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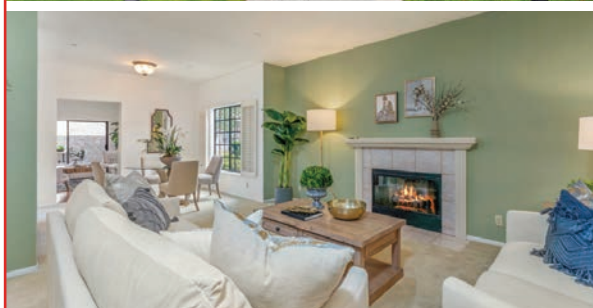
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## VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS VISITS MONROVIA!



Vice President Kamala Harris took time out of her busy schedule to visit Monrovia. Pictured above addressing the Summit of the Americas. Story on page 8. Photo courtesy [usoas.usmission.gov](https://usoas.usmission.gov)

## SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANTS

SIERRA MADRE, CA June 6: The Sierra Madre Community Foundation (SMCF) recently awarded the following grants to local organizations:

- The Sierra Madre Playhouse received a grant to help bring the nearly 100-year-old theater into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), providing patrons with a safe, accessible and pleasurable experience. The funds will be used to purchase and install ADA-compliant double doors at entry points.
- The Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery received a grant to replace deteriorated benches used by family visiting loved ones, as well as others visiting the cemetery.

Combined with earlier grants, the SMCF has awarded more than \$14,400 in grants this year to support local civic and community organizations, including the City of Sierra Madre's Mt. Wilson Trail Kids Fun Run, Sierra Madre Search & Rescue and the Sierra Madre Public Library.

"Through the generous giving of residents who participate in Community Foundation-sponsored events, along with individual donations, the board has increased its 2022 grants budget, providing more funding to support additional local organizations," said Frank Moore, Community Foundation chair.

Sierra Madre Community Foundation is singularly devoted to the Sierra Madre and solicits donations to support and enhance the community. In addition, the SMCF assists other Sierra Madre community groups in the collection and distribution of their funds that enable ongoing program support and continued operations. Learn more at [sierramadrefoundation.org](https://sierramadrefoundation.org).

## Permanent Water Conservation Measures

City Council recently approved year-round measures to encourage water conservation as a way of life in Sierra Madre.

For more measures and tips, visit [cityofsierramadre.com/conservation](https://cityofsierramadre.com/conservation)

- Use of a hose to wash down patios, driveways and sidewalks is prohibited. Use a broom instead!
- No operating ornamental fountains or water features, unless water is part of a recycled system.
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## PETITION SIGNATURES CONFIRMED - MEASURE TO CHANGE MONASTERY ZONING TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

On June 6, 2022, the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder - County Clerk certified that the petition proposed by Sierra Madre Residents Barbara Velturo, Alexander Arrieta, and Gary Bacio, contained enough valid signatures to qualify for the November 8, 2022 General Election Ballot.

In the staff report submitted to city council for Tuesday's meeting, Sierra Madre City Clerk provided the council with the following information:

".. three proponents submitted their intent to circulate a petition with the City Clerk's Office on January 25, 2022 for the purpose of changing the zoning of the Monastery parcel (Mater Dolorosa) and any subdivisions of it, from Institutional to Hillside Residential Zone.

Accordingly, the City Attorney prepared a ballot title and initiative summary, pursuant to Elections Code§ 9203. The proponents: Barbara Velturo, Alexander Arrieta, and Gary Bacio submitted proof of publication of their intent to circulate an initiative to the City Clerk's Office on February 24, 2022

The proponents submitted their completed petition to the City Clerk's Office on May 13, 2022. City Clerk Aguilar and two deputized City Clerks conducted a prima facie sampling of the collected signatures and subsequently forwarded the petition pages to the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office for a second analysis of the collected signatures. The Clerk's Office determined as follows:

Number of signatures filed: 1,492  
Number of signatures found sufficient: 1,300

The minimum number of signatures needed to qualify as a ballot initiative for a future election was 856 signatures.

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On Tuesday's city council agenda the council will be presented with the qualified citizen petition for the Measure and staff is requesting direction regarding the now qualified petition.

S. Henderson/MVNews

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ADVERTORIAL

I happened to read the editorial in this newspaper's June 4th edition by Pat Alcorn in which she accuses the Preserve Sierra Madre and Stop the Housing project coalitions of "disinformation" and manages to mention my name twice in what appears to be an effort to give legitimacy to the signing of the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between the City, Developer and Mater Dolorosa. There was also an adjacent article by "Neighbors for Fairness" that basically accuses their fellow neighbors of telling lies about the Meadows project. As someone who was one of the founders of both the Stop the Housing Project and Preserve Sierra Madre coalitions starting in 2013 when the Meadows project first reared its ugly head and who has been intimately involved in city-wide preservation efforts for the last 10 years, I have a few points to make:

1. It appeared to me from the beginning that former City Manager Gabe England was pushing the Meadows project. I was there in the City Council Chambers when he gave what I believe was a very misleading presentation to the City Council in what amounted to a "sales pitch" on behalf of the developer. His presentation included very scary and unrealistic alternative projects that could happen under Mater Dolorosa's institutional zoning if the City Council did not support the housing project. I thought at the time that it was very inappropriate for the City to basically be carrying water for the developer. The City should have remained neutral and let the developer make its own sales pitch.
2. The MOU was pushed forward at the height of the pandemic when people had other things on their mind like trying to stay alive. As Pat Alcorn points out, I attended a few meetings about the project. I was always willing to listen, but at some point I smelled a rat once I learned more details about the project and realized they were trying to rope me into a cabal to support the project. I wanted no part of that and withdrew from further meetings.
3. If anybody wants to take the time to watch the recording of the City Council meeting when the City Council approved the MOU, they will find that about 90% of the calls that came in supporting the signing of the MOU

came from people who did not live in Sierra Madre. I attended that meeting remotely because this was done at the height of Covid when an in-person meeting was not allowed. The timing was great for the developer because the last thing on people's mind was concern about a housing project. So opposition was minimal while pro-project people appeared to have been organized in advance to call in and render their support. The City Council approved the MOU.

4. I think the developer is now getting desperate. I believe they expected to waltz into Sierra Madre, steamroll the local residents who they imagined to be just a bunch of yokels in a small town, follow their playbook, enlist a few neighbors to support their cause and ramrod this project through by taking it directly to what they perceive rightly or wrongly to be a friendly City Council. They've lost patience with the Planning Commission which is trying their best to do their job and look out for the residents. Part of that playbook I believe is essentially bribing supporters, mostly from outside of Sierra Madre, with free dinners, free tee shirts and signs to show up at Planning Commission meetings to try to influence their vote. Why would anyone think our Planning Commission is naive enough to fall for such a contrived and obvious attempt to influence them? Astute residents have also probably noticed that at the bottom of all the pro-development mailers and ads is the phrase "major funding from New Urban West". Does that surprise anyone? The developer is trying to make millions of dollars at the expense of Sierra Madre residents with a destructive project that is too big for it's location. The project requires a specific plan because it doesn't comply with our R-1 zoning rules as found in our General Plan and Municipal Code. If the project is allowed to get built, the developer then moves on to their next project and Sierra Madre residents are stuck with the consequences.... forever.

5. Is "Neighbors for Fairness" the last desperate ploy for New Urban West? Despite the massive outcry against the project with well over 1,000 Sierra Madre residents signing the petition to put an initiative on the ballot to curtail the scope of the project, the developer has found a few people who support the project. I have been intimately involved in trying to preserve our "Village of the Foothills" since 2013 when our

coalition became involved not just with the Meadows Project but with improving the demolition ordinance to preserve older homes in Sierra Madre, prevent mansionization by appropriate setbacks and floor area ratios and many other efforts at preservation throughout Sierra Madre. Yet, I have to say that I don't recognize most of the names associated with "Neighbors for Fairness". In other words, where were they for the last 10 years while our coalition was doing the heavy lifting to protect our City from over-development? Now they come out of the woodwork at the eleventh hour to support one of the largest housing projects in Sierra Madre history.

6. We need this initiative to curtail the size and impact of this project! Without this initiative, 5 people on the City Council will decide the fate of this project. If the project is so good, New Urban West has nothing to worry about. The good people of Sierra Madre will vote the initiative down. But they must be worried about putting the fate of the project in the hands of the residents which is why they want 5 people on the City Council to decide. That's also why the deep-pocket developer is spending thousands of dollars on mailers and ads. Meanwhile, countless volunteers - Sierra Madre residents - have spent backbreaking hours gathering signatures, manning tables and walking streets to get signatures. The support for the initiative has been overwhelming. New Urban West appears to know this and now they may be taking off the gloves and using surrogates to accuse all these volunteers of being a bunch of liars and spreading disinformation. This would be despicable but not surprising given that millions of dollars is at stake. I won't reiterate all the negative consequences of this project but it's what happens when a project is driven solely around maximizing profit. Our coalition can't compete with the "major funding from New Urban West". We are like the proverbial David against Goliath. But we are competing in other ways because we actually live in Sierra Madre, we care about Sierra Madre, and we are passionate about preserving Sierra Madre. That's what keeps us going and that's why we will prevail.

Matt Bryant  
Sierra Madre Resident



OUR PLANNING COMMISSION  
LOOKING OUT FOR OUR BEST  
INTERESTS

If you missed the Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> four-hour Planning Commission meeting, you missed lots of drama. You might want to watch, and everyone who cares about Sierra Madre, please put July 7, at 7 pm on your calendar. That is the next meeting with New Urban West and the Planning Commission, as they discuss and debate the many facets of what needs to be approved for this project to go through.

This is a Planning Commission we can be proud of. They all asked the hard questions, and discussed NUW's representative Jonathan Frankel's responses. Here are the major issues and the Commissioners' concerns, paraphrasing their comments:

The Specific Plan becomes legally binding once it is approved by City Council. The Planning Commission doesn't have design review authority, as it did for One Carter (Stonehouse), so they must get it right before the Specific Plan is passed. As it now stands, 4850 sq ft houses can be built on every lot. 76% of these properties could be 2 times what is allowed on any other property in Sierra Madre. All but one is 171% over what is allowable. This seems really egregious. There will be larger houses on smaller lots than in any area of town - and not just a little larger - 2 and 3 thousand square feet larger. These are big houses, crammed together, looking 'cookie cutter', as stated by one Commissioner. Now is time to dig a little deeper in terms of how the concepts of bulk and massing will be mitigated.

New Urban West's calculation of square footage was different from Sierra Madre's in the General Plan and the zoning codes. At the last meeting, the Commissioners asked representative Frankel to convert their square footage calculation to that of Sierra Madre's zoning calculation. This resulted in a substantial increase, from 700 to 2600 square feet larger per lot. Interestingly, 2700 sq ft is really 3300 under NUW's calculations. The difference in square footage is "breathtaking"

A way to mitigate the cookie cutter image is to have curved streets rather than straight streets. Jameson Court has larger houses, but it is the curved street that sets them apart. Zoning maps are not in a straight line. Why can't there be double-loaded streets? If it is too steep for that then it is too steep for the grid.

The Commissioners asked to look at other developments where NUW has built, which would be helpful, citing the need for more details. Frankel said they don't have the exact houses plotted out - "We'll do this with you," - whatever that means. Frankel was told that the mitigation of the bulk and massing must be in the Specific Plan, that it is too "foggy" now. Several Commissioners pointed out that this is basic math to convert one from the other.

The Commissioners all agreed that because the Specific Plan is the primary zoning code for the property, it would be irresponsible for the Planning Commission to approve this as is. If they approve it as it now stands, the City Council will wonder why they only did half the job. The Planning Commission has spent a lot of time over the years standardizing these issues so that they can come to a consensus. They are merely asking for that. Once the Specific Plan is approved, it takes precedence over our Municipal zoning codes. The next step after that will be for the design review of the project as a whole, with the Planning Commission limited to two sessions, and City Council limited to two sessions, with one other session if necessary.

New Urban West's Frankel's response repeatedly was, "We need to advance the project. Make these as a recommendation. We're asking for your support with recommendations." He stated that NUW will not be changing the design of the project to incorporate the Commission's recommendations, even though he kept suggesting the Commission approve it as is, and offer their recommendations/conditions to the City Council.

He emphasized over and over that this is not an R-1 project. He said, "this is very intentionally not an R-1 project, we are not proposing an R-1 project, we will not be modifying the SP to deliver an R-1 project. That is not going to be possible for us..." Yet, the terms of the Resolution for the zoning change call for a change from Institutional to "One Family Residential R-1"; the zoning amendment map shows R-1/SP Overlay; and the Development Agreement attached to the agenda also calls for a zoning change from Institutional to "R-1 Single Family Residential."

He mentioned his investors again, as he did at the last meeting, and how this needs to move along. The substitute City lawyer, Matthew Summers, clarified that the Planning Commission was not ready to approve the project that evening. Frankel finally agreed to come back to the July 7 meeting.

That is how you stand up to a bully.

• WHY ‘THE MEADOWS’ PROJECT IS  
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New Urban West's proposed ‘*Specific Plan*’ would take precedence over **any and all** of Sierra Madre's zoning laws.

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- FACT** – That voting for the initiative will result in a project more suitable for Sierra Madre.
- FACT** – That despite their submitted documents that propose an R1 development, this project will not meet the stated requirements of an R-1 (residential) project.
- FACT** – That the project would take 160,000 gallons of water per house just to build them - in the middle of a severe drought.
- FACT** – That this Project encroaches on Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park, endangering 16 mature trees, removal of vegetation and altering public access and parking to construct an otherwise unnecessary two-lane street and sidewalk along Carter Ave.



New Urban West development at Ocean Colony, built in 1999

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**City Hall – 355-7135**

**City Council – via City Manager Jose Reynoso:  
Planning Commission –  
via Planning Director Vincent Gonzalez:**



LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

To the editor of the Mountain Views News: Please share my letter to the Planning Commission with your readers.

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to raise a number of issues regarding information presented at last Thursday's meeting.

First, Mr. Frankel told the Commission that, "this is very intentionally not an R-1 project, we are not proposing an R-1 project, we will not be modifying the Specific Plan to deliver an R-1 project. That is not going to be possible for us..."

However, the terms of the Resolution for the zoning change call for a change from Institutional to "One Family Residential R-1"; the zoning amendment map shows R-1/SP Overlay; and the Development Agreement attached to the agenda calls for a zoning change from Institutional to "R-1 Single Family Residential."

My concern is that the confusion around this language makes the impact of the zone change unclear. If the change is actually to Specific Plan, which I think is the true intention as expressed in the overlay language of the amendment map, then as soon as that zone change is approved, the City is in the weakened negotiating position of only being able to negotiate the terms of the Specific Plan. Right now those terms heavily favor the developer and provide almost unlimited discretion to build whatever they want because it includes so much permissive language—like the possibility of building up to 4850 sq. ft. houses on every lot. I would request that you reserve the right to deny the zone change as you consider all the other resolutions before you.

Second, the City Attorney advised having staff discuss the Commission's recommendations with the developer for the purpose of changing the Specific Plan. However, I heard him say, after Mr. Frankel indicated that NUW would only be willing to reduce the maximum allowable square footage by 450 sq. ft from 4200 to 3775 (more like 4400 under our R-1 measure), that staff would work to implement that—but that's the developer's suggestion, not the Commission's.

It seems to me the Commission clearly stated that the house sizes were way out of sync with Sierra Madre standards. As Commissioner Dallas pointed out, by her calculations, 76% of the houses could potentially be two times what is allowed on any other property in Sierra Madre. All but one of them is 171% potentially over what is allowable. As she indicated, it would seem to be legally irresponsible to approve something like that. The Commission seemed to be in agreement and Commissioner Hutt added that, for ease of comparison, the measuring tool should be our R-1 standard to evaluate the layout not the Specific Plan terms. Nonetheless, Mr. Frankel stated that NUW would not be changing the terms of the Specific Plan to accommodate the Commission's request.

Mr. Frankel made it very clear that NUW has no intention of changing the Specific Plan. He plainly stated that "the project that we proposed is what we are proposing so we cannot redesign the project and we are not open to going on a lot by lot basis and developing individual development standards." He indicated he didn't want to "waste your time" or give you "false hope" that the project could be redesigned to address your

concerns. He repeatedly suggested instead that you approve the project as is and send it on to City Council citing what you think should be further evaluated—only then would NUW evaluate and "to the extent feasible" include any of the measures you have recommended if that's what City Council advises. He went on to reiterate yet again that he did not want to provide any expectation that the project could be redesigned. This struck me as a surprisingly blatant attempt to sideline your authority.

The City Attorney said staff will work with the developer to put harder specificity with a precise proposal for each of the lots to "see what we can get" and "subject to what we can convince the developer to accept."

It seems unlikely to me, given Mr. Frankel's statements, that staff will get very far in negotiating greater specificity or implementation of any of your concerns. I would like to suggest that the Commission is not beholden to what NUW says it is willing to do. That has been a major issue with this project from the beginning—City staff cowering to what the developer says it is willing to do without protecting our City from NUW's demands.

Commissioner Dallas was spot on in describing the mood surrounding this project. She articulated very well the sense of distrust and unease that is permeating the community. People do feel they are being lied to and ignored to make way for a big money developer who has the City in its pocket. I'd characterize it almost as a sense of hopelessness that our small town is bound to be eaten up. That said, the vast majority of people I have spoken with have been heartened by Protect Sierra Madre's efforts, expressing encouragement and a strong desire to have the opportunity to vote on the forthcoming initiative.

On another note, Commissioner Hutt raised the question of why the Passionists have a problem zoning the upper parcel Open Space. One reason, apart from the real possibility that spoken words differ from true intentions, could be that under the Development Agreement the Passionists are absolved of responsibility for maintaining the Easement which I understand is expensive and will fall to the City.

One last thing I would also ask the Commission to consider beyond Thursday's discussion is what will happen if the project is approved without assurances that Carter will be widened. I had a conversation with Mr. Frankel in which he told me that they didn't have to widen Carter—the project could be built without that. Shouldn't approval of the zoning change and Specific Plan be conditional upon having two evacuation routes? This question leads to the problems with the Offsite Plan not being properly evaluated in the EIR and the County requiring an approved EIR before they would agree to any sale of public rights of way (which I understand would have to be purchased by the City and then conveyed to the Passionists).

Thank you all for taking care to ensure the integrity of your mission in the face of pressure from the developer to bypass your review. As you all have recognized, Zoning, the Specific Plan and Development Agreement are the only possible places to require the developer to meet Sierra Madre standards. I would urge the Commission to persist in demanding the greater degree of specificity needed for effective review and to postpone any decisions until all Commissioners are present.

Tricia Searcy, Sierra Madre

WHY I HELPED START SIERRA MADRE NEIGHBORS FOR FAIRNESS

A group of residents in town are working to get an initiative on the ballot to prevent the Monastery from proceeding with their housing project and strip them of their property rights. They have approached you in the park, in Kersting Court, and also gone to your home to have you sign their petition.

If this initiative is so good for our city why has the "protect" group used deceit and scare tactics? Even this week they have made numerous posts online misrepresenting the current state of the project, including the proposed square footage of the homes and what the developer has asked of the planning commission.

The fact is, this initiative is dangerous and disastrous to our city. It will strip the Monastery of their Institutional property rights by rezoning the entire property, even if no housing project is ever approved. It will embroil the city in years of litigation, and could incur millions of dollars in legal fees that the tax payers of our city will have to pay. It could remove our Planning Commission and

WHERE IS THE MEADOWS PROJECT HEADED?

One way or another, the future of the Monastery will likely be determined this year. One outcome could be that the Initiative passes and the city gets embroiled in a legal battle with the Passionists, but that's not yet relevant. The Planning Commission is holding hearings to consider the Specific Plan, EIR, and Development Agreement for the Meadows project. Due to the nature of this project the Planning Commission does not take a vote to approve or deny it. Their job is to consider the proposal and make a formal recommendation to the City Council, who then makes the final decision.

Since the Specific Plan has yet to be approved, and the home and lot sizes and configuration are not yet finalized, the designs of the actual homes come later in the process. If the project is approved, the Planning Commission will then have the opportunity for design review, subject to the conditions in the Specific Plan.

The developer has submitted a plan which includes the proposed lot layout and a range of home styles and sizes. There has been some confusion regarding the stated sizes of the homes because Sierra Madre uses a non-standard metric for measuring the gross floor area. The standard for the County Assessor and most cit-

SIERRA MADRE Neighbors for Fairness

City Council from having the oversight of what is built on the property.

If the initiative passes, at least 32 homes can still be built on the property, most without discretionary review by the planning commission. The concessions will all be lost, no three acre park, no land dedicated to preserving open space, and no net-zero water offsets for whatever homes are built. Most of the things you were told that the Initiative will protect were lies. The meadow will still be lost. Wildlife will still be displaced. The scenic Vista will still be gone. The last remaining open parcel of land in Sierra Madre... still gone forever.

A quick drive through the area and a survey of yard signs tells you that the opposition is primarily from those who live next to the Monastery. It is a relatively small subset of the city trying to use every legal maneuver they can to stop the Passionists. They are going so far as to try and strip the Passionists of their future development rights. While a vote of the people could do this, it will not stand up in court.

Let our Planning Commission do their job and negotiate with the developer for what is best for

all of us, and let the city council that we all elected make the final decision. The Protect group says they have great admiration for our Planning Commission and yet they are trying to undermine their authority by nullifying any decision they make.

I am a part of Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness and we organized the group to help protect private property rights in Sierra Madre. We are not for or against the project, we simply feel that the Passionists are being treated unfairly and that the city is being placed in great financial risk.

We are here to help set the record straight, but we are not asking you to believe everything we tell you. Do your homework. Read the initiative and see how this discriminatory ballot measure will strip the Monastery of their future property rights. Look at the EIR and see what the truth is about the impacts. Please join Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness in stopping this initiative from getting approved.

Martha Walsworth www.SierraMadreNeighborsForFairness.org



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



John Doyle

"The initiative will cost city taxpayers at least \$50,000 to place this petition on the ballot which is an unnecessary waste of taxpayer money.

The initiative violates fundamental property rights and the first amendment right to practice religion and risks expensive litigation which could very well place the city in serious financial distress..."





Angela Hawekotte

"I oppose the initiative because it imposes on the freedom of the Retreat Center to exercise its right to use its own property in a way that not only will benefit them, but will also enhance the surrounding community of Sierra Madre in an extremely positive way."

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







### Sierra Madre Woman's Club

## Triple Celebration Year

#### TRADITION #2

Let's take a step back for a moment. I want to be clear about one crucial fact. When making reference to the Woman's Club, at this time in history it also included the women from the club we know as the Sierra Madre Civic Club. Yes, we were once just one club united a long, long, time ago. We want to give credit where credit is due!

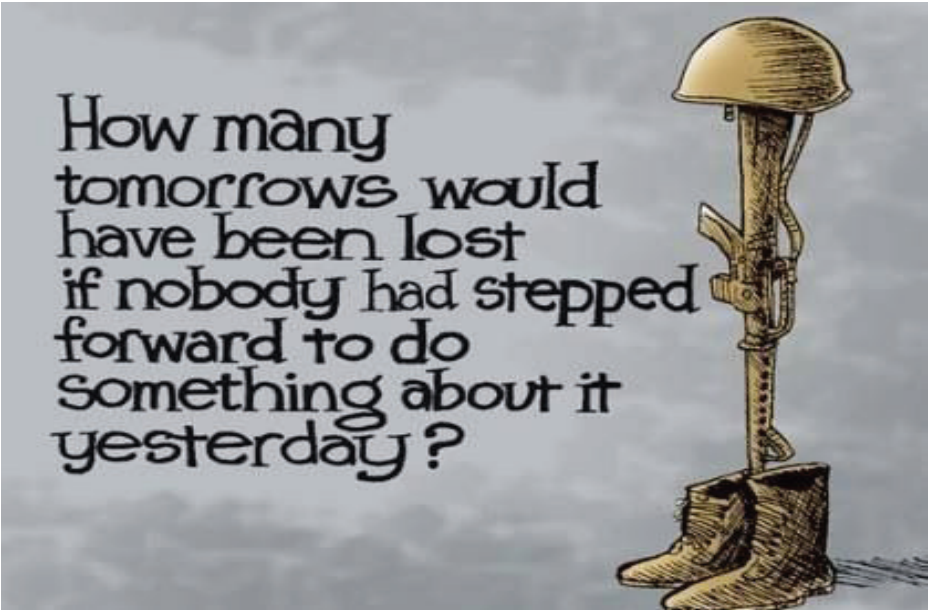
Now a new idea sprang forth from a neighboring city called Monrovia, and apparently the woman's club there obtained a clubhouse to call their very own. Considering how challenging it was to cook in the Town Hall with no gas or electricity, carrying their oil stoves, pots and pans up narrow staircases, the thought of having their own clubhouse very much appealed to these industrious Sierra Madre women. This started the 2nd tradition of the chicken pot pie as a means of raising funds to someday purchase a property.

But was this all it took?

*Stay tuned for next week's article*

### WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis



“The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty loving people everywhere march with you.”  
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower’s Message to Troops Before the Invasion, June 6, 1944

“You are about to embark upon the great crusade toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you...I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle.” June 6, 1944 Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower

Last Monday was D-Day, anniversary of the largest seaborne invasion in history which began the liberation of France and later western Europe and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front. Allied infantry and armored divisions began landing on the coast of France at 06:30. Strong winds blew the landing craft east of their intended positions, particularly at Utah and Omaha beaches. The men landed under heavy fire from gun emplacements overlooking the beaches and the shore was mined and covered with obstacles such as wooden stakes and barbed wire. German casualties on D-Day have been estimated at 4,000 to 9,000 men. Allied casualties were documented for at least 10,000 with 4,414 confirmed dead. (Wikipedia) The picture this week commemorates this day when so many gave their lives.

"That road to V-E Day was hard and long, and traveled by weary and valiant men. And history will always record where that road began. It began with the first footprints on the beaches of Normandy." — George W. Bush

I'm sure you already know all that, but I thought I'd look it up for myself. The TV and cable channels have been showing war movies all weekend, the best one being, "The Longest Day" with John Wayne playing Lt. Col. Benjamin Vandervoort. Here's his best quote: "Your assignment tonight is strategic. You can't give the enemy a break. Send him to hell!"

My friend, Celia Kalm, just enjoyed another birthday and a friend gave her a delightful little book: "Pocket The Queen Wisdom," Inspirational quotes and wise words from an iconic monarch. Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee has been going on this past week. Can you believe it, she's been the queen for 70 years and she's 96! Here are a couple of my favorite quotes from this little book:

"Like all the best families, we have our share of eccentricities, of impetuous and wayward youngsters and of family disagreements."

"I simply ache from smiling. Why are women expected to beam all the time? It's unfair. If a man looks solemn, it's automatically assumed he's a serious person, not a miserable one."

And one last word on the Queen: she drinks a glass of champagne before bed every night.

This week I've been reading John Grisham's "The Judge's List," which is the follow-up to "The Whistler." Again, I can hardly get off the couch long enough to do anything worthwhile as this book is so good.

Last week's Mountain Views News with all the pictures of the graduates in our area was simply wonderful. Susan Henderson, our Editor did an amazing job gathering all the pictures of these beautiful, hopeful young people and letting us see them. Tom Purcell's column on Page 10 was great, too, about his childhood, which was, to quote Tom, "a 1950's childhood." Our children enjoyed that same kind of childhood, living up on Alegria where the Sutcliffe's, Witters, Bielys and Blakeslees were our neighbors and all the children played outside all day in the summer and each family had their own summoning device. As I recall, Doug Sutcliffe whistled. I yelled!

This made me think of another great book that I've enjoyed more than once: Bill Bryson's "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid, A Memoir." If you haven't read this, you need to. It will make you laugh; I promise. And with the stock market doing what its doing, gas prices going higher by the minute and everything in the grocery store costing way more than it ought to, a good laugh would be bonus to your day.

It's June, friends and neighbors. June gloom keeps the heat somewhat at bay and everyone's garden looks fabulous. It's the last hurrah before the sun burns everything and it all looks just plain tired. Here are a few pieces of June trivia for you: In the 15th century, most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good. June is also Accordion Awareness Month, Iced Tea Month and Candy Month. The June birthstone is the pearl. Pearls were believed to possess magical powers. Pearl signifies wealth. If you were born in June, you are a fun person known for your sense of humor. You are an extrovert. People love being with you and you are also an intelligent person. So there! Little known facts about a well-known month.

Stay well, find something good to read. Walk and count your steps. Rejoice! You are alive! Speaking of good things to read...look right below here at the goodies you could be reading written by me!

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
Where you'll find "Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope"  
And "A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter"

Take a look at both of these books, stuffed with hope and some really good recipes. And there are Kindle treasures galore you can send straight to your Kindle, Including the best adventure story ever: "A Treasure Map, A Drunken Owl And 47 Rattlers in a Bag"

Check me out, friends and neighbors!

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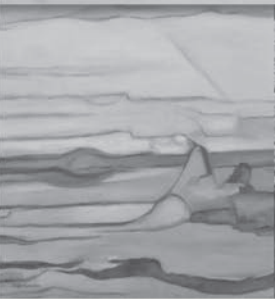
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### SIERRA MADRE OLDER AMERICAN OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION

Wednesday, June 15 4:30 pm-7:30 pm  
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Traditionally the Senior Community Commission would be honoring one very special individual who has given themselves selflessly to volunteering in our community. This year the Commission has made a very special selection...they have selected to celebrate ALL of our seniors! As we begin to rediscover our friends, loved ones and

neighbors, we are learning how incredible and resilient each of you are and each one of you deserves to be celebrated!

Please join the Senior Community Commission as we enjoy an evening of finger foods, wine, laughter and celebration. The theme this year is "Age My Way" so please come with some fun stories and words of wisdom that we can share with our fellow and future seniors.

No reservations are required.

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



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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

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

June 14, 2022 5:30pm

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

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

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

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

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Reading Buddies—In-person from 2:00-4:00pm

Nature Walk at Bailey Canyon—Outdoors at 6:00pm. Call 626-355-7186 to register

#### Tuesday

Teen Unofficial Book Club—In-person at 4:00pm

Anime Afternoon—In-person at 5:00pm

#### Wednesday

Sewing Machine Basics—In-person at 11:00am

Dungeons & Dragons—In-person from 3:00-5:00pm

Pajama Storytime—Online at 7:00pm

#### Thursday

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

Third Thursday Book Club—Online at 11:00am

Reading Buddies—In-person from 2:00-4:00pm

#### Saturday

Sewing Machine Basics—In-person at 2:00pm

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Planning Commission has one (1) expected vacancy.

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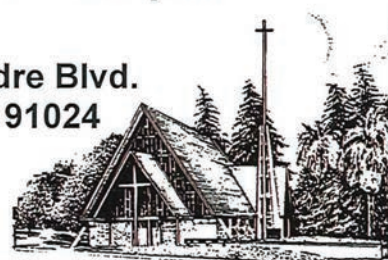
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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Pasadena



The City of Pasadena and WISE & Healthy Aging Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program recognize elder abuse can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. At their Monday City Council meeting, Mayor Victor Gordo will proclaim Wednesday (June 15), Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Pasadena. Purple flags have been placed at City Hall to signify the number of abuses reported by Pasadena residents, and to honor those who have been affected by elder abuse.

"The basic human rights of older adults are challenged each and every day. Tragically, this has never been more true than during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Pasadena Public Health Department Director and Health Officer Dr. Ying-Ying Goh. "Our local efforts will heighten awareness that elder abuse is a serious issue that must be addressed. We all have a vital role to play in creating a peaceful, supportive and just society."

Each year, an estimated 5 million older adults are abused, neglected or exploited. Elder abuse can lead to serious physical injuries and long-term psychological consequences, and can result in serious financial loss. In the U.S., the estimated loss by victims of financial abuse is estimated to be at least \$2.6 billion, according to the National Council on Aging.

In 2021, Pasadena Police Department received 39 reports of elder abuse in Pasadena. "Older adults are among the most vulnerable groups in our community and deserve to be treated with respect and dignity," said Interim Police Chief Jason Clawson. "Elder abuse comes in many forms, including neglect or financial, emotional, sexual or physical abuse. We have a collective responsibility to protect senior residents by recognizing and reporting elder abuse when it occurs."

Help prevent and address elder abuse by reporting it to authorities as soon as it is suspected. This also includes reporting any suspected abuse pertaining to nursing homes and residential care facilities. Physical injury, neglect, and/or emotional or behavioral changes are all telltale signs of abuse that could be exhibited by a loved one.

Anyone with questions about elder abuse call the special victim unit supervisor, Sgt. Derek Locklin, at (626) 744-3863.



## Outdoor Dining to Continue, Expand

The Pasadena city council is set Monday to discuss adopting new permanent on-street dining design guidelines, including fees, for eateries in certain parts of the city including Old Pasadena, The Playhouse District and South Lake. If approved the new guidelines would go into affect September 1.

According to the council's staff report, outdoor dining changes would simplify the two base fees for all business improvement districts, at \$12.00 for sidewalk/public alley and \$7.75 for on-street per square foot per year.

New design guidelines proposed recommend "that such facilities be designed as a comprehensive whole with similar, high-quality materials, avoiding the use of 'off-the-shelf' elements such as raffia panels, Astro-turf, easy-ups, etc. The set-up shall display a sense of permanence, providing platforms aligned with the abutting sidewalk, and install lighting that does not require exterior wiring traversing the sidewalk."

Outdoor dining areas must also meet ADA requirements without the need for ramps.

If approved, Public Works staff is recommending granting existing permits until September 1 to implement the new On-Street Dining Design Guidelines, allowing them time to transition their current installations to meet new guidelines.

City staff estimated that a typical outdoor dining installation in conformance with the guidelines would be in the range of \$150 per square foot. The annual on-street dining occupancy permit fee for a typical business could range between \$3,500 and \$5,000, depending on exact square footage and whether metered parking spaces are being impacted.

They also said that "based on current active sidewalk and on-street dining permits, it is anticipated that approximately \$276,000 of revenues will be received during the next fiscal year upon approval and adoption of the FY2023 General Fee Schedule: approximately \$155,000 for use of sidewalk and/or public alley; approximately \$100,000 for on-street dining, of which \$20,000 will be designated for

traffic barrier cost recovery; and, approximately \$21,000 for parking meter recovery costs."

The city council meets Monday at 4:30 p.m. by videoconference. During the meeting, members of the public may provide live public comment by submitting a speaker card prior to the start of public comment on the item.

*Photo, outdoor dining along Colorado Blvd. in 2020. By D.Lee/ MVNews.*

## Be Part of the Festival of Balloons

The South Pasadena Library is looking for families to be part of this year's Festival of Balloons Fourth of July Parade.

Those interested in marching, as part of the South Pasadena Library Summer Reading Program group, in the parade on July 4th should meet at 10:45 a.m. on the Diamond Avenue side of the Library by the Moreton Bay Fig tree. Children are encouraged to walk for the Library to help motivate others to read. The parade is expected to last until 12:30 p.m.

Marchers should bring water bottles, sunscreen, wagons, and strollers. Other wheeled vehicles not permitted. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Masks and physical distancing between household groups are strongly recommended.

The Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street near the Metro Gold Line Station.

South Pasadena Public Library Summer Reading Program: Read Beyond the Beaten Path runs now through July 30.

Upon request made no later than four (4) business days before the event, the City will provide a reasonable accommodation for a qualified person with a disability to have equal access to the event. Please contact Human Resources at 626-403-7312 or email Human Resources at HR@southpasadenaca.gov.

## One City, One Story Summer Edition Kicks Off

Pasadena Public Library announced their summer 2022 One City, One Story community reading celebration Friday with a conversation with Eric Nusbaum (pictured), author of *Stealing Home*, Los Angeles, the Dodgers and the Lives Caught in Between, Saturday, June 25, at 3 p.m. in the Robinson Park Community Room,

Nusbaum will discuss his experiences writing this book. A question-and-answer session will immediately follow. The event is free and open to the public. Free parking is available surrounding the venue.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of One City, One Story at the Pasadena Public Library. Each selection shares the common goal: engaging our diverse community in meaningful conversations that promote tolerance and understanding of different points of view.

The One City, One Story Summer Edition, *Stealing Home*, Los Angeles, the Dodgers and the Lives Caught in Between is a story about baseball, family, the American Dream, and the fight to turn Los Angeles into a big-league city.

Dodger Stadium is an American icon. But the story of how it came to be goes far beyond baseball. The hills that cradle the stadium were once home to three vibrant Mexican American communities. In the early 1950s, those communities were condemned to make way for a "utopian" public housing project. Then, in a remarkable turn, public housing in the city was defeated amidst a Red Scare conspiracy.

Instead of getting their homes back, the remaining



residents saw the city sell their land to Walter O'Malley, the owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Now Los Angeles would be getting a different sort of utopian fantasy -- a glittering, ultra-modern stadium.

But before Dodger Stadium could be built, the city would have to face down the neighborhood's families -- including one, the Aréchigas, who refused to yield their home. The ensuing confrontation captivated the nation - and the divisive outcome still echoes through Los Angeles today.

Nusbaum is a writer and former editor at VICE. His work has appeared in *Sports Illustrated*, *ESPN the Magazine*, *The Daily Beast*, *Deadspin*, and the *Best American Sports Writing* anthology. Born and raised in Los Angeles, he has also lived and worked in Mexico City, New York and Seattle. He now lives in Tacoma, Washington with his family.

Copies of the books are available for checkout from the Library in eBook, eAudio, or print format.

Robinson Park Community Room is located 1081 N Fair Oaks Ave.

For more information on One City, One Story and a list of programs visit: [cityofpasadena.net/library](http://cityofpasadena.net/library) or call (626) 744-7076.

## Dine At Slater's 50/50 June 22 to Support Senior Center

*Print out flyer from Pasadena Senior Center website to give to server.*

Take a break and leave the lunch or dinner preparation to Slater's 50/50 Wednesday, June 22, and support the Pasadena Senior Center at the same time.

The burger restaurant that features patties of 50 percent beef and 50 percent bacon will donate 20 percent of that day's and evening's profits to PSC on behalf of everyone who prints out the flyer from the PSC website and hands it to a server

or cashier. Diners can eat at the restaurant or order takeout. The menu can be found at: [slaters5050.com](http://slaters5050.com).

To download the flyer, visit: [pasadenaseniorecenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorecenter.org) and click on Dine Out & Benefit PSC.

Anyone who cannot dine at Slater's 50/50 on June 22 will still have an opportunity to support the center by visiting [www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org](http://www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org) and clicking on Donation & Membership.

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## NASA Podcast Explores Deep Space Network

*The NASA podcast explores a variety of space communications and navigation topics, and the upcoming fifth season will focus on the JPL-managed Deep Space Network.*

NASA's "The Invisible Network" podcast returned Thursday for a six-episode season about NASA's Deep Space Network. Managed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California, the Deep Space Network provides critical communications links to flagship NASA missions at Mars, the outer planets, and even in interstellar space.

Podcast episodes will debut on Thursdays throughout June and July. Check out our season trailer at: [nasa.gov/podcasts](https://nasa.gov/podcasts)

"The Invisible Network" first debuted in 2018 with a six-episode season covering a variety of topics related to NASA's Space Communications

and Navigation (SCaN) program office. Since then, the podcast's 22 episodes have covered burgeoning commercialization efforts, laser communications technologies, NASA's Artemis Moon missions, and so much more.

The technologies that allow NASA to talk to and navigate spacecraft are often overlooked – perhaps because they work so well. Join us as we shine a light on the invisible networks that power space science and exploration.

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## Bill Set to Implement Car Free Incentive Program

State Senator Anthony Portantino announced Monday Senate Bill 457, that would create a rebate program for each person without a car in a household. It is currently awaiting action in the Assembly. The bill is aimed at reducing California's dependence on cars, providing more incentives for walking and bicycling, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

"As the impacts of climate change are felt across our state, it's time we more aggressively commit to implementing modes of sustainable transportation," stated Senator Portantino. "SB 457 is an important step towards that goal. We can invest in the future by providing financial incentives for Californians to transition from vehicles to more sustainable options."

Single occupancy vehicles remain the number one contributor to greenhouse gasses. The United States Environmental Protection Agency reports that a typical passenger vehicle emits about 4.6 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year. Studies show that exposure to particulate matter (PM) from cars, trucks, and buses is not equally distributed across the state. The lowest-income households in the California live where PM pollution is 10 percent higher than the state average, while those with the highest incomes live where PM pollution is 13 percent below the state average.

With 26.87 million registered automobiles in the state, California has implemented policies designed to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions. Among those initiatives, an income tax credit in the amount of 20% of the



vehicle cost is available to individuals who purchase or lease a new zero emissions vehicle. However, evidence shows that electric cars still emit PM particles.

SB 457 would allow a credit - for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023 - against the "net tax", in an amount of \$2,500 for each household member that exceeds the number of registered vehicles. The bill would limit the amount of the credit allowed to \$7,500 and would take effect immediately as a tax levy.

"Streets for All is a proud sponsor of SB 457 which creates a \$2500 tax rebate for each person without a car in a household," Bubba Fish, Legislative Advocate at Streets for All. "Single occupancy vehicles remain the number one contributor to greenhouse gases in California and the leading cause of death to children in the country. Car owners were recently given up to \$800 in subsidies and similar tax rebates already exist for those who purchase a zero emissions vehicle. But SB 457 invests in the future by encouraging Californians to use public transit, cycling, scootering, walking, and other sustainable modes to get around. It is beyond time to support families who choose the safest, most sustainable option, not owning a vehicle at all."

For more information visit: [sd25.senate.ca.gov](https://sd25.senate.ca.gov).

## Pops 'Live at the Arboretum' with Country Star Sara Evans



Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger proudly presents the return of the fourth annual summer concert festival "Live at the Arboretum" with superstar country singer Sara Evans on Saturday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. A local supporting act will open the show at 6:15 p.m.

Tickets start at only \$15 and gates open for picnic dining at 5:30 p.m. This summer's Live at the Arboretum concert continues the success of previous acts Dwight Yoakam, Trace Adkins and the inaugural debut of the festival in 2017 with LeAnn Rimes. The concert is presented by Supervisor Kathryn Barger, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, the Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation and the Pasadena POPS.

Winner of the Academy of Country Music's Top Female Vocalist award, Sara Evans has had five #1 singles, sold millions of records, and claimed a Country Music Association trophy for her signature song, "Born To Fly." Audiences will be singing along to this and her other #1 hits "A Little Bit Stronger," "No Place That Far," "Suds in the Bucket," "A Real Fine Place to Start," live for one night only under the stars at the lush grounds of the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

Spacious circular table seating with linens and lawn seating are both available

## 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 get tickets or for more info visit: [pasadenaliteraryalliance.org](https://pasadenaliteraryalliance.org).

## San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

**Make and Take with Dad**

Today at 9 AM at Lacy Park

Cost per kit: \$25 for residents, \$29 for non-residents

Get ready for Father's Day by joining us at Make and Take with Dad! At this outdoor woodworking class, you will make a wooden toolbox that is ready for use. Children ages 5-17 are welcome to attend with their dad or any other figure who embodies the meaning of what it means to be a dad in someone's life. Registration is required.

**Crain Art Gallery Reception for Dilmit Singh**

Today from 2 – 4 PM at the Barth Community Room

Dilmit Singh is a self-taught artist who derives inspiration from her natural surroundings. She paints in both oil and watercolors and strives to capture light, shade, and shadow. Can't make the reception? Her work will be on display through July 22, so stop by and visit anytime during regular Library hours!

**Storytime**

Monday, June 13 and Tuesday, June 14 at 10:30 AM

Children's Area, Library

Storytime features activities that will promote early literacy and lifelong learning through songs, bounces, fingerplays, and books. Toddler Storytime occurs weekly on Monday through June 27. Baby Lapsit Storytime occurs weekly on Tuesday through July 5. Registration is not required.

**Meetings**

**Design Review Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, June 15 at 6 PM; Teleconference

**Special City Council Meeting**

Friday, June 17 at 8:30 AM; San Marino Center or

Teleconference

**Public Safety Commission Meeting**

Monday, June 20 at 6 PM; Teleconference

**Planning Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, June 22 at 6 PM; Teleconference

**City Council Meeting**

Friday, June 24 at 8:30 AM; Teleconference or San Marino Center

## San Marino Burglary Suspects Arrested



San Marino Police are asking for the public's help possibly locating additional suspects that ran from officers wanted in connection with a burglary early this month.

According to San Marino Police, on June 1, at approximately 2:03 p.m., dispatch received a report of a possible burglary in progress in the 1700 block of Sharon Place. Officers arrived on the scene to set up containment near this location. Officers then conducted a search of the property and located a rear window smashed as the point of entry into the home. There were no suspects located at the residence.

At this time, a vehicle was observed leaving the immediate area at a high rate of speed. Detectives attempted to conduct a traffic enforcement stop on the vehicle. The vehicle stopped and continued as a pursuit ensued. The vehicle eventually collided with a stop sign at the intersection of Roses Road / Segovia Avenue in the

City of San Gabriel. The pursuing officers observed the driver flee on foot west from this location. This suspect was immediately taken into custody without incident. Officers believed additional suspect(s) may have ran east of the location. A resident in the 400 block of Segovia Avenue received a surveillance camera notification of an outstanding subject in their rear yard. San Marino PD, Pasadena PD's K9, Alhambra PD, Monterey Park PD, San Gabriel PD, South Pasadena PD, and the Pasadena Police helicopter assisted with a yard to yard search. One outstanding suspect was located and taken into custody.

Both suspects were transported to Pasadena Jail for booking.

This is an ongoing investigation and if anyone has additional information they should contact the San Marino Police Department at (626) 300-0720. Information may also be provided as an anonymous tip at: [lacrimestoppers.com](mailto:lacrimestoppers.com) or (800) 222-8477.

## Senior Center to Hold Elder Abuse Awareness discussion

Pasadena Senior Center, "Coffee with Akila" hosted Akila Gibbs, executive director of the Pasadena Senior Center, will feature an in-depth discussion Wednesday about elder abuse, how to recognize it, report it and more, followed by Q&A. The discussion will start at 10 a.m.

Her special guest will be Miles McNeeley, director of elder abuse prevention for Wise and Healthy Aging, a nonprofit social services organization. People of all ages are welcome to participate, and membership in the Pasadena Senior Center is not required.

Alice P. is a 79-year-old woman with mild dementia whose caregiver son threatened to beat her up if she did not stop occasionally repeating herself, and then carried out that promise. The abuse was reported by a neighbor who saw the battered woman's bruises and contacted an adult protective services agency.

Wayne Z., 86, a kind-hearted, lonely widower, was approached by a woman at a laundromat who persuaded him to let her move into his home so she could take care of him. She later accompanied him to his bank several times over a three-week period during which he withdrew enormous amounts of cash for her under extreme duress. This case was reported to law

enforcement by an official at the bank who noticed the man's visible distress.

In both cases, the perpetrators were arrested. The two victims were among a small minority of older adults whose mistreatment has been reported by people who saw the signs of undeniably severe abuse.

"It makes me heartsick to know hundreds of thousands of adults 60 and older in the U.S. are victims of elder abuse, which can include neglect, abandonment, physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, financial abuse and self-neglect," said Gibbs. "Abuse can happen to any older adult, regardless of age, gender, income, race, ethnicity or religion."

Signs of elder abuse include an older adult seeming unusually depressed or withdrawn; isolated from family and friends; having unexplained bruises, burns or scars; looking dirty, underfed, dehydrated, overmedicated or undermedicated; having bed sores or other preventable conditions; exhibiting changes in banking or spending patterns.

To register for this free event, visit [pasadenaseniorecenter.org](https://pasadenaseniorecenter.org) and click on Activities & Events, then Special Events or call 626-795-4331. Everyone who registers for the Zoom event will receive an email link to join the discussion online.

# VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION

TUESDAY  
JUNE 28, 2022  
7:00 P.M.  
ON ZOOM

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DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN  
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF HOW TO LEAD

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NEWS BRIEFS

VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS COMESS TO MONROVIA!

FROM THE DESK OF THE MONROVIA CITY MANAGER:

Many years ago I was privileged to meet a sitting President of the United States during a surprise visit. It was a moment in my personal and professional life that I share often and that I will never forget. In fact, the President chose to hold my newborn son who was only 4 weeks old at the time! This past week, our community was honored when the Vice President visited Old Town Monrovia. While few Monrovia residents were able to meet "VPOTUS," several Monrovia residents now have their own cherished stories to share with family and friends for years to come. Of course if you haven't learned all about Dream Big Children's Center, you certainly have by now as they are doing amazing work for children in our community.

Closing down portions of Old Town - on the last day of school - for a dignitary visit requires help from many. I am so grateful to the many people who took part in planning for the visit including our own Police Lieutenant Dan Verna. He drafted, coordinated and oversaw the City's operational plan with less than 5 days' time. Additionally, staff from many departments pitched in and worked hard to host our guests from the White House, US Secret Service, CA Highway Patrol and many regional and local law enforcement agencies. A visit from the White House, no matter how long, comes with unintended consequences. Some businesses had little time to react to street and parking lot closures. Also, the City was advised NOT to share details of the event when we normally try so hard to engage with our merchants and community members for activities of any kind. In some ways, City staff felt like we had this little secret we wanted - needed - to share with the community and could not! For any inconvenience caused, we are so sorry but hope the experience was positive for most.

As you look within this update for more information and updates, please check out the Food ED Auction where they are raising money for food and garden programs at our school sites. What a wonderful way to support healthy food education, schools and our children. Plus, there's one auction item on there that is impossible to put a price tag on...a personal tour of Monrovia Canyon Park with the Monrovia City Manager. I've been told he may even pick you up in one of his vintage Ford Mustangs and let you drive! What an exciting week and you'll see we have much to look forward to including summer events in Monrovia, employment opportunities, and much more.

Sincerely,  
Dylan Feik, City Manager

HEAT WARNING

HIGH HEAT RISK POSSIBLE  
JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> TO 11<sup>TH</sup>

HIGH CHANCE OF HEAT STRESS OR  
ILLNESS TO PEOPLE OR ANIMALS

PRECAUTIONS:

- DRINK EXTRA WATER
- AVOID OUTDOOR STRENUOUS ACTIVITIES FROM 10 A.M. - 8 P.M.
- PLAN TO BE IN AN AIR-CONDITIONED BUILDING IF POSSIBLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION: WEATHER.GOV/HEAT

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, May 29th through Saturday, June 4th, the Police Department responded to 917 calls for service, of which 112 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 29:

1. At 3:56 a.m., an officer responded to Bank of America, located at 180 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding an audible alarm activation. The officer discovered the suspect, who was still inside the location when he arrived, accessed the bank by unknown means and stole various paperwork. The suspect, a local 36-year-old male transient, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
2. At 11:08 a.m., an officer responded to JCPenney, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects stole 16 pairs of Levi jeans from the men's section resulting in a loss of \$1,112.00. They are described as two Hispanic males wearing jean pants and one suspect was wearing a grey Gap hooded sweatshirt and the other was wearing a light colored button down shirt.

Monday, May 30:

3. At 9:54 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime during the previous night, someone smashed the driver side front window and ransacked the vehicle. They fled emptyhanded.
4. At 6:41 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Huntington Drive and 2nd Avenue regarding a traffic collision. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the suspect was driving with a blood alcohol content of .151%. The 28-year-old male from Rancho Cucamonga was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, May 31:

5. At 3:54 a.m., an officer responded to the area of 2nd Avenue and Colorado Boulevard regarding a theft incident. The officer discovered the suspect, an ex-boyfriend to the victim, stole her cellphone. The 35-year-old male from El Monte was gone by the time the officer arrived.
6. At 8:18 a.m., an officer responded to Natural Grill, located at 305 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary. An investigation revealed someone smashed an east-side window and fled with a safe containing cash. The incident was captured by surveillance footage cameras.

Wednesday, June 1:

7. At 8:18 a.m., an officer responded to Healthy Smile Dental Office, located at 75 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding an attempted commercial burglary report. The officer determined an unidentified suspect smashed one of the windows with the intention of burglarizing the business. It is unknown if the suspect entered the business or fled with any stolen property. The investigation is ongoing.
8. At 11:42 a.m., an officer responded to Gold's Gym, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a battery report. The victim stated an altercation with a fellow gym patron resulted in the suspect grabbing him by the shoulder and leaving a bruise. The suspect, a 60-year-old male from Arcadia, is outstanding as of this time and the investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, June 2:

9. At 7:35 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Sash & Door Co., located at 129 East La Porte Street, regarding a mail theft incident. Surveillance footage captured the suspect, a male wearing dark clothing and riding on a bicycle, discarded stolen mail at the location. The victim of the stolen mail was a resident of the 400 block of East Colorado Boulevard.

10. At 2:28 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1400 block of South 10th Avenue regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed an acquaintance of the victim entered the home through an unlocked window and fled with cash and the victim's car. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, June 3:

11. At 9:12 a.m., an officer responded to the 00 block of Santa Clara Street regarding a vandalism report. Surveillance footage captured an unidentified suspect throwing an object at one of the windows of Excelsior School. The suspect is described as a White or Hispanic male, with a thin build, approximately 5'8" tall.
12. At 1:49 p.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Citi Center, located at 55 East Huntington Drive, regarding a mail theft report. The officer discovered someone tampered with the victim's mail box and fled with stolen mail. Surveillance footage shows the suspect as an unidentified White female.
13. At 4:26 p.m., an officer responded to Westfield Santa Anita, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a stolen vehicle report. An investigation revealed the victim's 2019 Ford Fusion was stolen from the parking lot sometime between 4:15 p.m. and 4:25 p.m.

Saturday, June 4:

14. At 5:01 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot at 51 North 5th Avenue regarding an aggravated assault incident. The officer discovered the suspect, a 37-year-old male transient, threw a large rock at a fire fighter. The rock missed the victim and instead damaged City of Arcadia property. A passerby was nearly injured by the rock as well. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.



DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of May 29 – June 04, 2022:

May 29, 2022

- Burglary (Commercial):  
1430 Mountain Avenue (B-Man's). On May 29, 2022 at 3:09 AM, suspects unknown, a male Hispanic adult wearing a blue hoodie, tan pants, gloves and a mask, and another male wearing all dark clothing and orange gloves, shattered the front door to the location and ransacked the business. The suspects stole two registers and their contents. Loss was approximately \$325 and approximately \$1,000 in damages. Surveillance video available.
- Petty Theft:  
1470 Mountain Avenue (Best Buy). On May 29, 2022 at 1:22 PM, suspect unknown, a female Hispanic adult wearing a blue hoodie and grey mask, was observed in the electronic gaming aisle concealing miscellaneous gaming items into her shoulder bag. When confronted, the female suspect exited the location with the merchandise without attempting to purchase the items. As she exited the location, she entered the passenger seat to a silver Lexus GS 300 license plate 4PGG129. Loss was approximately \$300. Surveillance video available.
- Grand Theft:  
1265 Huntington Drive (Verizon Wireless). On May 29, 2022 at 2:15 PM, suspect unknown, a male black adult in his 40's wearing a dark blue and yellow jersey style shirt, a dark baseball hat and a face mask, asked a store employee to see two iPhone 13 Pro Max cell phones. After the employee brought out the phones, the suspect asked to see an iPad. The employee went to the back to get the iPad when the suspect fled the location with the two phones. Loss was approximately \$2,500. Surveillance video available.

May 30, 2022

- Burglary (Commercial):  
932 Buena vista Street (School of Little Scholars). On May 30, 2022 at 12:30 PM, suspects, unknown a male His-

panic adult wearing a black shirt, blue jeans, and a female Asian adult wearing a red long sleeve shirt, and dark blue jeans, entered the location through an unlocked door and ransacked the business. The suspects stole money from a money jar and a vacuum. Loss was approximately \$70. Surveillance video available.

- Burglary (Vehicle):  
1000 Las Lomas Road. Between May 29, 2022 at 7:30 PM and May 30, 2022 at 12:00 PM, suspect(s) unknown shattered the driver side window to the victim's vehicle, a white Chevy Express van. Suspect(s) stole miscellaneous tools from the vehicle. Loss was approximately \$660. No surveillance video available.

May 31, 2022

- Grand Theft:  
1470 Mountain Avenue (Best Buy). On May 31, 2022 at 7:48 PM, suspects unknown, two male Hispanic adults, one wearing a black hat with a Raiders logo, a black Raiders shirt, gray mask, gray jacket, gray shorts, and black Jordan shoes; and the second suspect was wearing a blue hat, red face mask, a black long sleeve shirt, blue jeans, and black boots. Both suspects were observed at the Apple table removing the security cords from apple products and securing them into their pant pockets. When confronted the suspects fled the location and entered an older model gray Honda 4-door vehicle with the stolen merchandise. Loss was approximately \$6,000. Surveillance video available.

June 2, 2022

- Burglary (Commercial):  
1856 Huntington Drive (Cabrera's Mexican Restaurant). On June 2, 2022 at 3:50 AM, suspects unknown, two adults wearing facial coverings and gloves, shattered the front door to the location and ransacked the business. The suspects stole money from a cabinet and damaged a floor safe. Loss was approximately \$150 and there was approximately \$500 in damages. Surveillance video available.



## HOW TO CHOOSE A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL (MEDIGAP) POLICY

Dear Savvy Senior:

*I'm planning to enroll in original Medicare in a few months and have been told I probably need to get a Medicare supplemental policy too. Can you offer any tips on selecting one? Almost 65*

Dear Almost:

If you're enrolling in original Medicare, getting a supplemental policy (also known as Medigap insurance) too is a smart idea because it will help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and the Part A deductible. Here are some tips to help you choose an appropriate plan.

Medigap Plans

In all but three states (Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin), Medigap plans, which are sold by private health insurers, are available to new enrollees in eight different standardized plans. These plans are labeled with the letters A, B, D, G, K, L, M and N, with two more, C and F, that are only available to those eligible for Medicare before 2020.

Plan G is the most popular policy among new enrollees because it covers the most comprehensive range of benefits. Monthly premiums for Plan G typically range between \$100 and \$300, depending on your age and the state you reside in. If that's more than you're willing to pay, there are also high-deductible plans that have lower premiums but impose higher out-of-pocket costs.

For more information on the different types of plans and coverage details, including Medigap options in Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, go to [Medicare.gov/publications](https://www.medicare.gov/publications) and type in "choosing a medigap policy" in the Keyword box, and download their 2022 guide. Or call 1-800-MEDICARE and ask them to mail you a copy.

How to Choose

To pick a Medigap policy that works best for you, consider your health, family medical history and your budget. The differences among plans can be small and rather confusing.

To help you choose, visit [Medicare.gov/medigap-supplemental-insurance-plans](https://www.medicare.gov/medigap-supplemental-insurance-plans) and type in your ZIP code. This will give you a list of the plans available in your area, their price ranges and the names, and contact information of companies that sell them. But to get specific pricing information, you'll need to contact the carriers directly or call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program. See [ShipHelp.org](https://www.shiphelp.org) or call 877-839-2675 for contact information.

Since all Medigap policies with the same letter must cover

the exact same benefits (it's required by law), you should shop for the cheapest policy.

You'll get the best price if you sign up within six months after enrolling in Medicare Part B. During this open-enrollment period, an insurer cannot refuse to sell you a policy or charge you more because of your health.



You also need to be aware of the pricing methods, which will affect your costs. Medigap policies are usually sold as either: "community-rated" where everyone in an area is charged the same premium regardless of age; "issue-age-rated" that is based on your age when you buy the policy, but will only increase due to inflation, not age; and "attained-age-rated," that starts premiums low but increases as you age. Community-rate and issue-age-rated policies are the best options because they will save you money in the long run.

You can buy the plan directly from an insurance company, or you can work with a reputable insurance broker.

Drug Coverage

You also need to know that Medigap policies do not cover prescription drugs, so if you don't have drug coverage, you'll need to buy a separate Medicare Part D drug plan too. See [Medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) to compare plans. Also note that Medigap plans do not cover vision, dental care, hearing aids or long-term care.

Alternative Option

Instead of getting original Medicare, plus a Medigap policy and a separate Part D drug plan, you could sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan (see [medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare)) that provides all-in-one coverage. These plans, which are sold by insurance companies, are generally available through HMOs and PPOs that require you to get your care within a network of doctors.

*Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](https://www.savvysenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.*

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS



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

Joanne Thrane, Nellie Haynes, Dorothy McKay, Diane Hatfield, Georgette Dunlay, Elizabeth Shul, Donna Doss, Mary Carney, Carol Handley, Marilyn McKernan, Pat Fujiwara, John Shier, Beth Smith-Kellock, Ann Disbrow, Joan Ellison, Anne Montgomery, Trini Ornelas, Martha Spriggs, Pat Starkey, Kathleen Coyne, Suzanne Decker, Jacque Persing, Jeanne Peterson and Grace Sanders

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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## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

## HOW TO PASS ON FAMILY HEIRLOOMS &amp; KEEPSAKES WITHOUT CAUSING A FAMILY FEUD

When creating an estate

plan, people are often most concerned with passing on the "big things" like real estate, bank accounts, and vehicles. Yet these possessions very often aren't the items that have the most meaning for the loved ones we leave behind.

Smaller items, like family heirlooms and keepsakes, which may not have a high dollar value, frequently have the most sentimental value for our family members. But for several reasons, these personal possessions are often not always specifically accounted for in wills, trusts, and other estate planning documents.

It's critical, however, you don't overlook this type of property in your estate plan, as the distribution of such items can become a source of intense conflict and strife for those you leave behind. In fact, if you don't properly address family heirlooms and keepsakes in your estate plan, it can lead to long-lasting disagreements that can tear your family apart.

**Heirlooms & Keepsakes: Little Things with Big Value**

Heirlooms and keepsakes are both prized for their sentimental value, but these possessions are slightly different from one another in terms of the manner in which the items are passed on.

**Heirlooms:** Heirlooms are passed down among family members for generations, and the passing of heirlooms sometimes involves traditions. For example, the first daughter to marry inherits grandmother's heirloom wedding ring.

**Keepsakes:** Keepsakes, on the other hand, are possessions that are given or kept specifically for sentimental or nostalgic reasons, and these items may only get passed on once. For example, photo albums are a typical keepsake that are treasured by many families. If a keepsake gets passed on multiple times, it may eventually become a family heirloom.

Although just about any personal possession could be considered an heirloom or keepsake, some of the most common examples of these items include the following:

- Jewelry
- Photographs
- Books
- Art
- Musical instruments
- Furniture
- Clothing
- Bibles
- Recipes
- Family documents (such as birth certificates, baptism records, and citizenship papers)
- Collections (such as sports memorabilia, coins, stamps, and doll collections)

**Issues Raised by Passing on Heirlooms & Keepsakes**

In the legal world, both heirlooms and keepsakes are considered "non-titled personal property." As mentioned earlier, when there is no plan in place for the distribution of these items following the owner's death, it can create bitter conflicts among family members. Indeed, all too often, fights over heirlooms and keepsakes cause close family members to never speak with one another again.

In her book *Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?* Professor Marlene S. Stum, an expert in family social science at the University of Minnesota, warns of the infighting that can occur when there's no plan for who inherits these personal effects.

"What surprises many people is that often the transfer of non-titled per-

sonal property creates more challenges among family members than the transfer of titled property," says Stum. "Research has shown that disputes over inheritance and property distribution are one of the major reasons for adult siblings to break off relationships with one another."

Given the potential trouble the distribution of heirlooms and keepsakes can cause for your heirs, you'll want to take extra care in seeing that these family treasures are passed on properly. And this means incorporating them into your estate plan in one way or another.

**Strategies For Peacefully Distributing Heirlooms & Keepsakes**

While there is no one perfect way to distribute these items in your estate plan, your primary goal should be to maintain harmony among your loved ones during an already emotional time. As with most sensitive issues, clear communication is vital to this process.

Because your family members can have vastly different values associated with certain heirlooms and keepsakes and you may have little idea about how each person feels, you should speak with each family member in advance. By talking with family members about their feelings and expectations regarding your possessions ahead of time, you will have a much better idea how to distribute these items to your loved ones with the least amount of conflict.

Additionally, you should decide ahead of time if you need to have any of your heirlooms or keepsakes appraised. In doing so, you provide your heirs with the necessary documentation to gauge the monetary value of these items, and you can save them from extra work while they are mourning your death.

Again, the way you distribute your heirlooms and keepsakes will depend largely on the items you have to pass on and your specific family situation. That said, here are a few estate planning strategies to consider when passing on these precious possessions.

**Giftng during your lifetime:** Of course, you don't have to wait until you die to pass on your heirlooms and keepsakes, and you may prefer to give away certain special items while you are still living. By doing so, you get to personally witness the joy your loved ones experience when they receive the gift, and you can also personally explain the reasons you want each person to have a particular item.

If your heirlooms and/or keepsakes have a high monetary value, you should keep gift tax issues in mind when you give them away. That said, the IRS has a relatively high annual gift tax exclusion (\$16,000 in 2022) and another high lifetime exclusion (\$12.06 million in 2022), so few people will need to worry about such taxes.

But be aware, the lifetime exclusion amount is scheduled to revert to its pre-2018 level of around \$5 million per individual in 2026, so if you are considering gifting high-value possessions, you may want to do it sooner, rather than later. In any case, if you have possessions you want to give away that might trigger gift taxes, meet with your lawyer and accountant to discuss your options.

Include items in your estate plan using a personal property memorandum: As with other assets you want to pass on after your death, you can include heirlooms and keepsakes in your estate plan by adding them to your will or trust. The best way to do this is by using what's known as a personal property memorandum.

A personal property memorandum is a separate document that is referenced in your will or living trust. The

memorandum allows you to list which items you wish to leave to each individual and detail the reasons you are giving each item. In many states, if it's properly incorporated into your will or trust, a personal property memorandum is a legally binding document.

Furthermore, unlike a will or trust, you can update your memorandum without a lawyer's help. You can change your memorandum as many times as you like, just make sure you sign and date it each time to ensure authenticity. Your memorandum can be as long or short as you like, which allows you to account for even the smallest or seemingly insignificant possessions.

Most types of tangible personal property can be included in your memorandum, but it's important to note that you cannot list certain assets in a memorandum, including titled property, such as real estate and vehicles; assets with a beneficiary designation, such as life insurance, 401(k)s, and bank accounts; or intellectual property, such as works protected by a copyrights or trademark. If you are unsure if you should include a certain possession in your personal property memorandum, consult with your lawyer.

Although you don't need a lawyer to modify your personal property memorandum, reach out to a trusted estate planning professional if you need any help or support with yours. And you should seek the help of a qualified lawyer if you'd like to create or update your will or trust.

Pass on the values & stories behind the possessions: You may also want to consider creating letters or audio recordings to accompany your heirlooms and keepsakes. In this way, your loved ones not only get the items, but they will also be able to learn the stories behind the possessions, as well as the reasons why you gave each person a particular item.

These stories not only help connect you with future generations but having a strong family narrative also helps young people develop strong personal identities and boosts their self-esteem. In the New York Times article, "The Stories that Bind Us," author Bruce Feiler comments on this phenomenon: "The more children knew about their family's history, the stronger their sense of control over their lives, the higher their self-esteem, and the more successfully they believed their families functioned."

**Don't Let Anything Fall Through The Cracks**

Of course, if no one can find your heirlooms and keepsakes, they aren't going to do anybody any good. For this reason, it's vital that you create and maintain a comprehensive inventory of all of your assets, including each of your family heirlooms and keepsakes. Indeed, you should not only create a comprehensive asset inventory, but you should also make sure your inventory stays consistently updated throughout your lifetime. Keep The Peace After You Are Gone To ensure your heirlooms and keepsakes don't create any unnecessary conflicts among your heirs, make sure that your estate plan includes all of your assets, especially your family heirlooms and keepsakes. Be intentional and thoughtful about how you include them so they will become precious treasures connecting you to the generations to follow.

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## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

## A TRIP AROUND THE WHIRLWIND



Recently, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were able to take a well-earned vacation. One of our grandsons graduated from high school in Ohio, and we decided to go and celebrate with him. It is amazing what you learn when you go on a vacation.

I learned some things about the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. You would think by this time I would have discovered everything there is about her. But I was to be delightfully surprised. Up to this point, she is known as the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage as well as the BOGO Queen. If that isn't enough I was to learn a lot more about her. As soon as we started our vacation, I realized she had a new identity. She is the Travel Princess, and she sits on her throne behind the wheel of her Sissy Van.

This new identity caught me off guard, but the longer on the road, the more I understood this new identity.

As we drove along, I could not help but smile as I thought about this. Before us was a 9 ½-hour drive to our destination. We planned to cut it in half and spend the night at some motel along the way.

Our second day was rather interesting. I think there were at least ten trucks on the highway for every car. I have never seen so many trucks in all my life. Despite all the trucks, the Travel Princess was able to maneuver around them, and I was rather impressed.

Then a certain situation developed. There was a truck in front of us, a truck behind us, a truck on the right side and a truck on the left side of us. We were blocked in by four different trucks.

I noticed that the situation was getting a little stressful for the Travel Princess.

Then the situation took on a somewhat different attitude. The truck on the left side was in line with the Sissy Van, and someone was sitting on the passenger side looking out towards us and waving defiantly at the Travel Princess. I am sure he did not know what kind of mess he was getting involved in.

The Travel Princess looked at him with one of her looks that I'm sure he never saw before. Then I glanced at the guy sitting on the passenger side, and all of a sudden, his chin dropped down, his eyes bulged like he had seen a ghost, and I'm sure he had never been as scared before in all his life.

At that moment, the truck he was in slowed down and allowed us to change lanes, go around and get ahead of the trucks. Then, as we changed lanes and passed the truck in front of us, I could see her face was still carrying that defiant attitude and look that she gave the guy driving the truck next to us.

Passing the truck in front of us, the driver looked at us with one of those looks hard to explain but the kind of look that you know he had been surprised. When encountering the Travel Princess, none of those truck drivers realized whom they were dealing with. I certainly would not want to have been one of those truck drivers at that time. Believe me; I've been in their shoes.

I was so glad to be riding with the Travel Princess at the time, knowing I was in good hands. A week later, we drove through some rather bumpy roads when we were coming back. I am not sure how we got into that situation, but I was very comfortable knowing that the Travel Princess was in charge, and I had nothing to worry about. That is until something changed. As we were bumping along, I heard the Travel Princess sigh deeply and then heard her say something very alarming.

"Something needs to be done with these roads. Somebody needs to fix it." What I heard made me drop my jaw, and my eyes bulged. I said to myself, "Did I hear what she said?" I knew that when she saw something that needed to be fixed, she would do everything within her power to stop and fix everything. So now, I thought she wanted to fix the road.

Very carefully, I explained to her, "To fix this road, you have to have a state contractor's license and then permits from the county to do it. And those things will take an awful lot of time, which we don't have."

Without even looking in my direction, she slowly said, "Well, I think you're right, and I really don't have time to stop and fix this road."

I cannot tell you how relieved I was to dodge that bullet, which does not happen to me very often. But I sighed very deeply and could not wait until we got off this kind of road. As we were finishing our drive home, I could not help but think one of my favorite verses of Scripture. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30:4-6). Like many other people, I sometimes get all caught up in the weeping stage and forget about the joy stage. No matter how bad the weeping might be, there is down the road for me joy and that is great anticipation of my life.





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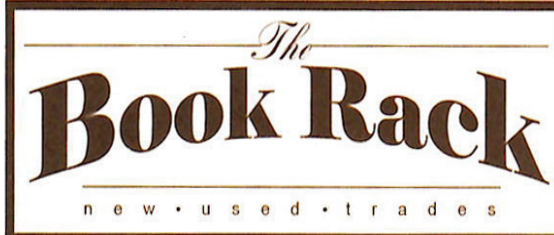
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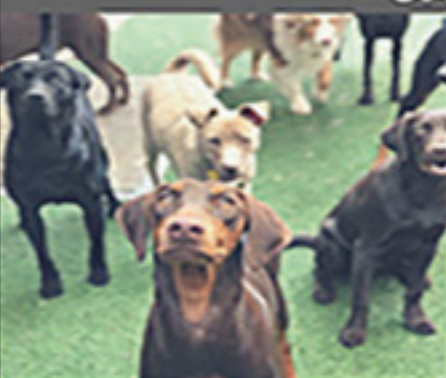
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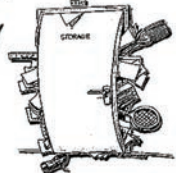
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## 53RD ANNUAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL

By Joan Schmidt

Recently the LA County 53rd Peace Officers' Memorial was held at the STARS Center in Whittier. Honored were Deputy Joseph Albanese, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, EOW: 25 FEB 21; Police Officer II Jose Anzora, Los Angeles police Department, EOW: 3 MAR 21; and Detention Services Officer Michael Wall, County of Los Angeles Probation, EOW: 30 APR 21.

Captain Lorena Rodriguez welcomed us; followed by the Presentation of Colors (LASD Honor Guard), Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem (Dep. J. Stern) and Invocation (Chaplain R. Gillet). Retired Lt. Rocky Costa ran the Memorial Torch Relay Final Leg, and presented the torch to the Sheriff. (The Memorial Run began the previous Friday at the Hall of Justice through Sunday stopping at all stations on the mainland. Thank you, Det. Esqueda and Dep. Chico for coordinating Temple Station who stopped at Dep. Dave Match's Memorial).

Attending were Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Janice Hahn, LAPD Chief Michael Moore and LA County Probation Chief Adolfo Gonzales. The Supervisors both spoke of the bravery of our Peace Officers; when they go to work each day, they put their lives on the line. The Sheriff and two Chiefs praised their officers, their dedication, bravery and total commitment to our safety. Their families placed a rose on a special table displaying their portraits. Wreaths were presented to each agency. Taps was played; Chaplain Mitake gave the Benediction, and the Sheriff thanked their families, spoke of their sacrifice also. He hoped no more names would be added.

It was a poignant day remembering so many officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. Prior to the ceremony, I met Captain Weiss, Monterey Park PD, one of the first canine officers in Monrovia over 30 years ago. Also Cerritos Captain Minh Dinh, who was our Sgt. at Temple Station and a great friend to Dave March's family. (He had been Dave's Training Officer.) May we never forget these brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our safety.



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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY IDENTIFIES SECOND CASE OF PRESUMED MONKEYPOX

*The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has identified a second case of presumed monkeypox infection in Los Angeles County.*

The patient is an adult resident who has history of recent travel. They are symptomatic but doing well and isolating away from others.

Public Health is continuing to investigate and conduct contact tracing and post-exposure prevention for close contacts.

The risk of monkeypox in the general population remains very low.

For more information, please visit: <http://ph.lacounty.gov/media/monkeypox/>

### About Monkeypox:

Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. It is usually found in Central and West Africa and does not occur naturally in the US. However, multiple cases of monkeypox have recently been reported in several countries that don't normally report monkeypox, including the United States.

Monkeypox is spread when a person comes into contact with an animal or human with the virus or through contact with materials (like clothing or linens) used by the infected person or prolonged exposure to respiratory droplets. The virus typically enters the body through broken skin, respiratory droplets, or the mucous membranes (eyes, nose, or mouth). Because of this, transmission may also occur during sex through skin-to-skin and other intimate contact.

Early signs may include fever, malaise (a general feeling of discomfort), headache, swollen lymph nodes, and sometimes cough or sore throat. Other symptoms include muscle aches, backache, chills, and exhaustion, followed by a rash that typically begins on the face and spreads to other parts of the body. Infections can last two to four weeks. And some just develop a rash with or without swollen lymph nodes, which can occur on the genitals.

For more information on monkeypox, please see our FAQs: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/MonkeypoxFAQ.pdf>

### What people should do:

Steps to help prevent monkeypox include:

Avoid contact with materials, like bedding and clothing, that has been in contact with a sick animal or person infected with this virus

Avoid contact with people who are or may be sick with the virus

Avoid contact with animals that could have the virus (such as animals that are sick or that have been found dead)

Wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer after contact with infected animals or humans.

There is no specific treatment approved for this virus, but medication can be given to ease the symptoms. However, there is a vaccine that can be used, under certain circumstances, to prevent monkeypox in people based on their level of exposure to this virus.

For any questions about monkeypox, Public Health recommends that you speak to your primary care provider. If you do not have a regular provider, call 2-1-1 for assistance. In addition, people without a regular provider that have developed a rash in the genital or perianal area, can access services at Public Health's sexual health clinics. Please find a list of Public Health Centers that offer sexual health services here.

### What healthcare providers should do:

Monkeypox infection should be considered for patients presenting with skin lesions, especially for those with a history of recent travel to an area with confirmed monkeypox cases. If lesions are characteristic for monkeypox, monkeypox should be considered even in the absence of known travel.

Those who have known close personal contact with people with monkeypox could potentially also be at risk for the disease.

Take note that some patients have had genital lesions and the rash may be hard to distinguish from syphilis, herpes simplex virus (HSV) infection, chancroid, varicella zoster, and other more common infections.

Isolate any patients suspected of having monkeypox in a single-person room, and ensure staff understand the importance of wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) (gown, gloves, eye protection, and respirator) and that they wear it each time they are near suspected cases. Use standard cleaning/disinfectants in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Report all suspected monkeypox cases to Public Health immediately.

For healthcare professionals please refer to the following resource for consult and reporting: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/clinicians/report/>

## CALTRANS ANNOUNCES FIVE-DAY CLOSURE OF WESTBOUND I-210 AT SAN GABRIEL RIVER BRIDGE JULY 13-19

IRWINDALE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces a five-day closure of westbound Interstate 210 (I-210) at the San Gabriel River Bridge in Irwindale for a bridge upgrade project partially funded by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1). Crews will divert traffic from westbound I-210 to eastbound I-210, which will be converted to three-lanes in both directions between Interstate 605 (I-605) and Irwindale Ave. during the closure.

The following closures will be taking place Wednesday, July 13, at 11:00 p.m. through Tuesday, July 19, at 4 a.m.:

Westbound I-210 from Irwindale Ave. to I-605

Westbound I-210 Irwindale Ave. ramps

Westbound I-210 to southbound I-605 connector

I-605 to eastbound I-210 connector

A second five-day closure affecting eastbound I-210 will be scheduled for a date to be announced in August.

Caltrans advises motorists to expect delays, seek alternate routes or use public transportation on the Metro L Line (Gold) or Metrolink during the closures.

The closure schedule is subject to change due to weather, availability of equipment and materials, and construction-related issues. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead and check the Caltrans QuickMap for up-to-the-minute traffic conditions. More information and updates on projects can be found on the District 7 website or on Twitter.

The work is part of a project to upgrade San Gabriel River Bridge on I-210 in Irwindale. The \$30 million project – which includes \$1.7 million from SB 1, the Road Repair and

Accountability Act of 2017 – will upgrade existing bridge hinges and railings and strengthen bridge decks to improve safety.

SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually split between the state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1. For more information about other transportation projects funded by SB 1, visit [rebuildingca.ca.gov](http://rebuildingca.ca.gov).



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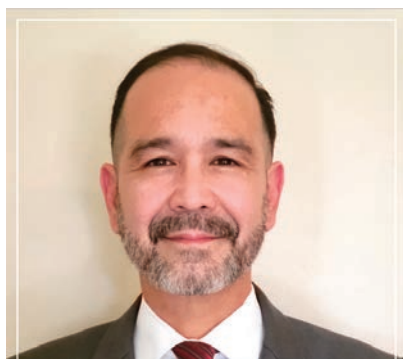
Dr. Kodama is an inspirational and highly experienced educator with a passion for unlocking the potential of a wide range of learners through the dynamic support of faculty, staff, and families.

He served as assistant principal of PHS from 2013 to 2015 and will return to PUSD after seven years at the Covina Valley Unified School District where he served as a principal of a middle school, continuation high school, special education adult transition, and an independent study school aligned with State Assembly Bill 130. While at Covina Valley, he expanded the Project Lead The Way Engineering Pathway from a single class to a fully developed pathway, established "Femineers", an all-girl Engineering club, and Girls Who Code to challenge gender stereotypes in computer science. He is the recipient of numerous grants including Mr. Holland's Opus (2017) and Arizona State University/Verizon Innovative Learning for Virtual Reality (2020).

Dr. Kodama has deep roots in PUSD and is the proud product of district schools. He began his career at PUSD as an instructional assistant before working as a teacher, inclusion specialist, curriculum coach, support provider for beginning teachers, and assistant principal at PHS.

Dr. Kodama says, "I am honored by the opportunity to serve as the principal of Pasadena High School. After a seven-year hiatus, I'm excited to return home to PUSD and look forward to continuing the traditions of academic excellence and innovation that have made PHS the Pride of Pasadena. Go Bulldogs!"

He has served as an adjunct assistant professor at Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena. Dr. Kodama has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Development and a Master of Arts in Special Education from Azusa Pacific University, a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from California State University, Los Angeles, and an Educational Doctorate in Educational Leadership in Urban Settings from the University of Southern California.



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## Creatures of Our Seas!

Do you think a "new," giant creature will be found during your lifetime?

If it is, how do **you** think it will look and live?

There are so many fascinating creatures that live in our seas and oceans. Scientists today are diving to the deepest parts of the oceans to explore and photograph sea life that no humans have ever seen before.

Almost everything in the sea is food for something else.

In some parts of the world, people consider me (a puffer fish) a special and rare treat. But, my poisonous parts and spines keep almost everything else from eating me.

This is a giant...

Uh-oh!

1. is really a fish that grows up to six feet long; it can be a shocking experience to meet it (2 words)

2. "gallops" through warm waters; when tired, it can use its tail to cling to seaweed (2 words)

3. has an arm, arm, arm, arm, arm, arm, arm, arm; can squirt black ink to trick an enemy

4. comes in many sizes; a giant one can have eyes up to 15 inches wide, the largest in the world; it has eight arms with suction cups and two tentacles for catching dinner

5. uses its "double-edged sword" to slash through a school of fish for, or to fight

6. is a mammal; it is easy to spot when it "blows off steam"

7. is loved by sailors for its friendliness and intelligence

8. swallows water to blow up into a large ball; its sharp spines discourage other fish from trying to eat it (2 words)

9. has no bones, looks like umbrella; may have tentacles with poison in them to kill fish or harm enemies

10. usually has five arms; sometimes, if one is lost, it can grow back (2 words)

Can you read the clues and fill in the names of these 10 sea creatures?

Oops...I did it again!



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Steve Hardy is Sierra Madre’s iconic artist, always at work on a new creation at his “office” at the popular Bear Town coffee shop at 43 N. Baldwin. The last time I walked by, I looked into the window and saw him busy at work, creating another of his watercolor abstracts. He was totally engrossed in his project. A small group of friends was sitting around Hardy, talking among themselves and watching Hardy’s artwork take shape.

I enter the coffee shop and Steve sees me, and waves me over to see his latest. I admire it, and he asks with a big smile, “So what do you think?” I study it for awhile and then I tell him that it resembles a Mayan temple on a remote planet. Hardy laughs loudly, and tells me that he’s achieved a landmark of having given away 6,500 pieces of art to individuals (as of 2007) – most of which he signs and gives away to fans and patrons at Beantown.



“Are these your disciples?” I ask Hardy, referring to the small group sitting around him.

“I have no disciples,” says Hardy, and I’m not sure now if he’s laughing or irritated at my query. He pouts, and stands up, and tells me, “I have to show you something.” We stride with great purpose south on Baldwin and west on Sierra Madre to a new shop called Bitez at 7 Kersting Court.

As Steve opens the door, the proprietor recognizes him and waves. And there, just inside the door is a life-size color cutout of Steve, bearing one of Bitez’ classic burgers, with a sign saying you can have your picture taken with Steve! I didn’t know what to say, but I liked it. Outside on the sidewalk, a chalked-up sign admonishes the passers-by to come on in and take a picture standing next to Steve – the cut-out, that is. It’s a wonderful acknowledgment, and a sense of “arrival” for this long-time unique Sierra Madre artist. Go on over to Bitez and get your picture taken, and get a delicious sandwich or burger while you’re there. Steve insisted that we each have a burger while we were there and I’m glad I did – it was delicious! The folks at Bitez obviously love Steve!

**THE BACKGROUND ON STEVE HARDY**

Hardy says that his love of art goes back to the first crayolas given to him by his mother. Though he has taken some art classes over the years, and though he knows some of the “proper” ways to create art, he still prefers his own style. He does almost exclusively abstracts in water color, but he will sometimes include recognizable features because “people are always interested in people, and in the familiar,” he explains.

“I find the act of painting very pleasurable, and intrinsically rewarding,” says Hardy between brush strokes. “Sometimes, I can finish a work in 10 minutes, but I might also spend up to 8 hours on a work over the course of several days,” says Hardy.

I wanted to know what drives him to constantly produce artworks. What is his compelling inner message or philosophy that drives his work?

“This is an excursion into the subconscious,” says Hardy. “Ninety percent of the time I just start painting and it is very therapeutic. Plus, there is a social aspect to it. If I can create something beautiful, I enjoy being able to share that. I do it because I love it.”

**BEAN TOWN**

Back at Bean Town, I sat there watching Hardy continue his process of painting, along with several other regulars of the coffeeshop. After awhile, Hardy looks up and says, “I want you to know that Bean Town is the nexus for people in Sierra Madre. It fulfills my desire to interact with all sorts of people in all walks of life. It’s a very eclectic place. I’ve never been anywhere else in the world where you can meet such diverse people.” He paused as he looked around the recently-remodeled room, and smiled.

Hardy told me that he has had exhibits of his work in the past – such as one at Glendora Public Library in the mid-1980s – but that there are no stores or websites that sell or display his work. He currently has one piece on exhibit at Baldwin Art Gallery (12 N. Baldwin), in the very back.

He tells me that if anyone wants to see his art, or say hello, he can be found many afternoons at Bean Town in Sierra Madre, before they close.

**Katnip News!**



**JASPER & MAGGIE**

These adorable siblings, are our youngest. Jasper, orange male, and Maggie, calico, are being raised together in a loving foster home, and we’d like them to be adopted together. They are cuddly, fun, and playful! Jasper loves string-based toys, while Maggie prefers balls. Both are huge purrers and love to have their people around. Find the adoption application on our website where you’ll also find more adorable pix of them on our Very Young page, at [www.lifelineforpets.org](http://www.lifelineforpets.org).



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

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**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://sierramadreplayhouse.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](http://www.calhum.org).

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## STUART TOLCHIN

### PUT THE LIGHTS ON

#### WHEN WILL THINGS BE ALL RIGHT?



Or is the proper spelling “alright”. Of course none of us are sure and perhaps there is no correct answer and the only thing we can all agree on is that right now things just ain’t right. I intend the use of the term “all right” or whatever to bring to mind Mathew McConaughey’s favorite catch-phrase as I attempt to make some sense of what is going on around us. If you don’t know McConaughey is a famous actor from Uvalde Texas who was invited to the White House to make an emotional plea for sanity. At a time when we are all dazed, confused, and divided it was hoped that a presentation by the actor could reach everyone—clearly he wasn’t acting. According to NBC News his speech did what President Biden couldn’t do and made hands down the most powerful case for gun control ever presented in the “modern era” whatever that is supposed to mean. Ironically the speech was given from the podium of the James S. Brady briefing room in the White House - named after the press-secretary who was critically wounded in the attempt to assassinate then President Ronald Reagan. What a confused history we have.

Certainly this country has a mental health problem. The Reagan assassination attempt just over 40 years ago but so much has happened since that it seems like ancient history. The mental health problem is one that affects not only the “lone gunmen” or the people living on the streets, it is a condition that surrounds all of us. Last week a friend of mine was visiting his father in Tulsa Oklahoma and was sitting in a coffee shop across from the hospital when the shooting took place on the campus of the Saint Francis Health System. Of course there are so many shootings you may have already forgotten about this one, after all, it happened more than a week ago.

The facts of the St. Francis shooting were that the shooter had recently been operated on but complained of multiple pains following the surgery. Last Wednesday, June 1, the shooter called the operating doctor’s office seeking additional care and treatment for his aching back. This was less than two weeks after the shooting in Uvalde that brought Mathew McConaughey to the White House. On June 1 the St. Francis dragged himself to a gun store, the term “gun store” actually sickens me. He legally purchased an AR15 style rifle. Later that same afternoon he entered the Medical office building and shot his surgeon and three other people before shooting himself. A part of this horrible story that is particularly vivid for me is that the shooter obviously displaying symptoms showing that something was wrong could simply walk into the store and legally purchase the gun, no questions asked.

We all understand that the law requires bartenders and other servers of alcohol to refuse to deliver more drinks wen the customer displays symptoms of drunkenness. Sure that makes sense and there are few complaints about such a policy. Aren’t there any prohibitions against legally providing customers with lethal weapons when there is obviously something wrong? To not have such required prohibitions is obviously crazy as is the fact that as of today there have been 233 mass shootings in the US this year according to the Gun Violence Archive quoted by CNN.

For me it is clear that the main obligation of a government, any government, is to do everything that can be done to provide a feeling of safety to it’s inhabitants. Right now I, and most everyone I know, are not feeling safe. There have been recent shootings right here in Pasadena and my sister tells me that people are afraid to let their children play in their own front yards. Every day the multiple block long lines of parents parked waiting to pick up their children from school is testimony that parents fear for the lives of their children as they walk home, To allow this situation to continue is to my mind insane. Certainly, there are many other problems in this society but the absence of gun laws here, as opposed to the laws restricting or prohibiting guns present in almost every “civilized” society, scream for something to be done. As Mathew McConaughey has made so clear, conditions here are not “all right “ no mater how you spell it. I need to stop now in order to watch the public hearings regarding the insurrection of January 6th possibly, no certainly, describing actions by the elected President of the United States involvement in trying to overturn the government.

Have a nice week.

## TOM PURCELL

### LEARNING TO ENJOY LIFE'S REAL AGITATIONS



Americans are so angry about so many things — with partisan politics topping the list.

Politics is important, to be sure, because as we know from experience the ideas and policies implemented by our highly fallible government leaders can have beneficial and/or grave outcomes.

But in the social media era — as we carry our angry politics on our smartphones in our pockets all day — it’s taking up much more of our daily lives, and making us more miserable than ever.

As I get older — as I realize I’ve taken politics a little too seriously over time — the real agitations of everyday life are becoming much more noticeable to me.

For example, I love banana cream pie, but few restaurants serve it because the bananas turn brown before all the pie is sold and people who don’t know their bananas won’t buy it.

Which means I must go without it.

How about parking tickets?

I’ve had far too many for one man. Lots and lots of them.

I can afford parking tickets, but, boy, do they fry my bacon — especially when the meter maid is sticking the ticket under my windshield wiper as I walk back to my truck.

I especially dislike how “squeeze” mayonnaise dispensers stop dispensing when only half of the mayo in the bottle is gone.

While we’re on condiments, I really hate how that vinegary water comes out of the yellow mustard bottle and saturates your burger with ick before any mustard ever comes out.

Or how about coffee?

The first cup every morning is glorious, but why is the second always a monumental let down?

And why do they put cotton in my vitamin bottles that my fingers are too fat to remove? Same with texting. My fingers are too big to text — so I use voice translate, which mangles my words and leaves my friends and loved ones in a perpetual state of confusion.

A few more daily agitations I’d like to point out:

– Summer goes by way too fast every year. Why doesn’t winter do that?

– I used to think that computing power and access to endless information would make us all smarter, so why are they making us less nimble and much more rigid-minded?

– Why is it so that in a large, wonderful country like ours, a handful of people too often have way too much power to influence what we think and do by restricting what we read, see or say on social media?

I love freedom, but the trouble with freedom — real, genuine freedom — is that when you truly embrace it you unleash all that is good in the human heart as well as things we may find unpleasant.

I am sorry so many humans are suffering in our world and that troubles me most of all.

We may try to blind ourselves to it, but it does have a way of clarifying your mind and making you realize how good we have it.

It’s a realization too few of us are able to have even though we live in a free, prosperous place, albeit one with imperfections that need to be worked on.

In any event, there are a lot of things more agitating to our daily lives than the improper place we give to hyper-partisan politics.

How much better off we’d be if more people put on their curmudgeon glasses and started enjoying real agitations as I am learning to do!

Because real daily agitation abounds, people. Now open your eyes and enjoy it like I am learning to do!

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UNTIL IT'S HARDER FOR SOMEONE TO ACQUIRE AN ASSAULT RIFLE THAN A PAIR OF CONVERSE SHOES..



## RICH & FAMOUS



### WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO?

I apologize for our absence from the paper last week. I’m certain cyber terrorists from the planet Goulash intercepted the column somewhere in the ether. We did receive word the Goulashian’s intentions were honorable. They seek to build a new society drawing from the profound and brilliant utterances of Famous, counterbalanced with the lunacy for which I, yours truly am known for worldwide apparently throughout the universe. Here is last weeks column.

The Mountain Views News writers surrounding Famous and I talk about important serious, and vital stuff. So, as many of you know, Famous and I prefer to counterbalance important and useful with unnecessary and feckless. This is done in the hopes of lifting your spirits in these trying times...and rebuilding crumbling interplanetary societies.

French writer Colette, best known for her play and film, “Gigi” said, “I’ve had such a wonderful life. Too bad I didn’t realize it sooner.” Famous and I hope you realize the good in your life now and enjoy it.

Now, onto this last week’s cornucopia of useless information.

1. Who was the first primetime television couple to be shown in bed together? Fred and Wilma Flintstone
2. What was the first novel ever written on a typewriter? Tom Sawyer
3. Are there any national monuments that move? Yes, San Francisco Cable Cars
4. What do you get when you multiply 111,111,111 times 111,111,111? 12,345,678,987,654,321. (We tested this one)
5. What do bulletproof vest, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common? They were invented by women.

Now, you know you are living in the 21st Century when...

1. You haven’t played solitaire with real cards in years.
2. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
3. You get up in the morning and go on-line before getting your coffee.
4. You text the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. You forget your cell phone at home, panic, turnaround and go get it.

Some of my favorite headlines (actual):

1. Nine Volunteers Put in Church Furnace
2. Stolen Painting Found by Tree
3. Man Found Dead in Cemetery
4. Tokyo Train Crash; 4 Killed, 3 Seriously
5. Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop: Find Weapons
6. Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
7. Police Help Dog Bite Victim
8. Red Tape Holds Up New Bridge

Tombstones Suggestions:  
“What are you looking at?”  
“I told you I was ill!”  
“Over my dead body!”  
“Does anyone have a shovel?”  
“Been Better!”  
“Pardon me for not rising.”  
“Kaput.”  
“Offline.”  
“Go away-I’m asleep.”

And mine (pending)? “The shell is here, the nut is gone.”

JJ Jukebox, my 50’s, 60’s and 70’s funrock band will be performing Friday evening, June 17 at the Saltner Wine Bar in Monrovia from 6-9pm. A week later, we will be playing Saturday, June 25 6:30 – 9:30pm at Nano Café in Sierra Madre. Reservations recommended at Nano’s (626) 325-3334. Hope to see you at both venues!







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SIERRA MADRE SOFTBALL COACH  
RECEIVES SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS



Coach Vinny Pagan, Daughters Raquel and Havana, and wife Alicia

June 10, 2022 – Here in its 50th Season, Sierra Madre Softball has been gaining new recognition across the region not only for their rising skills, but also for sportsmanship. Coach Vinny Pagan has become a major leader on both fronts.

Coach Vinny’s teams continue to win championships, anchored by his All-Star daughters Raquel (“Rocky”, age 10), and Havana (12). As you would expect, this success often puts Pagan and his players in the most competitive situations, where tensions can run high, and play-calls by the umpire can take a wrong turn.

Last Spring during All Stars, an opposing team’s coach was acting aggressively and discouraging players on the field. After the game, the umpire gave Pagan the game ball for being classy and playing through the situation.

Last Fall rules came into question during a tournament involving multiple cities. Coach Vinny brought the managers together and sacrificed his team’s shot at the championship - just to make sure all the girls could all play, and to carry on goodwill between the leagues.

This week the following message came in from Tony Gazzera, President of the Gold Coast Umpires Association: “I wanted to let you know that your coaches, parents and players were all wonderful. They made Sierra Madre Girls Softball proud by the way they played and how they conducted themselves. I have to make special mention of your 12U Gold Head Coach Vinny, who never lost his cool despite incorrect calls by my umpires during the semifinal game. Your coach just went back to his dugout and coached his girls, which I think was great.”

Go Madre...and Go Coach Vinny!

Vinny Pagan is just one of many great coaches and board members continue to raise the reputation of our town, and most importantly set these examples for our children. This same positive culture is a well-maintained tradition at Sierra Madre Little League as well.

The two leagues have never had a richer collaboration, including a major fundraising partnership to upgrade the lights at Heasley Field, to energy-efficient LED technology. You’ll find their families working together this coming July 3 at the big celebration which is coming back to Memorial Park. Yes, that includes the famous Beer Garden!

Registration for the Fall softball season will open June 20 at SMGSA.org. Play will start again in September, hosting girls aged 5 to 14. Follow our progress at SMGSA on Facebook @sierramadregirlsoftballassociation and Instagram @smgsa.

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