



## MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS TO HONOR 2022 GRADUATES

The June 4th edition of this paper will be dedicated to the Class of 2022! In order to be included, please send your grade senior picture, their full name, age and school. These grads are making history, and the Mountain Views News wants to give them something else to remember! Send to: [editor@mtnviewsnews.com](mailto:editor@mtnviewsnews.com) Subject: Class of 2022

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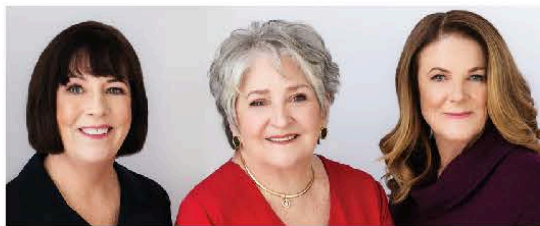
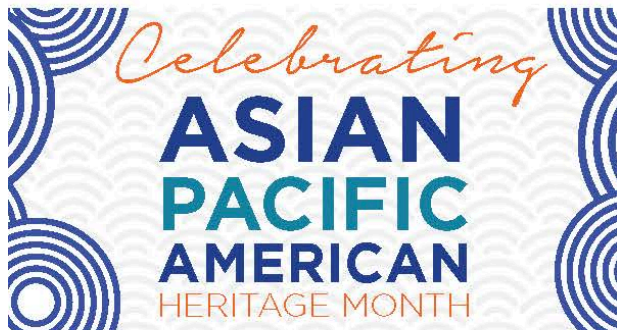
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## SMOKE BAN ON THE HORIZON

Some residents may be prohibited from smoking in apartments and condos. By Kevin McGuire

City Council is one step closer to passing a smoking ban that will impact smokers who reside in apartments and condos within Sierra Madre.

Ordinance 1457 would prohibit smoking in multi-unit residences. This would amend Chapter 8.06 (Smoking) of Title 8 (Health and Safety) of the Municipal Code. After a few clarifications and edits, Mayor Gene Goss plans to push to adopt this ordinance this year, though it may not go into effect until 2024.

At the 90-minute mark of the 4-hour City Council meeting on Tuesday, Management Analysis and Management Intern Alondra Reynoso gave a presentation before Mayor Gene Goss, Councilmembers, and many empty seats. There were just a few dedicated citizens in attendance for this marathon.

So, here's the scoop.

This ordinance brought before Council was initially proposed to go into effect on January 1, 2023. However, landlords (apartments) and homeowner associations (condos) were to send out notices by July 1, 2022, and have to implement the ban on July 1, 2023, when units become vacant or change occupancy. But some on the Council, including Mayor Goss and Mayor Pro Tem Edward Garcia, felt more time would be needed for residents to adjust to the smoking ban, so the mayor is looking toward a 2024 implementation.

In addition, the current language defines a multi-unit residency as five or more units, but Council may adjust that number to four or more units. The ban would include common areas inside the units and apply to tobacco and marijuana smoking and vaping. Council wants a clarify what would define a "common area."

City Attorney Aleks Giragossian says the ban will apply to condominium owners, despite how long the residents have lived there.

There is also talk of eliminating designated smoking areas, as secondhand smoke from those areas still affects non-smokers.

Banning smoking totally within Sierra Madre is not part of the discussion.

### Some History

After considering a smoke-free ordinance back in 2013, City Council decided to form a subcommittee to delve deeper into the issue. In 2014, discussions continued, but no ordinance was adopted.

Jump ahead to September 2021. Alisha Lopez, Director of Tobacco Programs for the non-profit Day One, gave a presentation to City Council. The subject matter was "the harmful effects of secondhand smoke." Councilmember Robert Parkhurst called on staff to add to the agenda a discussion of a smoking ban ordinance once again.

In October 2021, City Council provided a list of questions to be answered regarding the implementation of a smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance. At the April 12, 2022 meeting, the Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance prohibiting smoking in renter-occupied and owner-occupied multi-unit residences of five units or more.

### It's a Health Hazard

Both Mayor Goss and other

Councilmembers seemed to have reservations about imposing this ban as it impedes residents' freedom to smoke if they want to. Still, Mayor Goss feels secondhand smoke is indeed a health hazard. "I have always been uncomfortable telling people how to live their lives," Goss said. "But this is a different situation when you have people's health in jeopardy. When you're talking about public health and public safety, you need to think about things for a bit. We don't want people smoking when it will impinge upon people's right to breathe free air," the mayor stated.

According to the CDC's Fact Sheet on Second Hand Smoke:

Secondhand smoke is the combination of smoke from the burning end of a cigarette, and the smoke breathed out by smokers. Secondhand smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals. Hundreds are toxic, and about 70 of them can cause cancer.

Since the 1964 Surgeon General's Report, 2.5 million adults who were nonsmokers have died because they breathed secondhand smoke.

There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

- Secondhand smoke causes numerous health problems in infants and children, including more frequent and severe asthma attacks, respiratory infections, ear infections, and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

- Smoking during pregnancy results in more than 1,000 infant deaths annually.

- Some of the health conditions caused by secondhand smoke in adults include coronary heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer.

### How Will it be Enforced?

A notice will be sent out to all landlords and homeowner associations, stating their responsibilities under the ordinance, the date it will go into effect, and the online posting date. It will then be required that notice be sent to tenants and residents.

Violators could see code enforcement action initiated by the city, an unlawful detainer action or eviction initiated by the landlord, or a private cause of action by a resident or interest group. Landlords will be immune from prosecution if they follow the required procedures.

The City Attorney will retain the authority over the initiation and settlement of any private enforcement actions. Fines and damages will apply to residents who don't abide by the new smoking rules or those who allow others to smoke in their apartments or condos (aiding and abetting). Fines will be \$100 a day for the first offense, \$200 a day for the second, \$500 a day for the third, and \$500 a day after that.

Damages could also be awarded if another resident makes a claim. Giragossian made this example: a condo owner having a child with asthma who ended up in the hospital due to secondhand smoke from the unit next door. The owner next door could pay damages for the total cost of the medical bills. The cap for damages for one incident is \$25,000.

### The Next Steps

After some clarifications and edits, the second reading of Ordinance 1457 will occur during a future City Council meeting. If no further action is required, the Ordinance will be adopted; no ifs, ands, or butts.

## "BANS OFF OUR BODIES" Rally Held at Kersting Court.



In an effort to have local voices held regarding the fate of abortion rights in the United States, an organized rally was held on Tuesday, May 10th in Sierra Madre. This was only a few days after a similar rally in Pasadena.

The rally was attended by 25-30 people who are concerned about Roe v Wade being overturned by the Supreme Court, and thus banning most, if not all, abortions.

Many drivers passing by showed their support by honking and giving us a thumbs up. This rally was one of hundreds being held all over the country."

A similar event took place 5 days earlier in Pasadena.



## SMPD ARREST TWO IN CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT

Sierra Madre, CA. – May 9, 2022 –

In the morning hours of May 4, 2022, an officer of the Sierra Madre Police Department conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation on the 700 Block of Michillinda Ave. During the traffic stop the officer discovered a recently cut catalytic converter inside the vehicle. The occupants were also in possession of several tools, which are commonly used in catalytic converter thefts. One of the occupants admitted to recently cutting and stealing the catalytic converter from a vehicle in the city of Sierra Madre.

Officers took possession of several evidence items and impounded the suspect vehicle. A victim was identified later that day. Arrested were, Edgar Pulido, 41 years old from Huntington Park and Luis Gabriel, 38 years old, from Los Angeles.

The Sierra Madre Police Department wants to remind everyone that catalytic converter thefts are a recent crime trend and ask our community to remain vigilant of any suspicious activity.

One of the key signs that your catalytic converter has been removed is a loud roaring sound when you start your vehicle, which will become louder as you accelerate.

A preventative measure that can be taken to help police combat this crime trend is for the public to have their vehicle identification number (VIN) inscribed on the catalytic converter.

Remember, if you see something, say something.

## SIERRA MADRE POLICE DEPARTMENT WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT

May 1 – May 7, 2022 Calls for Service 228

The following represents a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Sierra Madre Police Department during this period. This list is not intended to be considered exclusive or all-inclusive.

### Sunday, May 1 Traffic Stop

Officers stopped a vehicle for a California Vehicle Code violation in the area of Foothill Blvd and Santa Anita Ave. The driver did not have a valid driver's license and was cited and released in the field for the violation.

### Wednesday, May 4 DUI Arrest

At approximately 1:00 am, officers observed a vehicle commit a vehicle code violation near the intersection of Baldwin Ave and Highland Ave. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and observed the driver to have the smell of alcoholic beverage coming from their person. Officers performed field sobriety tests on the driver. Due to the results of the test, officers determined that the driver was unable to safely operate their vehicle, and they were placed under arrest for driving under the influence. The driver was taken to Pasadena Jail for booking.

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For the first 2 years, the Club met in the old Town Hall. The Club quickly became a driving force within the community by sponsoring various events and festivities for both its members as well as for the community at large.

Events such as hosting a Christmas party for the children of its members included a Santa Claus riding in on a burro with a sack full of presents.

A party was thrown for grandmothers on the lawn of the home of Lawyer and Mrs. E.W. Camp including honored guest, Madame Severance, the president-emeritus of the Friday Morning Club of Los Angeles, who was 89 years old. And also, a Colonial Tea at the Town Hall held on Washington's birthday where the guests came dressed in colonial fashions and danced the minuet.

Mrs. C.E. Bentham served as the Club's 2nd president, 1908 – 1909. But one of the most long-lasting traditions started by the Club involved the entire community including its mayor.

*Stay tuned for next week's article*

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## MOUNT WILSON TRAIL RACE FESTIVITIES RETURN ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The Mt. Wilson Trail Race (MWTR) returns to Memorial Day weekend this year beginning with the Pre-Race Pasta Dinner on Friday, May 27, 2022, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., the MWTR on Saturday, May 28, 2022, starting at 7:30 a.m., and the Kids' Fun Run starting at 7:45 a.m. All events take place in Kersting Court and everyone is welcome to attend.

Registration for the 2022 Mt. Wilson Trail Race is still open and costs \$70 for Adults (ages 18 and above) and \$39 for Youth (ages 14 – 17). All paid entries receive a t-shirt and custom designed MWTR goodie bag. To register, establish an account with the City of Sierra Madre by visiting the following website: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/sierramadre>. As the MWTR usually sells out, race day registration is generally not available.

The public is cordially invited to the MWTR Pre-Race Stone Fire Grill Pasta Dinner on Friday, May 27, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., in Kersting Court. The cost is \$8.00 per person, with proceeds supporting Sierra Madre Search & Rescue.



RT Brewing Company's "2022 Mt Wilson Trail Race Kölsch" Available Memorial Day Weekend

There will also be a Pasta Dinner Beer Garden at which adults ages 21 and above can taste and buy cans of "2022 Mt Wilson Trail Race Kölsch", a limited release beer made especially for this year's MWTR by RT Rogers Brewing Company of Sierra Madre. The beer will also be available for sale at RT Rogers Brewing Company beginning Saturday, May 28th.

Beer sales will support the Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund. This is an opportunity to have great food and meet and greet with your neighbors and fellow racers ahead of the race. MWTR packet pickup (race number, t-shirt, and goodie bag) will also be available at the Friday night pre-race pasta dinner.

Registration for the Kids' Fun Run (ages 3 – 13) is FREE and will take place on the morning of the MWTR. All children participating receive a t-shirt and finisher's ribbon. Immediately following the start of the 2022 MWTR, the Kids' Fun Run will begin in Kersting Court at 7:45 a.m.

The start of the Kids' Fun Run is staggered, with children ages 8 – 13 beginning first and then followed by children ages 3 – 7. Kids' Fun Run participants run up Baldwin Ave. and back to Kersting Court. The total distances are 1.0 mile for ages 8 – 13 and .6 miles for ages 3 – 7. Parents may accompany their younger children during the Kids' Fun Run.

#### MWTR – MAY 28, 2022 – RACE DAY SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. – 12 noon	Kersting Court Expo – check out the sponsors, vendors, & food
6:30 a.m.	Packet pick-up opens and drop bag services are available as well
6:30 a.m.	Kids' Fun Run registration opens
7:30 a.m.	MWTR starts in Kersting Court
7:45 a.m.	Kids' Fun Run starts in Kersting Court
8:15 a.m.	Beer Garden opens & also selling pizza from Sierra Madre Pizza Co. (Beer Garden proceeds will support Sierra Madre Search & Rescue & pizza sales proceeds will support the Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund)
9:45 a.m.	Awards Ceremony
Until 12 noon	Enjoy sponsors, vendors, pizza, & beer

All runners are encouraged to bring their own water supply for use during the race. Emergency support from Sierra Madre Search & Rescue will be stationed at strategic points along the course to provide aid, as necessary. Sierra Madre Cub Scouts Troop 110 will hand out water to the runners at First Water (2.3 miles) and Sierra Madre Boy Scouts Troop 110 will hand out water at Orchard Camp (4.3 miles), the turn-around point.

The MWTR course is 8.6 miles in length, starting at Kersting Court, up Baldwin Ave., to Mira Monte Ave., to Orchard Camp and back. The total elevation gain is over 2,160 feet. First run in 1908, the annual Mt. Wilson Trail Race is the one of the oldest trail races in California.

For questions regarding MWTR registration and related activities, please contact the City of Sierra Madre Community Services Department at (626) 355-5278, open Mondays – Thursdays from 7:30 am. – 5:30 p.m.

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MONASTERY MINUTE:

By Robert Gjerde

IS THE EARTHQUAKE RISK TOO GREAT AT THE MONASTERY?

In 1991, Sierra Madre was rocked by a 5.6 magnitude earthquake. The Monastery building, built in 1932, suffered extensive damage. Because of this it has been suggested that the site is unsafe for homes. It is more complicated than that simplistic view. The Monastery building was what is called “unreinforced masonry,” meaning it had no rebar in it and was susceptible to cracking and collapse with relatively light shaking. After the 1933 Long Beach earthquake, new building codes were introduced and a building of the monastery’s design could no longer be built in LA County. Today we have even more restrictive building codes. To illustrate the difference, you only need to look to the Retreat Center building less than 300 feet to the north. That building was built in 1949 and survived the Sierra Madre earthquake with no significant damage. New buildings today are built to the even stricter Earthquake Design Regulations taking into account the coefficients and factors of the expected lateral-forces. Ground rupture is not expected in the project area. As the experts stated in the EIR, “the portion of the Sierra Madre Fault located closest to the project site is not located in the Earthquake Fault Zone; therefore, the potential for ground rupture on the project site is considered low.” Any homes built today will be built to the safest building standards with all the required shear walls to meet any expected shaking and they will be considerably safer than the older homes in surrounding neighborhoods.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PLEASE:  
Do Not Certify the final EIR  
Do Not Amend the General Plan  
Do Not Amend the Zoning code  
Do Not Adopt the Specific Plan  
Do Not Approve the Development Agreement

This project will alter the charm and safety of our small town. I live on Orange Grove near Lima and this project will add more traffic to these streets along with Carter. I regularly walk on these streets with my dogs and observe children playing and riding bicycles in the street. There are no sidewalks on parts of these streets and the impacts will be felt by walkers, pets and children playing and on bicycles. The Draft EIR may say the impact will be insignificant but walkers, children and pets will feel the impact. Do Not allow this to happen to our small town.

It is quite clear that the availability of water in the west is declining. A few years ago Sierra Madre was talking about rationing water and the State of California is discussing this right now. The Draft EIR may say the Meadows Project will have Net Zero Water impact but when there is less water available in our environment, there is less water. We clearly should not be adding more homes with a discretionary project that requires amending our General Plan and is out of compliance with our Hillside Ordinance. Do Not imperil our already precarious water supply. This project will clearly have a negative impact on the safety of our residents, especially our children, and our water resources. Please Do Not approve this discretionary project. If you do not approve it, you will not be infringing on the Passionist’s existing rights.

Russ Guiney, Sierra Madre



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Planning Commission has one (1) expected vacancy.

Community Services Commission has one (1) expected vacancy.

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

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JUST THE FACTS... PLEASE!

How does one evaluate the claims made on either side of the Meadows project? The great thing about facts is that they are reality based and can be tested and verified. When someone does not have a good argument they will resort to hyperbole, exaggeration, and personal attacks.

Last week Preserve Sierra Madre (PSM) stated that the city is not being transparent. Yet they admitted that the city has all the documents available on the city’s website. One only needs to google ‘Sierra Madre Meadows’ and the first link we see is to the City’s Transparency page for the Meadows project. To help make it even easier for people to find these documents we have added a Transparency page at the Sierra Madre’s Neighbors for Fairness website. We prefer to be proactive instead of being overly critical of the city where it isn’t deserved.

Another issue is repeatedly making unreasonable claims. For example, PSM requested that additional experts be hired to give more perspectives on the EIR. Their request was denied. That’s how this works. An EIR is presented that identifies potential environmental impacts. There is no obligation to provide multiple perspectives on every aspect of a project. If you think an issue was not addressed then you are free to share that opinion at a city meeting.

An example of an attack on people rather than the issues can be found in the claim that Neighbors for Fairness is somehow biased because we receive funding from New Urban West. This is the “Follow the Money” fallacy. Where funding comes from is irrelevant to the facts in evidence. We are a group of Sierra Madreans and nearby neighbors and we list our Steering Committee on our website. We also clearly state that we receive funding from New Urban West, who shares our commitment to protecting the rights of the Passionists. It would be irresponsible to turn away funds to get our important message across. But notice how the issues we raise rarely get addressed, like how the initiative literally says the Passionists’ buildings will become nonconforming, their use cannot be changed, and they can no longer expand. This is a fact. It is in their initiative wording which we have published many times now.

Then we have the attack on the Passionists’ for not opening their private property up to the public to wander around. The Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center is under no obligation to open their property up to the public. They have welcomed the planning commission and the city council to see what they need to see so they can make an informed decision. This criticism has nothing to do with transparency and everything to do with unreasonable demands and a lack of respect for private property rights. The Passionists might decide to open their property up to the public in the future, but that is their choice and they should not be bullied by the same people trying to force their institution into an overly restrictive residential zone.

Other misstated facts are things like the two agenda discussions that supposedly went to 11:30pm. The discussions went to about 11:10pm. Isn’t that long enough? Why must everything be exaggerated? Then there are complaints that three minutes is not enough time to say what you want. So I guess you now want more public comments and the meetings going until 1:00 in the morning? The five minute limit was for items not on the agenda. 20 or 30 people speaking for three minutes (and often allowed to speak longer) is a reasonable amount of time to get your points across. There is no “secrecy” here, the City is following the law. Another misstatement, “Citizens for Truth” compared the Anoakia property saying it was 20 homes on 20 acres. It is easy enough to look at Google Maps and see that there are actually 32 homes (all over 6000 sq ft, and 21 pools!) on less than 20 acres. Again, if you have good arguments why not just give the correct facts instead of resorting to hyperbole?

Lastly, there was an insinuation about a Brown Act violation because public comments would not be opened at the second meeting. PSM said this was not stated on the video or in the minutes. Well, it was clearly stated at the end of the first meeting that the agenda item would be continued to a future meeting. This can be seen in the video, it was also in the minutes, and anyone can verify this. While the Brown Act requires that the public be allowed to comment, there is no requirement that a continued agenda item be opened again to public comments, even if new information was later discussed. This was clarified in Chaffee v. San Francisco Library Commission where it was stated that allowing for public comments at each meeting regarding the same agenda item would cause a “surplusage.”

[www.sierramadreneighborsforfairness.org/transparency](http://www.sierramadreneighborsforfairness.org/transparency)

THE MEADOWS AT BAILEY CANYON

The Meadows at Bailey Canyon in Sierra Madre is a proposed plan to permanently protect open space, preserve the Monastery, provide a new park with direct connection to Bailey Canyon — all while creating the most sustainable single-family community in our City’s history.



Map of the proposed plan for The Meadows at Bailey Canyon.

Protect Open Space

Permanently dedicating more than 30 acres of open space for wildlife will help expand the protection of natural lands on the City’s northern boundary.

Preserve the Monastery

The historic buildings will continue to be an iconic landmark and home to Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center and its ministries.

Provide a New Park

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AGE MY WAY: MAY 2022

## SIERRA MADRE OLDER AMERICAN OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION

Wednesday, June 15 from 4:30 pm-7:30 pm  
Hart Park House Senior Center

Traditionally the Senior Community Commission would be honoring one very special individual who has given themselves selflessly to volunteering in our community.

This year the Commission has made a very special selection...they have selected to celebrate ALL of our seniors! As we begin to rediscover our friends, loved ones and neighbors, we are learning how incredible and resilient each of you are and each one of you deserves to be celebrated!

Please join the Senior Community Commission as we enjoy an evening of finger foods, wine, laughter and celebration. The theme this year is "Age My Way" so please come with some fun stories and words of wisdom that we can share with our fellow and future seniors. No reservations are required.

Please call Lawren at 626-355-5278 or email lhein@cityofsierramadre.com with questions that you may have.

## PEOPLE AROUND TOWN By Justin Matthew Sapp

### CAROLYN HUFF

"I left Slidell, Louisiana when I was 18 years old to go and live with my sister in Los Angeles. At that time, the girls would only talk about marriage, but I wanted to see the world."

Carolyn Carriere Huff is an explorer. She has traveled to every one of these United states, sometimes visiting each more than once, and staying in places like Chicago for a year.

With a presence laced in love and elegance, Carolyn's is known to many in our community as a source of joy. It took all but two minutes to pick up the smoothness of the New Orleans accent in her voice, and the southern hospitality in her words. After she called me "baby" for the second time I felt like I was sitting with my aunt, my grandmother, my mother. Like my own family, Carolyn participated in what's known as the "great migration" - the exodus of blacks from southern states to places like Los Angeles that occurred between 1915 and 1970.

After arriving in Los Angeles in the late sixties, Carolyn took a job at a bank doing accountant work. Being a people person, she soon left that role and applied for the coveted job as a stewardess with United Airlines.

Unlike job interviews of today that happen in groups or online, this was a one-on-one, rigorous gauntlet like experience. Carolyn was hired, and would spend the next 35 years traveling our country and being a light to everyone she met.

"The lifestyle is different than you might think, some people partied, but my friends and I lived a normal life. We explored each city, went to nice dinners, and took full advantage of our job.... We took subways in New York, we walked in Boston, met mormons in Salt Lake City, visited the amish in Pennsylvania, and even went down to Florida and saw alligators. We did it all, we explored...you hear me? We were explorers!"

Carolyn retired in 2006. She anticipated that she would be sad after such a change, but to her surprise, she is thoroughly enjoying this phase of her life. While a resident of Arcadia (on the



common border of the two cities), she is a fixture in the Sierra Madre community. Many have experienced the joy of seeing Carolyn around town supporting a local business or cheering someone up with her contagious spirit.

"I love it, I love being out and meeting people".

After a short pause, Carolyn looked down, and said, "I just want to be a beacon for people."

"What kind of beacon?" I asked.

"I want to help people realize that we are all the same, and that it's okay, we don't need to be afraid of each other"

Carolyn embodies a word that our society tends to place less and less value on and thus unknowingly suffers from its absence. The word is "tenderness" - the invisible force that fills the cynical cracks in our days with hope and mends our relational wounds with grace.

Carolyn's story invites us to behold life as a banquet, to not take ourselves too seriously, and to perhaps, "try a little tenderness".

## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"The nice part about being a pessimist is that you are constantly being proven right or pleasantly surprised." George Will

"I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back."  
Zsa Zsa Gabor

"Good news will come from afar."  
"You are perfect the way you are."  
Panda Express

"Celebrate Everything!"

Today is one of those days when miscellaneous bits and pieces seem to be rattling 'round in my brain. I'm sharing them all with you, dear friends and neighbors. There's a new Jurassic Park movie, "Jurassic World: Dominion" coming to theaters next month.

Here's the premise: "Four years after the destruction of Isla Nublar, dinosaurs now live--and hunt--alongside humans all over the world. This fragile balance will reshape the future and determine, once and for all, whether human beings are to remain the apex predators on a planet they now share with history's most fearsome creatures in a new Era."

I'm not sure I'm brave enough to go see this as I can barely watch these movies on my big screen TV. In the first one, "Jurassic Park," when those raptors are teaming up to devour those little kids, my heart about jumps out of my chest! The reason I'm sharing all this superfluous information with you is I saw an article by Scott Gleeson in USA Today entitled: "Study: 'Fish Lizard' largest creature ever." Naturally, I wondered if we'll see anything like this in the new Jurassic World movie??

"Long-extinct "fish lizards" first appeared in the ocean about 250 million years ago, and their fossils were found high in the Swiss Alps. According to a study published in the Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology, the fossil discovery of the marine reptile carnivores, known as ichthyosaurs, makes them some of the largest creatures ever to live on earth - even bigger than sperm whales and on par with dinosaurs - given that they weighed about 80 tons and spanned 65 feet. Research suggests they emerged after the Permian mass extinction wiped out more than 95% of marine species. Yet by 200 million years ago, the giant ichthyosaurs became extinct, and only smaller, dolphin-like animals lived until 90 million years ago."

Now I ask you, doesn't this fish-lizard guy need to be in the movies?? Remember "The Beast From 20,000 Fathoms" from 1953? "Revived by a North Pole atomic blast, a submerged dinosaur swims to New York and goes to Coney Island." That was pretty scary. And Godzilla who has reappeared to destroy Tokyo, Osaka and various other parts of Japan numerous times? But I want to see The Fish Lizard!

However, if Jeff Goldblum is going to be in Jurassic World: Dominion, I might consider going. Goldblum as Dr. Ian Malcolm is always totally cool, and I quote:

"Life finds a way."

"Yeah, but your scientists were so preoccupied with whether or not they could that they didn't stop to think if they should."

"Yeah, but John, (to John Hammond, creator of this fun new amusement park) if the Pirates of the Caribbean breaks down, the pirates don't eat the tourists!"

All of you terror fans out there, you're going to love this. I, personally, am hoping to see the new Dr. Strange movie, "The Multiverse of Madness."

Congratulations to Chris Cimino for being selected as Sierra Madre's July 4th Parade Grand Marshal, and a high five to both Dan Bell and Carol Canterbury, Hometown Heroes. These are three exceptional people and it's just so thrilling to know that we WILL, indeed, be having a July 4th Parade again this year.

And the Mt. Wilson Trail Race is coming! I know, we've been having it for years, off and on since 1908, in fact, but having it in October last year and nothing like normal at all in 2020, it's so nice to be able to look forward to a wonderful time on May 28th. The Trail is in great shape, hopefully, it will be cool and nobody falls down. The picture today is a delightful race memory from 2017. An excellent time.

Susan Henderson's article in last week's Mountain Views News was excellent. Our daughter, Crissy, and her husband, Chris, have two girls, Jessie and Emily, that I speak of frequently here. Both these girls came to them out of the foster system. Jessie when she was ten months old and Emily when she was just a day old. Both girls have been adopted and embraced by our enormous family. Both their early beginnings, before they ever got here were problematic. Little lives complicated by drug and alcohol choices made by the women who conceived them, the effects of which continue to this day. Susan, you nailed it. You can't make a woman be a mother. Crissy is an exceptional mother to these children, Jessie in particular, who are not easy. I admire her and we are all glad these girls came into our lives, to be with a mother and father who will care for them with all the love they have in them. Thank you, Susan.

I don't have my tomato plant yet but I'm hoping to get to Home Depot soon.

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

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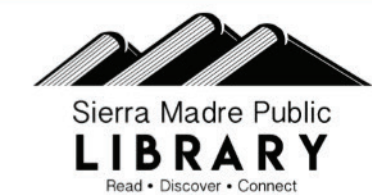
Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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# Pasadena Altadena

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## POLICE LOOKING FOR MURDER SUSPECT

A Pasadena man was found dead last week after the ShotSpotter detection system alerted police of gunfire in Northwest Pasadena.

According to police, on May 2 at about 8:42 p.m., officers from the Pasadena Police Department responded to the 1700 block of N. Fair Oaks Ave after receiving 9-1-1 calls and an alert of “Shots Fired” from the recently activated “ShotSpotter” gunfire detection system. Officers located an adult man down in the common area of an apartment complex suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim, 28-year old Pasadena resident Eric Lynn Thomas, was unresponsive and pronounced deceased at the scene.

The suspect(s) and motive are unknown at this time.

Anyone with information is asked to call Pasadena Police at (626)- 744-4241 anonymously by calling “Crime Stoppers” by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477)

## Bike Week Pasadena Starts Tonight

Rediscover the joy and excitement of riding a bike! Leave the car at home and see the City of Pasadena on two wheels during Bike Month Pasadena, through May 29. A joint effort between the City and community partners Day One and Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition, this fun annual event returns after a two year hiatus to celebrate bicycling as a safe and sustainable way to get around town.

Organizers have planned free activities all month for riders of all ages and abilities. Helmets, bikes in good working order, and bike lights (for night events) are strongly encouraged.

Highlights of Bike Month events include but are not limited to:

Night Ride Tonight- Enjoy a 12 mile guided evening bike tour to well-known and maybe not-so-well-known Pasadena landmarks! The ride starts at Central Park at 275 S Raymond Avenue at 7:00 p.m. Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 19th – Leave the car at home and schedule in a pit stop at City Hall from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for snacks and socializing. Metro buses, trains, Metrolink trains, Foothill Transit buses, and Pasadena Transit buses are free to bicyclists on Bike to Work Day. Public Art Tour on Sunday, May 22nd – Enjoy a 10 mile guided tour of public art installations all over the City! The ride starts at City Hall at 100 Garfield Avenue at 9:30 a.m.

Bike Brunch to La Pintaresca Park on Sunday, May 28th – A bike ride to the Grand Re-opening of La Pintaresca Park and Pasadena’s 26th Annual Family Fun Day. The ride starts at Victory Park at 2575 Paloma Street at 10:00 a.m.

For a full list of events and details, visit: [bit.ly/BikeMonthPasadena](https://bit.ly/BikeMonthPasadena).



## CITY AMENDS MUNICIPAL CODE SATISFIES SB 9

The Pasadena City Council voted Monday to amend the city’s municipal code, incorporating and cementing existing protections and exemptions of historic landmark districts from SB 9. The move came after Attorney General Rob Bonta sent city officials a letter in March claiming that a city urgency ordinance that exempted landmark districts from SB 9 violated state law.

“The clarifications to our municipal code cement existing protections of our landmark districts and neighborhoods as we strike the delicate balance of addressing housing affordability and the protection of landmark neighborhoods,” Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo said. “The attorney general simply got it wrong and unfairly targeted Pasadena. Pasadena was a pioneer in creating affordable housing, and we will continue to prioritize the creation and retention of desperately needed affordable housing—while at the same time continuing our strong protection of the city’s landmark districts and

neighborhoods.”

According to a press statement, consistent with its original action on the urgency ordinance, the city maintained its position and amended its municipal code. Pasadena continues to be in full compliance with state law. Bonta applauded the city council action further saying it was the result of collaboration between the California Department of Justice’s Housing Strike Force and the City of Pasadena. “Our Housing Strike Force is committed to working with local governments as partners to address California’s housing shortage and affordability crisis,” Bonta said. “Pasadena’s proposed ordinance, first considered by the City Council last night [Monday], is a reflection of our successful collaboration with the city and an important step forward. We appreciate the city for working with us on this issue, and we hope the City Council will move swiftly to approve the ordinance in the days ahead.” Bonta said that by codifying the city’s ordinance

addresses their concerns by incorporating the higher state and federal standard for “historic districts”, thereby preventing neighborhoods in Pasadena from arbitrarily declaring themselves “landmark districts” and exempting themselves from SB 9 compliance.

## South Pasadena Summer Reading Program

The South Pasadena Public Library’s Summer Reading Program (SRP) – Read Beyond the Beaten Path! – will take place Wednesday, June 1 through Saturday, July 30. Participants of all ages are invited to read and track time spent reading this summer, attend a variety of in-person programming, and have the opportunity to earn prizes. SRP will kick-off with a Library Open House event on June 1, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Programming for all ages is planned for the summer. Adults may join a virtual workshop on creating autobiographical comics led by graphic novelist Hazel Newlevant, participate in a Community Read and book discussion, or attend a film screening. Teens may share their thoughts at Everybody Talks: a Thematic Book Discussion. Children can participate in storytimes, Origami Club, Newbery Book Club, and Wonderful Wednesday events. Pre-registration begins Monday, May 23. For complete SRP programming details, visit the Summer Reading Program landing page on the Library’s website.

Summer reading is not just fun, it is important. Research has shown that students who read at least 20 minutes daily have a clear literacy advantage over children and teens that read less or those who do not read at all. The Summer Reading Program addresses the ‘summer learning slide’ and strengthens children’s and teens’ literacy advantage. This program is presented by the South Pasadena Public Library with generous support from the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc.

The South Pasadena Public Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena. Visit the Library website at [www.southpasadenaca.gov/library](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/library) for information about services and programs. The Library is open Monday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



commission member should submit an application. Applications received by 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022, will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration. Please note that individuals applying for these community-based organization seats must have the endorsement of a community-based organization and submit the supplemental application with this information by the May 23 deadline.

No later than 90 days after appointment to the commission, new commissioners must participate in a ride-along with the Pasadena Police Department, and receive 30 hours of training in relevant subject matter areas. Further information about the qualifications, training requirements and duties of commissioners can be found in the Pasadena Municipal Code, Chapter 2.60.

For questions or additional information, please contact the City Attorney’s Office Oversight Commission Support Division at (626) 744-7888 or CPOC@cityofpasadena.net.

## Senior Librarian Jane Gov Honored as 2022 Library Journal Mover and Shaker

Library Journal announced last week their Movers and Shakers for 2022, the people shaping the future of libraries. Pasadena Public Library’s Senior Librarian Jane Gov (pictured) was honored as a 2022 Library Journal Mover and Shaker in the Community Builders category. Gov is the Branch Manager at La Pintaresca Branch Library and Senior Librarian for Teen Services.

Jane Gov believes that “to really understand what teens want, they must be involved in the planning.” This is the foundation for the Teen Volunteer and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) programs, which enhance opportunities for teens to develop their leadership skills and gain autonomy over aspects of their community. The programs’ goal is to be strategic in how the library utilizes the skills of volunteers, and to support a team that doesn’t only give advice and assist with library activities, but creates ideas and makes them happen. The TAB vision overlaps with that of the levelUP Youth Conference, first held in 2017, where topics covered were based on feedback from the teens. These initially included college readiness, workforce development, and life skills workshops—financial literacy, cooking, and health. In recent years the focus has been on mental



health and trauma-informed care, community activism, social justice, sustainability, and how to advocate using media.

This year TAB received a grant for \$74,500, which will support goals that include establishing a citywide narrative on mental health, sustaining well-being education into the future, distributing Well-being Education Kits for educators and youth leaders for classes and youth groups, and developing an online course for the city’s youth internship programs. Gov is passionate about how these measures allow teens to “see public policy in action, how their ideas are being interpreted, and how the community responds to their needs. They can also see all the creative possibilities of achieving a vision.”

## PWP Water is Life Art Contest

Officials at the Pasadena Department of Water and Power announced Monday that they are accepting submissions from Pasadena K-12th grade students for the 2022 Water is Life Art Contest. Entries must be submitted by June 30. Digital, hand-drawn, and painted artworks are welcome.

From the entries received, PWP selects one winner who receives a prize valued at \$100 for their talents. A total of 10

entries are also selected by PWP and submitted to MWD for a final round of competition, and additional prizes and recognition.

Students must live within Pasadena Water and Power service territory. Sponsored by Pasadena Water and Power and the Metropolitan Water District (MWD).

Full details, including contest guidelines visit: [PWPweb.com/ArtContest](http://PWPweb.com/ArtContest).

## Memorial Day Swing Band Concert at the Senior Center

Memorial Day is a time to honor our nation’s fallen military heroes. A Memorial Day swing band concert Monday, May 30, on the spacious patio at the Pasadena Senior Center will take place at 2 p.m.

The Great American Swing Band will perform popular patriotic songs and music of days gone by while guests kick up their heels and dance or simply tap their toes and sing along. Light snacks will be available. Doors to the dance

studio adjacent to the patio will be open for anyone who wants a dance floor.

The concert is free for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and only \$5 for nonmembers of all ages. Register online at [www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org](http://www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org) (click on Activities & Events, then Special Events) or by calling 626-795-4331.

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## Bill to Curb Noise Pollution Passes Senate Committee

Senate Bill 1079, a measure introduced by State Senator Anthony Portantino to monitor noise pollution by using sound activated devices, passed the Senate Judiciary Committee last week. Streets for All, a nonprofit organization that advocates for street safety, is a sponsor of the measure.

“Although there are regulations in place for vehicles that contribute to harmful noise pollution, there is no universal procedure to monitor and enforce these restrictions,” stated Senator Portantino. “Loud modified exhaust systems harm the health and wellbeing of those around them. SB 1079 is an effective way to reduce noise and pollution and improve the quality of life in our communities.”

Noise pollution is an unwanted or disturbing sound that causes adverse reactions for humans and other living creatures. Loud noises in the street can disrupt walking or cycling and may lead to hearing loss. They also pose dangers to physical and cognitive health. Exposure to loud sounds has been shown to raise levels of stress hormones, including cortisol, adrenaline, and noradrenaline. Chronically high levels of these hormones can impact heart disease, hypertension, stroke, immune responses, and cognitive functioning.

SB 1079 would authorize

local jurisdictions to use sound-activated enforcement devices to capture vehicle noise levels that exceed legal limits. Under California Vehicle Code, exhaust noise is limited to 95 decibels (dba) for vehicles and 80 dbA for motorcycles. However, vehicle owners can install new exhaust systems or make other vehicle modifications that change the level of sound produced by their vehicle. These illegal modifications are accessible and easily installed at any in-home garage, resulting in much louder noise disruptions than would be allowed by law.

“Noise pollution is a public health hazard shown to increase risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, low birth weight, and other physical, cognitive, and emotional issues,” stated Michael Schneider, Founder of Streets for All. “SB 1079 would automatically enforce existing noise limits and combat the rise in noise from illegally modified mufflers while protecting vulnerable Californians. With a first violation warning, exemptions for those unable to pay the fines, buffer periods between violations, and allocating funds generated from tickets to implement traffic calming measures, this bill protects the privacy of all Californians and eliminates the risk of harm to those most vulnerable.”

## Police Looking for Suspect that Set a Victim on Fire

The Pasadena police are asking for the public's help finding a suspect(s) wanted in connection with the murder of a man set on fire.

According to police, on January 1, 2021, at approximately 8:00 a.m., officers from the Pasadena police responded to the 700 block of Rockwood Rd. regarding a “Man Down” call. Upon arrival, officers located 30-year old Ulises Nieto-Cabrera (pictured) bloodied and suffering from severe burns. Nieto-Cabrera, a Salvadorian national and Los Angeles resident, was transported to a local hospital in grave condition. He later succumbed to his injuries.

Detectives from the Pasadena Police Department's Robbery / Homicide Unit have been tenaciously conducting following up investigation since January 1, 2021. The



follow-up investigation revealed Nieto-Cabrera was intentionally targeted and set on fire.

Detectives have acquired new information and know there are people whom possess intimate knowledge about Nieto-Cabrera's murder.

The Pasadena Police Department is urging anyone with information regarding this murder to contact the Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241.

## Tournament Releases Community Impact Report



### Impacting people through charitable giving, volunteerism and community involvement

Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, known for the Rose Parade presented by Honda and Rose Bowl Game, released a Community Impact Report last week that shows their commitment to serving the community. “With many challenges, 2020 and 2021 were unprecedented years. While the COVID-19 pandemic may have resulted in a canceled parade and relocated game in 2021, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association still had momentous years and continued to have a significant social impact,” said Executive Director/CEO of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses David Eads. “If there is anything we have learned from the past two years, it is that this Association is a cornerstone of the Pasadena-area community. Our local impact, volunteering and investing in our community remain critical components of our work.”

The engagement and impact efforts include developing and implementing programs around enhancing educational opportunities, investing in the community, strengthening community business partnerships, and creating experiences that make a difference. Examples include:

Enhancing educational opportunities: Partnered with the Pasadena Educational Foundation and College

Football Playoff Foundation to provide teacher grants totaling \$340,000 over two years to Pasadena Unified School District teachers. Investing in the community: Addressed COVID-19 relief and local needs by contributing \$100,000 to nine Pasadena-based food pantries, which distributed more than 2,912,180 pounds of food in 2020.

Strengthening community business partnerships: Partnered with the City of Pasadena and various community-based organizations, including Day One and the Pasadena Community Coalition, to promote the City's #VaccinatePasadena initiative.

Creating experiences that make a difference: Partnered with the Mexican Consulate in Los Angeles and The Lucille & Edward R. Roybal Foundation to host the first and second annual Día de los Muertos Art competitions, awarding \$12,000 in scholarships and prizes.

The Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl Game, two world-class events enjoyed by millions around the world, are the result of our spirit of giving put into action. Utilizing the highly visible platform of America's New Year Celebration, the Tournament of Roses continues to invest and engage in communities at the local, regional and national levels.

For the complete 2020-2021 Community Impact Report, please visit: [issuu.com/torchernandez/docs/2020-2021\\_community\\_impact\\_report](https://issuu.com/torchernandez/docs/2020-2021_community_impact_report)

## Reward Increased in Murder of Altadena Boy

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.

## NASA InSight Records Monster Quake on Mars

*Estimated to be magnitude 5, the quake is the biggest ever detected on another planet.*

NASA's InSight Mars lander has detected the largest quake ever observed on another planet: an estimated magnitude 5 temblor that occurred on May 4, 2022, the 1,222nd Martian day, or sol, of the mission. This adds to the catalog of more than 1,313 quakes InSight has detected since landing on Mars in November 2018. The largest previously recorded quake was an estimated magnitude 4.2 detected Aug. 25, 2021.

InSight was sent to Mars with a highly sensitive seismometer, provided by France's Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES), to study the deep interior of the planet. As seismic waves pass through or reflect off material in Mars' crust, mantle, and core, they change in ways that seismologists can study to determine the depth and composition of these layers. What scientists learn about the structure of Mars can help them better understand the formation of all rocky worlds, including Earth and its Moon.

A magnitude 5 quake is a medium-size quake compared to those felt on Earth, but it's close to the upper limit of what scientists hoped to see on Mars during InSight's mission. The science team will need to study this new quake further before being able to provide details such as its location, the nature of its source, and what it might tell us about the interior of Mars.

“Since we set our seismometer down in December 2018, we've been waiting for ‘the big one,’” said Bruce Banerdt, InSight's principal investigator at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California, which leads the mission. “This quake is sure to provide a view into the planet like no other. Scientists will be analyzing this data to learn new things about Mars

for years to come.”

The large quake comes as InSight is facing new challenges with its solar panels, which power the mission. As InSight's location on Mars enters winter, there's more dust in the air, reducing available sunlight. On May 7, 2022, the lander's available energy fell just below the limit that triggers safe mode, where the spacecraft suspends all but the most essential functions. This reaction is designed to protect the lander and may occur again as available power slowly decreases.

After the lander completed its prime mission at the end of 2020, meeting its original science goals, NASA extended the mission through December 2022.

JPL manages InSight for NASA's Science Mission Directorate. InSight is part of NASA's Discovery Program, managed by the agency's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Lockheed Martin Space in Denver built the InSight spacecraft, including its cruise stage and lander, and supports spacecraft operations for the mission.

A number of European partners, including CNES and the German Aerospace Center (DLR), are supporting the InSight mission. CNES provided the Seismic Experiment for Interior Structure (SEIS) instrument to NASA, with the principal investigator at IPGP (Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris). Significant contributions for SEIS came from IPGP; the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research (MPS) in Germany; the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich) in Switzerland; Imperial

College London and Oxford University in the United Kingdom; and JPL. DLR provided the Heat Flow and Physical Properties Package (HP3) instrument, with significant contributions from the Space Research Center (CBK) of the Polish Academy of Sciences and Astronika in Poland. Spain's Centro de Astrobiología (CAB) supplied the temperature and wind sensors.

## 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.

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- Tai Chi Demonstrations
- AAPI Fashion Show & MUCH MORE

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- South Pasadena Public Library Story Time every half hour
- Kids Art and Craft Corner
- Japanese Origami
- Chinese Calligraphy teaching
- SPARC Art Installation - photo popups from local artists
- SPDD free fingerprinting & motorcycle display
- SPFD fire safety materials
- Info/Activity Booths hosted by various AAPI non-profit groups

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NEWS BRIEFS

LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST THE CITY OF ARCADIA SEEKING AN INJUNCTION AGAINST MAYOR SHOTAY RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION ON THE NOVEMBER 2022 BALLOT.

On August 10, 2022 a trial setting conference will be held at 9:30 AM in department 86 at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 in response to a recent lawsuit filed by Arcadia District 3 resident, Diana Chang, against the City of Arcadia. The suit challenges whether or not the term limits as defined in the Arcadia City Charter apply to Mayor Sho Tay who is running for re-election for a 3rd time. The lawsuit was filed on May 2, 2022.

According to a recent social media post by sitting council member April Verlato:

"The City of Arcadia Charter limits City Council to 2 consecutive terms. The Mayor of Arcadia believes that the Charter does not apply to him because he was "appointed" to City Council in 2018 when he ran unopposed for District 3. City Council has received 2 letters from an attorney demanding that Mayor Tay be allowed to run in November 2022. The attorney argues that the term limits of the Charter do not apply to Mayor Tay because he was appointed in 2018, not "elected". This argument is flawed. Mayor Tay was "appointed" in 2018 pursuant to Election Code Section 10299 which states: *The person appointed, if any, shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election for the office.....*"

The Petition claims that Council Member Tay is intending to move to the new D3 boundaries in order to run for D3 in November."

MAY IS BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH: SHARE THE ROAD AND LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER

Arcadia, Calif. — May is National Bicycle Safety Month, and the Arcadia Police Department reminds drivers to follow the speed limit and look out for people on bike rides.

"The days are longer, and the weather is pleasant, making for ideal conditions to go on a bike ride," Lieutenant Brett Bourgeois said. "Drivers, please share the road so we may all get places safely."

To help keep people biking or walking safe, the Arcadia Police Department will conduct traffic safety operations throughout the month focused on the most dangerous driver behaviors such as speeding, making illegal turns, failure to yield to bicyclists or pedestrians, and stop sign/red light running.

The Arcadia Police Department suggests the following safety tips for bicyclists and drivers:

- Drivers
- Slow down and follow the speed limit. Be careful traveling through intersections.
  - Look carefully for bicyclists and pedestrians before making a turn

or opening a car door near streets or bike paths.

- Be patient when traveling behind a bicyclist. Maintain at minimum three feet of space when passing or overtaking a bicyclist.
- Never drive distracted or impaired.

Bike Riders

- Use lights at night (at minimum, a front white light and rear red reflector).
- Although not required for riders 18 and older, always wear a properly secured helmet. Helmets significantly reduce the chance of a head injury in the event of a crash.
- Bicyclists must travel in the same direction of traffic and have the same requirements as any slow-moving vehicle.
- Yield to pedestrians, just as a driver would. Pedestrians have the right-of-way within marked crosswalks or within unmarked crosswalks at intersections.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

MONROVIA DANCE STUDIO THRIVES IN THE PANDEMIC AND CONTINUES TO SERVE HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS

The newest dance studio in the Monrovia area manages to survive and provide dance education to hundreds of students as the pandemic continues to shift our world and create a "new reality."

In a new partnership with Dance Resource Center - Los Angeles, SoCal Arts will continue to introduce students to the art of ballet and dance, in the studio and across public schools.

Now entering the third year, the studio is thrilled to announce its Summer Dance Season, At the Impressionists' Edge. The community is invited to its Gala fundraiser, At the Impressionists' Edge on June 3 accompanied by a silent auction and a dance performance. The silent auction will support not only the school year round program, but also scholarships for male students ages 6 to 10, encouraging their inner love for dance. SoCal Arts goal is to create a space to bring dance to Monrovia and the larger Southern California community.

The full length performance series will continue on June 4th & 5th at 1PM and 5PM on both days. These are immersive dance shows, utilizing projectors, lighting, and music to engage audience members with the performing artists.

Opened in February 2020, SoCal Arts is a private Performing Arts training facility, specializing in a Year-Round dance education program for all ages. The core faculty is composed of experienced dancers and teachers from across the globe. SoCal Arts aims to be the leading dance school in the area offering professional training, mentorship, and live performances for children of all ages.



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KEVIN McCUNE BECOMES MONROVIA'S PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR



MONROVIA, CA – The City of Monrovia is excited to announce the appointment of Kevin McCune as the new public works director. Kevin's first official day with the City of Monrovia is May 23, 2022.

According to City Manager Dylan Feik, "I am excited to welcome Kevin to the City of Monrovia at

a time where his knowledge, experience and leadership will benefit Monrovia. Under the City Council's leadership, we are embarking on a 5-year, \$124 million Capital Improvement Program to enhance our infrastructure. We are building and renovating parks, buildings, roadways and public areas. With over 25 years of experience, Kevin is arriving at the perfect time and he fully embodies the City's mission to serve the people of Monrovia to create a community that offers a premiere quality of life."

As the public works director, Kevin will oversee the Public Works Department with 32 employees and an annual operating budget of \$15 million. He will oversee all areas of the department, including: water and sewer utilities operations; streets, sidewalks and transportation, and; parks, facilities and open space maintenance. Most notably, Kevin will help oversee restoration and repair

of Monrovia Canyon Park after it was damaged by the Bobcat Fire (September 2020) and the December Rainstorm (December 2021).

Kevin has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. In addition, he is a Registered Professional Civil Engineer in the State of California. Prior to accepting the position with the City of Monrovia, Kevin served as the public works director and city engineer for the City of Santa Maria and the City of Lompoc. During his tenure at the City of Santa Maria, Kevin was instrumental in the implementation of programs to improve efficiencies and reduce cost in fleet maintenance, the design of a new interchange at Highway 101/135 and the completion of the city owned Gigabit fiber optic ring to enable Smart City technology deployment citywide.

"I am honored to be selected as the next public works director," said Kevin. "I look forward to engaging with the Monrovia community and being a part of a team that is committed to providing high level service."

In addition to welcoming Kevin and his family to Monrovia, the City would also like to thank the many wonderful employees of the Public Works Department who have gone above and beyond their regular job duties as the public works director position remained vacant.

Kevin is married to his wife, Jennifer, and they have three children, Sydney, Caden and Logan. Together, they enjoy camping and hiking trips in Yosemite and Rincon Beach. Kevin, his family and their dog, Sadie, will be relocating to Monrovia.

RETURN OF RESTORED PIPE ORGAN TO HIGHLIGHT MAY 15 EVENSONG AT ST. LUKE'S, MONROVIA

May 6, 2022 —St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Monrovia will present its final Evensong of the choir season on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 4 p.m. at the church, 122 South California Avenue at Foothill Boulevard in Monrovia. Admission is free.

The program will include the return of Lucille, the church's three-manual, 42-rank pipe organ, after a two-year complete renovation. "During the painstaking restoration, the instrument's thousands of pipes were removed and individually cleaned," says Music Director Kent Bennett Jones. "With the pipes out of the way, the entire interior of the church was replastered and repainted. Now everything is back in place, and Lucille is sounding more amazing than ever amid the church's spectacular acoustics."

The performance showcasing the St. Luke's Choir will include music by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Charles Villiers Stanford. It will feature William Boyce's epic anthem, "I Have Surely Built Thee an House," with soloists Marina Harris, Alex Miller and Victor Mazzone. St. Luke's Music Director, Kent Bennett Jones, will lead the ensemble. A freewill offering will be taken. Guests are invited to a wine and cheese reception in Guild Hall following the performance.



About St. Luke's

Formally admitted to the Episcopal Diocese of California in 1891, St. Luke's has been a part of the Monrovia community for 125 years. The inclusive church welcomes all to its community. The superb acoustics of its landmark 1924 Romanesque house of worship make it a popular site for a variety of music performances. Eucharist services are held on Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and alternate Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. The Reverend Brian O'Rourke serves as Interim Rector while Rector Neil Tadken is on sabbatical. For more information on the church, its services and programs, visit [saintlukesmonrovia.org](http://saintlukesmonrovia.org)

DUARTE CHAMBER LAUNCHES FIRST-EVER WEEKLY FARMER'S MARKET

Fresh, Affordable, Local Produce from 30 California Farmers Available Every Wednesday

DUARTE, Calif. – May 12, 2022 – The Duarte Chamber of Commerce, which acts as the "front door" for Duarte-area visitors, prospective residents and businesses ([www.duartechamber.com](http://www.duartechamber.com)), today announced it will soon launch the area's first-ever Duarte Farmer's Market. Beginning Wednesday, June 1st, and continuing every Wednesday through the end of the year, locals and visitors alike will have easy access to thousands of pounds of local farm-fresh and seasonal fruits and vegetables all grown by more than 30 California farmers. In addition to locally grown produce, the Duarte Farmer's Market will also host food trucks and local bakeries selling breads and sweets.

"The Duarte Farmer's Market was created to offer home-grown, wholesome and affordable produce that is the most high-quality, flavorful and naturally preserved in the area," says Shoshana Puccia, Executive Director/CEO, Duarte Chamber of Commerce. "Supporting the 'buy local' trend sweeping the nation, the Duarte Farmer's Market offers a friendly and informative hometown-style of natural food retailing. We welcome and encourage local residents and visitors to join us every week. The Chamber also wants to recognize and thank the businesses that helped fund the new Farmer's Market, including Burrtec Waste Management, Curo Printing and Southern California Gas."

"As a member of the Chamber and local resident, I am so pleased that we are able to bring this Farmer's Market to the people of Duarte,"

says Adam Knight, President, Duarte Chamber Board of Directors. "Having a source where we can collectively purchase locally grown produce and baked goods gives us a very welcoming hometown feel and an opportunity to support the local farmers and food artisans that reside alongside us in this wonderful community."

Opening Day: June 1st

On June 1st, The Duarte Farmer's Market will host its opening day festivities, including a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 3:30 p.m. and live entertainment provided by the music students from California School of the Arts (CSARTs). A number of local, county and state government officials will also be in attendance, including:

- LA County Supervisor, Kathryn Barger
- Duarte Mayor, Margaret Finlay (District 4)
- Duarte Mayor Pro Tem, Tzeitel Paras-Caracci (District 1)
- Duarte Councilmembers: Cesar Garcia (District 6), Vinh Truong (District 2), Jody Schulz (District 3), Samuel Kang (District 5), and Toney Lewis (District 7)
- Duarte City Manager, Daniel Jordan
- Duarte Chamber of Commerce Executive Director/CEO, Shoshana Puccia

The Duarte Farmer's Market will offer "just-picked" seasonal produce each week, including strawberries and vegetables from J&J Farms, organic citrus and avocados from Sycamore Hill Ranch, organic fruits and nuts from Etheridge Farms, honey from Bill's Bees, and microgreens and mushrooms from Baron's Microgreens, as well as tomatoes, cherries, lettuce and more from a variety of well-known and

unique vendors. One exciting and very different aspect of the Duarte Farmer's Market is that many of the local farmers and growers will be on hand each week to offer recipes and other information that will help shoppers prepare delicious meals using their fresh-grown produce.

Beginning June 1st, the Duarte Farmer's Market will be open every Wednesday, rain or shine, from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Each week, the market will be held in the same spot: the southeast corner of the Santa Teresita Assisted Living parking lot (located at 819 Buena Vista Street, Duarte, CA 91010). In addition to cash, debit and credit cards, the Duarte Farmer's Market will accept SNAP/EBT cards, providing those with limited incomes access to fresh, healthy foods.

About the Duarte Farmer's Market

The Duarte Farmer's Market is a weekly open-air market where residents and visitors in the Duarte area can find the very best just-picked seasonal produce as well as food trucks and local bakeries selling breads and sweets.

Hosted by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce and supported by local businesses, the Duarte Farmer's Market will provide convenient weekly access to thousands of pounds of local farm-fresh and seasonal fruits and vegetables all grown by more than 30 California farmers, many of whom will be on hand each week to offer recipes and other information that will help shoppers prepare delicious meals using their fresh-grown produce.

To learn more, visit: <https://www.duartechamber.com/duarte-farmers-market>.



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### LA COUNTY HEALTH UPDATE:

#### PUBLIC HEALTH URGES VACCINATIONS AND BOOSTERS AS POSITIVE CASES INCREASE AT SCHOOLS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

With continued high transmission of the more infectious COVID-19 subvariants, the number of students and staff testing positive at K-12 schools in LA County increased for the fifth consecutive week with 3,151 students and 737 staff testing positive for the week ending May 1; this is a 322% increase from just one month ago. Test positivity, at 0.5%, has also increased by 163% this past month.

School-associated outbreaks remain elevated for the week ending May 7, with 16 outbreaks (seven in elementary schools, two in middle schools, and seven in high schools). One month ago, for the week ending April 9, there were 11 outbreaks (seven in elementary schools, one in a middle school, and three in high schools). And while most children infected with COVID-19 experience relatively mild illness, there continues to be dozens of children experiencing long COVID and dozens hospitalized with more severe illness. During the 90-day period ending April 21, the youngest pediatric patients, ages 0-4-years-old, not yet eligible to receive the vaccines, had the highest hospitalization rate with 33 hospitalizations per 100,000 children. Children ages 12 to 17 had the second highest hospitalization rate with 14 hospitalizations per 100,000, and children ages 5 to 11 had the lowest hospitalization rate with 10 children hospitalized per 100,000.

Unvaccinated children continue to be more at risk for severe illness and hospitalization. During the 90-day period ending April 30, the hospitalization rate among unvaccinated children ages 5-11 was three times higher than the hospitalization rate among fully vaccinated children in the same age group. For unvaccinated children ages 12-17, during this same time period, the hospitalization rate was two times higher than the hospitalization rate among fully vaccinated children in the same age group.

Vaccines are approved for children ages five and older and are widely available. There are 218 school-based vaccine clinics this week. These school vaccine sites offer pediatric doses for ages 5-11, as well as vaccines and boosters for eligible individuals 12 years of age and older. As a reminder, vaccines continue to prevent severe illness and hospitalizations, and are the safest way to keep children in school and participating in other activities.

With high levels of community transmission, Public Health continues to strongly recommend that all students and staff wear well-fitting, high filtration masks, preferably respirators, when indoors. Masking is required indoors for asymptomatic staff and students who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 for 10 days from their last exposure. Wearing a well-fitting, high filtration mask or respirator provides a strong layer of protection that can lower the risk of spreading the virus at schools and school-related activities.

"As always, we extend our deepest sympathies and prayers for healing to everyone mourning the loss of a loved one from COVID," said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "With the school year almost over, we all look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of students and staff. When gathering with others, staff, students, and their families should consider all sensible safety measures to layer in as many protections as feasible. Masking indoors at large events is particularly important to avoid the future disruptions that occur when the virus spreads to event attendees. Fortunately, with easy access to vaccines, boosters, testing, therapeutics, and high-quality masks, having a good time with others is easily possible to do without creating unnecessary risk for ourselves and those around us."

Public Health has reported a total of 2,900,449 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County. Today's positivity rate is 2.5%.

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

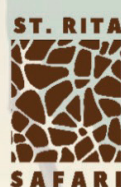
### COVID 19 Cases

#### WHERE WE ARE MAY 14, 2022 VERSUS APRIL 30, 2022

Cases	This Week (05/14/22)	Deaths	This Week (04/30/22)
LA County	2,903,779 (2,872,203)	32,016	(31,959)

#### LA COUNTY VACCINATIONS AS OF 05/14/2022 (Fully)

	Adults 12+	88.1%	Seniors 99.1%
(Last Week)	Cases	Deaths	Fully
	Vaccinated		
Arcadia	8,437 (8,256)	166 (166)	90.5%
Altadena	8588 (8469)	99 (99)	82.7%
Bradbury	67 (66)	0 (0)	71.6%
Duarte	5,266 (5,211)	120 (120)	84.0%
Monrovia	8,462 (8,349)	104 (104)	81.0%
Pasadena	29,141 (28,723)	414 (414)	85.4%
Sierra Madre	1,596 (1559)	22 (22)	89.2%
So.Pasadena	4,279 (4132)	61 (61)	94.3%



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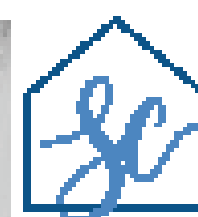
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## KID-FIT FAMILY FUN RUN 5K – SOMETHING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

San Gabriel Valley residents are invited to share in the outdoor festivities taking place at Royal Oaks Park and the Duarte Recreational Trail Sat. May 21 from 7:30-1:00 pm. The KID-FIT Preschool Health and Fitness Organization is hosting the event which includes the following activities:

- Picnic lunch. Bring a blanket, a labeled cooler and lunch to eat while enjoying live demonstrations, music and vendors.
  - Walk, Run or Roll. You can work towards setting a personal running record on the flat out and back certified course or gather with family to walk at your own comfortable pace. Family members in wheelchairs can take part in the slower paced Leisure K.
  - Youth Fitness Demos. Watch fencing, do a little Hip Hop and see what the Santa Anita YMCA has to offer. Connect with the Scouts and other local community organizations.
  - Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. The Tropicana Market in Duarte will be selling fresh produce to help you take home the freshest local and international selections.
  - Kids Stuff. Young children have a shorter, 1K to take part in. They'll receive their own goody bag, t-shirt and race medal. All children can take part in supervised playground activities.
  - Adult Fitness Fun. Gigantic parachute games, a towel workout and strength contest will be among the park fitness activities.
  - Free Vaccinations. Kaiser Permanente of Baldwin Park will be providing free COVID vaccinations for all. An opportunity to get the entire family boosted all at once.
  - Prizes and Contests. The top 3 men and women will receive division medals for each 5-year age category. Trophies will be given out to tri-city councilmember/school board member teams who are quickest at walking and running. Fastest high school teams will be recognized and awarded prizes. "Staycation" prize packages will be raffled off too.
- Whether you want to walk, run or just enjoy a picnic lunch in the park there's something for everyone at this first-time 5K to benefit Duarte youth. Check out the schedule of events. Register or donate at: [www.runreg.com/kidfit](http://www.runreg.com/kidfit) Questions? Email Michele at [michele@kid-fit.com](mailto:michele@kid-fit.com) or call 626-848-2950.

### KID-FIT Family Fun Run 5K

#### 2022 Event Schedule

- 7:30 Welcome and Warm Up
- 8:00 Competitive Runners
- 8:00 YMCA Intro To Sports Demo
- 8:30-8:45 Stretch Out For First Runners
- 8:50 Warm Up Next Runners/Walkers
- 9:00 General Runners/Walkers
- 10:00 Fortune Fencing Demo
- 10:30 Strength Challenge
- 10:45 Children 3-8 (1K)
- 11:00 Ole, Ole Academy Hip Hop Demo
- 11:30 Leisure K (Walk/Run/Roll/Slow)
- 11:30 Giant Parachute Games
- 12:00 Throw In The Towel Activity
- 12:30-1:00 Awards, Prizes and Closing

All Day

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...things that we'd like to do or try!



I love thinking up new ideas to build!

People are always telling me what a good imagination I have. It's true that I can think up new inventions that I would like to build, but so can most people if they give it a try.

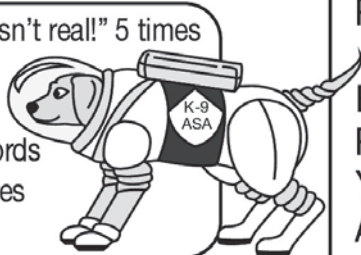
Children are not the only ones with good imaginations. Adults use their imaginations when they invent gadgets, test new recipe ideas or tell old stories with a new twist.

It's fun to use our imaginations, but we also have to learn what is real and what isn't. I like to see talking cars in cartoons, but I know that cars don't really speak. I think some people do not like to use their imaginations because they think it is silly.

What do you think?



Say, "He isn't real!" 5 times quickly, and then go on to circle 5 words with 3 syllables in them.



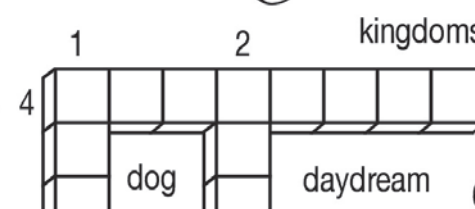
## Can You Imagine?



I see the shapes of clouds and imagine the real-life items they look like. Can you find and circle other amazing things I like to think about in the puzzle below?

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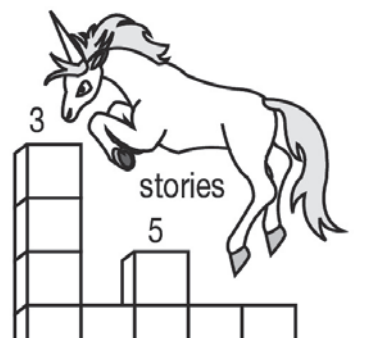
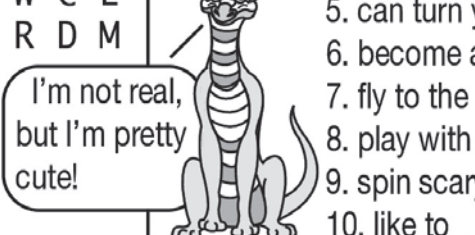
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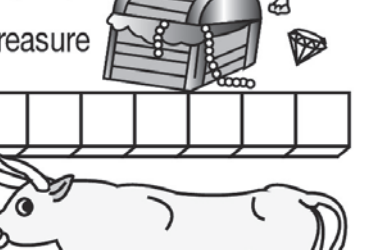
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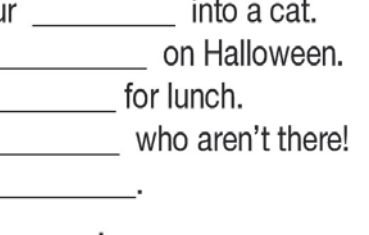
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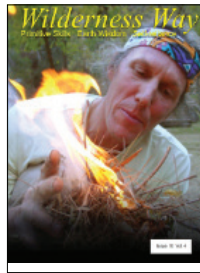


You have a good imagination if you

1. tell tall \_\_\_\_\_.
2. talk to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. visit \_\_\_\_\_ under the sea.
4. hunt for \_\_\_\_\_ on desert islands.
5. can turn your \_\_\_\_\_ into a cat.
6. become a \_\_\_\_\_ on Halloween.
7. fly to the \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch.
8. play with \_\_\_\_\_ who aren't there!
9. spin scary \_\_\_\_\_.
10. like to \_\_\_\_\_.



## CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



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As populations inevitably increase, and urban centers grow more crowded, how should we think about the public spaces that everyone uses?

The public spaces in our cities can define how we feel, and what we do. It can define the very nature of our existence, much in the way that geography nearly always defines the character and the activities of the people who live there. While it is probably not possible to create public spaces for large numbers of people which please all the people all the time, we can still attempt to define the ideal public spaces in terms of human scale, sustainability, ecologic principles, healthful, and even enjoyable.

As Los Angeles Count continues to evolve and experience many changes in demographics and businesses, it is inevitable that those who use these areas desire to see, and to create, city spaces that are livable, pleasant, and uplifting.

## THE MEXICAN ZOCALO

I decided to live in Mexico some years ago for the express purpose of learning Spanish.

Like the town square of every American small town, every Mexican town had at least one zocalo. The Zocalo is the large square where there is typically a raised platform for speakers and music. There are large paved areas for walking, or dancing. The zocalo is often arranged with rows of trees throughout, and nearly always with a perimeter of trees. Many of the Mexican zocalos had rows of stores on all four sides. The zocalo is the place to meet people. You felt safe and comfortable there.

I realized that the zocalo was not so much the product of a city engineer as it was the organic manifestation of a society that likes to meet together, and insists on having that place to do so. Every town and city needs its zocalo – perhaps with some tweaks – as the most ecological way to let our building practices support a healthy population.

## GENERAL ECOLOGIC PRINCIPLES FOR PUBLIC SPACE

When urban planners examine great public spaces, certain aspects are most commonly cited for that "greatness" which we all want to experience. As the Los Angeles County continues to evolve, it might be worthwhile to examine some of these basic principles.

## PEOPLE FRIENDLY

The space need not be prohibitively large. A good public space feels good, and looks good, and smells good (food and flowering trees) People want to be there.

## FLORA

Lawns are not essential, but "green spaces" are necessary. If absolutely not possible to have pockets or lines of fragrant and beautiful vegetation, there should at least be as many trees as possible.

## CHAIRS/BENCHES

People stand and people walk, and in the places where we gather, we sit. A great public

space really needs chairs and tables, ideally built locally of cement so it lasts forever, or built from local wood by local craftspeople.

## ART WORKS

An art work is not essential to a public space, though the buildings and infrastructure can so easily contain art in the form of sculpture or murals. Planners of public spaces should always think long-term, and avoid current fads or movements. Avoid political or religious themes in public art, and avoid extreme abstracts which invites derision or confusion.

Remember, "public space" is not simply the pub-

## HOW SHOULD WE THINK ABOUT OUR PUBLIC SPACE?

lic square. Public space is any space that is not privately owned, and which the local jurisdiction can exercise some control. In some cases, what we call "public space" can also be applied to the private space that we see, referring to such cases where billboards on private land can still mar an otherwise beautiful view that you experience while walking or driving on public land. In our case, local citizens and councilmen reacted when a developer wanted to buy the land under the Eagle Rock several years ago. He wanted to build a tall apartment building that would block the view of the famous landmark. We all said "no," and the land was purchased and is now a mini-park.

It is also worth looking at the Japanese model.

## THE DESIGN CODE

What is loosely called the "design code" in Manazuru, Kanagawa, Japan gradually developed because the residents loved the quality of their city. Because those special qualities attracted evermore people to want to reside there, business interests were also attracted. The local people created a series of concepts to maintain the character of the city, the character that attracted everyone there in the first place.

The Design Code is not like the Building and Safety codes of major cities, but rather a series of overall guidelines. Builders would meet with local legislators and other citizens to make sure their project can meet the Design Code. In some cases, the project is disallowed. In some cases, the project will be modified so that the spirit of the Design Code is maintained.

## DON'T BLOCK THE VIEW OF THE OCEAN

In many cities, such as Los Angeles, land rights are regarded as vertical, and land owners are often allowed whatever meets building guidelines and height guidelines. But blocking your neighbor's view is typically not regarded. However, in Manazuru, everyone's view is regarded as important. The view of the ocean is so special to everyone that new buildings and additions must not obscure your neighbors' view.

## PASSAGEWAYS / ALLEYS BETWEEN HOUSES

One of the quaint features of Manazuru and surrounding areas is the alleyways that run between the houses. These are narrow paths, not full streets, and they allow walkers to get around, and often meet their neighbors. Maintaining these walkways is an integral part of the Design Code. It also means that houses can not be built right atop each other, as you see done in parts of San Francisco, and other big cities in the U.S.

## KEEP ALL THE CITRUS TREES

Citrus trees were once widely planted throughout Kanagawa and they are regarded as a local treasure. Thus, residents are urged to not cut any of them down, and even to plant more. They are regarded not just as a source of food for the body, but as a source of food for the soul as well. Just think if fruit trees were widely planted as street trees in the Northeast.

## LOCALLY SOURCE BUILDING SUPPLIES

Where possible, the Design Code encourages builders and home owners to use local timber and stone and other local building materials. Not only does this provide somewhat of a consistent appearance, but it is also beneficial in that it seeks to continually support local craftspeople.

## WORK WITH NEIGHBORS TO GET AGREEMENTS

One of the key elements of the Design Code is that it requires builders to not hide what they are planning, but to openly discuss it with those whom the project may affect. This takes time, and is not always easy. However, when both "sides" meet together, face to face, and share their concerns, most of the obstacles and challenges can be resolved equitably.

Of course, the Design Code is not a panacea, and may not be as easy to institute in countries that do not have the group ethic that you find in Japan. Still, I think that forward-thinking engineers and architects who care about the future could lessons from Manazuru, and begin building for the health and sanity of the people who reside here.

## Katnip News!



## BONDED BROTHERS: BILLY &amp; BOBBY

These two are brothers, only 2 yrs. old, and you won't find a more friendly, mellow duo than them. These handsome boys are very sweet and playful. They will come right up to you, even if they don't know you. They love to be petted, too, and will lean right in. We can't understand why they've had to wait so long for a loving, forever home because they are purr-fect cats! Bobby is a tuxedo, Billy is all black. They'll be adopted together, because they are besties and always have each other to play with if you're not around. See more pictures and videos of them on our website's Teens page. Please consider adopting this purr-fect pair! Just submit your application at Lifeline for Pets: [www.lifelineforpets.org/young--teen-cats.html](http://www.lifelineforpets.org/young--teen-cats.html). https



## Pet of the Week

Two-year-old Honey Bee is an active dog who loves playtime and walks, but she also enjoys lazing around the house with her favorite people. Honey Bee is super sweet and is great with kids. She loves snuggling and giving lots of kisses, and has such a gentle spirit!

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

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

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

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## KING OF THE YEES TO OPEN AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE ON MAY 21



Lauren Fortune Cookie (Harmony Zhang) Photo by Bernie Tsang

Sierra Madre Playhouse resumes indoor presentation of a full-length play with King of the Yees.

For nearly 20 years, playwright Lauren Yee's father Larry has been a driving force in the Yee Family Association, a seemingly obsolescent Chinese American men's club formed 150 years ago in the wake of the Gold Rush. But when her father goes missing, Lauren must plunge into the rabbit hole of San Francisco Chinatown and confront a world both foreign and familiar. At once biting hilarity and heartbreakingly honest, King of the Yees is an epic joyride across cultural, national and familial borders that explores what it means to truly be a Yee.

Tim Dang directs. Previously at Sierra Madre Playhouse, he directed The Joy Luck Club and Nothing Is the Same. Mr. Dang is Producing Artistic Director Emeritus, of East West Players, guiding that group from 1993 through 2016, making himself and his company among the most highly regarded in the Los Angeles theatrical community. He is the recipient of Ovation Awards for directing Pacific Overtures and for directing and producing Sweeney Todd. He received numerous awards for direction, production and performance from Backstage West and Drama-Logue. He has directed dozens of shows in an astonishingly prolific career. He has also been a playwright and lyricist (co-writing Nisei Widows Club, Canton Jazz Club, Beijing Spring). His numerous honors include Tim Dang Day (L.A. City Council); Local Hero of the Year (KCET/Union Bank); Top 100 Asian Americans of the Decade (A. Magazine); Leadership Award (James Irvine Foundation); Zelda Fichandler Award (Society of Directors and Choreographers); many, many more. Tim will continue to initiate and innovate diversity and inclusion across the American theatre.

Tim's cast for King of the Yees includes Christopher Chen, Tom Dang, Dennis Dun, Miley Yamamoto and Harmony Zhang.

Lauren Yee is the playwright. Her plays include Cambodian Rock Band; Ching Chong Chinaman; The Great Leap; Hookman; The Hatmaker's Wife; The Tiger Among Us; and more. For television, she wrote episodes of the Netflix series Soundtrack.

King of the Yees is the winner of the Ashland New Play Festival Award (2016). The play had its World Premiere in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada in 2016.

For Sierra Madre Playhouse- Production Stage Manager: Jeanne Marie Valleroy. Set and projection designer: Yi-Chien Lee. Costume designer: Jojo Siu. Lighting designer and projection engineer: Derek Jones. Coreographer: Tom Tsai. Scenic artist: Orlando de la Paz. Scenic builder: Steve Barr. Sound designer: Dennis Yen. Technical director: Todd McCraw. Interim Artistic Director: Gary Lamb.

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King of the Yees. A play. A production of Sierra Madre Playhouse. At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Previews May 20 at 8:00. Opens Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. Runs through June 12, with performances Fri. at 8:00, Sat. at 2:30 and 8:00, and Sun. at 2:30. Admission: \$45.00. Seniors (65+) \$40.00. Youth (21 and under) \$25.00. Preview (May 20) \$20.00.

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BY LAUREN YEE  
DIRECTED BY TIM DANG

## The Chef Knows By Peter Dills

## ITS NATIONAL BBQ MONTH

Are you a propane griller or do use Charcoal? For me it's charcoal all the way!! This month, May, we celebrate National BBQ Month, before we get into it do you know the difference between grilling and barbeque? Most times when we are invited to a backyard BBQ it's really just grilling, which is great!! Though the art of BBQ is one step above grilling, you see BBQ's definition as a noun is the pieces of meat, that are roasted over a flame and basted with sauce. The verb to roast a large piece of meat over an open flame. Ok enough of the verbs and nouns, my definition of a true barbeque is to cook meat low and slow. Here a couple of fun facts to celebrate National BBQ month.

- Grilling is no longer considered a male dominated activity. While 51 percent of males cha-cha with the charcoal, 49 percent of women flamenco with the flames.
- 263,000 moist towelettes will wipe up BBQ sauce covering fingers and faces.
- The most common ingredient added to barbecue sauce is garlic, followed by brown sugar.
- The original barbecue sauce, dating back hundreds of years, consisted of vinegar and pepper.
- Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, hosted the first barbecue at the White House that featured Texas-style barbecue

My favorite meat to BBQ is steak, making a steak is so much better than at a restaurant, you can control the temperature. Pete's Tip. Look for the steak with the most marble/fat, and don't be scared away from your markets discounted meat section I'll often find a great steak that is ready to eat in the discount area.



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BEST SENIOR TRAVEL DISCOUNTS IN 2022

Dear Savvy Senior:  
What are some of the best travel discounts available to seniors? My husband and are about to retire and are interested in traveling more but live on a tight budget.    Frugal Travelers

Dear Frugal:  
There are literally hundreds of different travel-related discounts available to older travelers that can add up to save you hundreds of dollars on your next trip. To qualify, you'll need to meet the age requirement, which varies by business. Some discounts may be available as soon as you turn 50, but most don't kick in until you turn 55, 60, 62 or 65. Here's a rundown of top travel discounts, along with some extra tips to help you save.



Ways to Save  
The first thing to know is that most businesses don't advertise them, but many give senior discounts just for the asking, so don't be shy.

You also need to be aware that when it comes to senior travel bargains, the "senior discount," if available, may not always be the best deal. Hotels, resorts, airlines and cruise lines, for example, offer advanced bookings along with special deals and promotions from time to time that may be a lower rate than what the senior discount is. Before you book, always ask about the lowest possible rate and the best deal available.

Another way you can save is to be flexible when you travel. Last minute travel deals can offer huge savings, as does traveling during off-season or off-peak times, and avoiding holidays.

Club memberships can also garner you a wide variety of travel bargains. AARP, for example has dozens of travel discounts available on hotels, rental cars, cruises, vacation packages and more – see AARP.org/ benefits-discounts. The American Automobile Association (AAA.com) is another membership club that provides some great travel discounts to members at any age.

Types of Discounts  
Here are of some of the best senior travel discounts available in 2022.

Airline: British Airways offers AARP members \$65 off economy travel and \$200 off business club travel. American, Delta and United also offer senior fares to passengers 65 and older in certain markets but are extremely limited. And JetBlue offers 5 percent discounts for retired military and veterans that are enrolled in Veterans Advantage.

Train: Amtrak provides a 10 percent discount to travelers 65-plus, and a 10 percent discount to passengers over age 60 on cross-border services operated jointly by Amtrak and VIA Rail Canada.

Rental Car: Avis and Budget provide AARP members up to 30 percent off at participating locations. Hertz offers up to 20 off to 50-plus travelers. And Thrifty and Sixt provides 5 percent off to those 50 and older.

Hotels: Certain hotel chains offer discounted rates for seniors usually ranging between 10 and 15 percent off but may vary by location. Some popular hotels that offer these discounts include Best Western, Choice Hotels, Hyatt, IHG Hotels, Marriott, Omni Hotels & Resorts, Red Roof and Wyndham Hotels.

Restaurants: Many restaurant chains offer senior discounts ranging from free drinks, to senior menus, to discounts off your total order, but they may only be available on certain days of the week or at certain locations. Some popular options include Applebee's, Denny's, IHOP, Chili's, Perkins Restaurant & Bakery and McDonalds.

Cruises: Royal Caribbean and Carnival Cruise lines offer discount rates to cruisers 55 and over on select cruises. And Grand European Travel offers AARP members up to \$100 savings per person on river cruises. Call before booking to inquire.

Entertainment and Attractions: Most museums, zoos, aquariums, movie theaters, public golf courses and even ski slopes provide reduced admission to seniors over 60 or 65. And for those 62 or older, one of the best deals available is the America the Beautiful Senior Pass (\$20 for an annual senior pass, or \$80 for a lifetime pass) which provides admittance to more than 2,000 national parks and recreation sites.

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 COMMON ESTATE PLANNING MISTAKES YOUR FAMILY CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE

Because estate planning involves intentionally thinking about and planning for frightening topics like death and disability, many people put it off or simply ignore it all together until it's too late. Sadly, this unwillingness to face reality often creates serious hardship, expense, and trauma for the loved ones left behind.

To complicate matters, the recent proliferation of online estate planning document services, such as LegalZoom®, Rocket Lawyer®, and Trustandwill.com, may have misled you into thinking that estate planning is a do-it-yourself (DIY) affair, which involves nothing more than filling out the right legal forms. However, proper estate planning entails far more than filling out legal forms. In fact, without a comprehensive, customized plan before you create your documents, you'll likely miss the really important stuff. And the worst part is that won't be discovered until it's too late—and the very people you were trying to protect get stuck cleaning up the mess you left them just to save a few bucks. You must avoid these three things:

1. Leaving No Estate Plan at All

If you die without an estate plan, the court will decide who inherits your assets, and this can lead to all sorts of problems. Who is entitled to your property is determined by California's intestate succession laws, which hinge largely upon whether you are married and if you have children. Spouses and children are given top priority, followed by your other closest living relatives.

That means unmarried partners and close friends would get nothing. Moreover, dying without a plan could also cause your loved ones to get into an ugly court battle over your assets. Or if you become incapacitated, your loved ones could get into conflict around your medical care. Most people think this would never happen in their family, but the truth is it happens all the time, even when there's no overt family strife or significant financial wealth involved.

2. Thinking A Will Alone Is Enough

Lots of people believe a will is the only estate planning tool they need. While a will is a fundamental part of nearly every adult's estate plan, using a will by itself comes with some serious limitations, including the following:

Wills require your family to go through the court process known as probate, which can not only be lengthy and expensive, it's also completely open to the public and frequently creates ugly conflicts among your loved ones.

Wills don't offer any protection if you become incapacitated by illness or injury and are unable to make your own medical, financial, and legal decisions.

Wills don't cover jointly owned assets or those with beneficiary designations, such as life insurance policies and 401(k) plans.

Wills don't provide any protection or guidance for when and how your heirs take control of their inheritance.

Naming guardians for your minor children in your will can leave them vulnerable to being placed in the care of strangers.

Given these facts, if your estate plan consists of a will alone, you are missing out on many valuable safeguards for your assets, while also guaranteeing your family will have to go to court if you become incapacitated or when you die. Fortunately, all the above issues can be effectively managed using a trust. That said, as you'll see below, trusts are by no means a panacea—these documents come with their own dangers, especially if you try to prepare one on your own.

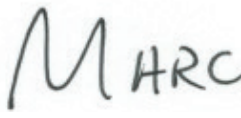
3. Creating A Trust & Not Properly Funding It

You may already know a trust can keep your family out of court, and you may think about going online to set up a trust or have a lawyer do it for you as a one-size-fits all solution. But the documents are only the first step. Without funding the trust once you set it up, it's hardly worth the paper it's written on.

An unfunded trust is a trust that exists, but that doesn't hold any of your assets because you didn't retitle them properly, or because you acquired new assets after creating your trust. This is all too common, and it leaves families with a big mess, even if a trust was created before death.

Funding your trust properly is critically important, because if it's not, the trust won't work, and your family will have to go to court anyway. And when you acquire new assets after your trust is created, you must make sure those assets are properly funded into your trust as well.

These are just three common problems I see all too often. With that said, I encourage you to be uncommon. Get your estate planning handled the right way, for your peace of mind and for your family's well-being.



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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

IT'S MY TONGUE AND I'LL WAG IT IF I WANT TO!



Like everybody else, I have my share of trouble. It's not that I want to get into trouble, but trouble always seems to be somewhere near where I am at the time. I regret that time when I was first introduced to trouble.

Some trouble I can't prevent. It just happens, and no matter what I do, trouble is in the room. I don't think there's anything I can do about that, but I hope the trouble will not be that bad.

I know some people in my family get into trouble on purpose. The grand goal of their life is to get into trouble on a variety of levels. Back in the day, when we had family reunions, this person, which will remain anonymous, did everything he possibly could to make trouble.

Most of the family just ignored him and forgot what he was doing. He wanted to be remembered as the family troublemaker. Actually, he was remembered as the family Goofball.

Another form of trouble is what people bring on intentionally. For some reason, they want to get into trouble, and get a lot of pleasure out of bullying.

I could never understand this bullying mentality. What does anybody get from bullying somebody else? I remember in school, several guys got a lot of fun out of bullying other kids.

That went on until Miss Ammon, the fifth-grade teacher, showed up. She had her way of unbullying anybody that crossed her path. If she caught you, you were in more trouble than you could handle.

Also, there is the trouble I get in by making a mistake. I didn't mean to do it, but for some reason, I did it, and as everybody knows, there are always consequences. Usually, the consequences aren't worth the trouble.

I've had experience in just about all levels of trouble in one form or another. The steps on the ladder of progress and growth are trouble. If you can handle trouble, you then are progressing in your maturity.

As terrible as all of these things are, one source of trouble outweighs all others. It has taken me a long time to understand the dimensions of this kind of trouble.

What I'm thinking about at this point is my "tongue."

This tongue of mine has been the most significant source of trouble and problems through out my life. As I get older, it seems to get worse.

A preacher friend of mine would talk about one of the older women in his church, and he said, "I often wondered if this woman ever had an unexpressed thought in her life."

I know what he means because I often wondered that about myself.

I have not yet learned that because I'm thinking about something, I do not need to speak it. Thinking doesn't get me in trouble; speaking gets me into deep trouble.

Sometimes when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is speaking to me, I speak out loud without realizing it. Then comes the infamous, "What did you say?"

Whenever I hear this, I know I'm in some kind of trouble. Either I didn't hear it right, or I did hear it right, and I responded.

As a veteran husband, I should understand that she does not expect an answer whenever she asks a question. All she wants from her husband is a positive shaking of the head and a greasy smile.

I know this, but sometimes I forget. If only I could train my tongue when to speak and when not to speak. There are times when that old tongue of mine will wag and wag, getting me into deep trouble.

One morning right after breakfast, I was getting ready to leave when my wife said, "When will you be ready to do that job?"

I looked at her quizzically and said, "What job?"

She stared at me for a moment and then said, "You know. What we were talking about last night as we were watching TV."

I had no idea what she was talking about. I could remember watching TV the night before, but I had no idea what the conversation was about.

"You don't mean to tell me you've forgotten already?"

Last night while watching TV, she talked about some projects she had in mind, and I wag my tongue in affirmative action. She assumed I knew what she was talking about and that I had agreed to that plan.

If only my tongue had ears, I might not get into so much trouble.

Now, I need my tongue to wag in a way to get me out of the trouble it got me into while it was wagging the night before.

How many right wags does it take to correct one wrong wag?

It would be wonderful if my tongue were attached somehow to my ears. Or maybe, better yet, to my brain.

As I get older this seems to be more of a problem.

In my dilemma, I thought of a verse of Scripture. "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" (James 3:5).

Once you say something, it is impossible to unsay it. My tongue has got me into more trouble than all the other things in my life. But there's one thing about my tongue that can compensate for this. I can use my tongue to praise the God who created me.

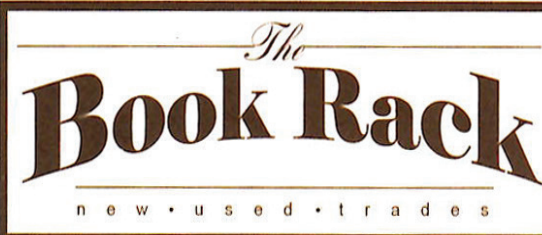




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## STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON



### IT'S OKAY IF YOU'RE NOT REALLY THERE

About the first television show I can remember seeing was called Life Begins at 80. There were only three stations then in the early 1950's and the program seemed to be on all of them. On the show there were these old time ancient people talking about playing tennis and square dancing and having all sorts of fun, at least that's what I remember but, for all I know, they were all lying. Nevertheless, I hope some of what they were saying has stood the test of time and is still true today. As of my recent birthday last month I am now 78 and frankly am not having a great time.

You probably are not interested in listening to me complain and that's part of the problem. Nobody is very interested in listening to anyone else, especially me. We have lost the habit of give and take conversations or dialogues. It is so much easier to text or email where you only say what you want to say and don't have to listen to anyone else. Even when I have telephone conversations the person on the other side will tell me to shut up so that they can make their point. Realistically this is hard for me because my hearing loss is pretty great and I can't seem to use my hearing aids effectively. In fact they often tend to make things worse.

Another problem is that with the hearing aids the sound seems to cut on and off and I never know if I am being heard or if the other person's phone speaker is turned on so it's very possible that the private conversation is being overheard by persons who you don't want to hear it. Worse yet I never know how much attention the other person is paying to our conversation. Often I hear their television on in the background and of course my TV is still on so often I cannot understand anything. I have omitted talking about another fairly common personal problem. Older men frequently experience an urgent need to urinate which cannot be delayed. I admit that I have continued conversations while holding the phone in one hand and attempting to direct the flow of urine with the other. There are other possible solutions such as sitting upon the toilet as I urinate but for reasons unclear to me I am loathe to do this. I fear that my insecure need to protect my weakened masculinity by sitting makes this solution unwelcome. I wonder if other men face similar problems. Furthermore, I wonder if other men refrain from flushing while continuing the conversation for fear that the other person will be offended.

Perhaps I have already given you too much information. The benefits of this communication by e-mail is that I cannot see your facial expression or body language as a way of judging your interest—perhaps this is fortunate. I do really miss the opportunity to talk face to face with people and to join with them in laughter or the recognition that we joined in experiencing something important. For example, today, my wife noticed that a dove had built a nest at the corner of our house and she directed me to look closely at the bird sitting in the nest. Wordlessly, she directed me to look closely into the nest and following her direction I saw an infant bird within the nest. I shared the joy of seeing that miniature bird with my wife and as he we held hands and turned toward the house we saw a small egg that had shattered on the ground. By being together we could share wordlessly our emotions upon seeing the broken egg. You have to be there and our present resistance to actually personally share our feelings in the presence of another has I believe led to a kind of lost intimacy and loneliness and depression. Maybe we should all make omelets together. (Is anyone laughing?)

Of course, another problem with being 78 is that so many friends have recently passed away or are undergoing treatments resulting from falls or cancers or vision and hearing loss. Perhaps some are encountering significant cognitive loss but I can't remember and neither can they. Dear reader, even if you are only imagined and perhaps non-existent, I really appreciate your presence. Maybe when and if I turn eighty life will open up and there will be a new beginning. Right now I am so happy to know that I could share the experience of the discovery of the broken egg with you and appreciate your attention, imagined or not. There's plenty of other things not to think about.



## RICH & FAMOUS ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAYS IN MAY

We can't imagine anyone forgetting to celebrate Mother's Day. To those who may have lost consciousness last Sunday, my mentor, "Famous," instructed me to provide alternative May celebration ideas covering the rest of the month.

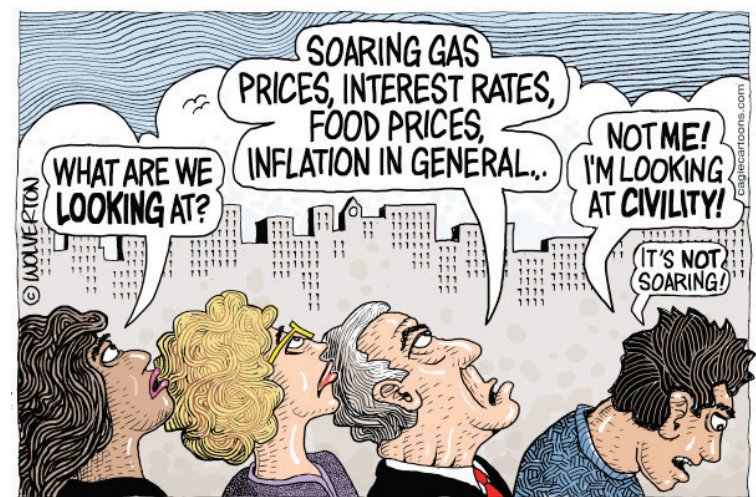
May 14 “	National Dance Like a Chicken Day.” I dare you to shake a tail feather
May 15 “	National Chocolate Chip Day.” Am I the only one that eats 'em straight out of the bag?
May 16	“National Check Your Wipers Day.” I suspect Pepboys is behind this one.
May 17	“National Pack Rat Day.” And who travels with a pack of rats?
May 18	“National Cheese Souffle Day.” It ain't easy being cheesy. Oh wait, that's a different food.
May 19	Celebrates “National Devil's Food Cake Day.” By the way, Prince Harry married Meghan Markle on this date in 2017. Then, like Oprah, they've been absorbed by Santa Barbara.
May 20	Observes “International Red Sneakers Day.” The Red Hat Society is oh so envious.
May 21	May be the most important celebration in our universe... “National Waitstaff Day.” Dine out this year, leave a GENEROUS tip, encourage your server, and be kind and courteous.
May 22	“International Being You Day.” So...BE YOU! Be curious... Be adventurous...Be brave. And be alert...cause America needs more lerts!
May 23	“World Turtle Day.” Traditionally a really slow day.
May 24	“Brothers Day.” Oh brother! It's also National Escargot Day
May 25	“National Tap Dance Day.” Star Wars opened on this date in 1977.
May 26	“National Paper Airplane Day.” In 2012, Guinness World Record was set by flying a John Collins designed paper airplane 226 feet, 10 inches
May 27	National Cellophane Tape Day.” I would have thought cellophane tape day would be in December.
May 28	“National Hamburger Day.” Not to be confused with National Cheeseburger day on September 18.
May 29	“National Paperclip Day.” Perfection since 1889 invention.
May 30	“National Hole in My Bucket Day” (Hey, we just report this stuff).
May 31	“World Parrot Day.” Sierra Madre should have a parade for this one.

(Editor's Note: And of course do not forget Memorial Day which this year will be celebrated on the original holiday, May 30th!)

Finally, there is a guy named Len Mendoza, who, armed with a guitar, and a great voice, performs most every Friday and Saturday night at Corfu Restaurant on Sierra Madre Blvd. coincidentally in Sierra Madre.

He is really good (as is the food at Corfu). What is so amazing is he performs without a 3-ring binder filled with the lyrics and the chords to the songs he sings and plays. It's like performing a trapeze act without a net.

Len is really good. He usually plays outside on the patio. So, go enjoy a wonderful meal at Corfu and Len's cavalcade of acoustic songs from the 1960's and 1970's.



## MCMANSIONS AREN'T THE ONLY PROBLEM MATER DOLOROSA FACES

The Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center is already the stuff of local controversy. The notion that 42 McMansions might accrue some sort of religious significance from being built upon land sold by the Monastery has been a source of much humor. That the Monastery has special development rights beyond those actually paying taxes in town? Less amusing.

You might believe that the conflagration over priestly sexual abuse of children had ended. It is not so. There remain thousands of victims who have yet to surface. In recognition Sacramento signed into law a bill called the California Child Victims Act in 2019. This extended the statute of limitations for these specific crimes by three years. It sunsets in December.

In order to encourage those remaining persons to come forward, a law firm, Jeff Anderson and Associates, launched an extensive social media outreach campaign. For this the firm has produced a series of short videos identifying offending priests and their associations with Los Angeles area Catholic institutions. Three deal specifically with accused Passionists affiliated with Mater Dolorosa.

Here are brief descriptions of the 3 Passionist videos, plus YouTube URLs you can use to view them. Those doing so will see very familiar Sierra Madre sights.

Accused priest Joseph Stadtfeld: Two young girls accused Fr. Stadtfeld of sexual abuse occurring at the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center. Lawsuits were settled in 2007. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2m6P-SOpzgM>)

Accused priest John Baptist Ormechea: Also accused of molesting minors. As of 2017 Fr. Ormechea was thought to be working for the Vatican in Rome. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2m6P-SOpzgM>)

Accused priest Henry Xavier Vetter: Four survivors came forward alleging child sex abuse from 1953 to 1973. He later fled to Mexico and vanished. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrjstiCYt8M&t=5s>)

The purpose of these videos is not to revisit horrors from the past. Rather it is to encourage those who were so preyed upon to find justice before all opportunities are gone. People now likely well into middle age, and might have decided they need to live with a terrible secret forever.

John Crawford

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## SIERRA MADRE GIRLS SOFTBALL SPRING SEASON NEWS



May 12, 2022 –Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association is looking ahead to an exciting All Stars season this summer, with teams formed and practices starting in May. This season, SMGSA is fielding teams in 8U, 10U (Gold and Silver), 12U (Gold and Silver) and 14U. The teams will attend their first tournament in San Clemente over Memorial Day Weekend, with more tournaments across to follow in June.

SMGSA is also hard at work planning the Fall 2022 season, which will return to our traditional Fall Ball focus on skills development and instruction. Registration will open in mid-July at smgsa.org.

Catch up on highlights from our Spring 2022 Tournament Championship Games:

8U Division Championship Game

Killer Bees 4 vs. Baby Yodas 2

After an exciting game, the Killer Bees finished in first place and the Baby Yodas took second. Thanks for coaches on both teams for a great season.

10U Division Championship Game

Danger Zone 5 vs. Red Hot Chili Peppers 1

Congratulations to the 10U Division Champions, Danger Zone, as they wrapped up their season with an impressive 10-1 record.

12U Division Championship Game

Caution 8 vs. Cobra Kai 3

The 12U championship game featured big hits from Aubrey Myers, Laila Melendez and Camila Reyes-Chacon, as well as an impressive ten strike out performance by pitcher Havana Pagan. Congratulations to both teams on an exciting season finale.

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

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## SIERRA MADRE LITTLE LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE WEEK MAY 1-8, 2022

### T-BALL SM RAYS

Rudy R. came in to T ball as the youngest player in the roster and quite possibly the entire t-ball division. He has been an outstanding teammate and has kept a good attitude while learning the positions on the diamond for the first time. He is still working on hitting coach pitch but he has a nice natural left handed swing. He looks forward to seeing his friends and teammates every weekend and is a joy to have on the field. Rudy does his best to learn the fundamentals and he loves being out in the field!



### A SM RANGERS

Dylan V. is determined and focused at every game. He is a team player. Dylan is encouraging to all the players on the field with his joy and passion for baseball. He is ready to field the ball in any position. Dylan hits the ball hard and shows perseverance in all he does!



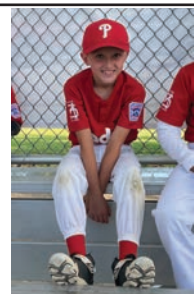
### A SM YANKEES

Leo T. is awesome! He has worked hard this season and listens to his coaches! Most importantly, Leo has been having a lot of fun learning baseball and making new friends!



### A SM PHILLIES

Cayden M. has a positive attitude and a great work ethic. He cheers his team on every game and is a leader on and off the field. He hit an infield home run for the last play of the game.



### AA SM METS

Nolan B. can play any position well, but his coaches are most impressed with his hustle and sportsmanship. He always gives 100% and is first to cheer for his teammates. His maturity shines through on the field as he is focused during every game and practice!



### MAJOR SM ANGELS

Brendan M pitched 3 innings in his final regular season baseball game as a SMLL player. During those innings, he struck out 7 players, making this his second combined no hitter game of the season. In addition to being fierce on the mound, Brendan also is a powerhouse at the plate and has put up huge hits all season long!



### CHALLENGER

Lauren N. is a solid hitter and fielder drafted out of Covina to shine for the SMLL Challengers in 2021. Lauren leads the team with heart and soul and also holds the lead for the most incredible smile in the league



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