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LEAD THE WAY MR. CIMINO!

The 2022 Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal will be Sierra Madre's very own Chris Cimino.

"The Grand Marshal is a person or persons whose efforts over a long period of time has been beneficial to the community of Sierra Madre. The title of Grand Marshal is intended to honor a person or persons' volume of work, dedication and overall enhancements to our community."

Chris Cimino came to Sierra Madre when he was two years old. After growing up in town and running the streets, as young people do, at eighteen, he started work for the City of Sierra Madre on the weed abatement crew. He continued to work for the City in a number of capacities until present where he currently serves as the Director of Public Works. Throughout those years Chris was in integral part of numerous community projects and efforts like new water reservoirs through the City, the rebuilding of the City pool, Recreation Center, rebuilding sport fields, countless projects but none the most front and center as the most recently completed upgrade of Kersting Court. He is also dedicated to the Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery where he lovingly maintains the grounds and helps relatives plan for their deceased ones, with loving care and understanding. Over the years, Chris has assisted the residents in a number of ways, both in his role with the City but also as a volunteer with a number of civic groups like Sierra Madre Little League, Pony Colt, Girls Softball and St. Rita's. Chris and his wife Pam settled in Sierra Madre and raised three children, adults now, and truly live up to the motto of the community spirit that is Sierra Madre.



Left to right: Chris Cimino, Dan Bell and Carol Canterbury. Photo courtesy July 4th Committee

HOMETOWN HEROES ALSO SELECTED

Additionally, the Committee is proud and honored to announce that Dan Bell and Carol Canterbury have been selected as "Hometown Heroes". AKA and not even related Mr. and Mrs. Sierra Madre in their own right.

Dan Bell was born and raised in Sierra Madre, the grandson of the Canyon's very own Mary of Mary's Market. As a young man in town Dan worked at Taylors and Happy's Liquor eventually working at the Recreation Center running youth activities and other community service programs including liaison with downtown merchants. Finding a calling in Public Service Dan

has gone on to work for several municipalities over the years including Monrovia, Glendale and now the City of Ontario. But Dan never waived far from home still staying actively involved in his town of Sierra Madre.

What can we anyone say about Carol Canterbury who exemplifies the love, energy, uniqueness, and spirit of our community! Some swear she has purple wings! Carol is the embodiment of the Sierra Madre spirit. For every city-wide event wherever you look, there is Carol. Always ready to lend a helping hand, a ride, a tour in her golf cart, or a smile, Carol has dedicated her time and heart to our amazing City. From Winter Village, the Wisteria Festival, the Fire-cracker fun-run she always has

her finger on the pulse of Sierra Madre. Daily, you can find her on Facebook promoting businesses, events, and her fellow residents. There is nobody that doesn't know Carol.

Join us for the 2022 parade on July 4th, from 10:00am - 12:00 pm. Parade Registration is now open through June 5.

For questions regarding parade registration please contact the 4th of July Committee at 4thofjulysierramadre@gmail.com or the Community Services Department at 626.355.5278.

For more information on all of the 4th of July Festivities, please visit <https://www.sierramadre-fourthofjuly.com/>

"THE MEADOWS" DELIBERATIONS CONTINUED

A four-hour meeting filled with discussion and public comment yields no conclusion.

By Kevin McGuire

The Sierra Madre Planning Commission met before a packed house for a whopping four hours Thursday to further discuss the project at The Meadows at Bailey Canyon.

Chair William Pevsner, Vice-Chair, Thomas Denison, and Commissioners Peggy Dallas, John Hutt, and Bob Spears were in attendance for this sold-out show. Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation, was also available remotely.

In this public hearing, which was a continuation of the April 7th meeting, the Commission's goal was to do the following, based on the substantial evidence presented.

- Certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
- Approve the Specific Plan
- Approve amendments to the General Plan and Land Use and Zoning Codes and Zoning Map to change the project site from Institutional to Single-Family Residential Specific Plan Overlay
- Approve the Lot Line Adjustment, and
- Approve the Development Agreement.

If and when tasks are voted upon

by the commission, the results will be in the hands of the City Council.

The public has had many opportunities to comment on The Meadows (at the Monastery), which proposes 42 homes and a recreational park on the property. Some of the ongoing concerns include:

- Increased traffic
- Disruption of small-town integrity
- Water usage,
- and
- Fire danger concerns.

More fuel was added to this community hot topic when the city agreed to adjust the Land Use Map, Zoning Codes, and Zoning Map to accommodate the ministerial project, the proceeds from which is said to be needed for the benefit of retired priests.

Thirteen action items were addressed since the April 7 meeting, including a site tour, a request for a road-widening update from the applicant, a request for a site map of the retreat center, and a draft of a table comparing the specific plan development standards and

Meadows Project Review Process



*Boxes in blue represent opportunities for public input

R-1 development standards.

As part of public comment, Attorney Gary Bascio spoke on behalf of Attorney Beverly Grossman Palmer, retained by organized opponents against the project. Mr. Bascio, a committee member of one of the groups, brought issues to the legalities of the Lot Line Adjustments, the lack of public input on the EIR, and commented on tree removal proposals.

The EIR draft was available to the public for a 90-day review.

The Lot Line Adjustments will alter lot lines but won't result in new lots. The intent, according to developers, is to delineate the Retreat Cen-

ter, the residential development, and the park as individual lots.

It was approximately two hours and 30 minutes into this meeting before the rest of the audience had a chance to chime in with both positive and negative comments.

Resident Alex Arrietta called for recirculation of the EIR to the public for more input. "I'm very concerned about the EIR even being considered that it could be finalized and ratified with all the significant concerns that have already been communicated including with the lot line adjustment and the issue around Carter," Arrietta stated.

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WHAT HAPPENED TO TRANSPARENCY AND PROFESSIONALISM?

Over the years, City Hall has proudly presented itself as being transparent, working for the residents of our fair city. Now, with the largest development in Sierra Madre history proposing 42 large tract homes, destruction of over 115 trees, and the fallacy of “Net Zero Water Use,” it is extremely difficult to find out information on the Project. There is a Final Environmental Impact Report, Specific Plan and related Appendices about the Meadows project. However, many still struggle to find it on the City website. Oddly, it can be found buried under the ‘City Hall’ tab on the home page. Then scroll down to ‘City Manager’s Office’; then scroll down the sidebar to the second from the bottom section ‘Transparency’ (ironically); then scroll down the next sidebar to the second section titled ‘The Meadows’ project. Then Volume I and II of the Final EIR are at the top of the three pages of content, followed by the Specific Plan and Appendices.

Transparency is not solely due to the difficulty of navigating the website. Those of us who have been following this project, reading the EIR, and the Specific Plan, have requested several times to have experts other than those hired by the developer speak at City Council and Planning Commission meetings to provide additional perspective on the serious issues of water, trees, and wildlife. We’ve been told no. Instead, New Urban West regurgitates the same information for public consumption while paying for the ‘Neighbors for Fairness’ ads, flyers and website in an attempt to counter the community-based groups who do not support this housing development. The events of the last two months are highly disturbing. About 20 residents spoke before the Planning Commission regarding the disruption they face with the constant filming at Alverno. In order to film in Sierra Madre, 50% of the neighbors must sign a waiver that they agree to this. Rather than actually getting the residents’ signatures, a few neighbors determined that for the last two filmings, and possibly more, the signatures were 100% forged. Our City lawyer recommended the solution of no longer requiring signatures.

During the April 7 Planning Commission meeting, several of the Commissioners noted that the Specific Plan was lacking in detail and not very specific. Needing additional information, they asked about a field trip to the ‘Meadows’ to see what the project would look like. Our City lawyer pointed out that if there



were three or more Commissioners at the same time, it would have to be open to the public. The developer’s rep responded that ‘I don’t know if Mater Dolorosa would be willing. I’ll have to discuss with them. Don’t know if they would want to have any member of the general public show up on their property and wander around.’ As the field trips were not open to the public that will have to live with this project and allow neighbors and Sierra Madre residents to see and hear the same thing as the Commissioners, transparency loses again. Apparently, the ‘Good Neighbor Plan’ frequently mentioned in the Specific Plan doesn’t go into effect until the Project is built. The April 7 meeting of the Planning Commission, the first meeting to review the Meadows project, lasted from 7 pm until 11:30 pm. Residents were allowed to comment for 3 minutes instead of 5 as it states on the agenda. At the end of the meeting, Chair Pevsner said ‘I guess I’ll close the public comment,’ as he does at every meeting. Interestingly, when several residents requested extra time to speak at the May 5th Commission meeting – 10 minutes for the lawyer representing the Protect Sierra Madre group, and another from a resident requesting the original 5 minutes, with slides to show the damage already done on her property, Planning Director Gonzalez told them that the Chair closed Public Comment on the Project and no more would be permitted in the coming meetings. A review of the meeting video did not indicate that the chair’s statement was applicable to anything beyond the April meeting. There is nothing in the minutes either and there are concerns that this might be a Brown Act violation as cities must allow public comment on agenda items. Later in the day, Director Gonzalez in another email, said residents may actually be able to comment, depends on the Commission and they would discuss it at the beginning of the meeting. This deviation from past protocol doesn’t give citizens time to research and complete even three minutes of comments.

All this secrecy is disturbing. The noted author Faye Angus, in speaking before City Council would say, “Follow the money.” Sadly, that could explain the lack of transparency.

SIERRA MADRE
Neighbors for Fairness

There is so much misinformation being spread on the ballot initiative to rezone the Monastery from Institutional to a hillside residential zone that we are starting to think the proponents of the initiative have not even read it.

Numerous times now we have quoted from their initiative showing where it says the rezoned property will be able to continue “without expansion.” Do you not believe it? This is directly from the initiative’s intent and purpose:

Why won’t they admit this is what it says? In last week’s paper it was stated, “What the initiative will not do - limit the Mater Dolorosa Fathers’ good works” and “the ... building can be renovated as necessary to expand their mission and their kitchen.” That’s not exactly true. What happens when the Mon-astery decides to expand their kitchen or any part of their retreat center outside of the existing footprint? That is currently their right and that will be stripped if the initiative passes. This is a fact, not an opinion.

The arrogant response we see over and over is “they have chosen not to do that - instead choosing to build a 42 unit tract housing development.” If they haven’t done something recently does that mean they should never be allowed to do it in the future? Has it not been considered that the Monastery can both sell off an unused part of their property AND use some of that money to expand their existing ministry? Religious institutions undergo change all the time, especially as the dynamics of a ministry change like has happened through the pandemic. The Monastery has greatly increased their food ministry, providing over 50,000 meals a year. The proponents at least admit that the current zoning allows expansion when they said, “Under its present institutional zoning, Mater Dolorosa can expand the Re-treat Center or build an additional religious institution to expand their mission.” That’s correct and that right is now what they are trying to take away.

To avoid honestly addressing the issue of overly restrictive zoning and prohibiting ALL future expansion, in violation of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, the proponents are driving nails as fast as they can in the Passionists’ coffin: “Retreat Centers have been closed throughout the US ... Young men and wom-

HAS ANYONE ACTUALLY READ THE REZONING INITIATIVE?

en are increasingly not interested in pursuing this way of life ... it is not a growing industry ... Passionist Retreat Centers and Monasteries have closed their doors ... Realistically, Retreat Centers don’t have much of a future...”

The reality is, as long as a religious organization exists and owns that property they have rights protected by the First Amendment. No one gets to tell the Passionists how to reasonably run their ministries. That isn’t to say the Passionists can do anything they want. Clearly, removing ALL rights to future expansion is overly restrictive, and such a change is a violation of federal law unless it is the least restrictive means of, in this case, protecting the hillsides. Something like a modest expansion of the kitchen outside of the existing building footprint is no threat to the hillsides at all.

The proponents go on to say, “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.” What a ridiculous claim! How many of us are institutions with institutional and religious zoning rights? How many other institutions in the city are having their institutional zoning rights stripped from them? NONE! This is just a focused haphazard attack on the Passionists by a small group of people in Sierra Madre who don’t want the proposed project to go through.

The proponents continue spreading misinformation about what their initiative will do and what it will prevent (like their brochure where they are still using a picture that shows a project with considerably higher density). I suppose we can be charitable and assume they don’t know what their initiative says. After talking to a number of people collecting signatures it is clear that many don’t know what they are asking people to sign. Or we can assume they know what they are doing and it is their intent to strip the rights of the Passionists. Whichever the answer is, it isn’t good.

When will the proponents be held to account? Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness is asking right now that the supporters of the initiative explain to everyone how the Passionists will be allowed to expand their ministry when their own initiative says the opposite. Then explain to everyone how this was the least restrictive option available to protect the hillsides.

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Arrieta is talking about One Carter project, now known as ‘Stonegate’ and is often labeled as a “mansionized” property casting a shadow over Baldwin Avenue with its mausoleum-type architecture and “no trespassing” signs surrounding it. It, when completed, will also be built in what’s considered a hazardous fire zone. Concerns were brought up on this property back in 2020, and oh, by the way, it’s the same architects proposing the housing project at the Monastery.

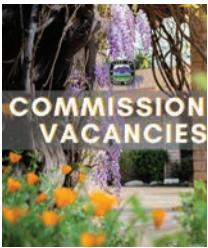
“For that not to be included in the draft EIR is just disingenuous; it’s inappropriate and unprofessional,” Arrieta added.

On the other hand, Manuel Valencia, a retired deacon and Assistant Retreat Director at the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, sees the project more positively. “I have the utmost confidence in the Planning Commission. Your questions have been exhaustive, they’ve been to the point, they are specific, they are tough, and I do believe that by the time you conclude all of your deliberations, you will be able to come up with something that is going to result in something that is good and certainly for the common good of the people of Sierra Madre,” Valencia said.

It was about 10:30 p.m. when the public comment was finally closed, and it looked as though, despite the hour, everyone was still attentively in their seats. By 11:10 p.m., it was decided that no decision would be made and the meeting ended with no conclusion.

The Planning Commission will deliberate on The General Plan and Land Use Amendment and the Specific Plan at the next meeting. The Specific Plan discussion will include the guiding principles, land use, neighborhood park, mobility plan, infrastructure plan, design guidelines, and implementation plan.

For attendees, it was time to get some sleep. Suggestion: Bring extra coffee to the next one on May 19 at 7:00 p.m.



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SIERRA MADRE
Neighbors for Fairness

Consider Removing Your Signature

Were you told signing the initiative would preserve open space and stop housing from being built at the Monastery?

According to our City Attorney, that is wrong!

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

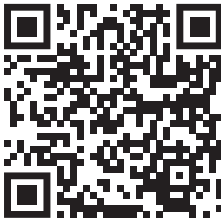
Pulled from the Initiative Summary, prepared by the City Attorney.

Why You Should Remove Your Signature:

- Signing the initiative DOES NOT STOP HOUSING
- Allows MORE HOMES to be built on Monastery land
- Housing could be built WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING
- It ALLOWS HIGHER DENSITY DUPLEXES

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SierraMadreNeighborsforFairness.org

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Committee major funding from New Urban West



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TELLING THE TRUTH

The anonymous writer from “Sierra Madre neighbors for fairness” (paid by New Urban West (NUW), the tract housing developers with a huge public relations budget hired by Mater Dolorosa) accuse me by name of falsehoods I must correct.

They falsely accuse me of telling a half-truth by stating that “he is asking that the zoning for this entire property be changed from its current designation ... to Hillside” and that “this is the will of the General Plan.” I did not ask that nor did I say this is the will of the GP.

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

The other areas located at similar elevations to Mater Dolorosa in our city are zoned under the Hillside provisions, but Mater Dolorosa is currently zoned as Institutional and has been since 1996 when the General Plan was updated to reflect its use. They have the freedom now as they have since then to develop any religious or other institutional facilities as they want such as a chapel, a private school or a retirement center, consistent with the other provisions in City code and the General plan. They haven’t done so in the 30 years or so since they demolished the Monastery and reduced the only operation there to the Retreat Center and there is no plan under discussion to do so.

But selling part of the land to a developer to build 42 luxury tract homes is not an Institutional or religious activity. It is a financial venture designed to generate many millions of dollars for the developer, their investors, and the Chicago owners of Mater Dolorosa.

They also said my argument comparing building 42 homes to building a slaughter house is “specious”. It is an obvious exaggeration, but the argument is valid. When property owners request a zone change to build something outside the current regulations, it becomes a city and community matter, and the city must weigh in on its impact.

That’s why this big developer NUW has been sending out all those expensive slick mailers to everyone in town (it costs thousands of dollars to send each one, or to put a full page color ad in the paper). If it is something that goes against the city’s standards, or will negatively impact the community, the city has the right to deny it.

Whatever our highly respected Passionist neighbors say their good intentions are for their huge profits, they have nothing to do with the people of Sierra Madre and the Meadows 42-home development’s impact on us. They have the right as property owners to develop it; what is upsetting are the many excesses to our community’s General Plan in their current proposal.

Significantly: California State Law 65454 states: “No Specific Plan may be adopted or amended unless the proposed plan or amendment is consistent with the General Plan.”

The proposed development’s unique Specific Plan goes against many of the policies and principles we the people of Sierra Madre developed and put in our General Plan. In addition, the increased traffic, parking, water usage, impact on nature and Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park will add long term costs to the city and its people that far exceed the one-time benefit in fees that the developers must pay.

The initiative states: “It is the intent of the voters that any change of use of the Mater Dolorosa Property from its current use as the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center must be consistent with the requirements of the Municipal Code governing the Hillside Residential Zone/Hillside Management Zone.” This does NOT prevent them from selling and/or building on it, it does require they do so according to the Hillside rules and the General Plan.

Another Initiative sentence says: “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.” NUW and their mouthpieces are zeroing in on this sentence to oppose the Initiative. They claim it would infringe on the Passionists rights to build religious facilities; something they have no public plans to do and haven’t done for more than 30 years. In fact there are statements in their Specific Plan that infer this Plan would be used for building more homes on the remaining property in the future, as they’ve done with other properties across the country in the past few decades. Their only proposal on the table now is to build 42 luxury homes under this exclusive Special Plan.

The developer NUW’s paid proxy group “neighbors for fairness” argument about religious discrimination is debatable. Frankly, I support their right to continue to modify the Retreat Center for religious purposes, and I think the community would support them in such efforts.

But make no mistake, NUW is opposed to the initiative because it would prevent them from building 42 luxury tract homes. I am so opposed to their proposal and their exclusive Specific Plan that I would vote for the Initiative as it stands if the City Council approved the development. It would be our only recourse; signing the initiative only means it will be put up to a city wide vote; it will give the community another option if the 5 people on the City Council decide to approve it. Signing the Initiative makes this possible.

All new developments are supposed to follow the General Plan provisions we citizens so carefully developed over more than 5 years. The best outcome would be for the City Council to deny the current proposal and request that any further proposals for development adhere to the General Plan, the “constitution” of Sierra Madre.

Ed Miller, Sierra Madre

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis



“Just curious if we can count my phoning you to bail me out of jail this Cinco de Mayo as my Mother’s Day call?”

“Over the years I have learned that motherhood is much like an austere religious order, the joining of which obligates one to relinquish all claims to personal possessions.”

“It is not until you become a mother that your judgment slowly turns to compassion and understanding.” Erma Bombeck

“Never lend your car to anyone to whom you have given birth!” Erma Bombeck

So much to talk about this week! Cinco de Mayo was last Thursday, and I’m sure most of the world celebrated by ordering a large margarita...or two... and a big bowl of guacamole and chips. Of course, you all know that Cinco de Mayo is an annual celebration which commemorates the anniversary of Mexico’s victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Led by General Ignacio Zaragoza, the victory of a smaller, poorly equipped Mexican force against the larger and better-armed French army was a morale boost for the Mexicans. I’m pretty sure they had margaritas to celebrate then, too.

Mother’s Day is tomorrow and I still have my Mother’s Day cards from last year that say such wonderful things that I’m going to share them with you. These words are so encouraging, so loving, so worth repeating...

“To my mother. We all need someone to believe in us...in who we are and in all we can become. Someone to cheer, encourage, comfort and guide us...to give us the confidence we need to believe in ourselves and in our potential to reach our dreams. Thank you for being my someone. May you know how much your love and support mean to me and always will.”

“Family is love and laughter, strength and smiles, hope and happiness. Every Mother’s Day is a gift – a chance to go back through the memories of the heart and say thank you. For a home that was warm and welcoming and filled with life and laughter – where each day seemed to hold some small adventure and something new to learn. For a family that loves being together – that cares for each other and helps one another through all the big and little ups and downs of life...for a connection that gives meaning and purpose and joy to every day.”

If you haven’t gotten your mother a card or some flowers, you’ve still got time. If your mom is now residing in heaven, like mine is, tell someone something about her that makes you smile. Your mom probably loved/loves you with unconditional love:

“Unconditional love means accepting someone for who they are now, not who you hope they will be one day.” DeVon Franklin

“They carry us beneath their hearts,
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The beating of our mother’s heart,
The first sound that we hear.
Love and peace surround us...
And God....is very near.
Your mother, my mother,
And Mary....the mother of....God.” *

*Lyrics from “Your Mother, My Mother” – Star of Wonder – A Christmas Musical
Book & Lyrics by Deanne Davis, Music by David Wheatley.

The picture today, courtesy of Lawrence Taylor, is of one of the neat old cars that graced our peaceful village last week as we were transformed into 1930’s San Francisco for the new movie, “Oppenheimer” – due for release in July of 2023. The film follows theoretical physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, the director of the Los Alamos Laboratory during the Manhattan Project and his contributions that led to the creation of the atomic bomb. Lots of famous folk in it, including Robert Downey, Jr., Emily Blunt and Matt Damon. But the coolest part is what the movie folks did to recreate another time and another place. Signs on all the stores downtown, that cute grocery store, and, of course, the cars. We love it when the movies come to town to film. They spend money, bless their hearts, dining at our restaurants, buying stuff at our stores. We’ve had so many movies made here...

Alfred Hitchcock’s “Family Plot” in Pioneer Cemetery
John Carpenter’s “The Fog”
John Carpenter’s “Halloween II”
“The Body Snatchers” – Our all time classic from 1956 with the pod people
“Sgt. Bilko”

Just to name a few...
Tomato plants are showing up all over the place. I’m going to get one this year as I am longing for a tomato right off my own personal vine.
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“It’s difficult to think anything but pleasant thoughts while eating a homegrown tomato.” Lewis Grizzard

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
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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.
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Check me out, friends and neighbors!

Sierra Madre Woman's Club
Triple Celebration Year
First some history....
It all began on a crisp moonlite night in January 1907, Mr & Mrs Marcus Copps and Mr & Mrs. Louis Deitz made their way to the home of Captain Osgood on S. Lima street, where they had been invited for dinner and an evening of the card game Five Hundred.
The idea of a woman's club came up and despite initial doubts there was enough interest garnered and the 1st meeting was called on February 23rd. But a California cloudburst caused a downpour and a 2nd meeting was called on March 7th which brought their charter membership total to 54 women.
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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

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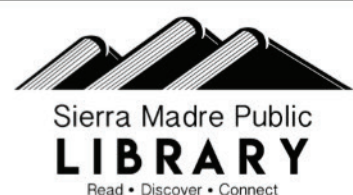
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THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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

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

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



This week at the
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Public Library

May 9—14

Monday

Preschool Storytime at Memorial Park—Outdoors at 9:00 & 10:00am. Call 626-355-7186 to register

Dungeons & Dragons—In-person from 2:00-4:00pm

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

Wednesday

Teen Snackchat—In-person at 4:00pm

Thursday

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

Tails & Tales—In-person at 3:30pm

Saturday

3D Printing Basics—In-person at 11:00am

Digital Services Meet & Greet—In-person from 11:00am-1:00pm

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

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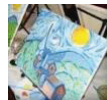


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Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

Reward Increased in Murder of Altadena 4-year-old



The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion Tuesday to extend and increase the reward amount offered for information leading to the identification and arrest of the person involved in the murder of four-year-old Salvador Esparza III in Altadena.

The motion was made by Supervisor Kathryn Barger. Esparza was shot while standing on the porch of a home in unincorporated Altadena on July 5, 2016. Emergency responders found him lying on the porch with a single gunshot wound to his head.

“My heart aches for Salvador’s family, their loss is unimaginable,” Barger said. “This innocent preschooler was robbed of his potential and future. I’ve doubled the reward amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000 with the hope that it will lead to the arrest of the perpetrator of this terrible crime.”

Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo shared his sentiments as well. “Thank you, Supervisor Barger, for your leadership and support in not only extending, but also increasing the reward monies to help identify and arrest those responsible for the death of 4-year-old ‘Chavita’ Esparza. I am appealing to the public to step up and provide needed information to help us solve the horrific killing of this innocent little boy.”

The murder is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD). Sergeant Dominick Recchia, a member of LASD’s Homicide Bureau, encouraged anyone with information to step forward.

“Any bit of information related to this shooting is helpful and can be the missing link to solving this murder. We protect the identity of all individuals who provide tips, so please don’t hesitate to contact us. We won’t rest until the person responsible for this senseless murder is arrested.”

LASD investigators believe the suspect is a gang member, and that the shooting was gang-related. Investigators also believe that the young boy and his family were not the intended target.

To report a tip or provide information call (323) 890-5500.

Huntington Hospital Changes Name

Huntington Hospital in Pasadena announced Tuesday that they are re-introducing themselves to the community, changing their name to Huntington Health. They also announced a new affiliation with Cedars-Sinai.

“As our services have grown over the years, our care has expanded far beyond our hospital walls,” said President and CEO of Huntington Health Lori Morgan. “From primary care to emergency care – all delivered with excellence and compassion – Huntington Health offers a full spectrum of care options to help keep our community healthy. And with our affiliation with Cedars-Sinai, Huntington Health is well-positioned to ensure world-class care for years to come.”

The hospital, its physician group, and all of its outpatient programs and locations will now be under the umbrella of Huntington Health, an affiliate of Cedars-Sinai, officials said in a press statement.

The recent affiliation



with Cedars-Sinai Health System further strengthens Huntington’s ability to provide the San Gabriel Valley with accessible, coordinated, high-quality care, close to home. The affiliation enables many different types of collaborations between Cedars-Sinai and Huntington on clinical services,

research, clinical trials and education.

The hospital is also home to the largest emergency department and only level-II trauma center in the San Gabriel Valley.

For details on Huntington Health, an affiliate of Cedars-Sinai, visit their website: huntingtonhealth.org.

Lake Avenue Church to Install New Senior Pastor

Members of the Lake Avenue Church announced Wednesday that the Reverend Dr. Mathew John (pictured) is set to be formally installed as the new senior pastor of Pasadena’s Lake Avenue Church on Sunday, May 15, at the 9:30 a.m. service. A reception will follow the service.

“Matthew brings a unique, innovative perspective that both builds on the legacy of the church and also integrates new ideas,” Church Chair Dan Crichton said. “This will enable Lake Avenue to continue its rich tradition of service to the local community and beyond. We look forward to celebrating the Lord’s faithfulness to Lake Avenue Church as we mark this significant milestone in our 125-year-old history.”

John is an electrical engineer from India who pursued a corporate career in Kuwait, then transitioned from technology to theology in Canada. He earned a Master of Theological Studies degree from the University of Toronto and a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies with a specialization in film and theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. He has authored multiple books in the fields of world religions, world cinema



and theology.

Having resided in four countries, he has had first-hand experience with different worldviews and hopes to use his unique experiences to minister to Lake Avenue Church’s diverse family, the local community, and the world. Prior to accepting the senior pastor position, John was Pastor of Missional Outreach at the church.

In selecting John, the church’s Pastoral Search Committee felt that his unconventional career path had well prepared him to lead in such a time as this.

For more information about lakeave.org/

Lake Avenue Church is located at 393 N. Lake Avenue in Pasadena, at the corner of Lake Avenue and the 210 Freeway.

Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Next Pasadena Police Chief

The City of Pasadena announced that they are inviting the public to attend a virtual community town hall meeting Wednesday to share thoughts about the characteristics, experience and background they would like to see in the city’s next police chief.

The City has selected the firm of Koff & Associates to conduct the search for the next Police Chief. The meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. will be facilitated by Frank Rojas, Recruitment Manager.

According to Interim City Manager Cynthia Kurtz, “It’s important for the new City Manager and City Council to know what qualities our citizens believe a Chief of Police must possess to best serve the interests of our city and our community. What we hear will bear heavily in our selection process.”

Appointed by the City Manager, the Police Chief plans, organizes, coordinates,

and directs the overall public safety program of the City in the enforcement of law and order and in the prevention of crime; coordinates assigned activities with other departments and outside agencies. This includes ensuring the department provides courteous and expedient customer service to the public and City department staff and assumes full management responsibility for all department services and activities.

For more information for those unable to attend and would like to provide input and feedback, please contact Frank Rojas, Recruitment Manager, Koff & Associates, at (510) 495-0448, or via email at frojas@koffassociates.com.

For more information on how to join the Zoom meeting Visit: cityofpasadena.net. By Telephone call (669) 900 – 6833, Webinar ID: 864 5988 0033.

Arroyo Parkway PWP Project to begin Monday

Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) announced that a major water infrastructure project is scheduled to begin Monday along Arroyo Parkway. The project will replace the existing over 90-year-old, 8-inch water main to increase the reliability and quality of water service. Construction work will span from Glenarm Street to Cordova Street, and is expected to be completed in June 2023.

During the project, residents and businesses located between Glenarm Street and Cordova Street may be impacted. Construction work will be contained to approximately one block at a time between Glenarm and Cordova Streets to help minimize any impacts.

Construction will intermittently affect water service. Notices of any water interruptions will be given at least 48 hours in advance. Efforts will be taken to keep such inconveniences to a minimum.

Work will occur Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crews will use a variety of heavy equipment including excavators, backhoes, loaders, and construction trucks, which may cause additional noise and dust in the area. Signs and delineators will be used to minimize the impact of traffic flow along Arroyo Parkway. At least one driving lane will be accessible in both directions, and access to driveways will be provided. Please observe and adhere to posted no parking zones, construction signs, and traffic flaggers.

For more information, call PWP Water Distribution at (626) 744-4456 or visit: PWPweb.com/ArroyoParkwayProject. T

Pasadena Tournament of Roses Reveals 2023 Poster



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association unveiled the official 2023 poster Tuesday, which will be used for the 134th Rose Parade themed, “Turning the Corner.”

The Winner, Valerie Roen, submitted the winning design pictured right.

According to officials, In January, the Association announced it would conduct its first-ever design contest to create the theme poster. Overwhelmed with the both the quantity and quality of entries in the contest, President Amy Wainscott was not able to select just one design, as the innovative ideas and creative concepts from across the United States and around the world far surpassed her expectations. The final artwork was inspired by eight design finalists and the primary contributor to the poster was selected as the winner of \$1000 and a VIP Rose Parade guest package.

Traditionally, the President unveils a poster when the

theme is announced. This year, Wainscott did not reveal a poster, but instead announced the poster design contest.

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

Join us on Monday, January 2, 2023, to experience the awe and wonder of the floats, bands and equestrian units of the 134th Rose Parade presented by Honda.

The Tournament of Roses has had a “Never on Sunday” tradition since 1893, the first year the Rose Parade fell on a Sunday, and the tradition remains to this day.

Dine At Sorriso May 22 to Support Senior Center

Anyone who dines at Sorriso Ristorante & Bar, 119 E. Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena for brunch or lunch Sunday, May 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. will have an opportunity to help support the Pasadena Senior Center.

The restaurant, which features a tapas menu as well as entree salads and main courses, will donate 15 percent of that day’s profits to Pasadena Senior Center on behalf of everyone who prints out a flyer from the PSC website and brings it to Sorriso. Proceeds will benefit programs, activities and services of the Pasadena Senior Center.

To download the flyer, visit www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org and click on Dine Out & Benefit PSC. Diners may eat at the restaurant or order takeout.

Anyone who cannot dine at Sorriso Ristorante & Bar on May 22 will still have an opportunity to support the center by visiting www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org and clicking on Donation & Membership.

For more information visit the PSC website or call 626-795-4331.

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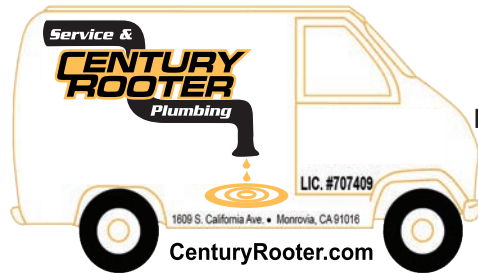
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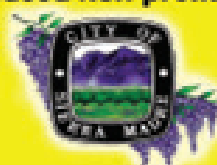
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South Pasadena Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

DATE: Saturday, May 21, 2022

TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Garfield Park (1000 Park Avenue)

The South Pasadena Chinese-American Club (SPCC) and the City of South Pasadena are proud to host a free Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month Celebration! Featuring activity booths, entertainment, food and drink, demos, art installations, and more. Stop by and say hello at the Library information table for a story reading and to preregister for Summer Reading Program. For more information, email spcc91030@gmail.com or visit: spcc-web.org.

Spring Term of the Masters Series at the Senior Center



The theme will be American Art Museums and Collectors. The U.S. is home to some of the most renowned art collections and distinctive art collectors in the world.

A second opportunity for a spring term of The Masters Series, with the theme American Art Museums and Collectors, will be presented by the Pasadena Senior Center Tuesdays, May 24 to June 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. via Zoom as well as onsite at the center.

Art historian Katherine E. Zoraster, whose specialty is art of the western world from the Renaissance to the 20th century, will lead the multimedia sessions with examples of some of America's more notable art

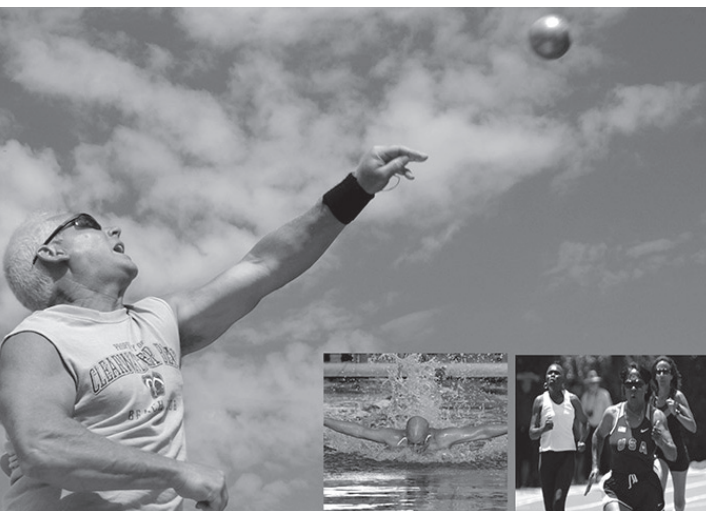
museums and explain the history behind them. She also will describe some of the colorful art-collector personalities as well as museums' architecture and collections.

The cost for this six-week course of The Masters Series, which embraces lifelong learning, is only \$75 for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and \$90 for nonmembers.

To register for the onsite or Zoom events, visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org and click on Lectures & Classes, then Masters Series Lifelong Learning. Everyone who registers for the Zoom events will receive email instructions for joining each week's Zoom class online.

For more information, call 626-795-4331.

Sports Competitions Set For Pasadena Senior Games



Registration is now open for the 28th Pasadena Senior Games, a series of competitive sporting events ranging from archery to track and field in May, June and July.

Upcoming competitions are available for registration by athletes, from beginners to seasoned contenders, and spectators are welcome.

Events are in alphabetical order:

Archery – Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, at Conejo Valley Archers Tournament Range in Simi Valley

Bowling – Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, at Jewel City Bowl in Glendale

Cycling – Tuesday and Wednesday, June 21 and 22, at El Dorado East Regional Park in Long Beach

Disc golf – Saturday, June 18, at Hahamongna Watershed Park in Pasadena

5K fun walk – Sunday, June 26, at the Rose Bowl Loop in Pasadena

Golf – Wednesday, June 8, at Brookside Golf Club in Pasadena

Pickleball – Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22 at Arcadia Tennis Center

Power walk (road) – Sunday, June 26, at the Rose Bowl Loop in Pasadena

Power walk (track) – Saturday, June 4, at Occidental College in Eagle Rock

Race walk (road) – Sunday, June 26, at the Rose Bowl Loop in Pasadena

Race walk (track) --- Saturday, June 4, at Occidental College in Eagle Rock

Road race – Sunday, June 26, at the Rose Bowl Loop in Pasadena

Softball (coed) – Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, at Peterson Park and Pantera Park in Diamond Bar

Softball (women) – Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17, at Little Lake Park in Santa Fe Springs

Swimming – Sunday, June 5, at Rose Bowl Aquatics Center in Pasadena

Table tennis – Saturday, August 6, at Pasadena Senior Center

Tennis – Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24, at Arcadia Tennis Center in Arcadia

Track and field – Saturday, June 4, at Occidental College in Eagle Rock

For detailed flyers about each competition, including rules, individual and team registration forms and team roster forms, visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org and click on Activities & Events, then Senior Games, then Sport Events or call 626-685-6755.

There also will be a Celebration of Athletes party Friday, June 24, at the Pasadena Senior Center.

All sports are open to adults 50 to 99+. Previous competitive experience is not required, and no other qualifications are necessary. To register, visit www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org and click on Activities & Events, then Senior Games.

The Pasadena Senior Games were canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID.

South Pas Virtual Workshop 'Creating Autobiog Comics'

June is Pride Month, a time to observe the history and culture of the LGBTQIA+ community. In celebration of Pride Month, the South Pasadena Public Library is hosting a free, virtual workshop, titled "Creating Autobiog Comics" with graphic novelist Hazel Newlevant. This event will take place on Thursday, June 2nd, at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Visit tinyurl.com/splphn to register for this event.

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In this virtual primer on autobiographical comics participants are the protagonists of their next comic. They will explore the experiences that defined and changed them, design a cartoon version of themselves, and learn how to turn their treasured and embarrassing memories into stories to share with others. This workshop will be approximately one hour long and is intended for older teens and adults.

Hazel Newlevant is Portland-raised, Brooklyn-based cartoonist. Their comics include *If This Be Sin*, a collection of comics about queer women expressing themselves through music; *Sugar Town*, a comic journey through the delights and disappointments of multiple lovers; and *No Ivy League*, a graphic memoir about Hazel Newlevant's awakening to the racial insularity of the upper class, the power of white privilege, and the hidden history of segregation in Portland. They edited and published *Chainmail Bikini*, an anthology of comics by and about female gamers, and *Comics for Choice*, an anthology of comics about reproductive rights. Newlevant's comics have been honored with the Ignatz Award, Xeric Grant, and the Prism Comics Queer Press Grant.

This program is made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library. The Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena. For information about services and programs, visit the website is at: southpasadenaca.gov/library. The Library is open Monday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Upon request made no later than four (4) business days before the event, the City will provide a reasonable accommodation for a qualified person with a disability to have equal access to the event. Please call (626) 403-7312 or fill out the City's request form available at www.southpasadenaca.gov and email the form to Human Resources at HR@southpasadenaca.gov.

SAN MARINO CRIME BLOTTER



The following is a summary report of the key incidents handled by the San Marino Police Department during the reporting period from April 24 to April 30.

Sunday, April 24

1:32 A.M. / 23152 (A) (Driving Under the Influence)

1700 Huntington Drive. A DUI checkpoint lead to the arrest of Guzman, Jhlima. Guzman was later released on an own recognizance citation and ordered to appear at the Alhambra Superior Court.

9:36 A.M. / Municipal Code Violation

2300 block of Roanoke Road.

Officers were dispatched to the above location regarding a municipal code violation, construction on Sundays. The construction workers were ordered to stop, and the report forwarded to Code Enforcement.

11:02 A.M. / CVC 12500(a) & CVC 22450(a) Stop Sign Violation

Huntington Drive / Shenandoah Road.

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that ran a stop sign.

Upon further investigation, it was determined that the diver did not have a valid driver's license. He was issued an own recognizance citation and ordered to appear at Alhambra Superior Court.

10:07 A.M. / 902T (Non injury Traffic Collision)

Huntington Drive / Cambridge Road.

P-2 was traveling westbound on Huntington Drive and collided with P-1 who was traveling southbound on Cambridge Road.

11:58 P.M. / Pursuit

Los Robles Avenue / Old Mill Road.

Officers were notified of a stolen vehicle in the above area. The vehicle was described as a 4 door, Blue in color Hyundai Elantra. Because the vehicle failed to yield, a pursuit ensued.

Due to the vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, traveling with no headlights on, and failing to stop at three clearly posted stop signs, the officer canceled the pursuit.

Monday, April 25

8:11 A.M. / CVC 12500 (Driving without a license)

Huntington Drive / Virginia Road.

An officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle that was traveling at a high rate of speed. Upon further investigation, the driver had not been issued a driver's license. He was issued an own recognize citation and ordered to appear at Alhambra Court.

10:38 A.M. / Property Destruction

2200 Block of Huntington Drive.

The reporting party asked for several hand guns to be destroyed.

10:51 A.M. / CVC 12500 (Driving without a license)

Huntington Drive / Los Robles Avenue.

Upon assisting a disabled motorist, officers determined the driver, was driving without a license. He was released with an own recognizance citation.

11:49 A.M. / PC 470 (Forgery)

2200 Huntington Drive.

Courtesy report mailed in for Visalia Police Department.

11:54 A.M. / 902T (Non-Injury Traffic Collision)

San Gabriel Boulevard / Gainsborough Drive, Pasadena, CA.

Courtesy report mailed in for CHP.

Tuesday, April 26

3:36 P.M. / CVC 14601.2 (Driving while driver's license is suspended)

San Marino Avenue / Lorain Road.

An officer conducted a traffic stop at the above location for a high rate of speed. Upon further investigation, the driver, revealed she was driving with a suspended driver's license. She was issued a San Marino Police Department own recognizance citation and ordered to appear at Alhambra Court at a later date.

3:42 P.M. / CVC 20001 (Hit and Run with Injury)

Los Robles Avenue / Mission Street.

P-2 was stopped at a red light in the southbound lane of Los Robles Avenue at Mission Street. When the intersection light turned green she was rear ended by P-1 (Unknown), who was driving a Toyota sedan.

P-2 proceeded southbound on Los Robles Avenue and pulled

over at a red curb. P-2 watched P-1 turn westbound on Mission Street, stop for a few seconds and then drive off westbound on Mission Street. San Marino Fire Department was requested to medically inspect P-2 for her injuries.

7:50 P.M. / PC 243 (e)(1) (Domestic Violence)

2900 Huntington Drive.

Officers responded to the 2900 block of Huntington Drive in regards to a call for service of a female hitting a younger male. Officers responded to the location and took a male and female subject into police custody.

Officers observed obvious lacerations to the face of both parties. After questioning officers determined both parties to have been engaged in a physical altercation.

Wednesday, April 27

6:05 P.M. / Documentation

1100 Block of Sherwood Road.

Officers assisted SMFD regarding an 82-year-old female who fell off a ladder.

6:11 P.M. / 902T (Traffic Collision with Injury)

1600 Rose Avenue.

P-1 caused the traffic collision by violating California Vehicle Code Section 22107, unsafe turning movement by veering into P-2 vehicle.

7:49 P.M. / 215(Carjacking) 211(Robbery) 273.5(Domestic Violence) 10851(A) (Vehicle Theft)

1600 Los Robles Avenue.

Victim and Suspect (ex-boyfriend) were in a verbal argument parked in the Victim's vehicle. Victim asked the suspect to leave her alone and exit the vehicle. The suspect did not comply, and took the Victim's cell phone and vehicle by force. The then fled the area with the victim's vehicle without consent driving southbound on Los Robles Avenue out of sight.

Thursday, April 28

6:12 A.M. / Arson

200 Block of San Marino Avenue.

Supplemental Report for SMFD.

2:22 P.M. / 902T (Traffic Collision with Injury)

Huntington Drive / Los Robles Avenue.

P-1 caused the collision in violation of C.V.C. 22107 - No person shall turn a vehicle from a direct course or move right or left upon a roadway until such movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after the giving of an appropriate signal in the manner provided in this chapter in the event any other vehicle may be affected by the movement.

2:18 P.M. / CVC 23152 (B) (Driving Under the Influence)

1700 Block of Los Robles Avenue.

Officers were dispatched to the above location for a parking problem. Upon arrival, officer's contacted the driver who was sitting in the front seat. The driver displayed signs of intoxication and failed to perform the standardized filed sobriety tests. He was placed under arrest and transported to Pasadena Jail for housing.

Friday, April 29

2:31 P.M. / Found Bike

1700 Huntington Drive.

Officers were dispatcher to Valentine Elementary School for a found bicycle.

8:08 P.M. / CVC 14601.2(a) (Suspended/Revoked for DUI)

Los Robles Avenue / Wilson Avenue.

An officer conducted a traffic stop at the above location, and after a records check the driver, He was discovered to be driving on a suspended driver license. He was issued an own recognizance citation and released without incident.

Saturday, April 30

11:50 A.M. / PC 470 (Forgery)

1600 block of Rubio Drive.

An unknown subject endorsed and cashed the victim's check at an unknown bank location.

4:57 P.M. / PC 594 (Vandalism)

Ridgeway Road / Roanoke Road.

An Officer observed a parked vehicle with glass on the ground near the rear driver side window. After locating the owner of the vehicle, he stated that when he parked his vehicle it was free from damage and doors were locked. The victim advised there was no loss from the vehicle.

Golf Tournament in Full Swing

Pasadena Humane's 23rd annual Doglegs, Birdies & Eagles golf tournament is set to take place Monday, June 20 at beautiful Oakmont Country Club in Glendale.

Even if you're not a golfer, you can still join the "par-tee"! Show your support by joining Pasadena Humane's Celebration Dinner or by participating in the Online Auction and Raffle Drawing.

Supporters can also purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a portion

of the pot along with \$250 worth of instant win scratch-off lottery tickets. The winner will be announced during the Celebration Dinner but does not need to be present.

There will also be an online auction during the week of the event. Details will be given closer to the event.

For more information, visit pasadenahumane.org/golf or contact Special Events Manager Charlotte Lacey at clacey@pasadenahumane.org or 626.792.7151 ext 284.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, April 24th through Saturday, April 30th, the Police Department responded to 909 calls for service, of which 108 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, April 24:

- At 4:59 a.m., officers responded to Hollywood Noddle, located at 48 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding the activation of a GPS tracking device. An investigation revealed the suspect, a 29-year-old female from Pico Rivera, and her boyfriend, a 29-year-old male, burglarized the restaurant and fled with an iPad and the stolen tracking device. The vehicle eventually yielded in the area of Live Oak Avenue and Arrow Highway, in the City of Irwindale. The male suspect fled on foot and evaded officers. The female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. A records check revealed she had an outstanding warrant and both suspects were on probation for burglary.
- At 8:54 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Methodist Hospital, located at 300 West Huntington Drive, regarding an aggravated assault incident. The officer determined a victim was abruptly dropped off at the hospital after sustaining multiple gunshot wounds. The driver fled without providing any information. The victim was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for treatment. The investigation is ongoing and it is currently unknown in what city the shooting occurred.

Monday, April 25:

- At 11:18 a.m., an officer responded to the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department to take a grand theft report. The incident occurred at 50 West Duarte Road. The victim stated he had gold coins stolen from his unlocked vehicle sometime between 1:00 p.m. and 1:15 p.m.
- At 2:18 p.m., an officer responded to the 500 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a stolen vehicle report. The victim's Honda Civic was stolen from the area sometime between 4:30 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on April 25th.

Tuesday, April 26:

- At 8:55 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block Chelsea Road regarding a grand theft report. The victim discovered his catalytic converter had been stolen from his Honda Element between April 19th and 26th.
- At 10:07 a.m., an officer responded to Banter, a kiosk located in the Westfield Santa Anita Mall at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) pried open the storage drawers and had stolen gold chains. The investigation is pending a review of the surveillance footage.

Wednesday, April 27:

- At 7:52 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Santa Anita Avenue and Santa Clara Street regarding a vandalism report. A witness stated the suspect was attempting to board the bus, that was out of service, and when he was told he could not board, he kicked the glass door causing it to break. The suspect fled on foot. He is described as a 40 to 50-year-old White male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and brown cargo pants.
- At 10:28 a.m., officers responded to Eisenhower Park, located at 601 North Second Avenue, regarding a battery in progress. The officers determined the suspect, a 33-year-old female transient, had kicked the victim, her boyfriend. The victim declined medical attention. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, April 28:

- At 1:49 a.m., an officer responded to Wells Fargo, located at 1200 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. Someone had spray-painted on the north side of the building. No suspects were seen, and no witnesses were located.
- At 2:14 a.m., an officer responded to a dental office, located at 921 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. Surveillance footage captured a lone suspect enter the business through an open rear door, he ransacked the office, and fled with an unknown amount of property. The suspect is described as an Asian male with shoulder length hair.
- At 10:07 a.m., an officer responded to the area of 2nd Avenue and Colorado Boulevard, regarding a male subject bleeding from the head. Officers responded and discovered an unknown suspect pushed the victim to the ground, searched the victim's pockets, and fled emptyhanded. Arcadia Fire responded and transported his to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for treatment. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 5'7", 160 pounds, around 50-years-old, and wearing all dark grey clothing. The investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, April 30:

- At 4:28 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Colorado Boulevard and Old Ranch Road regarding the activation of a GPS tracking device contained in a package. The device had been deployed as a way to combat package thefts throughout the city. The officer located the tracker and discovered someone had stolen the tracker along with the victim's mail and discarded the tracker.



MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

*Highlighted Activity for April 28 – May 4, 2022
During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 385 service events resulting in 66 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police*

Attempt Grand Theft

April 28 at 4:25 a.m., a resident in the 300 block of Highland reported that he just interrupted four suspects attempting to steal the catalytic converter from his Prius. The suspects fled in two vehicles after being confronted. Officers responded to the area and located the two vehicles on Foothill. Both vehicles were traveling at a high rate of speed and officers discontinued any further pursuit for safety reasons. This investigation is continuing.

Commercial Burglary

April 28 at 6:54 a.m., an employee of a business in the 100 block of W. Foothill called to report that the business was broken into sometime during the night. Officers arrived and saw the glass front door was shattered. This investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft

April 28 at 10:11 a.m., a victim in the 200 block of W. Hillcrest called to report that sometime during the night his vehicle's catalytic converter was taken. This investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft

April 28 at 11:52 a.m., a catalytic converter was reported stolen in the 2600 block of Doray Circle. This investigation continuing.

Drug Activity – Suspect Arrested

April 28 at 12:17 p.m., an employee from a business in the 800 block of W. Huntington called to report that someone had broken into a vacant building and was possibly still inside. Officers arrived and located a suspect inside the building. Further investigation revealed that he was in possession of a controlled substance. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Domestic Violence

April 28 at 3:08 p.m., Monrovia Dispatch received an emergency call regarding a domestic dispute that occurred somewhere on the 15 freeway. The involved parties were in the 700 block of S. Primrose. Officers arrived and contacted the couple. Further investigation revealed that a crime did occur. The California Highway Patrol was notified and the investigation was relinquished to them.

ATM Tampering
April 28 at 7:10 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of S. Myrtle regarding a subject attempting to tamper with an ATM. The subject had already left the area, but officers located two false panels hiding cameras positioned to capture customers pin numbers. This investigation is continuing.

Theft

April 28 at 7:31 p.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 900 block of S. Fifth. The victim advised that she had left her purse in the vehicle while the trunk was unlocked. Upon returning she found that her purse and other personal items had been stolen. This investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft

April 28 at 7:53 p.m., officers responded to a robbery alarm at a business in the 600 block of W. Huntington. Upon arrival they saw that multiple suspects had entered the location and smashed display cases with hammers. Items from the display cases were stolen. The suspects had left the area when officers arrived. This investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft

April 28 at 9:46 p.m., a caller in the 700 block of Bonita advised that her son's scooter had been stolen from the front of their home. This investigation is continuing.

Driving Under the Influence / Threatening – Suspect Arrested

April 28 at 11:45 p.m., officers responded to a drive-thru restaurant in the 100 block of W. Huntington regarding a female subject causing a disturbance. The female was found to be intoxicated and driving a vehicle. She attempted to back her vehicle into another vehicle while in the drive-thru and further investigation revealed that she had threatened several employees. She was arrested and taken into custody.

ARCADIA/MONROVIA-DUARTE

NEWS BRIEFS

CITRUS DISEASE DETECTED IN CITY OF MONROVIA

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has informed the City of Monrovia that multiple plant samples from residential citrus trees in Monrovia recently tested positive for Huanglongbing (HLB). The disease is deadly for citrus trees and there is no cure, so CDFA will be taking action quickly to limit its spread. You can expect CDFA staff to survey for HLB and treat any host plants within a 250-meter area around the new detections. Agriculture crews will be inspecting citrus and other host plants to look for symptoms of HLB and may take plant samples or samples of any Asian citrus psyllids found, as these insects are responsible for spreading the disease as they feed from tree to tree.

When harvesting and donating your own citrus fruit, follow these best practices to ensure the deadly citrus tree disease, Huanglongbing (HLB), does not destroy our beloved citrus trees. HLB is spread by a tiny insect called the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), as it feeds on citrus tree leaves, and has no cure. The best way to protect our citrus trees from HLB is to prevent the movement of ACP. When harvesting fruit to donate, be sure to:

- Remove all leaves, stems and branches before citrus is moved from the property.

- Wash fruit thoroughly before moving the fruit.
- Fully open bags carrying your citrus, dump and shake them out, and remove any stems, leaves, or other debris before leaving the property.
- Inspect clothes, personal items, and vehicles for plant materials and brush them off before leaving the property.

MONROVIA CONSERVES

Excess water usage penalties went into effect starting the first billing cycle in March 2022. The City has been expanding educational outreach for many months to ensure all Monrovia residents are aware of Phase II of the Water Conservation Plan and what that means for your water consumption and your water bill.

As a recap, Phase II of the Water Conservation Plan stipulates a 10% mandatory reduction in water consumption from each household's same month billing period in 2020. For example, the first billing period in March will compare your usage from February of 2022 to your usage in February of 2020.

Tools to Help You Conserve

- Water Rebates - Save \$\$ when you save H2O! Check the latest rebates offered by the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. You may qualify for rebates for indoor and outdoor water-saving equipment for your home or business including turf removal or financial incentives for water efficient equipment or improvements!
- Upper District's Water Smart Home Program offers qualifying residents an opportunity to choose a variety of water conservation items to be installed at their home, free of charge, by EcoTech Services.
- The Water Conservation Kit is filled with tools, at no charge, to help make water conservation that much easier.
- The Water Conservation Planner, designed in collaboration with Smitten on Paper and BeWaterWise.com, is filled with native plants and water conservation tips.

DUARTE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP & SHRED DRIVE-THRU EVENT ON MAY 15

Duarte and Burrtec Waste Industries will hold their annual Duarte Community Clean-Up & Shred event on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 8 AM – 2 PM at the Duarte City Hall parking lot (1600 Huntington Drive). Burrtec will be collecting bulky items, construction/demolition waste, electronic waste, and old documents for shredding. For compost materials, residents should bring the proper vehicle or storage container to accommodate the load. Burrtec will provide shovels. The City will also be distributing used oil containers for residents that would like to recycle their old motor oil safely. Please note, household hazardous waste will not be accepted. Learn more about how to dispose of household hazardous waste at pw.lacounty.gov. Must be a Duarte resident; IDs will be checked. For more information, please contact Burrtec at (626) 932-1558 or the City Manager's Office at City Hall at (626) 357-7931.

REDUCE WATER USE AND HELP SAVE TREES

BE WATER-WISE.

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HERE'S HOW.

1. GROUNDCOVERS

Avoid planting water-loving groundcovers. Mulching around your plants reduces water evaporation and makes for an attractive, water-wise groundcover.

2. POROUS PAVERS

Porous pavers or gravel paths are a great way to allow water to percolate back into the ground and prevent runoff.

3. COLLECT RAINWATER

Rainwater collection is a great way to help prevent runoff and to provide useful water for your yard.

4. DRY CREEK BEDS

Dry creek beds are attractive features that do not use any water.



5. DUSK AND DAWN

Water early in the morning or after the sun has set, as this is when plants and trees replace the water they've lost during the day. Also less water is lost to evaporation at these times.

6. GEOGRAPHIC AND SITE APPROPRIATE TREES

Plant regionally appropriate trees. When possible, locate the tree to provide shade and save energy. Stay 15' away from structures and overhead or underground utility lines. Avoid high-allergen trees.

7. CONSERVE AND RECYCLE WATER IN THE HOME

Place buckets in the shower to collect warm up water. Recycle water from the dehumidifier, collect air conditioning condensation, & "save a flush" to conserve.

8. MODIFY THE IRRIGATION TO PROVIDE:

- A) In-line drip tubing in parallel rows for the turf and plants and;
- B) In-line drip tubing rings for trees.



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DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of April 24, 2022 - April 30, 2022.

April 24, 2022

- Grand Theft:

1600 Block of Duncannon Avenue. Between 04/23/22 10:30 pm and 04/24/22 10:30 am suspect(s) unknown entered the victims unlocked parked vehicle a white 2015 Honda Accord and stole miscellaneous items. Loss was approximately \$1,700. No surveillance video available.

April 25, 2022

- Robbery:
1600 Mountain Avenue (Wal-Mart). On 04/25/22 at 11:00 am the suspect a male black adult, wearing a black hoodie and blue jeans entered the location and walked directly to the electronics department. The suspect contacted a sales associate and asked him for help in purchasing a "I-pad". As the sales associate was scanning the "I-pad", the suspect reached over the counter and grabbed the item from the employee's hands and a struggle ensued. The employee attempted to retrieve the item and the suspect forcibly pulled it away. The employee chased the suspect outside where the suspect ran towards

Mountain Avenue and out of view. Surveillance video available.

April 26, 2022

- Aggravated Assault:
1302 Duarte Road (Duarte Liquor). On 04/26/22 at 7:05 pm the victim stated he was in front of the location, when he was confronted by two male Hispanic adult suspects. The victim stated the suspects told him he needed to leave and then without provocation began to punch him in the head and face area. The victim fell to the ground, where the suspects kicked him and threw his bicycle on top of him. The victim said after the assault, the suspects walked towards

the Duarte apartments and out of view. Possible surveillance video available.

- Grand Theft vehicle:
1000 Block of Junipero Road. Between 04/25/22 10:00 pm and 04/26/22 7:00 am suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's parked vehicle a blue 1990 Honda Accord. No surveillance video available. Vehicle outstanding.

April 27, 2022

- Burglary (Residential):
1400 Block of Santo Domingo Avenue. On 04/27/22 between 10:00 am and 1:30 pm suspect(s) unknown entered the victim's apartment while she was

out and stole money from her purse. No forced entry and location not ransacked. Loss was approximately \$215. No surveillance video.

April 28, 2022

- Grand theft vehicle (Attempt):
2600 Huntington Drive. Between 04/27/22 9:30 pm and 04/28/22 3:00 am suspect(s) unknown punched the lock and ignition to the victim's parked vehicle a black 2003 GMC Yukon and attempted to take it. Damage was approximately \$500. No surveillance video available.

AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

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 Chef Knows By Peter Dills

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

The phenomenon of Mother’s Day goes well back to ancient Greek times, and really only in the past 100 years have we celebrated here in the United States (in Mexico it’s celebrated on Thursday May 10th). I heard on a radio commercial “don’t get mom a card this year, get her something she really wants.” Okay, it didn’t say, “get her a bottle of wine”, but for the sake of this article let’s get her a bottle of wine. Here are three wines that I have enjoyed with my mom.

For sparkling wine fans, I really like the Domaine Carneros - affordable and easily found in your local supermarket aisles. This wine is as close to real champagne that I ever had!! Planning a backyard/Virtual BBQ for mom? This sparkler is perfect..

I see the billboards all over town, “come Stellabrate”. Stella Rosa Prosecco is the perfect wine for the pre-meal toast. The wine is full of mousse (bubbles) and goes well with light appetizers such as cheese and crackers. I’ve lost count of how many Stella Rosa products are on the shelves, but they are all light on calories and alcohol content. The price point is about \$15 so you could afford two.

Last but not least, a chardonnay. Moms love chardonnay - they can put a little ice in the glass or drink at room temperature. The Pouilly Fuisse, Louis Jadot’s white wine made with chardonnay grapes, is the pick here. It’s from Burgundy, France, but not bad on the wallet, and has a crispness that makes it an exceptional wine. It retails for about \$25. There are white wines from the same region for a few dollars more, but hey - it’s mom we are talking here. Don’t be stingy! Whatever direction you take, have a great Mother’s Day!

My mom just recently passed, but I will hoist this glass in her honor and for that matter to you as well.

Follow me on Instagram for my latest finf of great food



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SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY BOOKMARK WINNERS

The Sierra Madre Public Library is pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 Bookmark Contest! This year's theme was "Where the Wild Sierra Madre Is". Finalists attended a ceremony at the Li-brary on April 5th, where winners were announced and prizes were awarded. Additionally, four winning bookmarks were selected to be mass printed for distribution at the Library for the coming year. Congratulations to all the winners and finalists, and a big thank you to every child who partici-pated! And for all booklovers in the community, please visit the Library soon to pick up a free bookmark or two!

Kindergarten Grade:
Second place - Joaquin Q.
First place - Uly X.

First Grade:
Second place - Dylan V.
First place - Darcy L.

Second Grade:
Second place - Will W. & Stella K.
First place - Sanahin K.

Third Grade:
Second place - Jacey C.
First place - Leon B.

Fourth Grade:
Second place - Erin L.
First place - Lauren J.

Fifth Grade:
Second place - Nova W. & Isabelle G.
First place - Sofia P.

Sixth Grade:
Second place - Elena D.
First place - Clara T.

Seventh and Eighth Grade:
Second place - Miles W.
First place - Abigail A.

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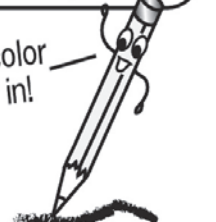


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Kids: color stuff in!



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with things our moms do:

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- _____ in the lake
- _____ and folds laundry
- _____ stories with us every night
- _____ the flower box
- _____ sure we do our homework
- _____ cookies
- _____ us to feed our pets
- _____ us even when we make mistakes
- _____ the bushes
- _____ us how to take care of our things
- _____ at a business
- _____ at town events
- _____ us to the bus stop on time
- _____ for our groceries and clothes
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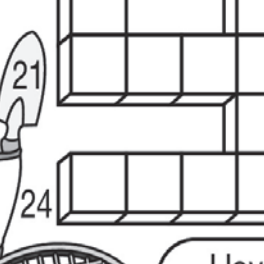
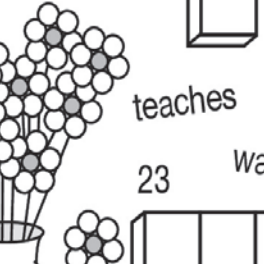
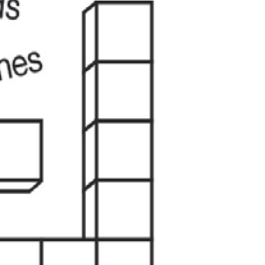
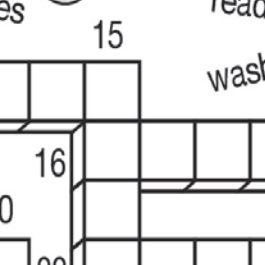
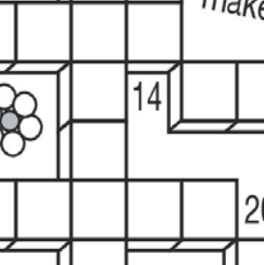
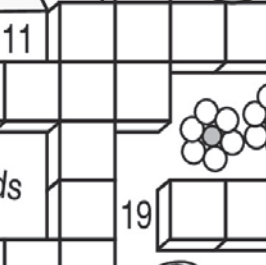
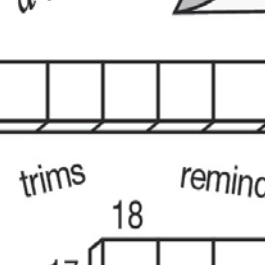
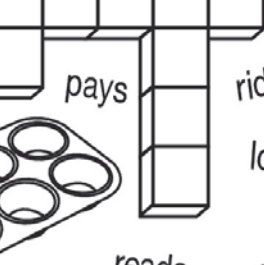
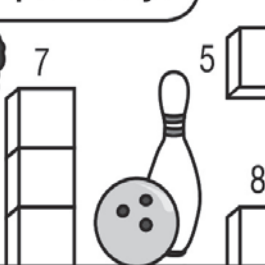
For Mom

Happy Mother's Day!

Mothers and fathers are very excited when their children are born. It is a time of wonder and love. Our parents take care of us, guide us and teach us for many years. Mothers do so many things for and with us. Stop and think about all the time and love your Mother gives you. **What can you do to surprise her or help her out a little on her special day?**



Visit!
Write a note!



Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



RAPTOR’S RAPTURE

One weekend a few years ago, my husband and I decided it had been far too long since we’d “gone out to country”, so we put everything else aside and drove to Lake Matthews in Perris, CA to spend the day at the Animazonia Wildlife Foundation’s big cat refuge. At that time, Animazonia was opening the gates to their gorgeous sanctuary for public visitation & site tours on the first Saturday of each month.

What a serene countryside setting. Surrounded by steep, rounded rolling hills littered with huge boulders & dramatic outcroppings, the refuge is hidden in a small niche off the beaten trail. Winding our way along the 2-lane road that took us there, we enjoyed a fabulous view of snow-capped Mount Baldy to the north and a hand-full of small farms with sheep, horses, chickens and goats. But to me, the best part of the drive was seeing all those huge birds soaring above us, over the lake and over the meadows.

The feature event we set out to take part in at Animazonia was a “Raptor Release” sponsored by the Orange County Bird of Prey Center (OCBPC) and presented by veterinarian Dr. Scott Weldy, director of OCBPC and owner of Serrano Animal & Bird Hospital in Lake Forrest, CA. Raptors - or birds of prey as they are commonly called - include owls, eagles, falcons, condors, hawks, ospreys, kites, and vultures. They have strong feet with sharp talons for catching and holding caught prey. Their hooked upper beak is designed to tear into their catch, and their binocular vision allows them excellent depth perception needed for efficient hunting.

Raptors are very important to our environment because they help maintain the balance of nature by controlling the population of rodents, reptiles, insects and other prey that would otherwise overpopulate. Because of the important role they play in the balance of nature, and because of the dramatic drop in their population over the past several decades, raptors are now protected by state and federal laws, but if you ask me their beauty and elegance alone is enough reason to protect them.

Known for his heart-felt dedication to rescuing orphaned, injured or ill birds of prey, Dr. Weldy brought with him 5 raptors, 3 of which had been rehabilitated and were ready for re-introduction into the wild. The other 2 were “Hank”, a gorgeous red tail hawk and “Gus”, a sweet petite screech owl. Both had been rescued as fledglings and had spent their formative weeks as babies being cared for by humans, whom they came to know as their parents. This phenomenon is called “imprinting” and can be the reason why some wild birds in captivity will never have a chance to fly free again.

Dr. Weldy and the Animazonia staff gave a super interesting and educational presentation which was quite a treat, but the best part of the event was when the 3 rehabbed raptors were released. For me, it was an emotional experience. I felt so privileged to be there, as those amazing animals took to the sky. Whilst each one ascended, I couldn’t help thinking they were being lifted up to the heavens and given a new life, much like the “rapture” described in the Bible. All 3 of those beautiful birds had a story. Each had been rescued at a crucial time, when it was touch and go, life or death. They were among the lucky ones who’ve been found and given help, just when they needed it most.

As I watched each raptor being “raptured”, it gave me a new sense of hope that these wild creatures are far more tenacious than I often give them credit for. My human heart wants to reach out when I see trees disappear (far too often these days) and I fear the birds themselves will disappear with no good place to land and nest. It is true that they can be rendered vulnerable by habitat encroachment, felled trees, sudden up cropping of wind turbines, solar panel fields, electrical lines & human-caused chemical disasters, but the raptor is one tough bird that doesn’t give up easily. Yet another priceless lesson learned from nature’s wild creatures that I aspire to live by.

As most folks here in the San Gabriel foothill area know, raptors are doing their best to survive and thrive in this, their natural habitat, as we humans continue to infringe upon their space. Let’s do our best to help them along, what do you say? If you should happen to come across an injured or orphaned bird of prey, please immediately call your local Animal Control Department, or contact OCBPC @ 949-837-0786 to report it. Do not attempt to care for an injured or orphaned raptor yourself. It may result in serious injury to you and/or the bird. If it is absolutely necessary to handle the injured bird while waiting for help, use heavy gloves and a towel or blanket for easier handling. Stay calm. Grasp the bird on the sides, over properly folded wings and place it in a cardboard box slightly larger than the bird.

It is helpful to keep a record of the time, date and location of a capture. Some raptors have been “banded”, meaning they were in captivity at some point and are now wearing an ID bracelet that may provide important information such as a phone number to call. Be certain that any baby bird you find is truly orphaned before removing it from the area. Don’t overreact. It may have fled it’s nest, but still being cared for by it’s parents nearby but not visible, in which case it is much better off being left alone.

I implore all of my fellow dwellers here in Sierra Madre and beyond, please be respectful to all wildlife. Don’t invite your list of social media friends into a frenzy of senseless sensation or fruitless fear if you spot a wild creature. Just consider yourself blessed to have seen it - and keep it to yourself. Whether it is a deer, a coyote, a bear, or a bird, they are all relying on us humans to do the right thing. They are not the threat, we are. Love and let live.

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



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It’s early May of 2022. When I heard the “leaked” news that the Supreme Court is planning on overturning Roe v. Wade decision of nearly 50 years earlier, it naturally made me think of my mother.

Of the many hats that my mother wore, one was a freelance counselor of older teen and early 20s girls, some of whom were considering getting an abortion. Some may have simply have had confusions about their sexual activity, or were concerned about a man whom they thought loved them but who probably didn’t.

[Note: please read to the end. You might think you know where this is going, but I think you will be surprised.]

Most of our family knew some of these young girls, but not all of them. And when my mother had these deep discussions, no one dared disturb them or interfere. These were usually later at night when my father was already asleep. He always went to bed early – unlike the rest of us—because he always had to get up early. My brothers and I knew that when my mother’s discussions were occurring in the dining room, we stayed in the kitch-en, or watched TV in the living room. Without knowing the exact content of their hushed discussions in the corner of the dining room, we knew that whatever they were talking about in these sometimes hours-long discussions was important, sensitive, and potentially life-changing.

My mother—like my father—was a staunch life-long Democrat. She had an autographed photo of President Kennedy right up there on the wall next to the pope. But as someone who felt abortion was wrong, she always found it hard to balance her devotion to the Democratic party which said abortion was OK. But my mother was also pragmatic, and she was a strong Catholic.

And as a nurse, she saw a side of life that average people never experience, and only get a taste of from TV.

My mother would always let us know that having a baby was a wonderful thing, that a new life was being brought into the world. But in her private conversations, she also knew that babies didn’t always come into a loving, caring home. What about the pregnancy from rape or incest? What about when something happens during the pregnancy, and the mother or the child will die if the pregnancy is brought to term? My mother realized the complexity of the female body around pregnancy, where the unexpected could occur. I recall a would-be mother speaking to my mother after an unexpected spontaneous discharge of the baby occurred (I am sure there is a medical term for this). My mother

MY MOTHER

expressed sadness, shrugged, and said “It must have been God’s will.”

My mother told those young girls to be careful who they got involved with, and to be extra careful if they had sexual involvements. She believed that sex should only occur in marriage, but she also was a realist who knew the real world. My mother valued human life, and told these young girls and women to never regard abortion lightly.

Still, her main thinking was that government agencies should stay out of the decision to have or not have such a procedure, and leave the matter to the doctor and the woman. My mother felt this was a compromise of sorts, but she felt that government workers and their agencies do far greater harm than a doctor making a decision in an individual case. I know my mother did not like abortion, but she would not be happy about what the Supreme Court is reportedly about to do since it could force this very serious procedure back into the darkness. That’s what I believe my mother would have felt about this situa-tion (may she rest in peace).

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE SUPREME COURT

I believe there is an even bigger and greater issue playing out. If Humpty Dumpty falls, we won’t be able to put him back together again. American citizens have largely regarded the Supreme Court as the ultimate, and objective, arbiter of what we call our “Law of the Land.” We want to continue feel that the court members are not simply low-level politicians playing politics with each issue.

In this case, each of the five jurors who are reportedly going to cast down Roe v. Wade as not being Constitutional have each gone on record (during their confirmation hearings) as stating that Roe v. Wade is an established Constitutional fact. So did they each lie about what they felt about this case so they would be voted into the Supreme Court? Were the three most recent Trump appointees telling us a fib all along?

It discredits their own court by saying that the court’s earlier decision on Roe v.Wade was based on a poor foundation, as if precedent is irrelevant. Precedent, after all, is the bread and butter of all court decisions. Does the current court now go pick and choose what they want to agree about, or believe? To say that the Roe v. Wade decision was not based on the Constitution is somewhat irrelevant, since many modern cases are argued and decided with no clear Constitutional connection.

In my opinion, this course of action will spell the death of the Supreme Court as a viable and trusted institution in American politics and thinking, if this comes to pass. This is a short term decision which will take them down the path of their own demise, unfortunately.

Katnip News!



HAPPY FUR-MOTHER’S DAY

Just taking some time this week to wish you all a very happy Mother’s Day! We also want to remind you that if you are looking for a new pet, please start with Lifeline for Pets. Also, even though this is “kitten sea-son,” please don’t overlook the teens and adult cats from



about age 2 to about age 9. Those are great ages and their purr-sonalities are al-ready set so you know what you are getting. For instance, here is Dazzle. She’s only 5 years old. She’s a little shy at first, but is easily held, playful, and diligent with her litter box habits. We have a variety of teens and adults, from friendly and playful, to bonded twosomes, to very affectionate, to very shy but sweet. Please visit our website at www.lifelineforpets.org and take a look at all we offer. At the very least, you’ll love looking at all the beautiful cats! All the best!

Pet of the Week

Seven-week-old Garth is incredibly soft and adorable! Garth is a lap kitten, but he also loves to perch on your thigh or knee. If he’s not already on your lap, he just might climb up your pant leg to get there! Garth is also very playful and loves his wand toy.

The adoption fee for kittens is \$150. All kitten adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines. New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellnessexam 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. Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

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HOW MEDICARE COVERS ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE

Dear Savvy Senior:
What exactly does Medicare cover when it comes to Alzheimer’s disease? My husband was recently diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer’s, and we would like to find out what’s covered and what isn’t.
Planning Ahead

Dear Planning:

I’m very sorry to hear about your husband’s diagnosis, but you’ll be happy to know that most medical costs to treat beneficiaries with Alzheimer’s disease are covered by Medicare. Unfortunately, long-term custodial care costs that most patients eventually need are not. Here’s a breakdown of what Medicare does and doesn’t cover when it comes to Alzheimer’s disease, along with some tips that can help you plan ahead.



Medical care: For the most part, ongoing medical care to diagnose and treat Alzheimer’s disease is covered by Medicare Part B, including visits to primary care doctors and specialists, lab tests, speech and occupational therapy, home health care and outpatient counseling services. Medicare pays 80 percent of these costs, and you will be responsible for the remaining 20 percent after you’ve met your annual \$233 Part B deductible.

Sixty days of inpatient hospital care is also covered under Medicare Part A after you pay a \$1,556 deductible. Beyond 60 days, a daily coinsurance fee is added.

Medications: Most Alzheimer’s medications are covered under Medicare’s Part D prescription drug plans, but coverage varies so check his plan’s formulary. The only exception is Aduhelm, the controversial new drug that is estimated to cost \$28,200 per year. Medicare Part B will only cover this drug if your husband is enrolled in a clinical trial.

Long-term custodial care: It’s important to understand that original Medicare does not cover long-term custodial care. This includes nursing home care, the costs of assisted living facilities and adult day care. Medicare does, however, pay for some shorter-term nursing home care, but only up to 100 days following a three-day inpatient hospital stay.

Hiring home help for bathing, toileting and dressing (this is known as custodial care) is not covered by Medicare either unless your husband is also receiving skilled-nursing care or physical or occupational therapy.

To help with these costs, you may want to look into getting a long-term care insurance policy or short-term care plan (see aaltci.org/stc) if possible, or if your income and assets are very limited, you may qualify for Medicaid. To investigate your financial options for long-term care, go to PayingForSeniorCare.com.

Hospice: In the final stages of the disease, Medicare Part A covers nearly all aspects of hospice care, including doctor services, nursing care, drugs, medical equipment and supplies, physical and occupational therapy, homemaker services, counseling and respite care. To qualify, a doctor must certify that a patient has six months or less to live.

Other Insurance and Assistance

If your husband is enrolled in original Medicare and he doesn’t have a supplemental insurance (Medigap) policy, you should consider getting him one. A Medigap plan will help pay for things that aren’t covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles. To search for plans in your area, go to Medicare.gov/plan-compare and click on “Medigap policy only.”

Or, if you’re enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan (like an HMO or PPO), his plan must provide him at least the same coverage as original Medicare does. Some advantage plans may also offer additional coverage for home care services.

If you can’t afford your Medicare out-of-pocket costs or need help with medication expenses, there are Medicare Savings Programs and the Extra Help program that provide financial assistance for medications. To learn more, see Medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/get-help-paying-costs.

You can also get help through your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see ShipHelp.org or call 877-839-2675), which provides free Medicare and long-term care counseling.

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

3 REASONS WHY TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OF YOUR HOME TO YOUR CHILD IS A BAD IDEA

Whether it’s to qualify for Medicaid, avoid probate, or reduce your tax burden, transferring ownership of your home to your adult child during your lifetime may seem like a smart move. But in nearly all cases, it’s a huge mistake with dire consequences for everyone involved.

Before you sign over the title to your home, consider the following potential risks.

1. Your Eligibility for Medi-Cal Could Be Jeopardized

With the cost of long-term care skyrocketing, you may be worried about your (or your senior parents’) ability to pay for extremely expensive stays in an assisted-living facility or a nursing home. Since neither traditional health insurance nor Medicare will pay for long-term care, you may look to Medi-Cal to help cover the costs but to become eligible for Medi-Cal, you must first exhaust nearly every penny of your savings.

So, you may think by transferring your house to your children, you can avoid selling the home if you need to qualify for Medi-Cal, and this strategy may seem easier and less expensive than passing on your home (and other assets) through estate planning. However, this tactic is a big mistake on several levels. It can not only delay—or even disqualify—your Medi-Cal eligibility, but it can also lead to other serious problems. Here’s why: In February 2006, Congress passed the Deficit Reduction Act, which included several provisions aimed at reducing Medicaid abuse.

One of these provisions was a five-year “look-back” period for eligibility. This means that before you can qualify for Medi-Cal, your finances will be reviewed for any “uncompensated transfers” of your assets within the five years preceding your application. So, if you transfer your house to your children and then need long-term care within five years, it could significantly delay your qualification for Medi-Cal benefits—and possibly even prevent you from ever qualifying.

2. Your Child Could Be Stuck with A Massive Tax Bill

Another drawback to transferring ownership of your home in this way is the potential tax liability for your child. By transferring the property before you die, you may think you can save your child both time and money by avoiding the long and expensive probate process. But you could be sticking them with an even higher tax bill.

That’s because if you transfer your home to your child during your lifetime, he or she will have to pay capital gains tax on the difference between your home’s value when you purchased it and the home’s selling price at the time it’s sold by your child. Depending on your home’s value, that tax bill can be enormous.

In contrast, by transferring your home via your estate plan, your child will receive what’s known as a “step-up in basis.” This tax savings is one of the only benefits of death, and it allows your child to pay capital gains taxes based only on the difference between the value of the home at the time of inheritance and its sales price, rather than paying taxes based on the home’s value at the time you bought it.

3. Your Home Could Be Vulnerable to Debt, Divorce, Disability, & Death

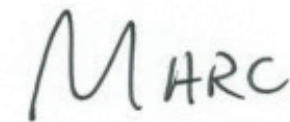
There are several other reasons why transferring ownership of your home to your child now is a bad idea. If your child takes ownership of your home and has significant debt, for example, his or her creditors can make claims against the property to recoup what they’re owed, potentially forcing your child to sell the home to pay those debts.

Divorce is another thorny issue. If your child goes through a divorce while the house is in his or her name, the home may be considered marital property. Depending on the outcome of the divorce, the settlement decree may force your child to sell the home or pay his or her ex-spouse a share of the home’s value.

The disability or death of your child can also lead to trouble. If your child becomes disabled and seeks Medi-Cal or other government benefits, having the home in his or her name could block eligibility, just like it would your own. And if your child dies before you and owns the house, the property could be passed on in such a way that would leave you homeless.

There’s Simply No Substitute for Proper Estate Planning

Given these potential risks, transferring ownership of your home to your adult child now as a “poor-man’s estate plan” is almost never a good idea. Instead, you should consult with a trusted estate planning attorney to find alternative solutions. There are much better ways to qualify for Medicaid, save on taxes, and keep your family out of court in the event of your death or incapacity.



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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.

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

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

AND THEN, THERE IT WAS!



In getting older, I have discovered, I pay a little more attention to my dietary habits. Or, maybe I should say, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage pays more attention to my dietary habits.

As we get older, she is more obsessed with vegetables than anything else. But, for the life of me, I cannot figure out exactly why.

With a close handle on my diet, she leads the way in what she refers to as "A healthy diet." Being married as long as I have, I have learned to go along with the program from the kitchen. I like what someone once said, "Do you want to be right or happy?" Obviously, you can't be both; you have to choose one or the other.

As obsessed as The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is with vegetables, particularly green vegetables, she has the opposite view when it comes to cookies. Cookies are not necessarily a "no-no," but they are under her strict supervision. Several times a week, she will give me a cookie. As she gives it to me, she will say, "One is enough." I usually respond by saying, "One more is never enough."

I laugh while she just stares at me. I must say I have never eaten a cookie I did not like. I am especially partial to Girl Scout cookies. I usually tell my wife that buying a Girl Scout cookie goes for a very good cause. I don't tell her, but I'm not thinking about the Girl Scouts. If the Girl Scouts are selling cookies, those cookies must be good for you. After all, they wouldn't sell anything bad for you, would they? My wife never has an answer to that question.

Things turned around just last week.

I was taking some things to the trashcan, and as I put in something, I noticed a receipt from the grocery store. I'm always interested to see how much she's spending and how much she's saving. So I pulled out the receipt and found that she had spent \$45, but she saved \$48. I'm not quite sure how she does that or how that works, but I leave that responsibility to her.

I was about to throw it back into the trashcan when I noticed something on the receipt. There were boxes of cookies on her receipt that she had purchased that day. I think it was something like six boxes. So, as I was thinking, those cookies must be somewhere in the house. That receipt was dated several days ago, and so was a recent purchase. Where are those cookies?

The kitchen area is my wife's responsibility, and she has it very well organized. I can't find anything, but she can always. I was beginning to think that there were boxes of cookies somewhere in this kitchen area. If I could find just one box of cookies, I could eat one or two or three behind her back and her not knowing it. She was away for the afternoon, and so I spent the time looking all through the kitchen for where she might hide those cookies. If I did not know there were cookies there, I would not even begin to look. But my curiosity, not to mention my appetite, got the best of me, and I wanted to find them.

For the first hour and ½, I searched everywhere and could not come up with one box of cookies. I knew they had to be somewhere right in front of me, but I couldn't find them for the life of me. Then it occurred to me. I'm a little over 1 foot taller than my wife. That got me thinking that perhaps those cookies are closer to the floor than I was looking. So I got on my hands and knees and opened up one of the doors at the bottom of the cabinet. I searched through that and then went to the next and then to the next.

Then, much to my dietary delight, I found a stack of cookie boxes way in the back of that lower door. There they were, in all of their beauty. I carefully pulled one out, opened it, extracted three, and then decided to make it four cookies. They look so delicious, especially in my hand. So I carefully closed up the box and put it way in the back so she wouldn't see it right away.

I enjoyed eating those cookies that afternoon, the next afternoon, and the next afternoon. Before I knew it, I had eaten two boxes of Girl Scout cookies. And I got away with it. What a dietary victory.

When I came back from a project I was working on, standing in the kitchen and looking at me with both hands on her hips, she said, "Do you know anything about the missing cook-ies in the cabinet?" "No," I said, "but I'll help you look for them." "No, you will not, but you will stay clear of all of those cookies." Then I shared one of my favorite verses of Scripture with her. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

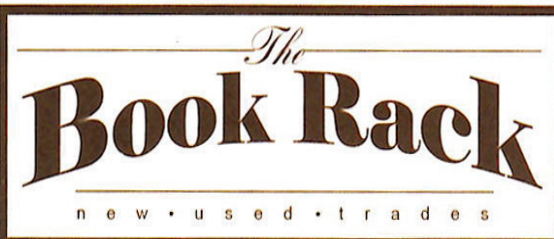
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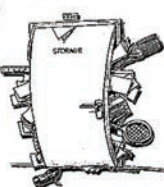
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RICH & FAMOUS

MOTHERHOOD QUOTES VENTS

Pardon me, but my name is...well, you can refer to me as "Famous". Our Richard, has potential. But he is, shall we say, a bit too pedestrian. I feel my duty is to intervene and guide my would be apprentice. And increase the circulation of a wonderful newspaper, led by a brilliant editor. HER name is Susan...of course!

I really am nothing more than a humble, extremely talented, renaissance woman, doing my part.

My protegee, Richard, initially tendered a syrupy smattering of standard sappy, sentimental Mother's Day quotes. Typical father. I deemed a more meaningful and lasting gift to mothers to be a frank summary detailing "difficulties" faced by "moms" on a daily basis. Let's permit "Mom" the opportunity to vent this year. Shall we?

Being a mom is like folding a fitted sheet. No one really knows how.

My nickname is Mom but my full name is Mom Mom Mom Mom Mom Mom.

Ever had a job where you had no experience, no training, you weren't allowed to quit, and people's lives were at stake?

The quickest way for a mother to get her children's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.

Being a mother is one person doing the work of twenty—for free.

Before becoming a parent, I didn't know I could ruin someone's life by asking them to put pants on...

Every time I say "no" my kids hear, "ask again, she didn't understand the question."

They say women speak 20,000 words a day. I have a daughter who gets that done before breakfast.

My kids will walk right past their father sitting on the couch and come bang on the shower door for me open a fruit snack.

You know your life has changed when going to the grocery store by yourself is a vacation.

Being a mom means you will say yes to putting a dirty tissue in your pocket

If evolution really works, then how come mothers only have two hands?
We do have eyes in the back of our heads though.

Some days I amaze myself. Other days I put laundry in the oven.

Boys: less drama than girls, but harder to keep alive.

Make your coffee stronger than your toddler.

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like watering the lawn while it's raining.

Ain't no hood like motherhood.

Having a daughter is like having a little broke best friend that thinks you're rich.

I am a Mother of Dragons. I need an army, not an edible arrangement.

You aren't famous until my mother has heard of you.

Nothing is lost until a mother can't find it.

Everyone, have a wonderful celebration of Mom on Sunday. Moms really do hold the world and society together.



Susan Henderson,
Editor/Publisher

YOU CAN'T MAKE A WOMAN BE A MOTHER.

It's Mother's Day Weekend. It's one of the few times a year when our society takes a moment to give special thanks and honor the women who have children in this world – Women who have loved them unconditionally, who have dried their tears, tended to their wounds - both physical and emotional and who have often been their best friend. I had such a Mother. I am such a Mother (or at least I think so, but you'll have to ask my children), and I am eternally grateful for both privileges. I was and I am blessed for there is nothing more precious than a Mother's love. Daddy's are great but Mom....she was extra special.

Sadly however, on this Mother's Day our conversations are filled with passion over whether or not the US Supreme Court is going to force women into bringing lives into this world that they do not want.

We have sensationalized and politicized this issue to the point of violence. We have become a society where too many feel they have the right to tell you what you can and cannot do with your own body. And we are trying to become a society where we want to make women bring children into this world because somebody else said so, whether they want to, or are capable of being a Mother to the child. That is outrageous.

If you think having an abortion is such a heinous act, please tell me what you think it is to bring an innocent child into this world who is not wanted? To relegate an innocent child to a life of abuse, physical, sexual and or mental; to bring an innocent child into an environment full of resentment and or drugs and violence? Do you think that's not heinous?

There is nothing worse than listening to a child who has been tossed around from foster home to foster home and feels like they are just a commodity, living in fear and uncertainty every day.

There is nothing in this world worse than picking up the paper and seeing yet another story of a child that has been murdered or exploited for sex because of someone who didn't want the child in the first place and subsequently did not protect them. Have you ever spoken to someone who 'grew up in such an environment and actually heard the pain in their view of life and what life has ahead for them? Go visit the county jail. It's full of the residual effects of being brought into this world without a loving environment.

Have you looked into some of the grim statistics as to how many children who come into this world to a mother who does not want them, or is not capable of taking care of them, how many of them end up committing suicide as they get older?

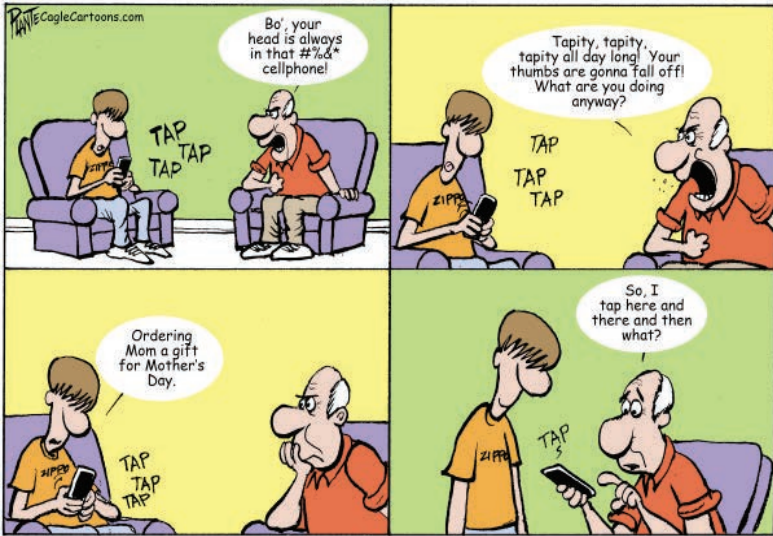
Children come into this world as perfect human beings. They should be greeted with love, nurturing and care. That absolutely cannot happen when a woman truly does not want the child. And no one should make a woman bring a human being into this world that they do not want. Don't bother to suggest that they should have the child and give it away until the almost 400,000+ kids that are currently in foster care and the thousands more waiting to be adopted have been placed in a loving home. A lot of people talk the pro life talk, but don't walk the walk.

God, or whatever Deity one may choose to believe, in all of His omnipotence, did not give the ultimate responsibility for bringing children into the world to men. He gave it to women and whether wealthy or poor, the responsibility for that newborn is ultimately hers. That is not to understate the importance of Fathers, but if Dad dies, runs away, is in denial, is abusive, the ultimate responsibility is the Mother's. It is very comfortable for us to think about abortion in terms of our lives – but we are not talking about our lives, we are talking about those who feel they cannot, for whatever reason, bring a child into this world.

Taking away the right to have an abortion? Absolutely not! As I said before and cannot say enough, there is nothing in this world more painful than seeing or meeting a child who comes into this world unwanted. Unwanted children suffer all manners of irreparable damage throughout their lives. That is, if they survive the abuse. Yes, I would rather see a woman recognize that they do not have what it takes to be a Mother - bring a child into this world and care for the child - rather than to see another child with cigarette burns, or bruises, broken bones, locked up, beaten, murdered, sexually exploited, abandoned, addicted to drugs, or bounced from place to place, until they are 18 and then abandoned. I do not want to hear of another child growing into adulthood with such horrendous scars that do not go away.

As I said earlier, you can't make a woman be a mother. And it really isn't your business. It's hers and her God's business only. Her body. Her business. Stay out of it. Keep Abortion Legal. It is an individual's right.

And to the women who choose Motherhood.....Have a wonderful Mother's Day and don't forget to pray for those who do not have your strength.



STUART TOLCHIN

PUT THE LIGHTS ON

WE MIGHT AS WELL TALK ABOUT IT



The subject that is of great concern today is an individual pregnant person's right to an abortion. As is pretty well known the Constitution does not mention the word "abortion". For many people, including the now infamous Judge Samuel Alito that is enough to end the discussion. In his widely prematurely circulated Dobbs v Jackson opinion declares that since there is nothing in the Constitution protecting that right Congress can choose to prohibit that formerly protected right. Many Americans are concerned that this decision, which does not affect the power of individual States, will open the door for Congress and an approving President to prohibit "abortions" anywhere in the United States and to criminally punish the women who have consented to an abortion and to punish the Doctors who have performed these procedures.

In his opinion Justice Alito states that he is unconcerned by the fact that the right to an abortion was specifically discussed in the 1973 decision Roe v. Wade which has protected that right for nearly half a century. Justice Alito doesn't care. He claims that he is not influenced by political or even moral considerations or the expectations of American voters or even by the consequences of his decision. He says that there is no "right to privacy. End of discussion.

Enough of this attempt at legal discussion and forgetting the fact the original Roe decision was based upon a sham presentation of the plaintiff's interest (good old Jane Roe) who in a deathbed confession made clear that she had been paid to take a position in which she did not believe. For me a problem with the Roe decision has been that as a Male I could not protect the rights of my unborn child. As every woman I know today loudly asserts that what is involved here is "a woman's right to have control over her own body".

Somehow that has never been a very convincing argument to me. What about the rights of the fetus. To me a life, at least a potential life in being begins at conception. Experiencing the wonder of the presence of my recently newborn grandchild the value of these recently conceived lives cannot and should not be questioned. Contrarily, I have many questions about the value of many older people like myself and President Biden, and Speaker Pelosi, and Senator Feinstein, and former President Donald Trump and, of course, present Russian President Vladimir Putin. Old folks inevitably, have experienced and continue to experience losses in mental acuity and memory which affect their judgment. In a rational world such individuals would not be in positions to make decisions which affect all the rest of us, but that is another discussion.

More relevantly, I believe the rights of the potential father should at least be considered. Today these potential fathers are referred to as merely "inseminators" or "sperm donors" or some equally disparaging term. Still, in the end, I have been unable to convince myself that prohibiting abortions is a correct restriction. I am unfortunately aware that what I prefer for myself is not a position that should be forced upon everyone. As I have written before when I referred to my opposition abortion discussions with my grandmother she called me some Yiddish word loosely translated as "fool". She pointed to a coat hanger and did not really need to say much more. I understood that even if abortions were illegal, which they were prior to 1973, many women would take the extraordinarily necessary to obtain illegal abortions which could well lead to terrible consequences.

Another truly frightening realization is that if Justice Alito's decision becomes the decision of the Court grounded in the fact that a right to abortion is not specifically mentioned in the Constitution----then what? The 1965 decision of Griswold v. Connecticut first sanctified the constitutionally unmentioned "right to privacy" found to be a protection of the rights of married people obtaining information and possible encouragement regarding contraceptive methods. Do you foresee how far backwards laws can become if the present stated mood of the Trumpist party prevails and reclaims the Presidency in 2024. Now we worry mainly about gas prices. The basic, the most basic rights within a democracy are being threatened. We all must be protected, and the coat hanger is just a frightening reminder. We all need protection!



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Highlights from our Spring 2022 Tournament Championship Games include:



10U Division

Danger Zone 5 vs. Red Hot Chili Peppers 1

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12U Division

Caution 8 vs. Cobra Kai 3

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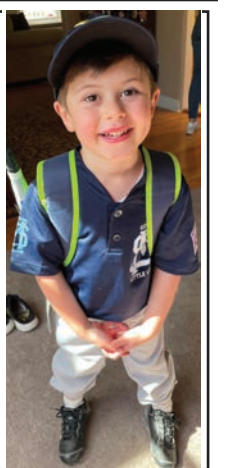
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AA SM A'S.

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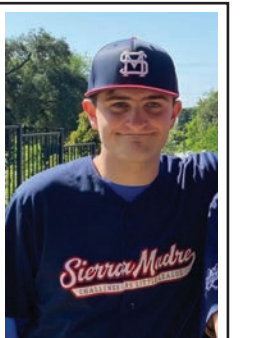
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