant of concern, many metrics are trending in the wrong direction.

The highly contagious Omicron BA.2 subvariant is now identified in 88% of recent LA County samples – a slight increase from the prior week. Nationally, the BA.2 subvariant is the predominant lineage, although there is increasing circulation of a newly identified sub-lineage strain: BA.2.12.1. For the week ending April 2, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that BA.2 accounted for 68% of sequenced specimens in the U.S., with BA.2.12.1 accounting for approximately 29% of sequenced samples for that week. The BA.2.12.1 sub-lineage is also estimated to be 20-30% more transmissible than BA.2, and it could quickly become the nation’s dominant strain.

In Los Angeles County, 7% of sequenced specimens were identified as BA.2.12.1 for the week ending April 9, up from 3% for the prior seven-day period. The California Department of Public Health, through modeling estimates, anticipates that BA.2.12.1 will account for 50% of positive cases in California within a few days.

Increasing concentrations of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in wastewater across LA County indicate rising community transmission. Public Health is monitoring wastewater concentration for four sewer systems across the County. At three sewer systems: the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, Joint Water Pollution Control Plant; the Los Angeles City Sanitation and Environment Agency; and the Los Angeles County Sanitation District’s Lancaster sewer system, there’s been a steady rise in average wastewater SARS-CoV-2 concentration. Las Virgenes Municipal Water Districts, whose wastewater surveillance covers part of the West Valley near the Ventura County border, has not recently seen a steady increase.

Outbreaks in congregate living situations, such as Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and among People Experiencing Homelessness, can signal that action is needed to protect staff and residents, many of whom may be particularly vulnerable to severe COVID-19 illness. While not yet a cause for significant concern , outbreaks at SNFs and sites serving People Experiencing Homelessness, have recently started to rise. For the latest seven-day reporting period ending April 26, there were six new outbreaks opened in Skilled Nursing Facilities, and 10 new outbreaks at sites serving People Experiencing Homelessness, nine of which are in sheltered environments.

This week, Public Health has seen a doubling of reports from worksites with clusters of cases when compared to the prior week. Among the 82 cluster reports received between April 20 and April 26, the top three sectors represented were Manufacturing, Retail Trade, and Information, which together accounted for 55% of total cluster reports. Among subsectors, the top four industries were Food and Beverage Stores, Electronics and Appliance Stores, Transportation Equipment Manufacturing, and Motion Picture and Sound Recording Industries.

TK-12 schools are also experiencing small increases in outbreaks. For the seven-day period ending April 19, there were six new classroom outbreaks opened, all in elementary schools. This is double the number opened the prior week and is nearing the threshold for increased concern, which is eight new classroom-based outbreaks opened in the past seven days.

“I send my deepest sympathies and wishes of peace and comfort to the many families who have lost a loved one from COVID-19,” said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. “During this period of high transmission and the potential for more infectious variants, one of the best and easiest safety measures is to wear a well-fitting, high filtration mask or respirator when indoors around others. This is especially true if someone is at higher risk for severe illness, or they live or they work with someone who is at elevated risk. The fact is that when people wear a well-fitting mask or respirator, they protect themselves and those around them. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have all had to make choices about how to best protect ourselves and others from COVID-19. With cases on the rise, the potential for more contagious variants, and lots of opportunities to be exposed, this is a great time to make a choice to get vaccinated or boosted and to wear a mask or respirator when indoors around others.”

Today, Public Health reported 4 additional deaths and 2,550 new positive cases of COVID-19. Of the 4 new deaths reported today, three were between the ages of 65-79, and one person was over the aged 80 years or older. Of the 4 newly reported deaths, all had underlying health conditions. To date, the total number of deaths in L.A. County is 31,959.

Public Health has reported a total of 2,872,203 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County. Today’s positivity rate is 1.8%.

There are 253 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. Testing results are available for more than 11,847,700 individuals, with 22% of people testing positive.

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>

## COVID 19 Cases

### *WHERE WE ARE APRIL 30, 2022 VERSUS MARCH 26, 2022*

Cases	This Week	( 04/30/22)	Deaths	This Week (03/26/22)
LA County	2,872,203	(2,867,159)	31,959	(31,443)

#### LA COUNTY VACCINATIONS AS OF 04/30/2022 (Fully)

	Adults 12+	88.1%	Seniors 99.1%
(Last Week)	Cases	Deaths	Fully
	Vaccinated		
Arcadia	8,256 (7,914)	166 (164)	90.5%
Altadena	8469 (8257)	99 (95)	82.7%
Bradbury	66 ( 65)	0 ( 0)	71.6%
Duarte	5,211 (5,129)	120 (119)	84.0%
Monrovia	8,349 (8,179)	104 (101)	81.0%
Pasadena	28,723 (27,943)	414 (408)	85.4%
Sierra Madre	1,559 (1504)	22 ( 20)	89.2%
So.Pasadena	4,132 (3942)	61 ( 60)	94.3%

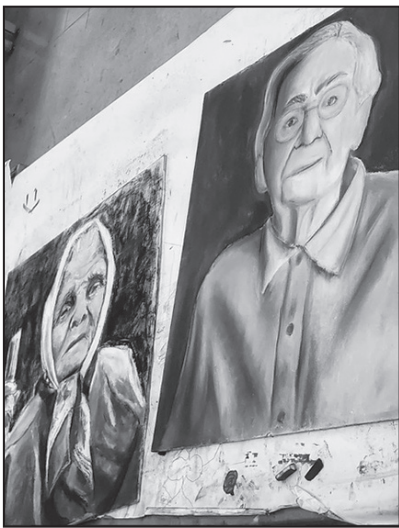
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**WEAR A MASK!**



## PASADENA UNIFIED ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE

The PUSD Board of Education recently passed Resolution 2653 in remembrance of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923. The Board also designated the month of April as PUSD's month of commemoration to recognize one of the most atrocious violations of human rights in history. PUSD leaders and educators agree that every student and person, regardless of ethnicity or national origin, should be made aware of and educated about the Armenian Genocide so that it and other state-sanctioned forms of ethnic cleansing may never happen again.

Creative Arts Media and Design (CAMAD) sophomores at Pasadena High School have been working on an exhibition honoring the people who were terrorized, ravaged, and displaced and those who survived genocide through portraits and Haikus. Their work highlights Armenia, Cambodia, Darfur, Herero, Holodomor, the Holocaust, Native American, and Rwanda. They used chalk for the work as it is a non-permanent material, much like our memories of these events if we allow it.



## ARCADIA UNIFIED NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

Enrollment for students new to the Arcadia Unified School District for the 2022-2023 school year is now open. Families can enroll their students entirely online and are encouraged to do so as early as possible to ensure they are fully registered before the new school year begins. For non-Arcadia residents interested in attending Arcadia Unified schools, the district has a permit application process that is also available online.

In accordance with the State of California's push toward universal transitional kindergarten (TK), there are now new age eligibility requirements for students. Students can now be two months younger than in previous years to be eligible to start TK, and each sub-sequent school year going forward, the required age will be gradually younger than the pre-vious year. Below are the new guidelines for each of the next several years:

- In 2022–23, Children are eligible for TK if they turn 5 between September 2 and February 2
- In 2023–24, Children are eligible for TK if they turn 5 between September 2 and April 2
- In 2024–25, Children are eligible for TK if they turn 5 between September 2 and June 2
- In 2025–26, School Districts will make TK available to all children who will have their fourth birthday by September 1 of the school year.

While some districts will be preparing to implement full-day universal transitional kindergarten, Arcadia Unified has offered full-day TK and Kindergarten at all of its six elementary schools since 2016.

Families with students entering Kindergarten (children whose 5th birthday is on or before Sept. 1, 2022) in the fall are encouraged to enroll by June 1, 2022 to be eligible for a free, special “K-Camp” program that will take place June 13, 2022 through July 7, 2022. Arcadia Unified's K-Camp is designed to help students make a seamless transition into Arcadia Uni-fied Kindergarten classes by allowing students to spend a few hours in their soon-to-be classrooms, build familiarity with their school campuses, make friends, and more.

More in-formation on Arcadia Unified's K-Camp can be found here.

A member of the League of Innovative Schools, Arcadia Unified has one of the most robust curricular and extracurricular offerings in the region with an emphasis on the “Four As”: Academics, Arts, Athletics, and Activities. Its award-winning music and performing arts programs begin in elementary school and continue through middle and high school. Career and Technical Education courses may be found beginning in Arcadia Unified middle schools. Offerings include studies in Creative Science and STEAM, Computer Science, In-dustrial Technologies, including Guitar Making, Broadcast Journalism, Farm to Table, Money Matters, Theatre, Dance, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Marching Band, and a comprehensive sports league.

Arcadia High School, which offers 22 Advanced Placement (AP) and nine Honors courses, has been distinguished as a U.S. News and World Report Gold Medal School three times and News-week named Arcadia High to its Top Public High Schools in America list. The Home of the Apaches has a unique offering of more than 50 academic teams and clubs for its students to find and explore their passions. These clubs include the Future Business Leaders of America, Academic Decathlon, History Bowl, Math Team, E-Sports, Ocean Sci-ence Bowl, Quiz Bowl, Physics Team, Science Bowl, Science Olympiad, Government Team, Robotics Team, and Speech and Debate, to name a few. Students also have numerous Ca-reer and Technical Education pathways, which include Sports Medicine, Television Produc-tion, Computer Science and Programming, Engineering, Graphic Design, Theatre, Dance, and more. Arcadia High School is home to 11 full-time counselors, including a College and Career counselor and a Social and Emotional Wellness counselor, along with a comprehen-sive Wellness Center. Likewise, every Arcadia Unified elementary and middle school has a dedicated full-time school counselor on each campus. Arcadia Unified also offers a com-prehensive Independent Study program.

“With a priority placed on social-emotional learning, mental health and wellness, and a commitment to fostering a life-long love for learning and leadership, I am so proud of our school district's continued dedication each school year to educating the whole child,” said Arcadia Unified Board of Education President Leigh Chavez.

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## We Love Books!

Any time of year is a good time to celebrate the people who spend their time writing, drawing pictures, publishing, reading and sharing their love of children's books. We can thank all of the people who encourage children to find exciting books that keep them reading and wanting more. Who am I talking about? Authors, illustrators, booksellers, storytellers, teachers and, of course, librarians! Check *your* newspaper and library for listings of fun events.

### Read the clues to fill in the puzzle about books:

- book from the first set that was printed
- draws the pictures to help the story come alive
- yearly award for best American children's book
- helps you find lots of different books
- sells copies of a book to readers
- strong binding that can protect the book
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- thinks up and writes the story
- yearly award for best American picture book for children
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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



MEET ENRIQUE VILLASENOR:  
AMBASSADOR OF THE PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS

[Nyerges is the author of "Guide to Wild Foods," "Foraging California," "How to Survive Anywhere," and other books. He leads regular field trips, and can be reached at [www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com](http://www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com)]

Enrique Villaseñor is at the head of the classroom, extolling the many unsung virtues of the prickly pear cactus. "It's often referred to as poor people's food," he explains, "but did you know that it contains all the essential amino acids, and some non-essential amino acids as well?"

Villaseñor is the defacto ambassador of the humble prickly pear cactus, a plant that has been used for food and medicine for millennia.



After 35 years as a school teacher, Villaseñor recently retired and now actively works as an assistant to pharmacologist Dr. James Adams, who shares traditional Chumash healing methods.

Besides assisting Dr. Adams in teaching how to practice traditional healing with herbs and lifestyle, he has become a walking encyclopedia on what he called the "superfood" of the prickly pear cactus. He doesn't want people to think of this food as simply as food of poor people who can't afford "real food." Rather, he points to all the current products (food, medicine, fabric, etc.) that are currently on the market which as manufactured from the prickly pear cactus.

PRICKLY PEAR USE GOES BACK 10,000 YEARS

In his two hour dynamic presentation, Villaseñor takes his audience through the fascinating history, and the vast healthful benefits, of the prickly pear cactus, beginning with the fact that cacti remnants were found in jars in Mexico dating back 10,000 years. He explains that archaeologists have found old jars that contained not only cactus, but teosinte (the forerunner to corn), chili, amaranth, sapote, and mesquite, some of the earliest foods from this continent.

GOOD FOR THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

"The prickly pear cactus is one of the best immune system boosters," says Villaseñor, quoting Hippocrates, who said "Let food be thy medicine, and let medicine be thy food."

Historically, the prickly pear cactus pads have been used for lowering cholesterol levels, digestive issues, edema, wounds, bronchitis, fevers, vitiligo, inflammation, type II diabetes, muscle pain, urinary problems, burns, and liver problems. Students of Villaseñor listen in awe, wondering why they have always considered the prickly pear just a food to eat when you're next to starving, rather than the superfood it is.

Villaseñor explains that because prickly pear was always available in good times and bad, in times of drought and plenty, it was always something that poor people could and did use, but then it came to be regarded as simply a food of last resort.

The highlight of Villaseñor's presentation is when he turns on a food processor and makes a prickly pear drink for everyone to try.

First, he carefully scrapes the young pads to remove all the spines and the tiny hair-like glochids. He puts one large pad into the blender, and adds one apple and one peeled orange, and blends it all. The resultant drink is thick, and so it can be thinned further with water if one prefers. Everyone enjoyed the tartness and sweetness of the drink. No sugar is ever added.

THE RECIPE: - "Agua de Nopales" -- Prickly Pear Cactus Water, by Enrique Villaseñor:

Ingredients

- 1 - Prickly Pear Cactus pad (cleaned and rinsed)
- 1 - Peeled Orange
- 1 - Green Apple
- 2 - Cups of chilled water
- 1 - Ice
- 1 - Lime

Dice 1 Prickly Pear pad. Place in blender with 2 cups of water. Blend. Dice 1 green apple. Blend. Dice 1 peeled orange. Blend. Add additional water to taste if the smoothie is too thick for you. Serve chilled with ice. Use lime to taste. Do not add sugar. Suggested serving is 1.5 cups 2X a day. Enjoy!

According to Villaseñor, this is one of the best ways to get your daily intake of the prickly pear, in a form that is tasty and easy to prepare. The benefits are that it strengthens your immune system, helps you to lose weight, and lowers your cholesterol.

He does not advocate cooking the cactus if you want it for its medicinal benefits.

Villaseñor adds that complete health is really about complete balance, and by "balance" he explains that each of us need to find balance physically, spiritually, socially, and financially within our community and family. "You should work at each of these every day," he explains.

Additionally, Villaseñor points out that the natural immune boosters include sleep, plant-based diet, exercise, not-smoking, having minimal stress in your life, maintaining a healthy weight, minimal alcohol consumption, maintaining healthy relationships, and avoiding infections. Consuming prickly pear cactus daily is just one part of this overall balance.

Villaseñor also shares testimonials from students of his and Dr. Adams, students who have experienced lower glucose levels, improved bowel movements, weight loss, and lower cholesterol levels by consuming the prickly pear cactus drink, and other herbal remedies they teach.

Regarding the many additives to foods today, Villaseñor advises, "If you cannot pronounce it, do not eat it!"

Villaseñor smiles as he shares an old idiom, which underscores how Mexico's identity is tied to the nopal, or prickly pear cactus. "Soy mas Mexicano que el nopal," he says, which translates as "I am more Mexican than the cactus" The expression is asking, between the lines, what came first, the Mexican or the cactus, affirming the person's pride in being Mexican.

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The Chef Knows By Peter Dills

EL CHOLO PASADENA  
CINCO DE MAYO

Just this past week I had the opportunity to sit down with one of the most determined and dedicated restaurant owners that we have in Pasadena area, Blair Salisbury owner of the El Cholo Café. Though, his restaurant is well known, Blair still looks after his baby with the greatest of care.



Dining  
With  
Dills

Self described as "nuts and crazy," Blair's lineage is that of a restaurateur. The Borquez family launched the Sonora Cafe in 1923 in a small storefront on Broadway and Santa Barbara Ave. After a patron doodled a picture of a man and called him El Cholo (the name commonly known for a field hand at the time), Alejandro Borquez loved the picture of the man so much that he changed the name of Senora Café to El Cholo in 1925. The following year, George Salisbury meets Aurelia Borquez and they fall in love and decide to open their own El Cholo. Racing ahead to the year 2000, Blair, the grandson of George opens El Cholo Cafe in Pasadena, on Fair Oaks. For those of you old enough to remember, it was once the John Bull English Pub. I found out that Blair was determined to open in Pasadena, he was a moment away from Old Town Pasadena, but the Cheesecake Factory beat him to Colorado and Fair Oaks location

Blair still desired to move into the heart of Old Town and his hopes were realized with the opening of the restaurant at the Paseo. Blair said, "It feels as though it has been here all along. It just felt like the staff and surroundings didn't miss a beat." Truly Pasadena feels like home to El Cholo Café, and Blair wouldn't have it any other way!!!

The restaurant is expansive, with a patio that overlooks Colorado Blvd. and the snow capped San Gabriel Mountains. They offer two different bars, one as you walk in, akin to a service bar, and a great place to wait for a table and enjoy a "Killer" Margarita, and a back bar just next to the Patio. Offering large screen TV's and perfect for slumbering and enjoying the show as they make your Guacamole tableside.

The menu is full of different combinations, Blair believes that the more selections there are.... the better, and he tries to give a little bit of selection for everyone. I descended upon the PLATO DE CARNITAS, roasted pork, served with fresh avocado relish, Pico de Gallo, Nopales, rice and beans. When I go to a Mexican Restaurant I always try the pork. It was stunningly tender and fresh, and may be the best that I have ever tasted. My dinner companion gave two thumbs up to the Shrimp Sizzling Fajitas I was just about stuffed when Blair brought out the Blue Corn Chicken Enchilada for us to try. It is item that made El Cholo famous. A must try for anyone eating at the restaurant. Of course I had a Margarita. A Single Margarita that seemed to have the power to bust a piñata. If you love Mexican Food like I do, or just want to spend a sleepy Sunday at the bar with guacamole and chips. Save a seat for me. El Cholo Paseo Pasadena.

Join me this Sunday afternoon on AM 830 KLA

MEOWRONICA LAKE

Katnip News!



Meowronica Lake, age 1, is an elegant-looking kitty. She has a beautiful swath of black fur going diagonally across her head and face that reminds one of her namesake, Veronica Lake. Her big yellow green eyes are mesmerizing and her white face is accented by



a cute pink nose. She has faintly polka dotted ears. She also has tufted paws with fur between her toes. As a first-time mom, she took wonderful care of her 4 little ones who are all now adopted. She is spayed, vaccinated with current vet records. We don't know Meowronica's beginnings but we are sure of her Hollywood ending - a pampered life as an adored house cat given all the luxuries a kitty can have. Call foster mom Gabbi at (626) 808-8557 for more information.

Pet of the Week

Seven-year-old Minnie is a smart, silly dog who shows off her "dance of joy" when she prances around with her toys. She's a very sweet and polite dog, but she also gets really excited to see her favorite people, and will sit as close as possible to them to get the most back scratches. Minnie has an adorable, goofy personality you can't help but fall in love with!



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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SPECIALIZED MOVING SERVICES THAT HELP SENIORS DOWNSIZE AND RELOCATE

Dear Savvy Senior:  
Can you recommend any businesses or services that specialize in helping seniors downsize and relocate? I need to find some help moving my mother from her four-bedroom home – where she’s lived for nearly 50 years – to an apartment near me.    Overwhelmed Daughter

Dear Overwhelmed:

The process of downsizing and moving to a new home is a big job for anyone, but it can be especially overwhelming for seniors who are moving from a long-time residence filled with decade’s worth of stuff and a lifetime of memories. Fortunately, there’s a specialized service available today that can help make your mom’s move a lot easier for her, and for you.



Senior Move Manager

To help your mom get packed up and moved into her new home, you should consider hiring a “senior move manager.” These are trained organizers (they are not moving companies) who assist older people with the challenges of relocating and can minimize the stress of this major transition by doing most of the work for you.

A senior move manager can help your mom pare down her belongings, decide what to take and what to dispose of, recommend charities for donations and help sell her unwanted items. They can even create a customized floor plan of her new home so your mom can visualize where her belongings will fit.

Senior move managers can also get estimates from moving companies, oversee the movers, arrange the move date, supervise the packing and unpacking and help set up her new home, have the house cleaned and just about anything you need related to her move.

If you want to do some of the work yourself, you can pick and choose only the services you want. For example, you may only want a move manager’s help with downsizing and selling excess furniture and unwanted belongings but plan on doing the actual packing and moving yourself.

The cost of working with a senior move manager will vary depending on where you live, the services you want and size of the move, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$60 and \$125 per hour or more, not including the cost of movers.

How to Find One

To locate a senior move manager in your area, visit the National Association of Senior Move Managers website at NASMM.org or call 877-606-2766. The NASMM is a trade association with an accreditation program that requires its members to abide by a strict code of ethics that ensures integrity. They currently have around 1,000 members across the U.S.

You can also search at Caring Transitions (CaringTransitions.com), which is the largest senior relocation and transition services franchised company in the U.S. They currently have nearly 200 franchises throughout the country.

But, before you hire one, be sure you ask for references from previous clients and check them, and check with the Better Business Bureau too. Also find out how many moves they have actually managed and get a written list of services and fees. And make sure they’re insured and bonded.

If you can’t find a senior move manager in your area, another option is to hire a certified professional organizer who specializes in downsizing and relocating. To find one, check the National Association of Productivity and Organizing Professionals, which has a searchable database on its website at NAPO.net.

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



FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

HOW NAMING GUARDIANS FOR YOUR KIDS IN YOUR WILL CAN LEAVE THEM AT RISK

If you are a mom or dad with children under the age of 18 at home, your number-one estate planning priority should be selecting and legally documenting both long and short-term guardians for your kids. Guardians are the people legally named to care for your children in the event something

happens to you.

A Far Too Common Problem

If you’ve only named guardians for your children in your will (the standard way most estate planners do it), your children could be vulnerable to being taken out of your home and placed in the care of strangers. This might be temporary, while the authorities figure out what to do, or they could even end up being raised to adulthood by someone you’d never choose.

While it’s rare for something to happen to both parents of a minor child, it does occur, and the consequences are simply too severe to not take the few simple steps to select and legally name guardians the right way. Regardless of whether you own any other assets or wealth, it’s vital to complete this process immediately, so you know the ones you care about most—your kids—will always be in the care of people you’ve chosen, no matter what.

What’s So Complicated About Naming Guardians?

Naming and legally documenting guardians for your kids might seem like a straightforward process, but it entails several complexities most people simply do not think about. Even lawyers with decades of experience typically make at least one of six mistakes when naming long-term legal guardians.

If you named legal guardians for your kids in your will—whether on your own using a do-it-yourself (DIY) online document service or with the help of another lawyer—consider each of the following scenarios to see if you have a blind spot in your estate plan that would leave your kids at risk:

Did you name back-up candidates in case your first choice of guardian is unable to serve? If so, how many back-ups did you name?

If you named a married couple to serve and one of them is unavailable due to injury, death, or divorce, what happens then? Would it still be okay if only one of them can serve as your child’s guardian? And does it matter which one it is?

What would happen if you became incapacitated by illness or injury and are unable to care for your kids? You might assume the guardians named in your will would automatically get custody, but did you know that a will only goes into effect upon your death and does nothing to protect your kids in the event of your incapacity? Have you created a guardianship plan that goes into effect if you become incapacitated?

Do the guardians you named live far from your home? If so, how long would it take them to make it to your house to pick up your kids: a few hours, a few days, or even a few weeks? Who would care for your kids until those guardians arrive? Did you know that without legally binding arrangements for the immediate care of your children, may be placed in foster care until those named guardians arrive?

Would your care providers know where to find your will and other legal documents if you didn’t make it home? If not, what would the authorities do while they tried to figure out who should care for your kids?

If you named a family who live nearby as guardians, what happens if they are out of town or otherwise can’t get to your kids right away?

Assuming the guardians you named can immediately get to your home to pick up your kids, do they know where your will is located? How will they prove they are the people you wanted named as your children’s legal guardians if they can’t find your estate planning documents?

The Kids Protection Plan®

These are just a few of the potential complications that can arise when naming legal guardians for your kids, whether in your will or as a stand-alone measure. And if just one of these contingencies were to occur, your children would needlessly suffer emotionally, even if just for a short period of time.

If the idea of this is as frightening to you as it was to me when I discovered it, you should consider implementing a Kids Protection Plan® which provides parents of minor children with a wide array of legal planning tools—including legal documents to name short- and long-term guardians, instructions for those guardians, medical powers of attorney for your minor children, an ID card for your wallet, and much more—to make sure there is never a question about who will take care of your kids if you are in an accident or suffer some other life-threatening incident.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



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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.

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SENIOR CINEMA    WEDNESDAY, 4/13 1:00 PM EASTER PARADE PG 1H 43M

Don Hewes and Nadine Hale are a dancing team, but she decides to start a career on her own. So he takes the next dancer he meets, Hannah Brown, as a new partner. After a while, this new team is so successful that Florenz Ziegfeld is interested in them, but due to the fact that Nadine Hale also dances (and stars) in the Ziegfeld Follies, Don says no. Despite the fact that he is in love with Hannah, he keeps the relation with her strictly business. So Hannah is of the opinion that he is still in love with Nadine, and her suspicion grows when he dances with Nadine in a Night Club Floor Show.

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

MAYBE WE SHOULD GO BACK TO SMOKE SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.



I must admit that communication is an essential part of my life today. The longer I live, the more sophisticated those communications become, and it’s challenging to me.

Recently, I was working on my latest book using my latest computer and its programs. As I was working, I remembered that I did not always use a computer for writing. I used one of those archaic machines called the "typewriter." Does anybody today know what a typewriter is?

I still remember my first typewriter. My mother got it for me for Christmas one year and I couldn't have been happier with any Christmas gift than that one.

I hammered out many articles and even poems. I wished I had copies of those, but I’m glad I lost them. I’m sure those were the worst poems ever hammered out on a typewriter.

I got an electric typewriter after graduating from high school and thought I had died and gone to heaven. I’ve never been able to type faster than on that electric typewriter.

The problem I’ve had with those typewriters was, if I made a mistake, I had to throw out that page and start all over again,. Yes, I had carbon copies, but I still had to start all over again. How frustrating that was in many regards.

While I was writing my first book, I thought maybe I should up grade to a computer. I had to think long and hard about that because I loved my typewriter. Eventually, I succumbed to the times and bought a computer.

Those first computers did not have any internal hard drives and everything had to be done on a 5.5-inch floppy disk. When I got my computer and learned how to use it, I was ecstatic. I didn't mind putting in the floppy disk and taking it out and replacing it with another floppy disk. That seemed to be easy work at the time. I never had to throw away a sheet of paper and start over again.

Over the years, I kept climbing the ladder of technology and got the latest computer technology and was quite happy with it.

Now I can sit in front of my computer screen and dictate what I’m writing. There’s a keyboard there, and I only use it when I have an emergency. But now, I can talk everything into my computer, which has become a great experience for me.

When I first used this dictating program, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was in the other room listening. Finally, she said, "Who are you talking to? There’s no phone in your room."

It took a while to explain to her that I was talking to my computer while writing an article. She never heard of that before, and I never did either. Finally, I was able to convince her that it was the computer I was talking to. Who else would listen to me?

Things have developed over the years that are beyond my imagination. In our home, we have the latest media service, TV, telephone, and Internet service.

I never knew how much I appreciated all of this service until one day this week.

I had just finished my latest book manuscript and was ready to email it to my publisher. My deadline was crunching down, and I used every minute to work on the book. I finally finished it, got to my deadline, and was now ready to email it.

Nothing is more satisfying than getting the project done and sending it to the publisher. As I set it up to email it, I suddenly realized that everything was down. So I could not send my manuscript out.

Just a half-hour before this, everything was closed: the TV, cell phone, and the Internet. So there is no way I could get this out on time.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage called the company and finally got through and was told it would be up and running by 7 p.m.

I can’t explain how frustrated I was. I checked my temper, and it was boiling over with heat. Probably there was some steam coming out of my ears. I wanted to give them a piece of my mind, but there was no way I could get it to them. Everything was down.

It was then that I realized how important all of this modern technology is. I didn't know that I had built my life on technology, but, it seems like I have done just that.

Technology is wonderful when it works. When it doesn't work, it is the most annoying thing in the world.

I began thinking about the days when communication was done with smoke signals. I’m not sure how that worked, but they were able to convey their message across the country with smoke signals from one mountain to the next. But it got through, which was all that matters.

Maybe we should go back to the good old smoke signal communication days.

I had a few moments to think about this. When thinking about communication a certain verse of Scripture came to my mind.

“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man” (Colossians 4:6).

Sometimes it’s very important to think before you speak and I have discovered if I do **think**, **I sometimes don’t speak**.

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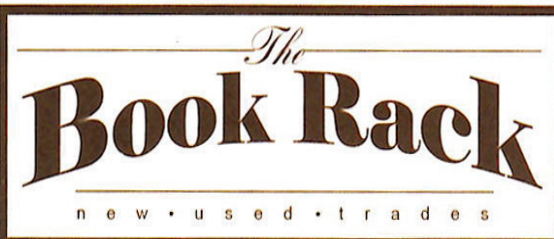




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STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON



EVERY SECOND IS PRESENT TIME

What do you think if that heading? I'm very pleased with it. The title is intended to convey my realization that each moment may contain unexpected gifts and that every second of every life is a miracle. Given our own worries about the future and regrets about the past and the mess the present world is in it is easy to forget. Yesterday was my 78th birthday and to commemorate the day my wife had reserved tickets at the Getty Center in far-away Brentwood. Actually Brentwood is not that far away but ever since the virus epidemic began we have been pretty much confined to our home. Other than occasional trips to nearby restaurants we have pretty much stuck around the house. Furthermore, my wife continues to refuse to be in the car unless she is the driver. She says that my mind wanders.

I am still needed as a navigator as my wife's poor sense of direction is legendary. As we went South on the 405 passing the Mulholland off-ramp my mind wandered and I thought about Bill Cosby's son who had been found murdered somewhere up there on Mulholland. I wondered if the murder of Cosby's son was in anyway connected to revenge taken against Cosby. As I am frequently, I was lost to present time and consequently failed to properly give my wife directions.

Already, I seem to have lost the thread of this article. Back to yesterday, eventually, we backtracked and found our way up the hill and into the parking structure but there were no spaces. Luckily the man at the gate noticed our disability placard and directed us to a space normally reserved for volunteers. I thanked him for his help and told him that it was my birthday. Why did I bother telling him it was my birthday? Probably because I love talking to strangers. It's so much easier than talking to people I know who have names I'm always forgetting and refer to events that I do not recall.

Once inside the center and glancing at the paintings I received an unexpected wonderful gift. A complete stranger walked up to me and asked if I was interested in a free tour. He probably noticed me just walking around and not really seeing anything. The man, a volunteer docent, gave my wife and I a private half hour tour. He took us to view three separate paintings and explained that in docent training he had been instructed to stand in front of a painting for an hour and focus on it and see what thoughts came to mind as he studied the picture.

We stood in front of a self-portrait painting of the young Rembrandt laughing next to another Rembrandt painting of an older man. After a while, I noticed that the Rembrandt self-portrait and the companion picture were both posed holding their body in a similar way but the self-portrait had Rembrandt turned away and laughing. We were asked to think about it the thought came to me that the painting was done long before there were mirrors and the artist must have used multiple well-placed reflecting surfaces to project the image onto the blank surface on which the ultimate picture would be made. The docent told me that I had guessed right and that the actual surface of the painting was polished copper and the reflected image was now seen on the copper. In order to execute the picture all Rembrandt had to do was to trace the picture. Perhaps that was why he was laughing. More important to me I remembered that retired or not I was still a smart guy. That was a gift. Five hours later the parking direction man, who had been there all day and directed probably thousands of drivers, yelled "Happy Birthday" to me and we touched fists. Another gift. That's all it took. I was not thinking about what I had done in the past or what my fears were about the future. I was pleased to be noticed and remembered and proud to be myself. I want all of us, including me, to recognize what a miracle gift life is. Young or old each moment, the present, has potential gifts for us. As long as we are still around each moment of every birthday and every other day is a gift. On some days, like during this present time, it's hard to remember about the gifts. My message is for all of us to keep trying.

TOM PURCELL MORE FOCUSED THAN EVER AT 60!



*"Inside every old person is a young person wondering what happened."*

Those are the clever words of British humorist Terry Pratchett, who couldn't have explained the aging process more succinctly.

I know his words are true because I turned 60 this week.

It's a heck of a thing to have burned through six decades already. If I'd known 60 years would go by so fast, I would have taken worse care of my-self.

Time is a humbling thing.

I know now my greatest accomplishment — aside from an uncanny ability to catch grapes in my mouth no matter how far or high my friends throw them — was becoming a bouncer at the legendary Rathskeller pub at Penn State.

When I was half this age, I was certain I knew everything. I was cocky and brash and incredibly wrong.

Now, I realize I know very little, but the things I do know, I know well.

I know that fame is a waste of time — and excess wealth, too — as they bring with them more problems than either are worth.

You don't who your friends really are until your money is gone. And if you ever do anything stupid as a famous person, social media will broadcast it all over the world.

Several studies have been done on the subject of happiness. Having just enough money to save a little for a rainy day and go out with the love of your life a few times a month is all the money you really need.

It's friends and loved ones that bring us real wealth.

It's the laughter we can only enjoy with our closest friends — people we know we can count on no matter how difficult our lot becomes.

It's the love we enjoy from our closest family members, friends, and life-long spouses and partners — the people we attend weddings, holiday events and special occasions with — all of our most memorable experiences.

And it's not just people.

Why I waited until the age of 59 to get another dog — last having one as a child so many years ago — is possibly the most bone-headed decision I ever made.

Somebody said God removed the wings from pets like my best buddy Thurber, so that nobody would know they are angels.

This guy makes me laugh out loud every single day — something I didn't realize I was failing to do until he entered my life.

When we are young, we dream of big houses, and we hope to impress to-tal strangers.

As we grow older and wiser, we realize none of that matters. We realize that time is going by way too fast and that every single moment is pre-cious.

I was sick as a dog with a nasty flu weeks ago and, brought to my knees, I went through a paradigm shift.

I decided I never want to waste another healthy moment.

I started eating healthier than ever. I exercise daily. I go for walks with Thurber.

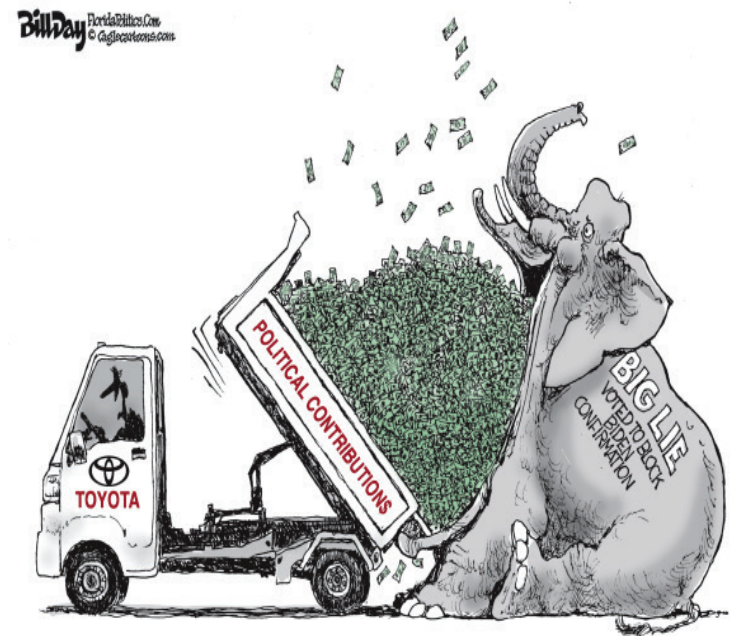
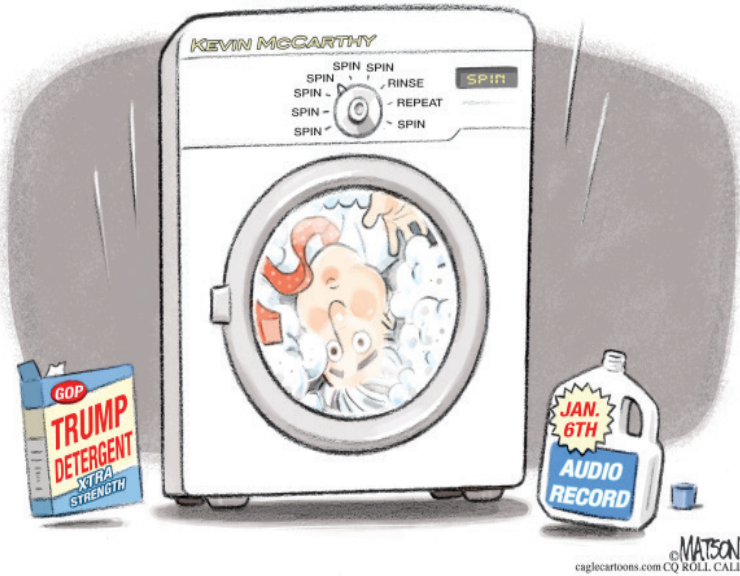
I turn in at a decent hour, so I wake refreshed at 5:40 every morning ready to dive into the new day.

All I want to do now is write well, read great literature and learn how to love better, give back more, laugh harder and spend every moment with people I love as though it were the last moment I had to live.

Maybe it's time to alter Pratchett's clever quote:

"Inside every old person is a wiser person trying to make great things happen with whatever God-given time he has left!"

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RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH



SHOULDN'T IT BE A DOG'S WORLD?

The Bible suggests humans are the apex of God's creation. Supposedly we are the apple of God's eye.

Ha! I'm not so sure the preceding statement is accurate...particularly when I compare the human kingdom to the canine kingdom. I think dogs may have eclipsed us at the apex.

If you look at a dog's life you quickly discover that they:

- ...live simply
- ...are loyal
- ...love generously
- ...care deeply
- ...speak kindly
- ...when loved ones come home, they always run to greet them.
- ...never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride
- ...allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in their face to be pure ecstasy
- ...take naps
- ...run, romp, and play daily
- ...thrive on attention and let people touch them.
- ...avoid biting when a simple growl will do
- ...on warm days stop to lie on their back in the grass
- ...on hot days lie under a shady tree and drink lots of water
- ...when happy dance around and wag their entire body
- ...delight in the simple joy of a long walk
- ...never pretend to be something they're not
- ...when someone is having a bad day, they are silent, sit close by and nuzzle gently.

Some great quotes about dogs:

If your dog is fat, you're not getting enough exercise Unknown

I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult Rita Rudner

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face Ben Williams

One reason a dog can be such a comfort when you're feeling blue is that he doesn't try to find out why Unknown

Properly trained, a man can be dog's best friend Corey Ford

Dogs laugh, but they laugh with their tails Max Eastman

Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window Steve Bluestone

Did you ever walk into a room and forget why you walked in? I think that is how dogs spend their lives Sue Murphy

On the other hand, cats actually believe they are stationed at the apex of God's creation.

Have a good week. Ruff!

-Rich













# SPORTS 17

Mountain Views-News Saturday, April 30, 2022

## SIERRA MADRE GIRLS SOFTBALL SPRING SEASON NEWS

April 28, 2022 –Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association's Spring Season Tournament kicked off on Thursday, April 21. The two week, double-elimination tournament will culminate in championship games for each division and closing day ceremonies at Heasley Field on Sunday, May 1. And before we know it, we'll be back on the field for the Fall 2022 season, which will kick off with evaluations in late August. Registration will open in mid-July at smg-sa.org.

Recent game highlights include:

### 8U DIVISION

April 21 – Baby Yodas 9 vs. Pink Lightning 4  
Pink Lightning fought hard against the Baby Yodas. Natalie Miranda pitched a great game and Sarah Bates once again showed off her arm at catcher. Sage Cramer had a big game knocking in 3 runs with a bases loaded single.

April 22 – Killer Bees 12 vs. Dark Tigers 0  
Killer Bees coasted to their first playoff win powered by 11 hits and the 12 runs. Molly Stearns was 3 for 3 with 4 RBIs while O.Medrano, M. Gomez, And M. Liang all contributed with two hits each. Olivia pitched a 2 hit shutout with 8 Ks.

April 24 – Flaming Hawks 9 vs. Pink Lightning 7  
Melanie Figueroa had a double and 2 RBIs, Sarah Bates had a triple and 2 RBIs, Natalie Miranda had a double and an RBI, and Ava Smith also had two RBIs. Sage Cramer also stood tall in the batters box with 2 hit by pitches. Nobody is tougher than Sage! Pippa Novak, Paris Idu, Maddy Loera, Abigail Sanchez, and Nala Saunders all played hard in their last game of the season and did their best to try and get one last victory.

### 10U DIVISION

April 22 – Killer Crocs 6 vs. Lady Bruins 3  
The entire Croc team played great. Lydia Gotlieb pitched all four innings, struck out 11 batters, and gave up only three runs. Way to Go! Maddie Lencioni and Lillian Dawkins made amazing plays in the field to save multiple runs. Alexis Marino played outstanding defense at catcher the entire game, and every Croc hitter had meaningful at-bats! Great job everyone!

### 12U DIVISION

April 22 – Kryptonite 4 vs. Caution 5  
While it was a tough game for Team Kryptonite, defensively they had two beautiful double plays in Playoff Game 3. Kaleigh Dermody, at 2nd base, scooped up a ground ball and was able to tag the runner occupying 1st on the way to 2nd. She then threw the ball to Jadyn Shaver at 1st base, making an out just before the runner was safe at the bag. In the following inning Kaleigh Dermody caught an in-field fly for an instant out on the player at bat. She then immediately threw the ball to the 3rd baseman Gabby Peraza for an out on the runner who didn't tag up before heading home. On the offensive side, the highlight came when Mia Estrada hit a Home Run clean into right field. This brought in herself and the two runners already occupying bases bringing the team's final score to 4 runs. Although Team Kryptonite lost 4-5 against Caution, it was a great game and the girls had good plays.

April 24 – Kryptonite 4 vs. Cobra Kai 14  
Kryptonite took the field in Playoff Game 6 against season-long rivals, Cobra Kai. Caitlin Dermody pitched a six-inning game battling in the heat of the sun. On the defensive side, center fielder Saija Baldrice knocked down a ball and made a cannon throw to her cutoff, 2nd baseman Kaleigh Dermody, who shot the ball over to Gabby Peraza at 3rd base. This relay of throws was made just in time to tag out the batter who hit that rocket straight into center field. Batting highlight goes to Izabelle Rodriguez aka "Izzy". Going almost all season not really hitting, she managed to hit a line drive into right field, making it her best at bat all spring CONGRATULATIONS, Kid! Though Kryptonite battled through this game, they unfortunately lost 14-4, making it their last game of the season.

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 @sierramadregirlssoftballassociation and Instagram @smgsa.

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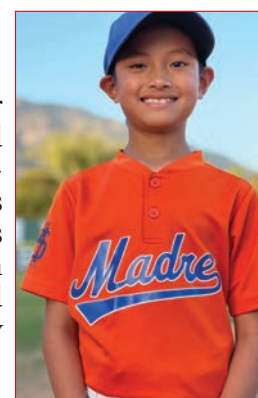


## SIERRA MADRE LITTLE LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE WEEK APRIL 18, 2022

**T-Ball SM ROCKIES**  
**NOLAN C.** is a versatile force on the Rockies this year. This is his first Little League season. Nolan's focus at practice and games has helped him excel at first base, pitcher or whatever position he plays defensively.. He has caught on to coach pitch and hit several balls into the outfield already. Nolan always has a pleasant attitude and is a good role model to the younger Rockies!



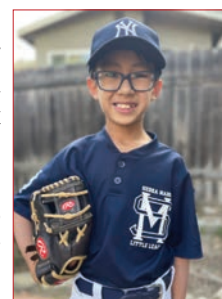
**A SM METS**  
Brandon T. is such a dynamic player and gives his all at every practice and game. His positive attitude and hustle make him a great asset to the Mets roster. He cheers for and encourages his teammates. Recently, Brandon started pitching and through hard work continues to get better every week.



**A SM REDS**  
**NICOLAS C.** made three outs in a single inning at first base. He's a great lefty batter who's developing into a power hitter. Most importantly he's having fun and he's a great teammate.



**A SM YANKEES**  
**OWEN W.** is a dedicated SMLL player who works hard at every practice and game! He has participated in the most practices on the team. He has laser focus, working hard to perfect his mechanics. On the field, he supports his team by talking to his teammates before and during games. He was the first player of the season to earn the game ball. His determination is inspiring!

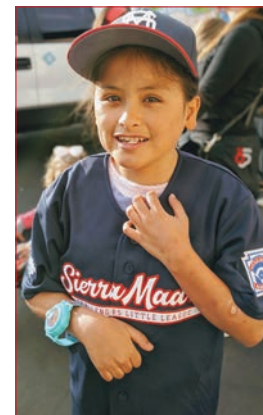


**AA ROYALS**  
**LUCAS A.** always comes to practice and games with a great attitude and desire to learn. His work ethic has been paying off and in the last game he had 2 hits and 2 RBI's. Off the field in the dugout, Lucas cheers for his team and is ready when needed! His positivity and encouragement to always have fun makes him an invaluable player for the Royals! He is a joy to coach and a friend to everyone.



### CHALLENGER

**MAYA D.** is a dynamo that keeps the team on their toes! Maya brings joy and silliness to every game. Over the past 7 years, Maya has developed into a consistent hitter - facing down the pitcher with confidence and a disarming smile.



### MAJORS SM DODGERS

**JAKE S.** led the SM Dodgers on April 23 going up against the PSW Yankees. Jake had an excellent performance, pitching 3 1/3 innings, 10 strikeouts, and only allowing one hit. Jake's pitching overmatched the opponent. The Dodgers ended up winning 16-3.





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