



MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS TO HONOR 2022 GRADUATES

Next week's edition of this paper will be dedicated to the Class of 2022! In order to be included, please send your graduates 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 Subject: Class of 2022

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We continue to be so appreciative of all our clients whom we have been able to support. Despite everything, we are NEVER too busy to support you. Feel free to reach out to any of us with questions about the market and/or if you are interested in moving forward with selling or buying a home.

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The public is invited to attend our annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2022, 11:00 am at Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery located at 535 East Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre Ca, 91024

Major sponsor of the event with VFW Post 3208 is the Knights of Columbus 'SK Matthew P McDonagh (4th Patriotic Degree) Assembly 3784', Pasadena, CA.

City of Sierra Madre

SUMMARY NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre

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

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

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

1. On May 24, 2022 the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre conducted a second reading, adopting Ordinance No. 1454, amending Chapter 17.08 (Definitions), Chapter 17.22 (Second Units) in its entirety, and Chapter 17.28 (R-3 Medium/High Density Residential Zone) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish objective design and development standards to promote the development of housing under Senate Bill 13 (SB 13), Assembly Bill 68 (AB 68), Assembly Bill 881 (AB 881) and to implement the 2021-2029 Housing Element objective to update the ADU Ordinance.

2. On May 24, 2022 the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre conducted a second reading, adopting Ordinance No. 1455, amending Chapters 17.20 (R-1 One-family Residential), 17.28 (R-3 Medium/High Density Residential Zone), 17.40 (M Manufacturing Zone), 17.48 (Development Standards), 17.52 (H Hillside Management Zone), and 17.60 (Variances and Discretionary Permits) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The purpose of this Ordinance is to address those parts of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code which are ambiguous, unclear, and inconsistent with other related parts of the Code. The Ordinance would also provide relief for several development standards. This summary is published pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(c)(1) and a full and complete certified copy of the text of Ordinance Nos. 1454 and 1455 is available at the Sierra Madre City Manager's Office located at City of Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA. Ordinance Nos. 1454 and 1455 become effective on June 23, 2022. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

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

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

SIERRA MADRE LAUNCHES COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAM



The Mount Wilson Trail Race will kick off the city's Wellness Program. The photo above, was taken at the 2011 Pasta Feed that precedes the race. At press time, the 2022 'feed' was underway.

Photo courtesy MVNews Archives

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner! And, things are finally getting back to normal. Everywhere you look you see Sierra Madreans enjoying the outdoors. Walking, Running, Hiking, enjoying life naturally.

To that end, the City is partnering with local businesses and community groups to offer residents a chance to get out and enjoy wellness opportunities within our *commUNITY*.

The program will run from Memorial Day to Labor Day and will kick-off with the Mt. Wilson Trail Race on May 28.

Activities include: (partial listing):

HIKE WITH THE FIRE CHIEF:

June 3 6am - 9am

Get to know Fire Chief Brent Bartlett while also hiking through one of the City's iconic trails: Mt Wilson Trail! Be sure to bring water and snacks as this should be a longer hike. Participants should meet at Mt. Wilson Trail Gate promptly at 6AM.

YOGA WITH COUNCIL MEMBER KELLY KRIEBS & KULE YOGA & AYURVEDA:

June 24, 2022 8:30 - 9:30

Come out for a morning yoga class with Council Member Kelly Kriebs courtesy of KULE Yoga & Ayurveda! Go to the city's website and download and sign the waiver attached. Waivers can be emailed to tvooing@cityofsierramadre.com or brought to the instructor on the day of the class.

WALK WITH THE MAYOR:

June 29, 2022 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Take an evening walk through downtown with Mayor Gene Goss! The walk will be from City Hall to Pioneer Cemetery then back to City Hall. This is your chance to get to know our Mayor, stay active, and check out all the small businesses our City has to offer.

FIRECRACKER FUN RUN ADULT Ages 11 TO 99

FIRECRACKER FUN RUN Ages 10 and under

July 4, 2022

For more information and registration information go to:
City of Sierra Madre Online Recreation (activecommunities.com)



SMPD CHIEF ROD ARMALIN RECOMMENDS READING:
"5 TIPS FOR HOW TO TALK TO CHILDREN ABOUT SCHOOL SHOOTINGS"

The article can be found on page 10 and may help families, friends and educators help children process the recent tragic event in Texas.

SIERRA MADRE FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

Patriotic Show Us Your Spirit
Home Decorating Contest

Creative Fun Patriotic Community

IMPORTANT DATES: *****

Enter the contest by June 20th

House must be decorated by June 26th

Judging begins June 27th - July 2nd

Winner announced on July 3rd

Direct any questions: sm4thhousedecoratingcontest@gmail.com

EVENT DETAILS: *****

Any residence or storefront with a 91024 zip code is eligible to participate

Register your address by sending an email to sm4thhousedecoratingcontest@gmail.com

Deadline to submit address is June 20th

Participants will receive a lawn sign and will be added to the map

Map: www.sierramadrefourthofjuly.com Beginning on June 27th

CATEGORIES & PRIZES: *****

Community Favorite (Online Voting begins 6/27 at www.sierramadrefourthofjuly.com)

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The community is invited to attend our meeting on Tuesday, May 31ST at the Hart House in Memorial Park in Sierra Madre. The non-host breakfast begins at 7:00am with the meeting at 7:30am.

Club 21 envisions a society enriched by the inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome; its mission is to provide the educational tools and resources that enable individuals with Down syndrome to be fully engaged in society. Will graduated from George Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts in Peace Studies and Spanish Language, Literature, and Cultures and is currently pursuing a Masters in Secondary Education with a focus in Spanish.

He will share with us the full mission of Club 21 and discuss the Individualized Education Program Notebook project.



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Classes will be held at the G3 Academy in Sierra Madre and are being taught by BJJ blackbelt, Glenn Lambdin, a Vietnam Era Veteran.

If you are interested in learning, training, working on fitness and staying healthy, networking with other vets and first responders, and building a sense of camaraderie, please contact
Glenn Lambdin at (626) 825-0715.
Or: glenn_lambdin@hotmail.com

JOIN KIWANIS FOR BREAKFAST, TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022 8:00 am at The Lodge - 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
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This Week's Highlights:

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SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE
PRESENTS:

KING OF THE YEEs
May 20 - June 12, 2022

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THE MEADOWS PROJECT IS CLEARER THAN IT APPEARS

Let's cut to the chase. Some things are very clearly seen that you would never know about if you only listened to the opponents of the Meadows project. When they say something like "cookie cutter style homes" do you just accept that at face value? Do they know something no one else knows? The 42 homes have yet to be designed. There are four completely different styles of homes and different iterations of each style. The STOP Housing Development group has been using the same flyer all year that shows misrepresentative high-density tract homes that are nothing like what this project would be. They continue this straight out lie despite having been called-out on it publicly numerous times. Do they just not care about the truth? I invite these groups to share the designs from which they determined that the homes will be "cookie cutter style" tract homes. What is clear is there are no designs on which to base the claim that all the homes look the same.

When it is stated that New Urban West is "following their own rules," what does that mean? What they are doing is proposing design standards for a large project, tailored to the site. This is a reasonable option rather than creating 42 separate projects. Will those standards take precedence over the city's zoning codes? No, if approved it will be a part of the city's zoning codes. They will be equal to all the other city zoning codes. When requesting a change to a zoning code or the general plan it cannot be denied simply because it does not match the current zoning code or general plan. The whole point of a change is to create new codes. What is clear is that if and when a Specific Plan gets approved it is codified into the city's zoning codes and general plan and then it is 100% consistent with them.

The drought is a problem for all Californians, but that doesn't change the fact that all Californians consume water. If 42 homes are built in Sierra Madre that doesn't mean California needs more water. Those same Californians will be drinking and using water somewhere else if not in Sierra Madre. State code mandates that homes cannot be prevented from being built as long as there is water available. Sierra Madre currently has access to enough water. By the time the project is started we will have the joint well completed with Arcadia which will supply 2/3rds of our water. What is clear is that water is an issue everywhere in the state but you can't refuse to provide water that people need to survive.

The proponents of the initiative keep calling net-zero water some sort of fantasy. They then misrepresent the options available for meeting net-zero water usage. I'm not sure why this is the case since they attend all the meetings and hear the facts. It is almost like they are the ones engaging in smoke and mirrors. Net-zero water usage does not mean the homes will not use water, it means the city will not have to purchase additional water themselves. There are three options available to the city that can be used in any combination, including purchasing 50 years of water in advance for the 42 homes, if available, or replacing lawns with drought tolerant landscaping, or repairing city infrastructure to stop wasted water through leaks. The advance water purchases do not all have to happen at once. The other options can be applied until water is available to purchase. Around \$1 million will be placed in an account that is managed by the city who will guarantee that the net-zero water goals are met. The 100,000 gallons of water needed to build a home was also mentioned. That is 0.37 acre feet which is 20% less than the average home uses in a year. What is clear is that net-zero water usage is a real strategy backed up by a guarantee that it will happen.

Robert Gjerde



Protect Sierra Madre has been actively engaged in trying to retain and help preserve all that is special about Sierra Madre. New Urban West (NUW) and the Passionist Ownership (based in Chicago and owners of the Monastery) are proposing to build the largest housing development in

Sierra Madre history, the Meadows at Bailey Canyon.

There has been an intense fight going on since March 2020, when a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement for this proposed housing project was entered into by the Sierra Madre City Council and the Passionist Ownership of the Monastery, based in Chicago. The MOU should have never been approved during the onset of the global pandemic because there was no opportunity for residents to be appraised and provide input. New Urban West (NUW), the developer, and the Passionist organization are pushing this project despite significant, real concerns about:

1) A Flawed Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)

The developer NUW is trying to push through a very flawed Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the project. Our volunteer organization and attorney have pointed out repeatedly to the City Council and Planning Commission that the FEIR is flawed and must be recirculated because it failed to include opportunities for public input on multiple significant issues, such as a proposed widening of Carter Avenue and property lot line adjustments, among other major concerns. Despite our strong arguments, it appears there is a rush to approve the FEIR, despite significant flaws, and strong resident opposition, as was evident in recent planning commission meetings. Why the rush to approve a clearly flawed critical report?

2) Wildfire risk: The meadows are up against the foothills and in an extremely high fire zone. A similar, smaller development of homes went up in flames in Santa Barbara county just a few years ago,

A CRITICAL TIME FOR ACTION AGAINST THE PROPOSED MEADOWS AT BAILEY CANYON HOUSING PROJECT

despite the homes being built with 'fire retardant' materials. The development was in a similar high risk fire zone near hills and a canyon, just like where this proposed development is.

3) Impact on water supply: We are in the middle of California's worst, sustained drought. Update: The governor has stated the state's water supplies are the lowest they've ever been and is close to mandating water rationing across the state. It's not the time to build 42 additional, huge homes. There is simply insufficient water supply to achieve the 'Net Zero' water impact that NUW was using in their glitzy marketing materials. They have not explained how they will compensate for the water used during construction and by these McMansion properties over their lifetimes. The only thing that is 'net zero' on this critical issue is the credibility of New

Urban West.

4) Significantly increased traffic. A traffic study indicates traffic in Sierra Madre will more than double with this development.

5) Destruction of open space and wildlife habitat. This project would destroy the last remaining open space in Sierra Madre that is home to deer, multiple bird species, and other wildlife.

We ask the Planning Commission and City Council to do what is right and what is best for the residents of Sierra Madre and not approve the FEIR in its current severely flawed state, and move to recirculate it so Sierra Madre residents can review all the relevant and significant issues, before consideration and review of the largest housing project in Sierra Madre is undertaken.

Our city and residents deserve much better. Join us in Protecting Sierra Madre.

Protect Sierra Madre

SIERRA MADRE Neighbors for Fairness

We have heard many times by people who signed the ballot initiative to rezone the Monastery property to a residential zone that they have nothing against Catholics or the Passionists. That may be the case, but it is no concession when the outcome is the same as a malevolent person. Under the guise of protecting the hillside, the ballot initiative, if passed, will strip the development rights of a 100 year old religious institution.

No, we are not saying that the Meadows project is a religious development. That is a straw-

man that the proponents of the initiative use to deflect the real issue, which is that the initiative will result in the entirety of the Passionists' property being rezoned to a residential zone. The Passionists will lose their Institutional property rights, become a nonconforming use, and be prohibited from all future expansion.

You say you don't believe that the Initiative will infringe on Passionists' rights? All one needs to do is read the wording: "The intent of this Initiative is to permit the continued opera-

tion of the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center without expansion..." That clearly states the outcome if the initiative passes: The Passionists' existing right to expansion will be taken away. If you vote for the initiative it doesn't matter if your intention is to stop the Meadows project or if it is to discriminate against religion. The religious rights of the Passionists will still be violated because of your action.

The arrogant response we get from Protect Sierra Madre is that the Passionists are dying out and they are selling off retreat centers around the country. Whether or not that is the case is

irrelevant. Property rights exist for property owners. The Passionists have a thriving ministry in Sierra Madre. They regularly have retreats and they have a growing food ministry feeding the homeless and shut-ins. Religious institutions have a right to freely exercise their religion.

Federal law, the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000, sets the standard for land use regulations that burden religious organizations. The Act states: "No government shall impose or implement a land use regulation in a manner that imposes a substantial burden on the religious exercise of a ...religious institu-

tion..." Prohibiting ALL future expansion is a clear example of a substantial burden. The Act continues and lists two criteria which must be met to justify a substantial burden. First, there must be a compelling government interest being served, and second, that burden must be the least restrictive means of furthering the compelling interest.

The Intent and Purpose of the Initiative is to "ensure that any future development is protective of the City's hillside environment." That is the compelling government interest and it is a legitimate one. The key issue is the second part where the burden must be the least restrictive

means of furthering that compelling interest. Here, the Initiative fails the test. There are numerous less restrictive options available to protect the hillside environment without stripping the Passionists of ALL rights to future expansion. The good intention of protecting the hill-sides cannot justify this substantial burden. Only this one point of failure is needed for the Passionists to sue the city for relief, costing us the taxpayers many hundreds of thousands of dollars in the process.

Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness opposes the ballot Initiative.



SIERRA MADRE Neighbors for Fairness

We are a group of concerned Sierra Madre neighbors opposed to the initiative that targets one private property owner for discriminatory treatment and prevents our City Council from making informed decisions about development in our town.

We seek to ensure that our City Planning laws are fair and that nobody is singled out or targeted because they wish to lawfully exercise their property rights.

SierraMadreNeighborsforFairness.org

We are Sierra Madre residents who care deeply about our neighborhood and advocate for a fair and transparent process to govern our community. Meet our Steering Committee:

De Alcorn • Pat Alcorn • Phil Cannon • John Doyle • Mary Doyle • Angela Hawekotte • James Kelly • Leigh Kelly • Glen Lambdin • Dennis Lan • Dave Link • Kris Lowe • Casey Quinn • Jim Walsworth • Martha Walsworth



Mary L. Doyle, MD
Lived in Sierra Madre for 10 years

"The initiative sets a dangerous precedent that could be used anytime anyone in the city decides they want to restrict the property rights of another owner and deprive them of going through the proper city channels for a fair assessment of any project.

I joined Neighbors for Fairness because I want to support those who continue to believe that respectfully listening to each other through a careful and intelligent consideration of the facts, and with true dialogue is crucial to guaranteeing the most fair and just outcome."



Jim & Martha Walsworth
Lived in Sierra Madre for 49 years

Jim served over 20 years on the Sierra Madre Fire Department, as well as the Community Foundation and was a Scout Leader for Troop 110. Martha was part of the Sierra Madre Fire Department Women's Association for over 20 years and part of the Wine & Jazz Walk team. Both Jim and Martha are involved in Relay for Life and 4th of July Committee.

"The Monastery property is private property. The initiative is very self-serving for a small group of people and bad for our community, and the initiative is wrong and discriminatory."

Ad paid for by Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness, a Coalition of Local Residents, Taxpayers, and Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center:

Committee major funding from New Urban West

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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 lheinze@cityofsierramadre.com with questions that you may have.

THE SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE HOSTING ANOTHER UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENT, TAKING PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH.

This educational workshop will be focused on the "Set" component of the "Ready! Set! Go!" model. We will discuss Emergency Action Plans, Wildfire Insurance, and provide a presentation on Emergency Supply Kits. At the end of the presentation, we will have a raffle for all in attendance. We will be raffling a 72-hour Emergency Supply kit and a solar-powered power bank.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

So much to talk about this week...

First of all, I want to add my thoughts about Joan Crow. She was a super person! There, that's it. Joan and Bruce lived just a block or so away from us and we saw her all the time walking around town. She had something nice to say and a terrific smile every time we saw her. When you want to think about positive people in the neighborhood, Joan is at the top of the list. Joan was involved in practically everything in town and brought her useful and joyful presence to all she did. She will be missed.

The Trail Race is this Saturday! So exciting and the weather seems to be cooperating, with cool mornings and even some rain this week. Cool beats the heck out of scorching hot when you're talking about running up the Mt. Wilson Trail 8.6 miles and back. Good luck everyone and fingers crossed that no one falls down.

Memorial Day is this Monday and I've put my Dad's picture up, circa 1944 or so. He was in the Navy during WWII and was so handsome. I came across this Memorial Day Tribute, published by the Paralyzed Veterans of America:

"They answered their country's call to arms.

Into battle they did go.

Where their final destination was, no one will ever know.

May their final resting place, under some unknown sod,

Be forever hallowed, for it is known only unto God."

I am sure there will be wonderful moments at Pioneer Cemetery to commemorate the day. John and I never missed this event and came away every year so glad we had gone.

Speaking of Memorial Day, I came across this amazing story (thanks to Wikipedia) you might never have heard.

"Doris "Dorie" Miller was a black American sailor in the United States Navy. He manned anti-aircraft guns during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, for which he had no training and then tended to the wounded. Miller was a crewman aboard the West Virginia and awoke at 6 a.m. on that fateful day. He served breakfast mess and was collecting laundry at 7:57 a.m. when Lt. Commander Shigeharu Murata from the Japanese aircraft carrier Akagi launched the first of nine torpedoes that hit the West Virginia. The "Battle Stations" alarm went off; Miller headed for his battle station, an anti-aircraft battery magazine amidships, only to discover that a torpedo had destroyed it. He then raced to "Times Square", a central spot aboard the ship, reporting himself available for other duty. Miller was ordered to help Lt. Frederic H. White to help him and Ensign Victor Delano load the unmanned number 1 and number 2 Browning .50 caliber anti-aircraft machine guns aft of the conning tower. Delano expected Miller to feed ammunition to one gun, but when his attention was diverted and he looked again he saw Miller was firing one of the guns. White then loaded ammunition into both guns and assigned Miller the starboard gun.

Meanwhile, Captain Mervyn Bennion, had a gaping wound in his abdomen where he had apparently been hit by shrapnel. Miller and another sailor lifted the skipper but were unable to remove him from the bridge so they carried him from his exposed position on the damaged bridge to a sheltered spot behind the conning tower. Captain Bennion refused to leave his post, questioned his officers about the condition of the ship and gave orders.

Miller fired the gun until he ran out of ammunition, when he was ordered by Lt. Claude V. Ricketts to help carry the Captain up to the navigation bridge out of the thick oily smoke generated by the many fires on and around the ship. Captain Bennion was only semi-conscious at this point and died soon afterward. Japanese aircraft eventually dropped two armor-piercing bombs through the deck of the battleship and launched five 18-inch (460 mm) aircraft torpedoes into her port side. When the attack finally lessened, Miller helped move injured sailors through oil and water to the quarterdeck, thereby "unquestionably saving the lives of a number of people who might otherwise have been lost."

The ship was heavily damaged by bombs, torpedoes, and resulting explosions and fires, but the crew prevented her from capsizing by counter-flooding a number of compartments. Instead, West Virginia sank to the harbor bottom as her surviving crew abandoned ship, including Miller.

Miller was recognized by the Navy for his actions and awarded the Navy Cross. He was the first black American to be awarded the Navy Cross, the third highest honor awarded by the Navy at that time, after the Medal of Honor and the Navy Distinguished Service Medal. The Navy Cross now precedes the Navy Distinguished Service Medal. Miller's acts were heavily publicized in the black press, making him an iconic emblem of the war for black Americans. Nearly two years after Pearl Harbor he was killed in action when his ship Liscome Bay was sunk by a Japanese submarine during the Battle of Makin. On January 19, 2020, the Navy announced that CVN-81 would be named after him, a Gerald R. Ford-class aircraft carrier scheduled to be laid down in 2023 and launched in 2028."

One last thing... I saw this quote from Laurie Roberts, USA Today Network: "Before you slap burgers on the grill, remember Inchon and Heartbreak Ridge and Chosin Reservoir, where heroic Marines fought to their last breath against overwhelming odds. Remember Khe Sanh and Hamburger Hill. Remember Ramadi and Fallujah and Kandahar. It's easy to forget the fallen, especially on a day when the sun is shining and we are so blessed with the tremendous good fortune to live in peace."

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
Where you'll find "Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope"
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Check me out, friends and neighbors!

BEST USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library announce that their June Best Used Book Sale will be held behind the library on Friday, June 3 (3:00-7:00) and Saturday, June 4 (10:00-2:00). For the first time in two years, the basement will also be open with capacity limits of 7 shoppers at a time. Masks are STRONGLY encouraged.

Featured in the basement will be some volumes of The Works of Charles Dickens, including Oliver Twist and Nicholas Nickleby, part of a 1906 Limited Edition set printed in England.

The illustrations in the original books were recreated for this edition, many by Cruikshank and Phiz. Many of our "Table Books" will be also for sale, especially Sports, Militaria and Contemporary Culture. Look for 2022 Fiction and Non-Fiction on the table also.

On the parking lot, we will have our Bargain Books for only \$1.00 each and paperbacks 5/\$1.00.

Many DVDs and CDs are only \$1.00 and Audio Books \$2.00. Children's and teen titles sell for \$.25-\$1.00. Don't forget Saturday only is the \$5.00 Bag Sale on the parking lot. See you at the sale!

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 7, 2022 5:30pm

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your event must:

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE DE- PARTMENT WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT

May 15 - May 21, 2022

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.

Monday, May 16

Medical Emergency

Officers responded to the 500 block of E Highland Ave for reports of a male found in his home, not conscious and not breathing. Upon arrival, Sierra Madre Fire Department Paramedics determined the the male was deceased. The male appeared to pass due to natural causes, and no foul play is suspected at this time.

Monday, May 16

Stolen Vehicle Arrest

At approximately 8:00 AM, officers responded to the 100 block of E Laurel Ave for reports of a stolen vehicle. Upon arrival, the reporting party told officers that their white Honda Accord was stolen overnight. There was no suspect description at the time, and the vehicle was entered into a state system as stolen.

On May 18th 2022, the La Habra Police Department contacted the department advising that they had recovered the stolen vehicle and had 2 suspects in custody. The suspects were interviewed by Detectives and eventually booked at the Pasadena Jail.

Thursday, May 19

Drug Violation Arrest

Officers contacted a male transient camping inside of the bathroom stall at Memorial Park. After further investigation, it was discovered that the male was in possession of drug paraphenilia. The male was cited and released in the field.

Thursday, May 19

Battery Arrest

At approximately 1:30 pm, officers responded to the Sierra Madre Public Library (440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd) regarding two male subjects in a verbal altercation with each other. Upon further investigation, it was determined that one of the male subjects struck an elderly male with his fist during the verbal altercation. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to Pasadena Jail for booking.

Friday, May 20

Stolen Vehicle

At approximately 1:30 PM, officers responded to the 100 block of E Montecito Ave for reports of a stolen vehicle. The reporting party stated that their neighbor's vehicle described as a 1955 Chevy 2 door Classic Vehicle was stolen from the parking lot of their building. It was determined that no other parties had permission to drive the vehicle. The Detectives Bureau is currently investigating the incident. If you have any information, please contact to the department at 626-355-1414

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Memorial Day Closures and Reminders



Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that City Hall and many City services and administrative business offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day, a national day of remembrance for the brave men and women of the U.S. military who died in the line of duty. Specific closures and exceptions are noted below.

City Council will not meet Monday. The next council meeting will be held on Monday, June 13.

The City of Pasadena will have trash collection on Monday. There will be no delay to trash, recycling and yard waste collection.

The City's Citizen Service Center (CSC) will be closed on Monday and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) will also be closed. Residents and businesses with any power emergencies should call the Power Emergency Line at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call the Water Emergency Line at (626) 744-4138. PWP's regular Customer Call Center will be closed for the holiday, but customers can access their accounts and pay bills online at www.PWPweb.com or by calling (626) 744-4005.

The Municipal Services Payment Center at City Hall will be closed on Monday. All parking meters not posted as a "No Parking" zone will be free on Monday, and time limits will not be enforced. Violations for overnight parking, red curb parking, "No Parking" zones, and blocking fire hydrants will be enforced. All regular enforcement will resume Tuesday.

The Permit Center will be closed but will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday. Online permitting services are available 24/7 at: cityofpasadena.net/PermitCenterOnline.

Pasadena Transit bus service and Dial-A-Ride transportation will NOT operate on Monday. Regular service will resume Tuesday.

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be closed on Sunday and Monday and will reopen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Pasadena Police and Fire Departments will be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services, but not business or administrative offices. If you see something, say something; report suspicious activity to police at (626) 744-4241. For life-threatening emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

If you're planning to gather with friends and family protect yourself and loved ones from COVID-19.



Chalk Festival Back Father's Day Weekend

With an estimated 200 murals and over 500 artists, organizers announced that the 29-ish annual Pasadena Chalk Festival will be held "live and in-person" over Father's Day weekend. The event is open to the public 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the The Paseo, an open-air lifestyle shopping center, near old Pasadena.

The two-day street art event is hosted by The Paseo and Light Bringer Project, a non-profit Pasadena-based arts organization.

More than a quarter of a century in the making, the Pasadena Chalk Festival has become a coveted family-friendly event attracting thousands of art-appreciating fans to The Paseo to celebrate the history and centuries-old artistry of street painting. This year's event will shine a spotlight on the talents of the chalk artists who will work simultaneously, using more than 25,000 sticks of pastel chalk, to create life-sized murals. During this year's Pasadena Chalk Festival, there will be music, entertainment and an art-themed kids craft

where children can display their own creative talents.

The Festival will include:
-Animation Alley showcasing animation art and animators in action
-Artist Gallery offering small painted canvases and other merchandise for sale
-Silent Art Auction
-Music & Entertainment
-Artist Awards Ceremony

The Pasadena Chalk Festival in 2010 was officially named the largest street painting festival by the Guinness World Record, with more than 600 artists using over 25,000 sticks of chalk and drawing a crowd of more than 100,000 visitors in one weekend.

Live Music Lineup:
Saturday:
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Taylor Plenn (Jazz)
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
The Carlos Ordiano Trio (Latin Jazz)
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
La Güera Chakaloza Y Sus 5 Animales (Norteño)
Sunday:
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Rhythms of the Village Band
4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Open Book Series Renowned Astronomer Emily Levesque

Organizers for the Open Book Series announced Monday that author Dr. Emily Levesque (pictured), American astronomer renowned for her work on massive stars will be discussing her book, *The Last Stargazers*, on Tuesday, June 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Carnegie Observatories in Pasadena.

The evening is set to begin with a pre-event hosted happy hour and tour of the Carnegie Observatories, then an out of this world conversation between Levesque and Dr. John Mulchaey, Director of the Carnegie Observatories. Afterwards there will be a dessert reception and book signing with Levesque.

Levesque is an astronomy professor at the University of Washington. Her research is focused on understanding how the most massive stars in the universe evolve and die. She has observed for upward of fifty nights on many of the planet's largest telescopes and flown over the Antarctic stratosphere in an experimental aircraft for her research. *The Last Stargazers* shares the stories of modern-day stargazers and explores the future of astronomy as we gain the ability to see farther beyond our planet than ever before.

The evening's moderator, Dr. John Mulchaey, is the director and the Crawford H. Greenewalt Chair of the Carnegie Observatories, one of



the world's premier astronomy institutions. He investigates groups and clusters of galaxies, elliptical galaxies, dark matter - the invisible material that makes up most of the universe, active galaxies, and black holes. He is also a scientific editor for *The Astrophysical Journal* and is actively involved in public outreach and education. In addition to his astronomy career, Dr. Mulchaey is also a successful songwriter. His work has been featured in hundreds of movies and television programs including *Sex in the City*, *Six Feet Under*, *Dawson's Creek*, *Dollhouse* and *Valentine*. He also has a Star Trek character named in his honor.

To purchase tickets or for more information visit: pasadenaliteraryalliance.org.

Lucas/Heaven (RnB/Jazz)

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Cumbia

The Paseo is located at 280 E Colorado Blvd.

For more information visit: pasadenachalkfestival.org.

National Gun Violence Awareness Day June 3

The Pasadena City Council issued a proclamation declaring June 3 "National Gun Violence Awareness Day" in Pasadena. Now in its eighth year, the day honors and remembers victims and survivors of gun violence and supports efforts to prevent gun violence.

The proclamation was received by San Gabriel Valley Moms Demand Action, a local grassroots organization working to reduce gun violence. The proclamation reads that gun violence "touches every segment of our society and impacts people of all ages; it increases the probability of death in incidents of domestic violence; raises the likelihood of fatalities by those who intend to injure others, and among those who attempt suicide; it places children and young people at increased risk of physical harm and injury; and disproportionately affects communities of color." The proclamation concludes by urging all citizens, businesses, and organizations to work collaboratively to reduce gun violence in our community.

National Gun Violence Awareness Day kicks off Wear Orange Weekend (June 3-5), an event held annually in honor of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old who was shot and killed in Chicago in 2013, just one week after performing at President Obama's second inauguration parade. Orange is the color that Hadiya's friends wore in her honor and is worn throughout the nation to raise awareness about gun violence.

The City of Pasadena encourages community members to wear orange June 3-5 in support of the gun violence prevention movement and to share photos on social media using the hashtag #WearOrange.

A neighborhood peace walk will be held on Saturday, June 4, at 6 p.m., starting at 623 N. Marengo Ave. Please wear orange. The walk will honor Ernesto Ramos Jimenez, a Pasadena resident killed by gun violence and other gun violence victims.

Music Under the Stars Free Community Concert Returns



Arrive early for Kids Korner, featuring face painting, balloon animals, a musical instrument petting zoo and performance by Bob Baker Marionette Theater.

The Pasadena Symphony and POPS announced their annual free Music Under the Stars concert on June 4 at Pasadena City Hall's Centennial Square. Music Under the Stars will bring Pasadena's premiere orchestra free to the community one night only. This year's concert will have the city "Dancin' in the Streets" with popular favorites from West Side Story, Chicago, Hairspray, Greatest Showman, Pharrell Williams and more. Highlights include "All that Jazz," "Big Spender," "Rhythm is Gonna Get You" and "Happy" among other classics.

According to a statement, after a three-year pandemic hiatus, the Pasadena Symphony and POPS annual free concert for the community is back and better than ever with fun for the whole family. The family fun begins at 6:00 p.m. with picnicking, food trucks and the all-new Kids Korner, featuring free face painting, balloon animals and a musical instrument petting zoo, where kids of all ages can discover the wonder of creating their own music with the instruments of the orchestra. Families who arrive early will also be treated to a special performance by Bob Baker Marionette Theater at 7:00 p.m.

The Music Under the Stars orchestra will be led by Resident POPS Conductor Larry Blank, who will

welcome the Donald Brinegar Singers, JPL Chorus and three guest vocalists to the stage. A Disney regular, the multi-Grammy and Emmy-winning Laura Dickinson's voice has appeared on Sofia the First, both Frozen films, Elena of Avalor, Ralph Breaks the Internet and Mulan, as well as on Michael Bubl 's Nobody But Me album. A true triple-threat, Tony-nominated actor, singer and dancer Valarie Pettiford has appeared on Broadway and the West End in Fosse, West Side Story and Chicago among others and has numerous television credits under her belt including The Blacklist, Blackish, True Blood and Treme. To round out the pack, Matthew Johnson's expert dancing will get the audience on their feet. Trained through Alvin Ailey and by his mentor Debbie Allen, Johnson has performed with the likes of Pharrell, John Legend, Jennifer Lopez, Childish Gambino and Stevie Wonder. This family-friendly event is presented with support from Bank of America. Music Under the Stars is also supported in part by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Department of Arts and Culture.

Gates open at 6:00 p.m. for Kids Korner; Bob Baker Marionette Theater performance begins at 7:00 p.m.; and Music Under the Stars Concert begins at 8:00 p.m. Admission to this event is free, and guests are encouraged to bring a picnic, blanket and low-back chairs. Rental chairs will also be available for purchase. For more information, visit PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org or call 626.793.7172.

Update on South Pasadena Arroyo Seco Golf Course

South Pasadena City officials gave an update on the Arroyo Golf Course & Driving Range saying that reconstruction of the driving range poles and netting began last week. The installation is expected to take three to four weeks. During daytime construction hours, the pathway along the Arroyo Seco channel will be temporarily closed. At this time, the pathway will be open in the evenings and on weekends when construction is not taking place.

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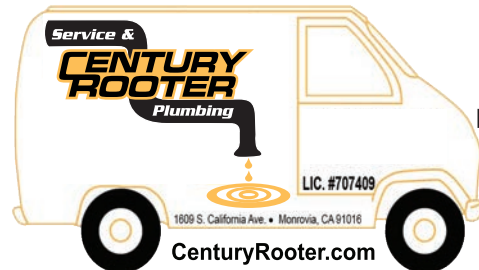
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Pasadena Celebrates June Pride Month with Free Events

The City of Pasadena is set to hold events, including a Pride Flag Raising, throughout June, LGBT Pride Month.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is celebrated annually in June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall riots and to honor work to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) Americans. In June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which LGBT Americans were commonly subjected. This uprising marks the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBT Americans.

The City of Pasadena is celebrating Pride throughout June with a variety of virtual programs and workshops for teens and adults as well as free take-and-make creative crafts and events for all ages.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

For all ages to enjoy and participate in unless otherwise specified.

• Ceremony – Pride Flag Raising

The Progress Pride Flag, designed by Daniel Quasar and made in California by the first Queer-owned flag company, will be raised by Mayor Victor Gordo and the Pasadena City Council in front of City Hall. Join us for a memorable event. Wednesday, June 1, 12:30 p.m., Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

• Workshop – Pride @ Work(shop)

Presented by Te Jay McGrath and the Pasadena Public Health Department. This interactive workshop highlights local organizations and services, provides context and content for implementing affirming practices for LGBTQ+ constituents and co-workers. Learn about gender spectrum, the coming out process, allyship and affirmation, creating safe spaces, and more! Limited to 25 attendees per event.

To attend this Pride workshop, sign up at: cityofpasadena.net/library.

Thursday, June 16, 2-4 p.m., Zoom

To attend this Pride workshop, sign up at: cityofpasadena.net/library.

Monday, June 20, 2-4 p.m., Zoom

• Book Talk - Don't You Dare: Uncovering Lost Love by Gayla Turner

This compelling story weaves together a current-day journey of discovery and a true-life love story between two women that took place over 100 years ago. During a time when newspaper headlines and stories didn't mention LGBTQ+ people, they loved and lived in the background of society - knowing it was too dangerous to do otherwise. All were hidden, just like the wedding photos belonging to author Gayla Turner's grandmother – Ruby. To attend this presentation, sign up at: cityofpasadena.net/

library.

Thursday, June 16, 5 p.m., Zoom

• Workshop – Bold Voices, Authentic Choices: Writing Workshop for Teens

Explore writing fiction while incorporating diversity into fantasy worlds. Special guest speaker. For ages 12-18. To attend this workshop, sign up at: cityofpasadena.net/library.

Wednesday, June 22, 4-6 p.m., Zoom

• Community Aid – Outreach at the Boulevard Bar

Connect with your community and pick-up free giveaways, including at-home HIV test kits.

Friday, June 24, 8-10 p.m., Boulevard Bar, 3199 E. Foothill Blvd.

• Celebration – Love, Loud & Proud

Join us as we champion our diverse LGBTQ+ community at the City of Pasadena's inaugural Pride Month Celebration. Enjoy live entertainment, local food trucks, arts & crafts, face painting and more with local LGBTQ organizations, community partners and allies at this fun, free event.

Saturday, June 25, 6-8 p.m., Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS

Enjoy fun, free take-and-make-crafts that are simple and easy to make. Available while supplies last. Limited one kit per participant. Kits contain the necessary craft materials and instructions to help guide you in creating the craft. Additional household items such as scissors, a stapler, glue or tape may be needed.

• Craft - Take & Make: Rainbow Melted Crayon Art

Inspired by the book Red: A Crayon's Story by Michael Hall, create rainbow artwork using canvas and crayons to celebrate identity, self-acceptance and Pride Month. For ages 10+. Sign up for your kit at: cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/t/crayon while supplies last. Sign-ups begin June 1. Kits can be picked up at Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.

• Craft - Take & Make: Rainbow Pride Bracelet

Express your pride with a colorful woven friendship bracelet – to wear or give! Sign up for your kit at: cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/t/bracelet while supplies last. Sign-ups begin June 1. Kits can be picked up at Hill Avenue Branch Library, 55 S. Hill Ave. beginning June 6.

• Craft - Take & Make: Pride Month Rainbow Weaving

Celebrate your pride with rainbow weaving. Materials include a cardboard loom and rainbow colored yarn. Perfect for creating a rainbow or weaving a unique colorful pattern. For ages 5+. Sign up for your kit at: cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/t/PPLprideweaving while supplies last. Sign-ups begin on June 21. Kits can be picked up at the Santa Catalina Branch Library, 999 E. Washington Blvd.

For more information, visit: cityofpasadena.net or call (626) 744-4755.

San Marino Fire Recognized for Covid Pandemic Response



The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, on May 18, recognized the San Marino Fire Department for the sacrifices of emergency medical services personnel to ensure a safe environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. The certificate was accepted by Captain Jason Sutliff, who has managed the Emergency Operations Center since the beginning of the pandemic, and has been essential in the City's COVID-19 response.

San Marino Water Restrictions

Due to significant statewide drought conditions severely reducing water supplies, and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Drought Declaration, California American Water has notified the City of San Marino that all customers are subject to the below water schedule, effective starting Wednesday.

- Outdoor water use limited to 2 days per week

- Odd Addresses may water on Tuesday and Saturday

- Even Addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday

- No watering on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday

- Watering is recommended to occur before 9 AM or after 8 PM to avoid evaporation

These orders supersede all previous watering restrictions.

California American Water will be providing communications to all resident customers regarding the restrictions, including a direct mail piece. Residents can learn more about restrictions by calling (626) 614-2536 or visiting California American Water at: amwater.com/caaw.

Free June Movies at the Pasadena Senior Center

Friday movie matinees will be shown June 3 to 24 at 1 p.m. at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., including a classic western, retellings of two other classic films and the 2022 Academy Award winner for Best Picture.

Seating will be limited and registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Each member of the Pasadena Senior Center may reserve one additional seat for a nonmember guest.

“Red River” (1948, NR) starring John Wayne and Montgomery Clift – Friday, June 3, at 1 p.m. Considered the second greatest Western of all time by the American Film Institute, the movie is a partly fictionalized account of the first cattle drive from Texas to Kansas along the Chisholm Trail. Produced and directed by the legendary Howard Hawks, the film was nominated for two Academy Awards. A bit of trivia: This was the last movie shown in the 1971 film “The Last Picture Show.”

“Mulan” (2020, PG-13)

starring Liu Yifei and Donnie Yen – Friday, June 10, at 1 p.m. In this live action version of the animated Disney classic, a fearless teenage girl disguises herself as a male warrior to take the place of her ailing father so he won't have to go to war in China's Imperial Army. The film was nominated for two Academy Awards. A little trivia: Mulan is the central character in an old Chinese folk tale of the Northern Wei dynasty (386 to 584 AD).

“West Side Story” (2021, PG-13) starring Ansel Elgort and Rachel Zegler – Friday, June 17, at 1 p.m. Stephen Spielberg's adaptation of the 1957 classic explores forbidden love and the rivalry between two teenage street gangs in New York City with the same music of the original film composed by Leonard Bernstein with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. The film received three Golden Globe Awards, including Best Picture and Best Supporting Actress. A little trivia: Stephen Sondheim never got to see the world premiere because he passed away just three days before.

“CODA” (2021, PG-13) starring Emilia Jones and Marlee Matlin – Friday, June 24, at 1 p.m. As a CODA (child of deaf adults), Ruby is the only hearing person in her family, so when the family's commercial fishing business is in danger of failing, she finds herself torn between attending a prestigious music school and her guilt about abandoning her loved ones for whom she has always been the interpreter. The film received Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Supporting Actor and Best Adapted Screenplay. A little trivia: To prepare for her role, Emilia Jones spent nine months learning American Sign Language, how to operate a fishing trawler and taking singing lessons.

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

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

PUSD Superintendent Letter after Texas School Shooting

The school shooting in Texas that has taken the lives of 18 elementary school students and a teacher today is horrific. We grieve for the victims, their families, and for the survivors whose lives will be forever marked by this senseless crime.

But this devastating scene is too familiar, coming on the heels of the mass shootings in Buffalo and Laguna Woods.

Schools do a phenomenal job in creating supportive environments on campuses, in making our classrooms and playing fields places where learners of every kind are welcomed. We take safety measures like limiting visitors, installing cameras, and hiring safety aides specially trained to work with children. Since our schools fully reopened for in-person learning this year, our teachers, administrators, and employees have worked themselves to the bone to bring learning and joy to our students.

This awful news breaks our hearts and makes us angry. It's time for clear action by lawmakers across the country to do whatever it takes to change our laws and provide the necessary resources to ensure that something like this never happens again. It's time to keep our children and families safe, whether they're shopping in Buffalo, attending church in Laguna Woods, or tragically, sitting in their classrooms anticipating the end of the school year and the start of what should have been a glorious summer.

We know events like these can impact the physical and mental well-being of our students, staff, and families. We encourage you to connect with your friends and family, supporting each other and seeking help as it is needed.

This heartbreaking news can surface fears about safety. We want to assure you that every single person in Pasadena Unified School District is committed to the safety of our students and schools.

Whatever you or your family are experiencing, we want you to know that you are not alone and that support is available at school and in our community. If you or someone you know needs help, here are ways to find support:

On-campus:

Contact your school counselor or therapist

In our community:

Pasadena Unified School District partnered with Hazel Health and Care Solace to support our community's mental health. Both can help you quickly find mental health treatment options matched to your needs regardless of circumstances. Their support is completely confidential and free to Pasadena Unified School District's students and staff.

If you would like to use Care Solace to help you find a provider: Call 888-515-0595 available 24/7/365 in any language.

Visit: caresolace.com/pasadena and either search on your own, OR click “Book Appointment” for assistance by video chat, email, or phone.

If you would like to use Hazel Health so your child can speak with a doctor or mental health clinician from home visit: my.hazel.co/pusd/info or Call 626-436-3825

In an emergency:

Call 911 or request a Crisis Intervention Trained (C.I.T.) response

Go to the closest emergency room for support

Text “Hello” or “Home” to 741741 to connect with support Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255

English: 800-273-TALK

Español: 888-628-9454

TTY: 800-799-4889

Online chat: suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Trevor Lifeline LGBTQ+ Crisis Support: 1-866-488-7386

If you have a safety concern:

If there is an emergency concern: Call 911

If you have a non-emergency concern about school safety: Contact: PUSD Student Wellness & Support Services call 626.396.3600 ext. 88238

In shared sorrow,

Brian McDonald, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Holden's Bills Move Forward in the Legislative Process

A number of Assemblymember Chris Holden's bills passed the Assembly Floor Monday and are now headed to the Senate. The bills include: AB 2446 – Embodied carbon emissions: construction materials, AB 2617 – Pupil instruction: dual enrollment programs: competitive grants: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships: best practices: communication and marketing strategy, and AB 2085 – Crimes: mandated reporters.

“I am glad to report that my colleagues value the importance of accountability, transparency and equity in education and economic opportunity,” said Holden. “I am proud to announce that my legislative package is centered around creating opportunities for Californians by removing barriers of entry in education as well as the workforce.”

AB 2446 would require a life cycle assessment to determine the carbon intensity of both residential and non-residential buildings in the state. The bill would require the Energy Commission to design the framework to achieve an eighty percent net reduction in new construction by 2045, which is aligned with Executive Order B-55-18

that sets a statewide goal of carbon net neutrality no later than 2045.

AB 2617 would allow and incentivize local education agencies to expand dual enrollment opportunities for all students, while targeting underrepresented students and those from low-income families, provide resources to effectively communicate dual enrollment opportunities to students, and ensure that students have program support in critical areas such as academic advising.

AB 2085 would address the over surveillance and over representation of families of color in the child welfare system by reforming mandated reporting requirements. The bill would direct mandated reporters to use their discretion and training to determine whether families need to be reported to child welfare services or if they simply need to be connected with community based services. “Meeting the needs of Californians today, requires us to listen to the needs of our communities,” Holden said. “I hope to work with my colleagues in the legislature as these bills move forward in the legislative process.”

For more information on these bills visit: a41.asmdc.org.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, May 15th through Saturday, May 21st, the Police Department responded to 836 calls for service, of which 103 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 15:

- At 11:32 a.m., an officer responded to 7-Eleven, located at 200 Live Oak Avenue, regarding a battery investigation. The victim stated a male transient suspect threw a trash can lid at her after she confronted him about attempting to steal an alcoholic beverage and harassing customers. The suspect also battered the victim and again hit the victim with the trash can lid. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 35-years-old, around 5'9" tall, 160 pounds, and wearing only beige pants.
- At 12:25 p.m., an officer responded to the 300 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a series of thefts from vehicles. The officer discovered four parked vehicles had their rear-view passenger mirrors stolen sometime between 9:30 p.m. on May 14th and May 15th at 11:30 p.m.

Monday, May 16:

- At 8:54 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2700 block of Caroline Way regarding a residential burglary in progress. An investigation revealed two transients had been living in the vacant home. A 43-year-old male from Jurupa Valley and a 30-year-old female from Ontario were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 1:58 p.m., an officer responded to the 00 block of East Huntington Drive regarding a fraud incident. The officer determined the victim sold products to the customer and the customer mailed a check for payment. Upon cashing the check, the customer placed a stop payment on the check, but kept the victim's product. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, May 17:

- At 8:08 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia City Hall, located at 240 West Huntington Drive, regarding a municipal code violation. The officer discovered the suspect, a known local transient, refused to take down his encampment after 7:00 a.m., violating the anti-camping ordinance. The 43-year-old male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 10:06 a.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of West Duarte Road regarding a theft from vehicle incident. An investigation revealed the suspect was captured on surveillance footage breaking into two separate vehicles, with the second vehicle being a few blocks away in the 300 block of West Magna Vista Avenue. The suspect fled with jewelry, sunglasses, a smart thermostat, and other miscellaneous items from both vehicles.

Wednesday, May 18:

- At 11:11 a.m., an officer responded to First Avenue Middle School, located at 301 South 1st Avenue, regarding a battery report. The officer determined a bullying incident between two students resulted in the victim sustaining minor scrapes to the knees and arms. The investigation is ongoing.
- At 3:59 p.m., an officer responded to Arcadia 210 Self Storage, located at 324 North 2nd Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. Sometime between September 1st of 2021 and May 18th of 2022, the victim discovered her storage unit had been broken into. The suspect fled with jewelry, clothing, furniture, and other items.

Thursday, May 19:

- At 5:50 a.m., an officer responded to the 00 block of Las Tunas Drive regarding a stolen vehicle report. The victim stated his Chevrolet Silverado was stolen sometime during the previous night. The vehicle was recovered a short time later by Los Angeles Police Department and it was returned to the owner.
- At 4:29 p.m., an officer responded to the 1100 block of Encanto Drive regarding a mail theft report. An investigation revealed someone stole the victim's mailbox. It is unknown if it contained mail.
- At 8:54 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 500 block of East Foothill Boulevard regarding a burglary report. The officer determined an unknown suspect entered the home through an open window, ransacked the location, and fled with jewelry and handbags.

Friday, May 20:

- At 4:45 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of Chase Bank, located at 60 East Huntington Drive, regarding an armed robbery that had just occurred. An investigation revealed two male suspects pointed handguns at the victim as he left the bank and demanded cash. The victim complied and the suspects fled in a newer model, white, Chevrolet Impala. The suspects are described as two Black males, both wearing all black attire and face masks. The investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, May 21:

- At 6:21 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of South Santa Anita Avenue regarding a traffic collision. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected the odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. Through a series of tests, the officer concluded the driver had a blood alcohol content of .214%. The suspect, a 22-year-old male from El Monte was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 6:36 p.m., an officer responded to the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department regarding a grand theft that occurred in the 00 block of Campus Drive. The victim stated he was approached in his front yard by the female suspect who used "slight-of-hand" to steal his gold jewelry. The suspect is described as an Asian female, approximately 5'7" tall, 120 pounds, and was seen driving away in a white van. The driver of the vehicle is described as a Asian male.



DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of May 15, 2022 - May 21, 2022.

May 15, 2022

- Robbery:
1318 Duarte Road (Cowboy Mex). On 05/15/22 at 10:10 pm suspect unknown, a male Hispanic adult wearing a dark hoodie and blue mask entered the location and had his hand inside his shirt simulating he had a weapon. The suspect ordered everyone to the back of the location and began to take money and jewelry from them. The suspect fled the location in an unknown direction. The manager of the location fearing for her safety and that of her customers, followed the suspect outside and fired off 2 rounds from her handgun to scare the suspect into not returning. Loss was approximately \$1,300. Possible surveillance video.
- Grand Theft:
1470 Mountain Avenue (Best Buy). On 05/15/22 at 4:36 pm a male suspect wearing a black baseball cap with a white logo on the front, a gray jacket, black shirt, gray pants, and a neck gaiter covering his face entered the location and walked directly to the "Apple" section of the store. The suspect is observed placing several "Apple" products under his jacket and walking past all mand registers and outside the location. The suspect enters a gray Honda Civic License plate 6HCD183 and out of view. Loss was approximately \$2,600. Surveillance video available.
- May 16, 2022
- Grand Theft Auto:
900 Block of Oak Avenue. Between 05/15/22 at 5:00 pm and 05/16/22 5:00 am suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's gray 1998 Honda CRV. No surveillance video available. Vehicle recovered by San Dimas Sheriff Station. May 17, 2022

- Aggravated Assault (Domestic Violence):
1600 Block of Duncannon Avenue. On 05/17/22 at 8:30 am the victim answered her door not knowing it was her ex-boyfriend. The suspect immediately pushed his way in and put her in a choke hold. The victim stated she felt herself losing consciousness when the suspect suddenly let go. The suspect took her cell phone and the car keys to their joint vehicle that she had possession of. The suspect left the location in the vehicle. No surveillance video.
- Burglary (residential):
2500 Block of Huntington Drive. Between 05/16/22 6:00 pm and 05/17/22 8:00 am suspect(s) unknown entered the locations garage by an unlocked rear door. Suspect(s) ransacked the garage and stole miscellaneous tools. Loss was approximately \$2,600. No surveillance video.

May 18, 2022

- Robbery:
1600 Mountain Avenue (Walmart). On 05/18/22 at 10:10 pm suspect unknown a female Hispanic adult in her 50's, wearing an orange bandanna around her head and all gold teeth approached the victim in the parking lot of the location. The suspect offered the victim several yellow metal rings, and while he was distracted, she began to remove his authentic gold rings. The suspect forcibly removed one of the rings which was tightly fit on the victim's finger, alerting him to what she was doing. The suspect distracted the victim again, and placed several items into a sock, and handed them to the victim. It wasn't till after the suspect drove away in a silver SUV that the victim realized the suspect had stolen his rings and left him with imitation jewelry. Possible surveillance video.

ARCADIA/MONROVIA-DUARTE

NEWS BRIEFS

CITY OF MONROVIA APPOINTS NEW FIRE CHIEF

MONROVIA, CA – City Manager Dylan Feik named Jeremy Sanchez as the next Fire Chief of the Monrovia Fire & Rescue Department (MFD). Jeremy will succeed Fire Chief Brad Dover who is retiring on June 24. He will officially assume the role as Monrovia's next Fire Chief on June 25, becoming the first Latino Fire Chief for the City of Monrovia.

"When searching for Monrovia's next Chief, I knew I did not have to look far as we had exceptional talent within the department. Jeremy, who currently serves as a Division Chief, demonstrated his natural leadership ability, immense technical expertise, excellent communication and interpersonal skills. He has worked hard to prepare himself for this opportunity and he is ready to become a Fire Chief," said Dylan Feik, City Manager. "He will bring professionalism and innovative ideas not only to the department, but to the entire community."

In 2001, Jeremy began his career when he joined MFD as a Fire Cadet. As a 21-year veteran of the department, he has transitioned upward within the department and held positions including F.S.C./Brush Chipper Inspector, Firefighter/Paramedic, Engineer, Captain and Division Chief.

As one of three Division Chiefs, he was responsible for the Community Risk Reduction and Disaster Preparedness Division where he maintained city-wide disaster plans, trained city staff and residents in emergency preparedness and managed annual brush clearance programs. In 2019, Jeremy became responsible for the Training and Emergency Medical Services Division, overseeing all aspects of department training and recruitments, paramedic training and certification, equipment management, quality improvement and legal aspects for all basic and advanced emergency medical services.

"Throughout the 20 years that I've worked alongside Chief Sanchez, he has demonstrated that he is hardworking, resourceful and committed to helping anyone in need," said Fire Chief Brad Dover. "His love of the fire service runs deep and I am confident he will lead the Department successfully."

During the Bobcat Fire in September 2020, Chief Sanchez was a key member of the Incident Command Team and assisted in making vital decisions to keep Monrovia residents safe, homes untouched and the fire contained.

"It has been an absolute honor to serve the Monrovia community over the last 20 years," said Chief Sanchez. "I am so grateful to have the opportunity to continue to serve in this new capacity."

As a graduate of Waldorf College, Jeremy holds a Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration. He is also certified as a Chief Fire Officer from the California Office of the State Fire Marshal. In 2023, he will also graduate from the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Jeremy and his wife, Hazel, are proud parents of their three children, Mia, Lucas and Siena.

Monrovia Fire & Rescue operates out of two strategically placed stations. The Fire Chief and three Division Chiefs are supported by 47 personnel. The Department has a total operating budget of \$11.6 million and responds to over 4,600 emergency calls for service annually.

FAST RUNNERS AND FAMILIES HAVE FUN AT KID-FIT FAMILY FUN RUN 5K IN DUARTE



This past Saturday, May 21, The KID-FIT Preschool Health and Fitness Organization hosted the first KID-FIT Family Fun Run 5K to benefit Duarte youth. The Duarte Recreational Trail was the clear and vibrant setting, alluring elite runners and families alike to take part in a foot race for fun.

More than 210 individuals registered for the event. The fastest runners started at 8:00 am with the first finishers coming in under twenty minutes. Jeval De Jesus, 37 from Duarte took the top men's spot at 17:54 while Heather Huggins, age 48, finished at 19:41. More than a few runners noted that they beat their own personal best time on this flat out-and-back course.

Other runners, families and walkers joined in at 9:00 am. The largest group consisted of 35 students from the San Gabriel Mission track team led by teacher Katelyn Breitschwerdt. First timer Ethan Derick, blind from birth, ran his first 5K tethered to his trainer to finish second in his age group. Other walkers and runners took to the trail to enjoy an exciting morning with friends and family. The Foothill Flyers running group brought along ham radio operators to assure safety of participants.

All adult participants received finisher medals and age division medals were awarded to participants in 5-year age groups from under 14 up to 80 years and older. Children running in the 1K also received their very own smaller authentic finisher medals.

Royal Oaks Park featured a number of vendors and sponsors of the event which included: Fortune Fencing Company from Monrovia, Duarte's Ole, Ole Dance Academy, Santa Anita YMCA, Starbucks, Foothill Credit Union, The Huntington Apartments, Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District, Arcadia Chinese Association and Kaiser Permanente of Baldwin Park gave out free COVID vaccines to those 5 years of age and older.

Those still interested in donating to the cause can go to: www.kid-fit.org/about.html or contact Michele Silence, Event Director and President of The KID-FIT Preschool Health and Fitness Organization at 626-848-2950.

AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

HOW “DECORATION DAY” EVOLVED INTO “MEMORIAL DAY” AND MORE

By Joan Schmidt



In the 1900's, my late mother-in-law and family visited Crestline, Ohio on “Decoration Day”, placing flowers on family and all Veterans’ graves.

Today we celebrate “Memorial Day”. Nationwide 24 communities claim to be the birthplace of the first Memorial Day celebration! Officially President Lyndon Johnson sanctioned Waterloo, New York as the “official” birthplace of Memorial Day; their observance in May 1866 was so well planned and complete. However Boalsburg, Pennsylvania won’t back down. Their first remembrance was in 1864; the following year, 1865, a large community observance occurred.

In October, 1864, in Boalsburg, PA, Emma Hunter and her friend, Sophie Keller picked flowers to place on her father, Dr. Ruben Hunter’s grave. (He had died of yellow fever while working at a Baltimore hospital.) On their way to the cemetery, they met Elizabeth Meyers who had lost her son Amos during the Battle of Gettysburg. Elizabeth asked to join them, and they decorated the graves. Then they agreed to return the following year to decorate not only Dr. Hunter’s and Amos’, but also others who might not have someone to remember them. This event emerged into a village-wide event, and on July 4, 1865, each grave was decorated with flowers and a flag. So Boalsburg DID have an observance before Waterloo! (PA travelers must visit Boal with its Columbus Chapel and Boal Mansion Museum. Christopher Columbus never made it to Boalsburg, but the 16th century Columbus family Chapel was shipped from Spain to Boalsburg in 1909 after a Columbus’ descendant married a founding family Boal member!)

The Charleston Race Track in Charleston, SC was the site of a Union Soldier Prisoner-of-War camp; at least 257 were buried there in a mass unmarked grave. Freed Blacks in Charleston organized a Ceremony in 1865. The freedmen had cleaned up and landscaped the burial ground, building an enclosure and an arch labeled, “Martyrs of the Race Course”. Nearly 10,000, mostly freedmen gathered on May 1 to commemorate the dead. Involved were 3000 schoolchildren, enrolled in freedmen’s schools, Union troops, Black ministers, and White Northern missionaries. Most brought flowers to place on the burial field. (Research Yale Professor David W. Blight, a Civil War authority.)

Among the twenty-four “first cities to observe Decoration Day” are Columbus, MS and Carbondale IL. On April 25, 1866, women gathered to decorate graves of fallen soldiers in Columbus MS. Four days later, on April 29, 1866, General John Polk spoke at a city-wide memorial event in Carbondale, IL.

Two years later, in 1868, a Remembrance Day was observed in Waterloo, NY. General John A. Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in his General Order 11, officially proclaimed Memorial Day on May 5th. It was officially observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1980, it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I when the holiday changed to honor ALL Americans fighting in ANY war.

In May, 1966, President Lyndon Johnson bestowed the title “Birthplace of Memorial Day: upon Waterloo, NY, and in 1967, Memorial Day became an official federal holiday. Saturday, May 28, Supervisor Barger will continue the tradition at Arcadia County Park from 10AM-1pm honoring our Veterans with a special Fair.

LA COUNTY HEALTH UPDATE:

VACCINES AND BOOSTERS CONTINUE TO PROTECT FROM SEVERE COVID-19 ILLNESS AND DEATHS AND CAN REDUCE STRESS ON THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM DURING TIMES OF HIGH TRANSMISSION

5,800 New Positive Cases and 8 New Deaths Due to COVID-19 in Los Angeles County

Even with new variants on the rise in LA County, the COVID vaccines hold up well for residents in all age and race/ethnic groups and are our best defense against severe illness. This is especially important as the Memorial Day holiday weekend begins and there are more opportunities for virus spread as many attend gatherings.

Among all age groups, vaccines substantially reduce the risk for hospitalizations and deaths. Unvaccinated LA County residents ages five and older were almost five times more likely to be hospitalized than those fully vaccinated, with the greatest impact among 65-79-year-old residents. The hospitalization rate for unvaccinated individuals ages 65-79 was more than 10 times higher than the rate for fully vaccinated individuals ages 65-79 for a three-month period ending April 30.

For the 14-day period ending May 5, unvaccinated residents age five and older, were almost eight times more likely to die from COVID-19 than their fully vaccinated counterparts. And again, for residents ages 65-79, differences by vaccination status were more pronounced; unvaccinated residents in this age group were 21 times more likely to die than those fully vaccinated.

Vaccines remain a powerful tool across all race/ethnic groups and, across all groups, those fully vaccinated have lower rates of hospitalizations and deaths than those unvaccinated. For instance, the hospitalization rate for unvaccinated Latinx residents was more than three times higher than the rate for vaccinated Latinx residents and the death rate for unvaccinated Latinx residents was over seven times higher than the death rate for their fully vaccinated counterparts.

Despite their clear benefit, vaccines are not equalizers and disparities in outcomes still exist even among vaccinated groups. For example, the death rates for fully vaccinated Latinx and Black residents were about three times higher than the rates for fully vaccinated Asian residents. These differences reflect differences in exposures, community conditions, health status, and social determinants of health that put Black and Brown residents at higher risk for infection and severe outcomes.

As residents plan to travel and gather with others this summer, maximizing protection from vaccines is critically important. Those eligible for boosters should not delay getting their third or fourth dose since the evidence indicates that vaccine efficacy wanes over time. With the proliferation of highly infectious Omicron variants and the potential for new sub-lineages to increase risk for severe illness, there is little advantage waiting until later in the year to get boosted. To find a nearby location offering free COVID-19 vaccines and boosters or to schedule an appointment to be vaccinated for free in your home, please contact the Public Health Call Center, seven days a week from 8:00 am to 8:30 pm at: (833) 540-0473 or visit www.VaccinateLACounty.com

“I send my deepest sympathies and wishes of peace and comfort to the many families who have lost a loved one from COVID-19,” said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. “As we celebrate Memorial Day this Monday, I’d like to extend my gratitude to all of our armed forces members and their families who have dedicated their lives to protecting us through their military service. Many of us will attend events or host gatherings honoring these courageous men and women this long weekend. Regardless of how you plan to spend the holiday, we ask that you reduce the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19 by taking advantage of four powerful tools - vaccinations, masking, testing, and therapeutics.”

Today, Public Health reported eight additional deaths and 5,800 new positive cases. Of the eight new deaths reported today, one was between the ages of 50-64, three were between the ages of 65-79, and three were aged 80 years or older. Of the eight newly reported deaths, all had underlying health conditions. Information on the one death reported by the City of Long Beach can be found at longbeach.gov To date, the total number of deaths in L.A. County is 32,117.

Public Health has reported a total of 2,961,673 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County. Today’s positivity rate is 4.3%.

There are 455 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. Testing results are available for more than 11,999,130 individuals, with 22% of people testing positive.

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

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WHERE WE ARE MAY 28, 2022 VERSUS MAY 21, 2022				
Cases	This Week	(05/21/22)	Deaths	This Week (05/21/22)
LA County	2,961,673	(2,929,950)		32,117 (32,074)
LA COUNTY VACCINATIONS AS OF 05/28/2022 (Fully)				
	Adults 12+	88.1%	Seniors	99.1%
	Cases		Deaths	Vaccinated
Arcadia	8,776 (8,591)		167 (167)	90.5%
Altadena	8807 (8671)		99 (99)	82.7%
Bradbury	67 (67)		0 (0)	71.6%
Duarte	5,385 (5,332)		121 (120)	84.0%
Monrovia	8,660 (8,551)		104 (104)	81.0%
Pasadena	29,989 (29,522)		415 (414)	85.4%
Sierra Madre	1,651 (1623)		22 (22)	89.2%
So.Pasadena	4,459 (4360)		61 (61)	94.3%

STAY SAFE!
GET VACCINATED & BOOSTED!
WEAR A MASK!



A WORD FROM THE
CHIEF



5 TIPS FOR HOW TO TALK TO
CHILDREN ABOUT SCHOOL
SHOOTINGS

Nineteen children and two adults were killed in a mass school shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, on Tuesday. This horrific event, the 27th school shooting in the U.S. this year, coming just days after a racially motivated shooting claimed the lives of 10 people in a grocery store in Buffalo, NY, may spark feelings of stress, grief and anxiety. Many students, including Kindergarteners as young as five years old, participate in active shooter drills at school. Their awareness of school shootings can lead to emotional conversations filled with complex questions. Here, Save the Children's emergency response experts offer tips to help you talk to children about school shootings.

- 1. Start the conversation.**
It may never seem like the right time to start a discussion about school shootings with your child. But, not talking about it can lead to feelings of worry and confusion while also opening the door to misinformation.
- 2. Emphasize safety.**
Start by asking your child what they already know about school shootings. Allow them to express their concerns and ask questions. Reassure them and be honest – don't lie to them. Address any inaccurate concerns that they may have (e.g., school shootings happen frequently; children are not safe at school).

Don't go into graphic details, put the emphasis on safety, and help them identify the plans in place to protect them in all types of emergencies.
- 3. Reiterate that it's normal to be scared.**
Everyone feels afraid when they're in danger. Fear is how our bodies alert us and prepare us for action in times of danger. Help children understand that their natural reactions are normal.
- 4. Look for leaders.**
Remind your child that adults – teachers, leaders and first responders – are working every day to keep them safe at school. The emergency drills that they may practice in the classroom are an example of this.

Children are more likely to have the confidence to make a safe decision in an actual emergency situation when they've practiced. Lockdown and shooter drills should be developed and implemented by a multidisciplinary safety team and informed by a mental health professional. Make sure the complexity of the drills and how they are taught are age-appropriate.

- 5. Watch for signs of trauma.**
It's normal for children to be a little anxious about school shootings and emergency drills. If children appear extremely fearful, angry or withdrawn during or following an exercise, seek professional help. Involve mental health professionals in the development and implementation of drills and exercises. Our schools should be safe places where children can learn without fear of gun violence. We urge policymakers and community leaders to come together and work to protect schools and end the scourge of gun violence our children face every day. Our nation must do a better job at preventing all forms of violence—including gun violence—in our schools.

From Save the children <https://www.savethechildren.org>

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ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PERFORM “AGAPE
LEAGUE” MUSICAL



Bethany Christian School elementary students performed the musical Agape League to a full house on May 5, 2022. It was the school's first musical since the pandemic and was warmly received. The musical written by Christy and Daniel Semsen follows the adventures of the Agape League, a group of superheroes, who are trying to solve a crisis in Suburbiana City using their spiritual “superpowers.” The musical is filled with catchy, upbeat songs and featured solo performances by several Bethany elementary students. The lead roles were played by selected Bethany 5th graders. The audience had a toe-tapping, hand-clapping good time and all were celebrating the return of the performing arts.

SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION
2022 SCHOLARSHIP

Annually, the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association is proud to award a scholarship to a qualified college-bound student or college freshman who meets the following qualifications:

1. Applicants must currently be a student in or just completing their senior year of high school or be a college freshman with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
2. Applicants must have been active in one or more Sierra Madre Rose Float Association activities such as fundraising, design, construction, decorating or as a past or present float rider.

An application form and service recommendation form must be completed and returned with unofficial transcripts. An official transcript may be required from the scholarship recipient.

For any questions or to receive a scholarship application packet, please email scholarship@sierramadrerosefloat.org.

All forms must be postmarked or sent by E-mail to [Scholarship@sierramadrerosefloat.org](mailto:scholarship@sierramadrerosefloat.org) NO LATER than June 15, 2022. You may email any questions to scholarship@sierramadrerosefloat.org.

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PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTIONS
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS
2021 - 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION

SCHOOL	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Marshall MS	May 31,2022	2pm	Marshall
Sierra Madre MS	May 31, 2022	6pm	PHS
Blair MS	June 1, 2022	10:30am	Blair
CIS	June 1, 2022	10:00am	Wilson Campus
Eliot MS	June 2, 2022	11am	Eliot
McKinley MS	June 2, 2022	TBD	McKinley
Washington MS	June 2, 2022	11am	Washington

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Marshall	June 1, 2022	2:00 pm	Civic
Muir	June 1, 2022	6:00 pm	Civic
Pasadena HS	June 3, 2022	2:00 pm	Civic
Blair HS	June 3, 2022	6:00 pm	Civic
Rose City	June 3, 2022	6:00 pm	Civic
CIS	June 3, 2022	6:00 pm	Civic



HEALTH PROGRAMS - IMPORTANT UPDATE

Due to the rise in transmission rates among LA County and an increase in positive cases among PUSD schools, mask use is now required indoors and outdoors for visitors and volunteers who visit school sites or attend a PUSD promotion or graduation from now through at least June 3.

As a reminder, masks are also required for students and staff members who have been exposed for 10 days from the date of exposure. Transmission rates and PUSD protocols will be continually reviewed over the summer. We will remain vigilant and continue to take steps to ensure that everyone stays healthy.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

WELCOME TO GOPASS!

Introducing the fareless K-12 GoPass Program for Pasadena Unified School District.

This week our SMMS students will be receiving their GoPass TAP Card from their 1st period teacher (see attached).

Metro is partnering with SMMS to offer our students a GoPass with unlimited rides at no cost on Metro bus and rail, City of Commerce, Culver CityBus, Foothill Transit, GTrans, LA County Shuttles, LADOT Dash, Long Beach Transit, Montebello Bus, Norwalk Transit, Pasadena Transit, Santa Monica Big Blue Bus and Torrance Transit. Using the special GoPass TAP card provided by our school, your child can ride for free to and from school and on trips after school and on weekends, now through June 30, 2023. Even if your child is already part of the TAP K-12 Reduced Fare program, they will need to pick up a new GoPass TAP card from their teacher to register in the portal.

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

COMMENTARY FROM
MEMORIAL DAY 1998 -
A Tale About Death

An excerpt from “‘Til Death Do Us Part?” a book by Christopher Nyerges, available on Kindle, or from www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.

It was Memorial Day 1998, and I had scheduled to conduct a wild food outing at Pasadena's Hahamongna Watershed Park. Since it was Memorial Day, my topic for a short discussion at the end of the outing was “death.”

Hahamongna Park -- formerly called Oak Grove Park -- is the site of one of the Gabrielino Indian villages along the Arroyo Seco

It was a cool and overcast day as participants for the wild food outing gathered in the parking area of the park. Among the half-dozen participants who showed up for the outing was Martin Kruse, a bearded, burly bear of a man who looked like he'd be more at home in the 19th century. He introduced himself and told me that he'd long wanted to meet me. Martin and I chatted as the other outing participants listened, and he told me about his work with archery and primitive bow-making.

We walked down in the flat area of the large expanse of the park, where the wet mud had hardened, capturing countless animal tracks. Martin told us how to differentiate between coyote and dog tracks. He'd obviously done a lot of tracking during his time hunting with a bow.

I later learned from Martin's father that this was a favorite place of Martin's when he was much younger. He'd come here and spend a week or two and study nature and tracks and practice with his bow.

After walking throughout the flat area, I led the way back to the oak trees where I would share my lesson. Within seconds, someone in the rear called out. Martin had fallen. I first thought it was a joke, and ran to him. It was no joke. His face already looked purple. The man who had been walking with him said he'd not tripped -- he just fell. I tried to rouse him, but it was quickly obvious that he was “out.”

Several of us moved Martin into what we assumed would be a more comfortable position, and that wasn't easy! Martin was a big guy. And then -- since I was the only one who knew the area -- I ran to a phone to call 911. This was before the days of ubiquitous cell phones. Within 10 minutes, before I even got back to the group and Martin's flat body -- paramedics from the City of Pasadena were on the scene, attempting to revive him. They all worked like a highly-coordinated team, speaking among themselves only briefly and in terms we didn't understand. They were what we call a “well-oiled machine.” They carried him into the ambulance and took him away.

I could tell that the remainder of the outing participants were in varying degrees of shock. It had all been like a dream, and now Martin was gone. We discussed the merits and pitfalls of the modern medical system, and whether there was more we could have done to help Martin. We discussed whether we thought Martin would revive or not.

So there we stood in the cool afternoon breeze, contemplating death in the most sobering manner possible. I explained to everyone my death lesson -- which hardly seemed appropriate now. I didn't talk everyone through the intended exercise -- I just explained a process that I'd done many times on Memorial Day.

Write a list of all those close people in your life. Then, close your eyes, and imagine getting a phone call telling you that they have just died. For most people, there are tears and a feeling of regret that they never told that person something. You write down all those things you wanted to say to that person. Then, since these folks are still alive, you then go and call them or write them or see them in person and tell them. This is a very profound exercise, and in many ways can be called “healing.”

Each person commented how “coincidental” it was that the lecture topic that I'd chosen for the day, and listed on the schedule, was “Death.” We kept reflecting on Martin. At that moment, none of us knew yet that Martin would not recover, that he had in fact died, and that he died in a place he loved. Nor had we known that Martin had a heart pacer, and an artery to his heart that was narrow. We were aware that he'd had surgery -- probably to the heart -- because we opened his shirt and saw the scar.

A German woman who'd been on the outing, Walti, told me that we should not feel sad. “It was quick,” she told me later. “What better place to die.” I could not help but agree with her. Martin's death was apparently sudden, and his last memory would have been looking at the willows and the rushing stream and the cloudy sky and the sand flats of the Hahamongna Watershed Park. In his final moments, he was surrounded with friends that he'd only met that day, trail compadres who shared a common love of the outdoors, all brought together at this time and this place to witness his passing.

The Chef Knows By Peter Dills

OPEN IT NOW SAYS PETER DILLS

“Time in a Bottle” was a hit song by singer/songwriter Jim Croce. A question I am asked almost weekly basis is “does wine get better as it spends more time in a bottle?” Answer is “yes... and no.” Philippe Jeandet is a professor at University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne in France, and was lucky enough to discover a shipwreck that had quite a cargo. Gold? No, champagne. Jeandet and his crew brought all 168 bottles to the surface, and actually opened one on the spot. First tastes were fantastic. Given his knowledge of bubbles, his first guess was that they were at least 100 years old. The bottles had no boxes or labels, so after a few years of inspecting the corks and bottle engravings his group decided that the champagne was over 200 years old. It's home at the bottom of the Baltic Sea provided total darkness and a temperature of 35 degrees, aided by the compression of depth for the discovery, perfect for storing wine.

Your home wine cellar provides somewhat different conditions than the bottom of the Baltic Sea, so getting back to the question above, does wine get better with age? Yes, wines that are expensive or rare will get better. No, most wine is produced to drink now. In fact, up to 90% of wines don't actually get any better with ageing. Many of us will let our wines breathe, especially the reds, and that's fine. I suggest using a large wine glass with enough room to swirl your wine around, watch the legs on the glass, and drink. Many of my class “A” sommelier friends contend that if it's not ready drink, it isn't ready to buy. I agree!!

As for champagne, my storage procedure (for a single bottle or case) is to simply leave it on the floor of my closet, laying each bottle sideways. Champagne, for many, is only for special occasions, whereas for me it is a weekly toast. You should only put champagne in the refrigerator when you are ready to serve it. Once opened it will only last a few hours, so make sure you have plenty of help to drink it. My bottom line on the subject is to let the supermarkets and wine shops take care of the storage for you. They have the right equipment, and it is a heck of job (and a lot of money) to build your own wine cellar.

Dining with Dills Sundays at 5 PM KLAA AM 830 AM

STAY SAFE!

GET VACCINATED!

WEAR A MASK!

Katnip News!

Our lovable girl
Cricket..., with the
big personality !!

She is very affectionate, friendly, full of spunk, and quite playful. Cricket is a little smarty-pants, too, being a very alert and intelligent kitty. She loves to talk to you, and tell you what's on her mind!



She enjoys chasing little bouncy balls, and then will jump into a cat tree and play a game, “Catch me if you can, come pet me, while I squirm around happy as a clam, just soaking up your love & attention.” She can be a little rascal at times, but in a cute way. Cricket has a sleek, athletic body, like a mini panther, with her shiny & silky black fur. She does fine with other cats, but she can be a pickle some-times, and this is... because she loves to be No. 1. However, she will settle in, just as she has with her fellow felines at our rescue. Cricket is spayed, healthy, current on vaccines, and microchipped. Find the adoption application on our website where you'll also find more adorable pix of Cricket. www.lifelineforpets.org.

Pet of the Week

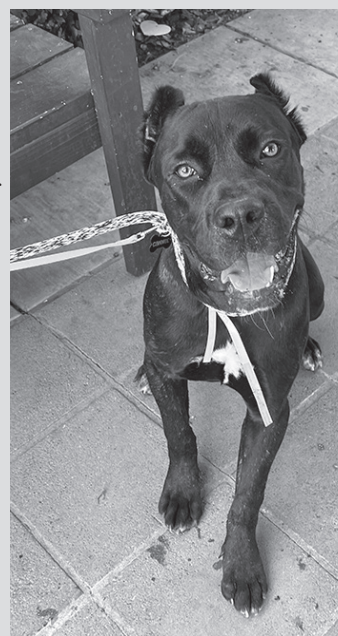
Eight-month-old Shadow is an energetic dog who loves getting belly rubs from those in his inner circle! Shadow would do best with an adopter who has experience reading dog body language, can give him time and patience to adjust to his new home, and is ready to teach him lots of new things using positive reinforcement (such as snacks and praise). Shadow would do best as the only pet in the home so he can get all your love.

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. Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

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





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FREE FILMS AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE: SAVING
FACE ON JUNE 1 AND CHINATOWN RISING ON JUNE 8

In connection with its current mainstage production, King of the Yees, Sierra Madre Playhouse will present two FREE screenings of motion pictures: Saving Face on Wednesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. and Chinatown Rising on Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is FREE, but RSVP is required.

Admission is FREE thanks to a California Humanities Quick Grant.

Saving Face. Comedy/Romance. Written and directed by Alice Wu. Produced by Will Smith, James Lassiter, Teddy Zee. From Sony Pictures Entertainment. (Color, 2004, USA, 91 minutes, rated R) Starring Michelle Krusiec, Joan Chen, Lynn Chen, Jin Wang, Guang Lan Koh, Jessica Hecht. In Manhattan, the brilliant Chinese-American lesbian surgeon Wil is surprised by the arrival of her forty-eight year old widow mother to her apartment. Ma was banished from Flushing, Queens, when her father discovered that she was pregnant. The presence of Ma affects the personal life of Wil, who is in love with the daughter of her boss at the hospital, the dancer Vivian Shing. Once her grandfather has promised that her mother would only return to Flushing remarried or proving that it was an immaculate conception, Wil tries to find a Chinese bachelor to marry Ma.

Winner- Golden Horse Film Festival; San Diego Asian Film Festival; San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival.

“The picture is nicely cast....Joan Chen registers strongly as the unwed mom caught between two generations.”----SF Gate.

To RSVP for Saving Face, use this link: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35040/production/1125334>

Chinatown Rising. Documentary. Directed by Harry and Josh Chuck. Produced by James Chan. From Caam. (Color, 2019, USA, 85 minutes, not rated) A documentary based on Harry Chuck's collection of clippings and period films about the issues that motivated members of San Francisco's Chinese American community to reject submissive stereotypes.

“A worthy reminder that each community that comprises the pulse of the city needs to see itself represented in the structures that govern urban life.”----POV

To RSVP for Chinatown Rising, use this link: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35040/production/1125336>

Covid-19 protocols in effect on the days of the events will be observed. As of this writing, it means that masks are required and vaccination record (card or digital) will be required.

Sierra Madre Playhouse is located at 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre, CA 91024. This is just east of Pasadena. There is ample free parking in lots behind the Playhouse and across the street.

For more information about our mainstage show King of the Yees, please go to <http://sierramadrepplayhouse.org>

This project was made possible with support from California Humanities, a non-profit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Visit www.calhum.org.



BY LAUREN YEE
DIRECTED BY TIM DANG

HOW TO GET UNDERUTILIZED COVID FUNERAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS

Dear Savvy Senior: I recently saw a news segment on TV about a government funeral assistance program available to families who lost loved ones during the pandemic. What can you tell me about this? I lost my 78-year-old mother to COVID in 2021 and want to find out if I'm still eligible for any funeral funds, and if so, what I need to do to get them. Still Sad

Dear Sad:
I'm very sorry about the loss of your mother. The government program you are asking about is the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (or FEMA). This program is part of the American Rescue Plan, a stimulus package passed in 2021 in an effort to help the country financially manage amid the pandemic.

This program, which has no end date, offers up to \$9,000 to cover the cost of a funeral for someone who died of COVID-19 as far back as January 2020.

Unfortunately, less than half the people believed eligible for funeral assistance have actually applied for it. Here's what you should know about the program's requirements and how to apply.

Where to Start?
To apply for COVID-19 funeral assistance, you must do it over the phone by calling FEMA at 844-684-6333, anytime Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time. The application process takes about 20 minutes.

After you apply, FEMA will provide you an application number, which you may use to create an online account at DisasterAssistance.gov if you choose.

You will then need to submit supporting documents, including a death certificate for your mother, but it must state that her death "may have been caused by" or "was likely the result of" COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Her death must also have occurred in the U.S. on or after Jan. 20, 2020.

If you don't have this, you won't be eligible.

You'll also need to submit proof of funeral expenses, such as itemized receipts, invoices or funeral home contracts.

These supporting documents can be submitted either online (through your DisasterAssistance.gov account), by mail (P.O. Box 10001, Hyattsville, MD 20782) or via fax (855-261-3452).

After the paperwork is received, it takes FEMA about 45 days to make an eligibility decision.

Families who had multiple deaths due to the coronavirus can also apply. One family can receive up to \$35,000 across multiple funerals.

Reimbursements can be used to cover any portion of funeral expenses including burial plots, caskets, preparation of the body, cremation, urns, clergy, services and headstones as well as costs related to state or local ordinances and producing death certificates.

But be aware that pre-paid funerals are not eligible for reimbursements. Any payment made specifically for a funeral prior to death is considered a duplication and is not eligible.

If FEMA approves your application, the funds will either be deposited into your bank account or sent by mail via check, usually within a few days of approval.

If, however, you receive a letter from FEMA saying you're ineligible, or if the amount awarded is not enough, you have the right to appeal within 60 days of FEMA's decision letter.

For more information on the COVID Funeral Assistance program, visit FEMA.gov/disaster/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance.

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.



SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...MAY Birthdays*

Beth Copti, Marilyn Diaz, Anne Schryver, Jo Ann Williams, Paul Hagan, Lenore Crilly Joann Serrato-Chi, Harriett Lyle, Jean Coleman, Birgitta Gerlinger, Donna Mathieson, Luciana Rosenzweig, Linda Wochnik, Marian Woodford, Debbie Sheridan, Joanne Anthony, Carole Axline, Kika Downey, Shirley Hall, Annie Scalzo, Janet Ten Eyck, Jane Thomas, Ray Burley* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required

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

DOMINOES TRAIN GAME Wednesday, 5/18 11:00 am— 12:30 pm Hart Park House The object of the game is for a player to play all the tiles from their hand onto one or more trains, emanating from a central hub or "station". Call Lawren with questions that you may have.

PAINT PALS Tuesday, 5/10 & 5/24, 10:30 am—Hart Park House If you enjoy painting, sketching, water color, or making some other form of artistic creation please join our new program, PAINT PALS!!! Bring a project that you are working on to the HPH and enjoy some quality art time with other artists looking to paint with a new pal.

TEA AND TALK SENIOR BOOK CLUB Tuesday, 5/25— 9:00 am Staff has launched a new book club series, Tea and Talk, which meets twice a month to discuss the fun, suspense, intrigue, love and so much more that each selection will have in store!

FIBER FRIENDS Tuesday, 5/17 —10:00 am If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, embroidery, needlepoint, bunka, huck, tatting or cross stitch then we have a group for you! Bring your current project, a nonalcoholic beverage, then sit and chat with likeminded fiber friends. We meet in the Hart Park House

BINGO Monday 5/16 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm Come on down to enjoy this time with friends. We are trying a new spin on BINGO fun so please bring your good luck charms and BINGO markers!

CHAIR YOGA Every Monday and Wednesday, 10-10:45 am Please join us for some gentle stretching, yoga, balance exercise and overall relaxation with Paul. Classes are ongoing and held in the Memorial Park Covered Pavilion or the Hart Park House..

HULA AND POLYNESIAN DANCE Every Friday, 10-10:45 am Bring a lei, your flower skirt or just your desire to dance! Hula in the Park is back and waiting for you to join in on all the fun! Memorial Park Pavilion.

SENIOR CINEMA WEDNESDAY, 5/25 1:00 PM
MERMAIDS 1hr 50min An unconventional single mother relocates with her two daughters to a small Massachusetts town in 1963, where a number of events and relationships both challenge and strengthen their familial bonds.



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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

IT WAS ANOTHER AMATEUR RUN AT CHILLIN'



There are a few things that I am good at, but I can't recollect them at this point. But I will say there are many things I'm not good at. I think I probably am the king of Amateurism.

That being said, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is just the opposite. If there is something she isn't good at, I have not yet discovered it, and neither has she. So that's what makes our marriage so wonderful. What I don't have, she has.

One thing I'm not very good at is Chillin'. It is something that's beyond my personal experience. I have a hard time just quieting down and Chillin' for the day. I have more important things to do, so I think.

The last few months have been rather hectic. Every day seemed to have been challenging, but I somehow got through it without taking one day off.

I was thinking it would be a nice time to sit back and chill for a day. I just did not know how to do it or when. Then, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage opened the door for me.

On a particular Monday, she planned to go on one of her BOGO adventures. She had been saving up for this for quite a while, and suddenly it became possible. I love it when a plan comes together.

She asked me if I wanted to join her on this BOGO adventure, but I kindly declined the offer. I told her she could go and enjoy that day, and I would stay home and do some Chillin'.

Looking at me strangely, she said, "Are you sure you want to do that?" I nodded my head with a smile all over my face and said, "Oh, yes, dear, I sure do." I could not wait for that day to arrive so I could practice some Chillin' moves like never before.

The day finally arrived. As my wife went through the front door, she looked at me and said, "Are you sure you can take care of yourself today? Are you sure you can get your own lunch?"

I assured her that I would be absolutely okay and she needn't worry about me. As she shut the door behind her, I sat back in my easy chair and just smiled. This was going to be a day to remember for a long time.

I began to think about the day before me as I was sitting there. I planned to do absolutely nothing for the entire day. I was going to chill out the best I knew how. Immediately I began thinking about some projects I could work on, then I called a halt to that and said to myself very sternly, "Today, you are just going to chill."

I got a cup of coffee and then sat down in my easy chair and did the best I could to turn my brain off. I thought the best thing I could do would be to watch a little TV. Nothing is more boring in this world than watching TV.

At lunchtime, I decided to get my own lunch. I went to the refrigerator and saw a freshly baked blueberry pie. Then in the freezer was some strawberry ice cream. Nothing is more exciting for lunch than fruit. Blueberries and strawberries would be my fruit choice of the day. A day without vegetables is what I call Chillin'. As long as someone in the house doesn't find out.

Everything was going just fine because I wasn't doing anything. Once in a while, I had a thought that snuck into my head, but I firmly chased it out and resumed my Chillin' attitude.

As the TV was running, I soon, in the late afternoon, fell asleep. Oh, what a joy it was to sleep and not have anything on your mind.

Suddenly, I heard the door open. In walked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage with her arms full of BOGO stuff she purchased that day.

I was a little groggy, but I did hear her say, "What are you watching?"

Not knowing what time of the day it was, and since my brain had not been functioning all day, I simply said to her, "I'm watching some political debate on TV. This is the first time I have understood what these politicians are saying."

As she put the bags on the kitchen table, she looked at me rather stunningly and said, "You do know you're watching a Three Stooges movie, don't you?"

Trying to motivate some gray cells, I looked at the TV, and much to my surprise, my wife was right as usual. So there they were, the Three Stooges on my TV screen. Looking back at my wife, I said with a sour grin on my face, "I guess these guys make more sense than the politicians." She just laughed and went back to the kitchen.

As my wife was sorting out her BOGO stuff I couldn't help but think about one of my favorite Bible verses. "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14).

Spiritual Chillin' is simply giving God time to do His work, His way. That is the most strengthening process and I plan to exercise this on a daily basis.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

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

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

A Far Too Common Problem

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

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

What's So Complicated About Naming Guardians?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

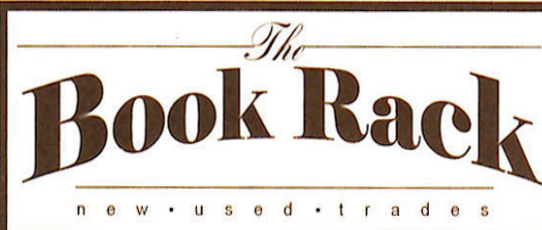
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By John Micek

Want to know what rage feels like? It's waking on a Wednesday morning on a school day as the cable news talking heads sift through the latest on the shooting at a Texas elementary school that left 21 people dead, most of them children, and looking at your daughter as she gets ready for her final day of classes of the year, and saying, "Please, God. Not today."

Want to know what it feels like to have your heart break? It's kissing your daughter goodbye, reminding her to stay safe, having her look back at you, and listen as she tells you, with perfect clarity, that she's grown numb to the incidents of carnage that have made mass casualty drills a reality for an entire generation of American schoolchildren. But then, I'm one of the lucky ones.

I got to kiss my daughter goodbye. For too many families in Texas, and in Buffalo, in Philadelphia, in Pittsburgh, in every American city where our pathological love affair with firearms has destroyed lives and ripped families apart, there will never be another good morning. There will never be another good night. There will never be another happy birthday.

And it doesn't have to be this way. That is the most heartbreaking and maddening thing of all. At a time when a clear majority of Americans say they want Congress to enact stricter gun violence reduction measures, bills that would do just that are bottled up in the narrowly divided U.S. Senate.

Insanity, as has been famously remarked, is doing the same thing over and over again, and hoping for a different result. And that is the story of our lawmakers' ongoing inability to pass even the simplest of gun violence reduction measures.

And, then, under our very noses, we're hit with another Sandy Hook.

And we'll wring our hands. We'll offer our prayers for the dead, and our sympathy to the families. And, past being prologue, nothing will change. And weeks, or maybe even days later, we'll be back in the same place, wondering how such tragedies can occur in a nation where they happen every day.

That's not just insanity, it's utter inhumanity, as a wave of social media memes since the shooting have made clear.

OUR NATIONAL
PATHOLOGY OVER GUNS
IS INHUMAN

But it doesn't have to be that way. And it starts with you. It starts with me. It starts with every one of us, standing up, and saying in a loud and clear voice that we've had enough. It's an election year. Make it clear to the people seeking your vote that if they don't support expanded background checks and closing the gun show loophole, they don't get your vote. Tell them that if they don't back an assault weapons ban, or bans on expanded magazines, they don't get your vote. Make it clear that if they don't support eliminating the filibuster so that these bills, or bills expanding voting rights, can get an actual up or down vote in the U.S. Senate, then they're not getting your vote either. Not one of these measures will infringe on the rights of law-abiding gun owners. Anyone who says differently, isn't being straight with you. Even the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, in the 2008 Heller decision, said that while the Second Amendment clearly allows for Americans to keep and bear arms, that right comes with some limits.

"Like most rights, the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited," Scalia wrote, even as he sketched out exceptions. "... the right was not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose."

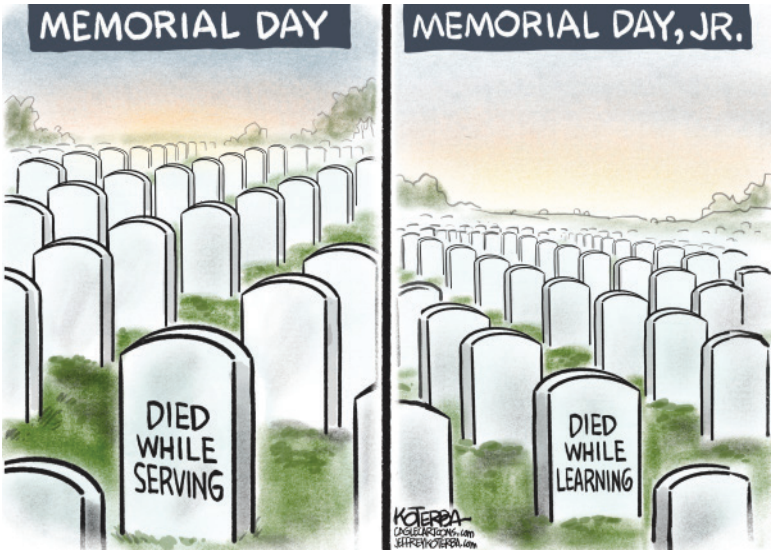
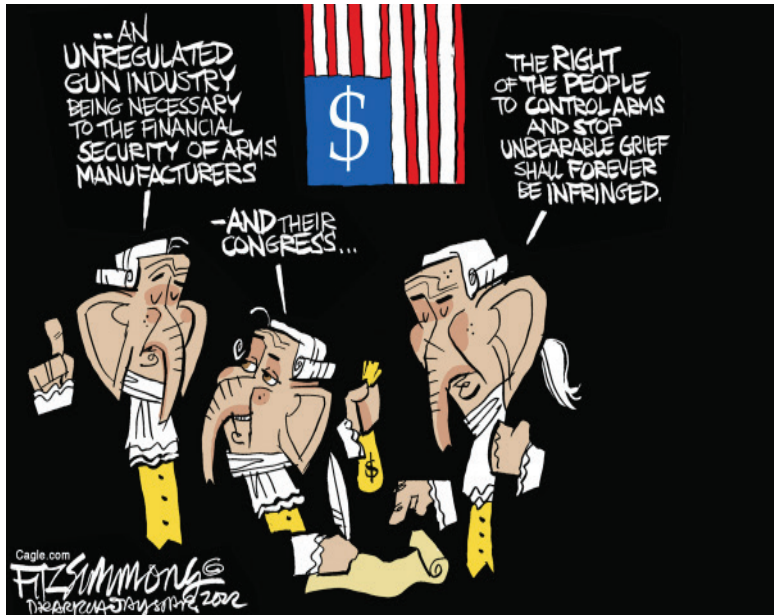
On Tuesday, Sen. Chris Murphy, a Connecticut Democrat who represented the families of Sandy Hook when he served in the House, begged his colleagues to reach common ground on reform measures.

"I'm here on this floor to beg — to literally get down on my hands and knees — to beg my colleagues. Find a path forward here. Work with us to find a way to pass laws that make this less likely," he said.

We should not have to beg for the answers that are staring us in the face. We should not have to beg for parents to have the right to wake up in the morning and not worry that today might be their child's last day on Earth.

We should not have to beg so that Black people in Buffalo can go to the grocery store safely. We should not have to beg so that the residents of Philadelphia, of Pittsburgh, of Harrisburg, of every American city where these senseless tragedies unfold daily can live safely in their own neighborhoods. Beg? That time is done. Demand it. And don't settle for any other answer but "yes."

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THE POWER OF
WORDS

Famous and I do not agree on much (though she is always right). We do agree, however, that words are our stock-in-trade.

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We are also motivated by British poet Lord Byron who penned: "A drop of ink may make a million think."

Thinking of how best to demonstrate the power of the use and misuse of words, we selected a topic of monumental importance to most of us: Buying and selling real estate. Why? Because our most costly transactions in life usually center around buying and selling a home (especially in California).

Special thanks to the Granger Group for compiling a list of terms (including their actual meaning) that are used in advertising real estate. Ambiguous terms meant to convey a positive characteristic of a property. But also convey a shortcoming. (Due to space limitations Famous and I will only be sharing the "shortcoming" meaning of the word.)

Cozy-	A home too small for human habitation.
Intimate-	A home smaller than a cozy home.
Charming-	No indoor plumbing.
Needs Some TLC-	You might fall through the floor.
Handyman Special-	No more need be said.
Country Living -	Far away from civilization and next door to livestock.
Conveniently Located –	Located on a busy intersection.
Easy Highway Access –	Located on a busy intersection right next to a freeway onramp.
Not a Drive-By –	If you drive by you definitely won't stop.
Ocean View –	Stand on a ladder in the corner bedroom of the second floor, lean out the window and you might be able to see it.
City Living –	Requires three deadbolt locks.
Water Front –	Located in a flood zone.
Unique	Another description which screams "stay away".
Easy to Show –	No one has lived in the home in years due to gunshots down the street.
Only One Owner –	A recluse who hadn't left the home in 47 years. And made no improvements.
Freshly Painted –	With a single coat of cheap paint.
Cul-de-sac Living-	Fancy way of saying you'll be living at a "dead-end".

Of course, these tongue-in-cheek definitions do demonstrate how important it is to involve a Realtor in any real estate transaction .

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