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Home Prices & Sales Slow As Mortgage Rates Increase

Article by Jeff Collins

Southern California home prices leveled off last month as buyers reacted to higher mortgage rates and rising inflation, causing sales to plunge 16% from year-ago levels. Last month's sales tally was one of the lowest for May in records dating back to 1988. **"The market's changed,"** said **Katherine Orth** of Sierra Madre, a broker-associate with DPP Real Estate. "It's not like a bubble bursting. It's more like a punch in the stomach.... the market today is entirely different from what I saw in the market in May," she said.

"We were talking this morning in our office meeting how the market has changed drastically. **The demand is still there, but buyers are afraid that rates are going to continue to go up."**

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Sierra Madre CERT General Meeting
Thursday, June 23rd, 7:00 PM
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COUNCIL HONORS CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR ARIZMENDI



Councilwoman and two time Former Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi was recognized by the Sierra Madre City Council for being honored as the 27th District Congressional Woman of the Year for Sierra Madre by Congresswoman Judy Chu. Others honored included women from the remaining 8 cities in the district: Sarah Perez (Alhambra), Veronica Jones (Altadena), Donna Choi (Arcadia), Daisy Ma (Monterey Park), Dr Kimberly Shriner (Pasadena), Bobbi Bruesch (Rosemead), Florence Lin (San Gabriel), and Laura Farber (South Pasadena). Pictured above with Arizmendi are, left to right, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Garcia, Councilwoman Kelly Kriebs, Mayor Gene Goss and Councilman Robert Parkhurst.

Photo courtesy City of Sierra Madre.

DID MATER DOLOROSA HINT AT LEGAL TROUBLE FOR CITY?

By Kevin McGuire

After 3 Sierra Madre residents filed a successful petition for the purpose of changing the zoning of the Monastery (Mater Dolorosa), supporters of "The Meadows" project came out in full force at Tuesday's city council meeting to express their disapproval. The Initiative Measure will appear on the General Election Ballot on November 8, 2022.

If the measure passes, the zoning at the Monastery parcel and any subdivisions would change from Institutional to Hillside Residential, spoiling Mater Dolorosa's future building ambitions for a possible housing development, shrine, expanded retreat area, and gardens or paths.

Barbara Vellturo, Alexander Arrieta, and Gary Bacio submitted their intent to circulate their "Stop the Housing Project" petition in January. The completed petition was delivered to the County Clerk's office in May. Of the 1,492 signatures on the petition, 1,300 were sufficient, and they only needed 856 signatures to qualify for the ballot.

During a public hearing on June 14th, City Council had the option of adopting the initiative, submitting the initiative for inclusion on the November 8, 2022; General Municipal Election; calling for a Special Election and submit the initiative there; or directing the City Attorney to prepare a report under Elections Code § 9212.

Misinformation and Legal Jeopardy

The standing-room-only days at City Council Chambers for this hot topic have dwindled to just a handful of diehard residents committed to keeping the small-town charm alive in Sierra Madre. Those who were there to speak out against "The Meadows" project were outnumbered by mostly out-of-towners who contributed in some way to the religious functions at Mater Dolorosa.

Most of the speakers in favor of the project expressed that Sierra Madre residents were "misinformed" by unreliable information about the Monastery's intentions and false statistics on added traffic, water usage, and environmental impacts. In addition, much talk of costly legal action against the city if this initiative vote passes.

"I'm a little bit concerned about some of

the information that's been passed by those who are proponents of this project "The Meadows," stated Manuel Briones, a board member at Mater Dolorosa. One of the points Briones brought up appeared in the opinion section of the Mountain Views News, in which a resident claimed that allowing this project to proceed would double the traffic in the local area. "What they weren't able to explain is how producing this amount of housing in the area, which would be less than one percent of what is now available in the city of Sierra Madre, would increase it by 100 percent," Briones inquired. Briones also expressed that he felt there was much misinformation but did not cite any examples.

Michael Cunningham, O.E.S., Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, and Director and CEO spoke out against the Initiative. "Mater Dolorosa would be greatly harmed if this initiative is successful. Damage has already been made through considerable miscommunication of our development plans and the status of our ministry," Cunningham said. "This is not a future that we could have imagined for ourselves and not a future that anyone else would want," he stated.

A letter was sent to City Council from Mater Dolorosa expressing the disappointment and possible consequences of the Initiative Measure passing. Those consequences could mean a "strong possibility for litigation" against the city, which Briones also expressed during his public comments.

Those who spoke were board members, priests, and Mater Dolorosa staff. Some expressed that moving forward with the measure would make Sierra Madre's image look bad and discriminatory towards the Passionists. Many who spoke did not live in Sierra Madre.

A Message Has Been Sent

Though residents appeared outnumbered by project supporters, a small group of residents was still present to push back. "You need to listen to your constituents," said Alexander Arrieta, one of the residents who proposed the petition. "There has been a very compelling message that has come across. The success of this Initiative to date in securing 1,300 valid signatures is just a first step in showing that there are some broad-based concerns about this project," he stated. In addition, Arrieta mentioned

the concerns raised by the Planning Commission during their May 24th meeting, including the over 4,000 square-foot sizes of some of the proposed properties and the intention of possibly building upward behind the Retreat Center in the future.

The Commission, during that May 24th public hearing, seemed offended and shocked by the suggestion from New Urban West, Inc. representative Jonathan Frankel that the Commission should "move the project forward" with a vote with included recommendations for City Council to review.

Architect and former Planning Commission member Joe Catalano was the last to speak during the public comment section of the hearing. "I'm hearing a lot of threats tonight. And an awful lot of talk about how the Passionists are being invaded against," Catalano said. "I just want to make you all aware that there is a really, really serious issue here that doesn't have anything to do with what we've been hearing about tonight...it's a real lousy design. I don't know how you can talk about forced-down zoning when the design creates a density packing those houses in that it's way in excess of what we normally have," he said. "It's absolutely ridiculous."

And We Wait...Again

City Council unanimously motioned for the City Attorney to adhere to Elections Code § 9212, which stipulates that the legislative body may refer the proposed initiative measure to any city agency for a report on several topics.

For this measure, those topics include the environmental impact of the project vs. the initiative, the financial benefits and other material benefits of the project vs. the initiative, legal analysis, a comparison of the level of review authority, and analysis of max development potential for the unit count and square footage.

This Initiative Measure was one in a group of election-related considerations, including five Resolutions, three of which were adopted prior in the evening.

The City has 30 days to get the 9212 responses to Council in time for their mid-July meeting.

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CITIZENS FOR TRUTH

If you are reading the Mountain Views News regularly, chances are you are following the huge controversy generated by a project of 42 very large homes, destroying over 100 trees in the process at the Monastery.

Here are the facts from the four-hour Planning Commission meeting on June 2nd – questions and concerns from the Commissioners who struggled to understand how they could approve such a project, as well as comments from concerned residents.

Planning Commission:

1. The Specific Plan is the primary zoning code for the project, and once the project is reviewed by City Council, takes precedence over any of the City's zoning codes.
2. At the May 5 meeting, the Commission asked for a comparison of the zoning per developer New Urban West's calculation, compared to our City's. Using the City's calculation, the houses became even larger - resulting in larger houses on smaller lots. Here's the result: Big houses crammed together in cookie cutter fashion, 4850 square foot houses can be built on every lot. That is double anything in Sierra Madre.
3. New Urban West through its representative Jonathan Frankel repeatedly refused to clarify which of the housing designs will go on which lots, or if there would be a limit to two story houses.
4. "The square footage of the homes is 'breathtaking'."
5. "This will look like the downtown area where everything is crammed together."
6. "This is unsettling from the Memorandum of Understanding on. I've never felt this way. Lies are going back and forth. I love the project but I have all kinds of trepidations."

Residents:

1. "There was an anonymous donation of \$100,000 for a new fire truck.
2. Net zero water is New Urban West's made-up definition that keeps changing. It is not a community benefit.
3. The Thomas Fire in Santa Barbara destroyed 10 new homes. They had the same materials as these houses would have.

NUW Representative Frankel:

1. We won't reconfigure the square footage to conform to Sierra Madre's definition.
2. Six times he repeated: We need to advance the project. We want this to move along for our investors.
3. This is not an R-1 (residential) project.
4. This is unfair to us (under the guise of Neighbors for Fairness, paid for by New Urban West)

Citizens for Truth – Mr. Frankel, and "Neighbors" - we have a very conscientious Planning Commission. What they are asking for is for this project to follow the same rules as Sierra Madre, even with larger homes.



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

Protect Sierra Madre has been actively engaged in trying to retain and help preserve

all that is special about Sierra Madre.

New Urban West (NUW) and the Passionist Ownership (based in Chicago and owners of the Monastery) are proposing to build the largest housing development in Sierra Madre history, the Meadows at Bailey Canyon.

Recently, it was shared that Protect Sierra Madre was successful in attaining 1,300 signatures to get an important initiative on the ballot in November to allow Sierra Madre residents to have a voice on a zoning change that would limit this huge housing development that does not fit at all with the values of our community. Far exceeding the 856 signatures that were required by the city, the team of volunteers secured the signatures in a fairly brief period of time. Proponents of the housing project state that opposition to the project is from a 'small number of residents in the immediate vicinity'. However, the number of signatures gathered shows otherwise, as signatures came from residents on nearly every street in our city and reflects a very significant and broad level of Sierra Madre residents that have huge concerns with this project and are opposed to it. It's not difficult to understand why.

At the June 2 Planning Commission (PC) meeting, the PC were asking very fundamental but critical questions about how big the homes of the proposed project could ultimately be. Doing the math, the PC discovered that if the Specific Plan that the developer New Urban West has submitted were to be approved in its current state, it would allow for the building of 42 homes each up to 4,850 square feet, on lot sizes as small as 8,000 square feet. Imagine that: 42 McMansion size homes packed in against each other. One of the PC members stated that the General Plan and ordinances was specifically put in place to guard against McMansion housing developments.

At this week's City Council (CC) meeting, where next steps on the initiative were to be discussed, several housing project supporters spoke. The only issue was that most of their speakers don't live in Sierra Madre. Imagine showing up at an important City Council meeting in Pasadena or Altadena and providing your support for a huge proposed housing project that a significant number of actual, local residents oppose. Local residents would rightfully ask, "Why are you speaking?" Most housing project supporters, especially those that speak at CC or PC meetings don't even live here, and will not have to live with all the disastrous impacts of this project.

The project supporters continue to allege that the initiative is creating religious persecution of the monastery, which is completely ludicrous and false. It's a false narrative being used to distract from the fact that this is a really bad project on multiple levels. It's also asserted that they are being singled out and treated differently than other landowners in Sierra Madre.

However, New Urban West wants to be singled out for favorable treatment. They do not want to be subject to the same General Plan policies all of us Sierra Madre residents need to abide by. Instead, NUW wants and is demanding huge exceptions to our General Plan and they want changes to the ordinances that all other builders of single family homes have to follow. They have submitted a Specific Plan that would allow them to completely disregard and bypass critical building parameters and ordinances carefully developed over many years that every other land-owner in Sierra Madre needs to abide by. The Passionist Chicago organization, the single largest landowner in Sierra Madre as owners of Mater Dolorosa, together with New Urban West is pro-posing the single largest housing development in our small city's history. And they believe they should not have to play by the rules of our ordinances and General Plan policies.

Our city and residents deserve so much better. We look forward to the City Council certifying the initiative. Join us in Protecting Sierra Madre.

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MATER DOLOROSA CONTINUES TO PROMOTE MISINFORMATION

Many residents eagerly awaited the June 14th City Council meeting to hear council members discuss the citizen's petition to put an initiative on the November ballot. The City Clerk, Laura Aguilar, reported that residents were successful in obtaining 1492 signatures and 1300 of them qualified, easily over the 856 required for certification by the county. Congratulations to the residents of Sierra Madre for their efforts to make this happen!

As reported in the Mountain Views News edition of June 11th, the meeting required the council to consider four options:

1. Adopt the initiative ordinance;
2. Submit the initiative at the November 8th general election;
3. Call for a Special Election to be held before Nov 8th; or
4. Direct the city attorney to prepare a report pursuant to Elections Code 9212.

Interestingly, there was no discussion of these options by the council; no questions asked, no pros/cons, no debate. It was all strangely orchestrated - as if they had decided beforehand - and, as expected, City Council unanimously voted to have counsel prepare a report. The report will consider the environmental impacts of both the current proposal and the proposal in the Initiative; the benefits of each; the political/legal aspects of each alternative; the size of the homes; possible legal cost; alternatives; maximum development and SB9 lot splits and ADU's. This monumental undertaking must be completed in 30 days and will add to the already existing 6,000+ pages of reports already completed.

During Open Comments, a number of Mater Dolorosa Board of Directors and staff (majority not Sierra Madre residents) were compelled to attend and speak repetitively on the same points. 'How they are saddened and hurting' by residents opposed to their housing project. How the project is just a 'tiny amount of homes'. How the council needs to 'educate' the citizens about the project. How opposing this housing project will 'prevent the Passionists from spreading their vision around the world'.

As one of the Passionist speakers stated, 'we all know the priests are seeking income to continue their mission and they will be looking for ways to monetize their property'. They have been doing this successfully for many years. Their CEO stated that they are fully booked for retreats and conferences until May of 2023. The Retreat Center has almost 90 single and double rooms plus conference rooms, a library, breakout rooms, a Chapel and a kitchen capable of feeding over 100 guests 3 meals a day. They provide accommodations at a quoted cost of \$160 per night, per person plus cost of meals. The latest Dun and Bradstreet report shows that the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center reported \$2.43 million in annual sales from conferences and retreats. No one wants to deny Mater Dolorosa the right to make money to fund their ministry. They already receive special treatment by not paying taxes and now they want even more special treatment.

It seems that Mater Dolorosa is never happy. As New Urban West pointed out in their marketing material, this property was zoned residential for years and Mater Dolorosa chose not to pursue housing. Under its present institutional zoning, Mater Dolorosa can expand the Retreat Center or build an additional religious institution to expand their ministry. But they have chosen not to do that – they have chosen instead to build an oversized 42 unit tract housing development with no religious purpose.

Our zoning laws are not subject to the whims and fancies of individual community members that can't seem to make up their mind. They are the collective wisdom of years of hard work to create a shared vision. Requesting a change is not automatic because you have lived here for many years and believe yourself to be a good neighbour. It requires careful scrutiny and review by the City Council and Planning Commission as well as the residents living in the community and those impacted by the change.

Mater Dolorosa misjudged the people of Sierra Madre and their willingness to blindly support a project that is so wrong for our community on so many levels. It is sad that the Passionists wish to celebrate their illustrious and proud 100 year history and legacy in Sierra Madre by imposing an 'out of touch,' over-sized, unsuitable, cookie cutter housing project on the community and then acting offended and persecuted when citizens ask for a better project.

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HELP PROTECT THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF THE PASSIONISTS

As a long-time supporter of the Passionist Community in Sierra Madre, I've attended many retreats at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center over the last 25 years. I was a member of their first Board of Directors in 2003 and was involved as a lay person in the restructuring of the Holy Cross Province of the Passionist Congregation which includes Retreat Centers in the Midwest, the South, and the Western United States. As an attorney I've advised our local Passionists on past legal issues and helped them evaluate different uses for their property in Sierra Madre.

I am also a member of the Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness Steering Committee and represent the interests of the Passionists. As a grassroots organization, the Steering Committee is made up entirely of Sierra Madre residents and neighbors (my husband and I are the only two that live just across the border in Arcadia, although we spend nearly every weekend in Sierra Madre patronizing the local shops and restaurants).

At Thursday's City Council meeting I commented that we are not "financed" by New Urban West. To clarify, we have partnered with the developer to help protect the rights of the Passionists and we do receive financial help from them in service to this one goal. Nonetheless, we also receive financial support from other interested parties. We certainly do not work for New Urban West and they do not tell us what to do.

Our goal is to support the Monastery in its ability to exercise its freedom of religion. We do this by helping the voters of Sierra Madre understand the consequences of the proposed Initiative, including how it will violate the rights of the Passionists and put the City at serious risk of being sued for religious discrimination, among other things.

RLUIPA, the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000, provides religious institutions with protection from overly restrictive down-zoning. The Act states that "No government shall impose or implement a land use regulation in a manner that imposes a substantial burden on the religious exercise of a ... religious institution, unless the government can demonstrate that imposition ... is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest; and is the least restrictive means of

furthering that compelling governmental interest."

The proposed Initiative states that its purpose is to change the Retreat Center to a "nonconforming" use by prohibiting all future "expansion, significant physical alteration, or change in use" and that the compelling government interest is to "ensure that any future development is protective of the City's hillside environment."

Applying the standards of RLUIPA, the compelling government interest of protecting the "hillside environment" has not been justified. Expansion not in the hillside areas, or alterations within the Monastery buildings, do not risk the hillside environment. Not even the EIR for the proposed Meadows at Bailey Canyon development found any significant environmental impacts to the hillside environment, and that is when adding just 42 homes to the property - less than one percent of the residences in Sierra Madre. There is no compelling government interest that justifies prohibiting all expansion, alteration, or change in use for a religious organization that has been operating its ministry here for close to 100 years.

Even if there were a compelling government interest, the "least restrictive" prong cannot possibly be defended. There are many less restrictive options available to protect the hillside environment. Turning a religious Institution into a nonconforming use, while prohibiting all future expansion, alteration, or change in use, is extremely burdensome on the Passionists and a gross overreach of the City's zoning authority.

Moreover, there is a strong argument that the proposed Initiative raises the specter of religious discrimination based on the targeting of the Passionists, in particular, by "spot-zoning" in contravention of state regulations. If the Initiative passes and the City gets sued, they - and, more particularly, its residents - could face hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees and other penalties.

Please support the Passionists as Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness fights to protect their religious freedoms under the First Amendment.

Angela Hawekotte, Attorney and Member of SMNFF Steering Committee

ON THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE TO DOWNZONE THE ENTIRE MATER DOLOROSA PROPERTY

The following statement was addressed to the City Council at its June 14 meeting by Dr. Michael Cunningham, OFS, Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center Director and CEO.

As expressed in a letter from our attorney and verbally to the Sierra Madre City Council last week, Mater Dolorosa would be greatly harmed if this initiative is successful. Unfortunately, I also can say that damage has already been done through considerable miscommunication of information about us, our development plans, and the status of our ministry. Mater Dolorosa has served Sierra Madre, the San Gabriel Valley, greater Los Angeles, and Southern California with spiritual and healing ministries since 1924. Since then, the ministry has been evolving, expanding, and responding to the signs of the times. Imagine if this restriction arrived earlier in our history. Imagine that the soldiers returning from the Second World War were not welcomed at our Retreat Center because we had been unable to build it due to such an initiative. Imagine if all the thousands of people in recovery programs had not been able to come to this sacred place. Imagine if the 15,000 visitors who grace our gardens and retreat center during a typical year were suddenly not welcome.

Now, imagine a time in the future when we, and all those who want to visit Mater Dolorosa, for whatever reason, are not able to because we cannot add additional rooms, build improved facilities for our Food Ministry, or provide more meeting space for recovery groups and those with trouble in their lives. This is the future which this initiative beckons for us.

Living in Sierra Madre is an expensive proposition. Imagine a time when we cannot provide staff accommodation for

our employees because the initiative does not allow it. Even though we own the land and the ministry, we cannot offer it if we cannot plan and expand.

This is not the future we have imagined for ourselves and not a future that anyone else would want. Imagine if building restrictions were made on land you owned, fully paid for, where you are operating city services that individuals can enjoy regardless of their financial means, and suddenly all growth stopped. Even short-term improvements in our plans are affected. For example, we have been working on a solar plan for two years and are nearing the end of the planning and funding phase. Will we be able to get permission for solar to provide a cleaner environment? I don't know.

Despite all this, Mater Dolorosa's ministry is alive and well today. We are fully booked for retreats, conferences, and recovery ministry activities until May 2023. Will we be able to meet expanded demand in the future, as we have in the past? If this initiative passes, then the answer will be "No."

The unfairness of the initiative has been communicated by others and by our letter to the City Council. I ask the council members to consider the implications of this initiative carefully before a ministry that has provided services to this community and the surrounding area becomes what the proponents want: To be frozen in time, and unable to respond to the needs of those around us.

Hopefully, anyone considering voting for this initiative will consider prayerfully what this will do to our ministry. The initiative has little to do with the proposed property development and its progress through the approval process. Instead, it is about removing Mater Dolorosa's rights to operate and grow a vital and flourishing ministry that thousands of Californians rely on.

SIERRA MADRE Neighbors for Fairness

SORRY, BUT IF YOU SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE YOU ARE NO FRIEND OF THE PASSIONISTS.

You may hear the proponents of the initiative saying that "opposing the project is not religious discrimination." Well, don't you think that depends on how you are opposing the project? There are no two ways about it. Supporting the Initiative, which will take away the fundamental Institutional rights of the Passionists, means you are supporting religious discrimination. The initiative singles out the Retreat Center and will prohibit all future expansion or alteration of the existing buildings. If you support this egregious violation then you are no friend of the Passionists, no matter how honorable you think your intentions are.

You can both oppose the housing project and support the Passionists, but you can't do both while also taking away the Passionists' fundamental rights as a religious institution. Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness is opposing the discriminatory initiative. We are also neutral on the Meadows housing project. We are often called a "mouthpiece for the developer," but if that were the case then we would be fighting for the project itself.

The SMNFF Steering Committee solely decides what our strategy is. We have a similar goal with the developer of protecting the rights of the Passionists because they, too, do not want to see the Passionists harmed. We have partnered with the developer in defending the Passionists from illegal discrimination and we welcome their support.

Under the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act any overly restrictive down-zoning of a religious institution is illegal unless it is the least restrictive means of accomplishing the goal (in this case) of protecting the hillsides. Prohibiting all physical expansion, alteration, or change in use under the guise of protecting the hillside environment is a blatant violation of RLUIPA and puts the city in serious financial jeopardy.

The initiative clearly states that the Retreat Center will be forced to become a "nonconforming use" "without expansion, significant physical alteration, or change in use." The Initiative states that the Monastery buildings will fall under "the provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code relating to non-conforming use." Municipal code section 17.56.040 states that "Each and every nonconforming use or structure may be continued and maintained, provided that there is no addition, alteration, or enlargement to any use or structure..." If the Passionists do any alteration or expansion or have a change in use then under 17.56.060 A. the city will be forced to "terminate" their nonconforming use and start the "abatement" process.

We encourage those who oppose the religious discrimination of the Passionists to show your support by putting a "Support the Monastery" sign in your yard. This especially applies to those who have a yard sign saying they want to preserve or protect Sierra Madre. These are not two mutually exclusive ideas. To get your yard sign, make a request at www.sierramadreneighborsforfairness.org/join-our-group

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SIERRA MADRE Neighbors for Fairness

We are Sierra Madre neighbors opposed to the initiative targeting the Monastery

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



De & Pat Alcorn
Lived in Sierra Madre for 49 years

"We joined Sierra Madre Friends for Fairness to protest the Initiative's intent to deprive Mater Dolorosa of their property rights as they go through the process to develop a portion of their property."



Patrick Simcock
Lived in Sierra Madre for 50 years

"The initiative is focused on a single property/owner and changing their right to use their property as currently zoned. The initiative is ill-conceived and is setting the city and the taxpayers up for a lawsuit."

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PEOPLE AROUND TOWN

by Justin Matthew Sapp

There are some people that when you meet them, you feel like you've know them forever, or that you could have very easily grown up in the same circles.

Scott Nelson, is not one of those people.

When you sit with Scott, it feels as though you are spending time with a wise sage, an enlightened traveler, someone whose heart and mind have been polished and molded by the lives of many. The outcome of this polishing has produced a very wise yet approachable and constant presence in our city.

Scott is an Artist, Designer, and Business Owner.

"I wanted to make a living doing something that combined my love of nature, art, and architecture. In 1997, I saw the most beautiful buildings in the Middle East during a study abroad program. After I re-turned, I started a construction company called "Naturalwalls".

"We are a specialty plastering company that uses ancient, natural materials such as lime and clay to bring the health and beauty of those materials to contemporary design. I basically figured out a way to play in the mud for a living".

Scott's designs have been seen around the world, and in the homes of notable celebrities such as John Legend and Brian Cranston.

Scott and his family chose to move to this town 15 years ago because of the unique feeling that it gave them. For the Nelsons, that feeling is experienced in each person, place, and event that is held in Sierra Madre.

"Small is beautiful because it encourages real connection and responsibility", says Scott.

From his commitment to creating both beauty and community, to his calm and welcoming presence, bumping into Scott Nelson around town can very well leave you feeling like you just had the pleasure of talking to someone really, really special.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"A birthday is just the first day of another 365-day trip around the sun. Enjoy the trip, don't miss anything! Celebrate everything!" Unknown

"We are only young once. That is all society can stand." Bob Bowen

"The secret to staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age." Lucille Ball

Birthdays seem to be happening just about every day lately and they are all significant. In our family, many are celebrations of the lives of folks who have graduated from here to heaven.

Flag Day, June 14th, for instance, was my father-in-law's birthday. He would have been 129.

My memories of him and my mother-in-law are so good that I want to share a little bit of them. He was a life-long member of the Gideons and must have given out thousands of little New Testaments in his lifetime. During WWII he was down at Union Station as young soldiers left Los Angeles to go to war; handing out New Testaments, shaking their hands, encouraging them, praying for them. They lived, Jay and Leila Davis, all their lives together in the home that Leila's father bought on Van Ness Avenue in Los Angeles when she and her family first moved here from Idaho when she was 14. She became a school teacher, specializing in adult education, and he worked for the County all his life. He walked daily in his neighborhood and was one of the people who left his world a little better than he found it. I expect the line of people who came to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, because Jay Davis gave them the Good News, stretched for miles when he arrived in heaven to receive his crown and "well done, good and faithful servant."

On this date (June 16) in 1933 My best friend and Walking Sierra Madre buddy, John Davis joyfully arrived on the planet!

John and I were married fifty years and his birthdays became more and more interesting as time went on because he made it very clear he didn't want any more stuff. As far as the children were concerned, what he wanted was for them to arrange something for them to do together. He went to air shows with Leah, helped son, John, remodel a house, went on an outing to an aircraft carrier with Patti and grandson, Blake. We flew to Texas to celebrate birthdays with Crissy and Chris, had innumerable dinners, lunches, breakfasts to celebrate and all my memories of his birthdays involve lots of laughter, flocks of family, good times and good food.

We took a hot air balloon ride to celebrate his 40th birthday, had a belly dancer and the party of the century at our house on Alegria for his 50th. Yep, friends and neighbors, epic good times. Interestingly, when I opened Sarah Young's devotional book, "Jesus Calling," today, the reading was really about him and his character, ending with his life verse, Micah 6:8: "He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to have mercy and to walk humbly with your God." That was pretty much how John lived. Happy birthday my one and only love!

My son-in-law, Christopher's, birthday was June 8th. The picture today is of the amazing piece of art his daughter, Emily, who is 11, created for him to celebrate his birthday and Father's Day. I just love this... "you are the rarest of them all!" We took him to the movies to see "Top Gun" and to dinner at Red Lobster. A great time was had by all and we absolutely loved "Top Gun Maverick." Tom Cruise looks amazing. He's 60! And still doing all his own stunt work. Val Kilmer hasn't aged nearly as well and I understand he has throat cancer. Everybody I know says this is the best movie ever, and I have to agree with them. If you haven't gone, take your Dad!

The flying is incredible and all the time I was thinking how much John would have enjoyed seeing it. He was a pilot and we spent so many hours together flying various Cessna 172s. I looked at his log book and his last entry showed his hours at 560.1 in 2004. We made so many trips to Goleta to eat Jambalaya at the Cajun Kitchen. To Oakland to visit family there, and so many other places. He got his instrument rating when we couldn't get out of Oakland due to the dense fog there. Good times! Made me think of the WWII-era sonnet, written by a 19-year-old American airman who had volunteered for the Royal Canadian Air Force. The poet, John Gillespie Magee Jr., was killed in action near Great Britain on Dec. 11, 1941. You'll remember President Reagan quoted a portion of this sonnet after the space shuttle disaster in 1991...

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High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
Where never lark, or even eagle, flew;
And while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high, untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

John loved to fly and I did, too. One of my best birthday presents to him was flying lessons. Father's Day is tomorrow. We're planning to buy everything Panda Express has and enjoy it at home. It's not too late to call your Dad, get him a card, plan to spend a little time together.

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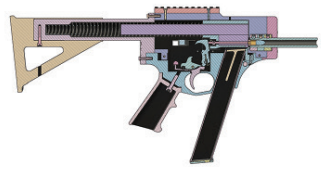
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Pasadena to Ban Ghost Gun Kits



The Pasadena city council is set Monday to discuss an ordinance that would make it a crime in the city to possess firearms known as ghost guns and ghost gun kits.

According to city staff the new ordinance, if passed, would close a loophole in federal and state law that ghost gun kits themselves are not regulated. Once pieces of the kit are drilled and machined, it becomes a receiver and should be regulated," the city council report reads. "However, the person who assembled the kit will likely fail to register the fully functional firearm."

ghost gun is a homemade gun made from easy-to-get, unregulated ghost gun kits.

If passed the council could also enhance the penalty for possessing ghost gun violations to one year in the county or city jail and a \$1,000 fine. Currently, the punishment is six months in county jail with a \$500 fine.

The rise of ghost guns is the fastest-growing gun safety problem facing the country, according to city staff. More than 14 percent of the firearms seized by the Pasadena Police Department have been unserialized, untraceable ghost guns in the last year. The number is trending closer to 16 percent for the current year. "Disturbingly, little is known about who sells ghost guns, who buys them, and how much they are used in crime," they said.

The report also states that law enforcement officers are recovering increasing numbers of homemade, unserialized guns from people who are legally prohibited from having guns. "It is easier and cheaper than ever for anyone to make guns. With a do-it-yourself kit ordered online and some commonly available tools, a novice can make their pistol, like a Glock 19, or an assault-style rifle, like an AR-15 or AK-47, in just a few hours. The number of ghost gun sellers offering gun-making kits with all parts needed at discount prices is exploding."

Call the Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241 to request a police officer to respond to, or surrender, a weapon. Gun registration is not necessary to voluntarily surrender a firearm.

The council meets Monday at 4:30 p.m. by Zoom. For more information, or public comment visit: cityofpasadena.net.

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Ghost Gun Found during Traffic Stop

Pasadena Police Officers conducted a traffic stop late last month on a vehicle for a vehicle violation and discovered the driver was on probation for assault. On May 29 at 8:46 p.m., during an investigation, officers searched the vehicle and located a 9mm ghost handgun behind the center console. The driver was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon and being a felon in possession of a firearm.



Council Bans New Natural Gas Hookups

The Pasadena City Council passed a motion Monday to move forward with an ordinance requiring the electrification of certain categories of newly constructed buildings —the ordinance excludes food service and commercial kitchens.

The new ordinance requires newly constructed mixed-use buildings, commercial buildings, except food service establishments and commercial kitchens, and multi-family buildings with more than three units to utilize electric energy only. This bans the use of natural gas hookups.

Single-family dwellings, accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units are exempt from the ordinance.

City staff is set to return to the council within a year with a recommendation as to whether these dwellings should also be included.

According to the City's Climate Action Plan, as of 2009, approximately 47 percent of community-wide GHG emissions are from residential and commercial energy use, with residential energy use totaling 16 percent and commercial energy use totaling 31 percent.

"Pasadena cannot meet its climate goals without shifting away from natural gas use. State policies and lower prices of renewable energy mean that substituting natural gas with electricity is one of the quickest,

safest, and least expensive pathways to eliminating GHG emissions from buildings," officials said.

The ordinance is scheduled for a first reading on July 11 and will go into effect in August. Once adopted, Pasadena will become the 55th city in the state, second in Los Angeles County, and first in the San Gabriel Valley region to adopt an electrification ordinance according to a statement.

Pasadena Celebrates Juneteenth

Join the City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and Pasadena's Black History Month Committee for the 14th annual Juneteenth celebration today, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Juneteenth commemorates the effective end of slavery in the United States. Two years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, news reached Texas and, upon learning they were free, former slaves immediately began celebrating with prayer, feasting, song and dance. Juneteenth is now a day to reflect and celebrate African American history and culture.

The City's free, family-friendly Juneteenth celebration will feature drummers and dancers from the Alkebulan Cultural Center, live music provided by Luv From Abuv, spoken word performed by Pasadena City College students, arts and crafts with Armory Center for the Arts, line dancing, inflatable games, and more. Free hot dogs, drinks and snacks will be available while they last, and three food trucks will provide food for purchase.

Representatives from five historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs)—Hampton University, Howard University, Morehouse College, Paul Quinn College and Tuskegee University—and two local higher education institutions, Pasadena City College and Pacific Oaks College, will be on site providing enrollment information. Representatives from ArtCenter College of Design will also be on site to share information with attendees.

Come meet new friends or reconnect with old ones as we celebrate Juneteenth.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.

Pasadena Water and Power Announces Assistant GM

Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) announced Monday that the department has appointed Stacie Takeguchi (pictured) as the new assistant general manager (AGM) of water after As the AGM of water; Takeguchi will be responsible for all aspects of Pasadena's water system services, which include resources, engineering, construction, operations, and water quality. The appointment came after a nationwide search.

Takeguchi is experienced in water planning, operations and engineering. She is a leader with more than 20 years of ensuring continued water supply reliability, sustainability and resilience for the region. Prior to joining PWP, Takeguchi worked for The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) for 15 years in various capacities, including leading regional drought action planning efforts. Prior to MWD, she managed innovative stormwater multiuse projects at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. Takeguchi has a bachelor's degree from Tulane University and is a licensed engineer in the state of California.

"We are at a pivotal point in managing California's water," said PWP Interim General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger. "Stacie Takeguchi is the experienced leader that Pasadena needs in order to successfully navigate drought, supply and the



future of water in our community. We're excited to have her as part of our PWP leadership team."

"I look forward to serving Pasadena and advancing the goals of PWP through continued excellent water service and forward-thinking innovation," said Takeguchi.

PWP provides electricity to more than 65,000 customers within Pasadena. PWP delivers water to almost 38,000 households and businesses in Pasadena and adjacent communities in the San Gabriel Valley. As a community-owned utility, PWP is a not-for-profit public service owned and operated by the City of Pasadena for the benefit of its customers and the community. Its priorities are reliability, responsiveness to customers, reasonable rates and environmental stewardship.

For more information on the City of Pasadena visit: cityofpasadena.net.

To learn more about AGM Takeguchi and other PWP leaders, visit: PWPweb.com/Executives.

Fourth of July Celebration to be Held at Senior Center

Don your favorite red, white and blue duds and bring your friends and family for a Fourth of July celebration Monday, July 4, from noon to 2 p.m. onsite at the Pasadena Senior Center. Doors will open at 11:45 a.m.

The Scott Pavilion will be adorned with patriotic décor as everyone celebrates with box lunches filled with finger-licking Independence Day food and enjoys live music performed by the Great American Swing Band.

The cost is \$7 for members and \$10 for nonmembers of all ages. To register or for more information, visit:

pasadenaseniorcenter.org and click on Activities & Events, then Special Events or call 626-795-4331.



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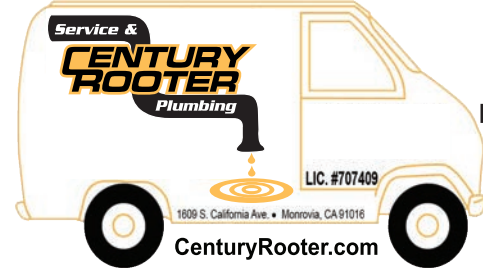
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San Marino Recreation Commission Recruitment

The San Marino City Council approved, June 8, adjusting the Recreation Commission to a five (5) member advisory body that meets monthly. The Recreation Commission communicates the needs and desires of recreation services that will best serve the community. This includes providing recommendations on utilizing community resources, program improvements and development, special community events, and more! All five positions are currently vacant so this is a great opportunity to serve on this newly reinstated commission.

The purpose of the Recreation Commission is:

- To communicate the needs and desires for recreation services that will meet the needs of the community.
- To assist in the coordination of community service efforts to better utilize community resources.
- To provide recommendations for program improvements and development for community special events, enrichment activities (early childhood, youth, teen, adult, and senior citizens), sports programs, day camps, aquatic programs, specialized classes, and other activities related to the Recreation Division.
- To review and provide recommendations on the Recreation Division annual budget, including expenditures and revenues.
- To provide assistance in planning for long term facility and program needs of the Recreation Division.

For more information see the Recreation Commission page at: cityofsanmarino.org.

LA County New Department of Children and Family Services Director Appointed

The LA County Board of Supervisors announced Tuesday that following a six-month nationwide search process, Brandon Nichols has been selected to serve as the new director of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Nichols set to take on new role July 1.

The Board appointed Nichols during the June 14 Board meeting. Nichols will lead a workforce of nearly 9,000 staff members in 20 regional offices who provide family-centered and child-focused protective services to more than 29,000 children.

"I'm pleased that our Board has quickly filled the top position of one of our most important County departments. Director Nichols possesses a combination of boots on the ground experience and executive management skills, along with remarkable compassion and dedication to improving outcomes for our most vulnerable children and youth served by the Department of Children and Family Services. I look forward to partnering with him as we continue to work to keep our County's children safe and thriving," said Kathryn Barger, Supervisor to the Fifth District.

Nichols, who had been serving in the role of interim director since April, indicated that his primary areas of focus at the outset of his tenure will be ensuring child safety, advancing race equity efforts, and providing accessible, quality support to families.

"DCFS is charged with keeping children safe and making families strong," said Nichols. "As Director, I want to help my staff to make the best decisions they can, I want to work with communities to support families where they live, and I want to make sure we are confronting the problems of bias and racial disproportionality that have plagued child welfare programs."

A Los Angeles County employee for more than 25 years, Director Nichols has worked for several departments, including DCFS where he previously served as chief deputy director for three years. During that time, he led the county's implementation of Continuum of Care Reform, a multi-year, state-wide change designed to reduce the use of congregate care and ensure children live in family-like settings when they are unable to safely remain with their parents. Nichols also advocated on behalf of children at legislative hearings with local, state, and federal agencies and worked closely with a diverse network of community partners.

For more information visit: kathrynbarger.lacounty.gov.

San Marino 4th of July Celebration

Pre-sale cost: Residents \$5 / Non-Residents \$15

You're invited to attend this beloved patriotic event, featuring food trucks, a fun zone, parade, entertainment, and an exciting fireworks display!

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Playhouse Announce Cast for Freestyle Love Supreme



Producers Thomas Kail, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jenny and Jon Steingart, Jill Furman and Pasadena Playhouse Producing Artistic Director Danny Feldman announce that the national tour of Freestyle Love Supreme will play Pasadena Playhouse July 12-August 7.

The critically acclaimed hip-hop sensation and recipient of a 2020 Special Tony Award was conceived by Anthony Veneziale and created by Thomas Kail, Lin-Manuel Miranda and Anthony Veneziale in 2004 before In The Heights and Hamilton. Following a highly anticipated Broadway return and the release of the Grammy nominated Hulu documentary We Are Freestyle Love Supreme, this "hugely entertaining dream of a show and a phenomenon" (Time Out New York) is a non-stop blend of hip-hop, improvisational theater, music, and vocal stylings. The 90-minute show, called "completely genius" by Politico, is created nightly with the audience and no two shows are ever the same.

"We've had many of our happiest and most fulfilling creative moments working on freestyle love supreme and are excited to see its next chapter unfold on this national tour," said Thomas Kail and Lin-Manuel Miranda. "It is a show that consistently surprises us: we have no idea what to expect any time we do it - and isn't that the true beauty of live theater? freestyle love supreme wouldn't want or have it any other way!"

Directed by Kail, Freestyle Love Supreme is a blend of hip-hop, improvisational theater, music and vocal styling with special surprise guests at select performances. The show that Entertainment Weekly calls "lightning in a bottle" and Rolling Stone describes as "pure joy" features talented performers providing non-stop action throughout this fast-paced evening, spinning suggestions from the audience into humorous bits, instantaneous songs and riffs, and fully realized musical numbers. The electrifying vocals of the performers – from singing to rapping to beat-boxing with harmonies and freestyle flow – are backed by tight tunes from keyboards and human percussion.

Freestyle Love Supreme's company on tour includes Andrew Bancroft AKA "Jelly Donut," Richard Baskin, Jr. AKA "Rich Midway;" Jay C. Ellis AKA "Jellis J;" Aneesa Folds AKA "Young Nees;" Mark Martin AKA "Mandible;" Kaila Mullady AKA "Kaiser Röze;" Morgan Reilly AKA "Hummingbird;" James Rushin AKA "Shifty Hills;" Victoria Theodore AKA "Gigawatts;" and Anthony Veneziale AKA "Two Touch."

Special spontaneous and unannounced guests are planned for select performances during the tour.

In name and beyond, Freestyle Love Supreme pays homage to John Coltrane's "A Love Supreme", with a nod to musical roots in jazz, soul, blues and hip-hop. Freestyle Love Supreme was originally developed and produced in 2004 by Ars Nova, in association with Jill Furman and Back House Productions. The show has played in all five boroughs of New York and many states, as well as on Broadway, at the U.S. Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Melbourne Comedy Festival, and the Montreal Just for Laughs Festival.

Freestyle Love Supreme is produced by Thomas Kail, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jenny and Jon Steingart, and Jill Furman. It features set design by Beowulf Boritt; costume design by Lisa Zinni; lighting design by Jeff Croiter; and sound design by Nevin Steinberg.

Tickets are on sale now, starting at \$30 and are available at pasadenaplayhouse.org by phone at 626-356-7529, and at the box office at 39 South El Molino Avenue, Pasadena.

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.

San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Storytime
Monday, June 20 and Tuesday, June 21 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.

Brain Aerobics & Lip Reading
Monday, June 20 from 12:30 – 2:30 PM;
Tuesday, June 21 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM at the Barth Community Room

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

Nature Art
Wednesday, June 22 at 1 PM at the Barth Community Room

Want to learn how to create unique art using materials from the world around you? Children ages 5-11 are invited to join us to express themselves and connect with nature. We will create sun art, nature collages and more. Exploring art is a great way to see familiar things in new ways, which encourages critical thinking and problem solving in a relaxed and supportive environment. Registration is required.

Coffee, Tea, & Chat
Friday, June 24 at 9:30 – 11:30 AM at the Thornton Conference Room

Connect with your neighbors to learn about the community and its traditions, as well as tools to navigate the challenges of our busy, modern lives. This month's topic is inequity versus inferiority. This program is presented in Mandarin by the United Charity Foundation for ages 18+. Registration is not required.

City Meetings
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

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, June 27 at 8 AM; Teleconference

New Research Group for Mars Sample Return Program

NASA and ESA (European Space Agency), its partner in the Mars Sample Return Program, have established a new group of researchers to maximize the scientific potential of Mars rock and sediment samples that would be returned to Earth for in-depth analysis. Called the Mars Sample Return Campaign Science Group, the 16 researchers will function as a science resource for the campaign's project teams as well as for related Earth-based ground projects, such as sample recovery and curation.

"These 16 individuals will be the standard-bearers for Mars Sample Return science," said Michael Meyer, Mars Exploration Program lead scientist at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "They will build the roadmap by which science for this historic endeavor is accomplished – including establishing the processes for sample-related decision-making and designing the procedures that will allow the worldwide scientific community to become involved with these first samples from another world."

The members of the Mars Sample Return Campaign Science Group are:

Laura Rodriguez – NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Southern California

Michael Thorpe – Johnson Space Center Engineering, Technology and Science at NASA's Johnson Space Center, Houston / Texas State University, San Marcos

Audrey Bouvier – Bayerisches Geoinstitut, Universität Bayreuth, Germany

Andy Czaja – Department of Geology, University of Cincinnati

Nicolas Dauphas – Origins Laboratory, the University of Chicago

Katherine French – Central Energy Resources Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, Denver

Lydia Hallis – School of Geographical and Earth Sciences, University of Glasgow, UK

Rachel Harris – Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Harvard University, Boston

Ernst Hauber – Institute of Planetary Research, German Aerospace Center, Germany

Suzanne Schwenzer – School of Earth, Environment and Ecosystem Sciences, the Open University, UK

Andrew Steele – Earth



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Kimberly Tait – Department of Natural History, Royal Ontario Museum, Canada

Tomohiro Usui – Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

Jessica Vanhomwegen – Laboratory for Urgent Response to Biological Threats, Institut Pasteur, France

Michael Veibel – Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Michigan State University

Maria-Paz Zorzano Mier – Astrobiology Center, National Institute for Aerospace Technology, Spain

The first Mars Sample Return Campaign Science Group meeting is scheduled for June 28-29.

NASA's Mars Sample Return Campaign promises to revolutionize humanity's understanding of Mars by bringing scientifically selected samples to Earth for study using the most sophisticated instruments around the world. The campaign would fulfill a solar system exploration goal, a high priority since the 1970s and in the last three National Academy of Sciences Planetary Decadal Surveys.

This strategic NASA and ESA partnership would be the first mission to return samples from another planet and the first launch from the surface of another planet. The samples collected by NASA's Perseverance Mars rover during its exploration of an ancient lakebed are thought to present the best opportunity to reveal clues about the early evolution of Mars, including the potential for past life. By better understanding the history of Mars, we will improve our understanding of all rocky planets in the solar system, including Earth.

Learn more about the Mars Sample Return Program at: mars.nasa.gov/msr.

JUNE IS CHILD INTERNET SAFETY MONTH

June is Internet Safety Month and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is hosting a free webinar on June 28th from 8:00am – 1:15PM PDT regarding internet and technology safety. Anyone interested in attending can register at the following link:

<https://www.icactaskforce.org/internetsafety>

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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.

This is a giant...

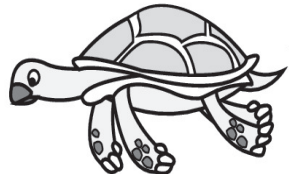
In some parts of the world, people consider me (a puffer fish) a special and rare treat. But, my poisonous parts and spines keep almost everything else from eating me.



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puffer fish



sea horse

electric eel

jelly

octopus

whale

sea star

squid

swordfish

dolphin

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

Oops...I did it again!

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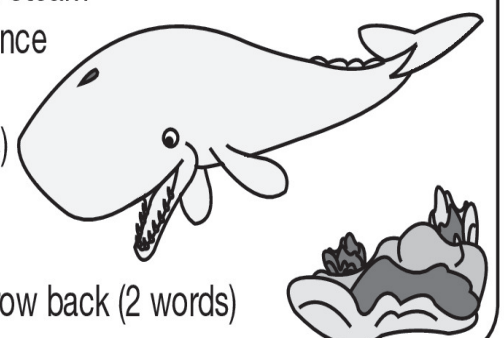
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dolphin

This Sea Creature...

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)



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 con-



tact 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-aged 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.



FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

IF YOU'VE BEEN ASKED TO SERVE AS A TRUSTEE, HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

If a family member or friend has asked you to serve as trustee for their trust either during their life, or upon their death, it's a big honor—it means they consider you among the most honest, reliable, and respon-

sible people they know.

That said, serving as a trustee is not only a great honor, but also a major responsibility, and the role is definitely not for everyone. Serving as a trustee entails a broad array of duties, and you are both ethically and legally required to properly execute those duties, or you could face liability for not doing so.

In the end, your responsibility as a trustee will vary greatly depending on the size of the estate, the type of assets covered by the trust, how many beneficiaries there are, and the trust's terms. Considering this, you should carefully review the specifics of the trust you would be managing before making your decision to serve.

Remember, you don't have to take the job. That said, depending on who nominated you, declining to serve may not be an easy or practical option. On the other hand, you might enjoy the opportunity to serve, so long as you understand what's expected of you.

Here I'll give you a brief overview of what serving as a trustee typically entails. For help in making your decision, it may be beneficial in having an estate planning lawyer review the trust first, so he or she can detail exactly what that specific trust would require of you. And as we'll discuss more below, if you do accept, a qualified lawyer can also help you carry out your responsibilities, so you won't have to handle things all by yourself.

A Trustee's Primary Duties

Although every trust is different, serving as trustee comes with a few core requirements. These duties primarily involve accounting for, managing, and distributing the trust's assets to its named beneficiaries, as a fiduciary.

As a fiduciary, you have the power to act on behalf of the trust's creator and beneficiaries, always putting their interests above your own. In fact, you have a legal obligation to act in a trustworthy and honest manner, while providing the highest standard of care in executing your duties.

This means you are legally required to properly manage the trust and its assets in the best interest of all the named beneficiaries. And if you fail to abide by your duties as a fiduciary, you could face legal liability.

But regardless of the trust or the assets it holds, some of your key responsibilities as trustee include:

- Identifying and protecting the trust assets
- Determining what the trust requires in terms of management and distribution of the assets
- Hiring and overseeing an accounting firm to file income and estate taxes for the trust
- Communicating regularly with beneficiaries
- Bringing in the right investment management team to manage the trust assets
- Being scrupulously honest, highly organized, and keeping detailed records of all transactions
- Closing the trust and distributing the assets when the trust terms specify

Experience NOT Required

It's important to point out that being a trustee does NOT require you to be an expert in law, finance, taxes, or any other field related to trust administration. In fact, trustees are not only allowed to seek outside support from professionals in these areas, but they're also highly encouraged to do so, and the trust estate will pay for you to hire the support you need. So even though serving as a trustee may seem like a daunting proposition, you won't have to handle the job alone. And you are also often able to be paid to serve as trustee of a trust should you choose to accept the role.

That said, many trustees, particularly close family members, often choose to forgo any payment beyond what's required to cover the trust expenses, if that's possible. The way you are compensated as a trustee will depend on your personal circumstances, your relationship with the trust creator and beneficiaries, as well as the nature of the assets in the trust.

Don't Be Afraid to Ask for Help

Because serving as a trustee involves such serious responsibility, you should meet with a qualified lawyer for help deciding whether or not to accept the role. He or she should offer you a clear, unbiased assessment of what's required of you based on the specific trust's terms, assets, and beneficiaries.

And if you do choose to serve, it's even more important that you have someone who can assist you with the trust's administration. A qualified lawyer will guide you step-by-step throughout the process, ensuring you properly fulfill all of the trust creator's wishes without exposing the beneficiaries—or yourself—to any unnecessary risks. entire

Best,

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...June Birthdays*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS TODAY ARE FATHERS!

There is much talk today about what's wrong with our society. That list is pretty long, but the most important cause of problems in our culture today is the lack of fathers. So many children grow up without a father in the home. How tragic.

I was fortunate enough to know my father. My father passed away a little over 12 years ago. I re-member many things he taught me or at least tried to teach me. One of the most significant things was when I became a teenager, he said, "Son, just because you get a girl pregnant doesn't mean you're a father."

I didn't quite understand what he was talking about at the time. Years later, I understood what he was talking about.

My father taught me a lot, and most of the things had to do with money. He was very close to his money. Often, he would tell me, "Son, don't pay somebody to do something you can do yourself."

I understand that, but I also understand that, at times, it backfired on him. There were times when he was trying to fix something and made such a mess that he had to hire somebody to fix it, which cost him about three times as much as if we would've hired the person in the first place. He never talked too much about that, but I noticed it several times and probably more times than I noticed.

About a year before he died, he gave me his ring. He told me this ring was worth thousands of dol-lars and wanted me to have it. I was rather happy, but I'm the kind of person that does not like to wear money out in public.

After my father passed away, I took the ring and had it appraised. If this ring is worth thousands of dollars, I was not going to wear it; I would rather have the money and put it in the bank.

After appraising the ring, the person said that at most, it was worth \$100. That was far short of my father's evaluation. Why he believed it was worth thousands of dollars is beyond me. Maybe he was just trying to impress me. I still wear that ring and think of my father.

My parents would come down to Florida as snowbirds every year and stayed not far from where I lived. For the last week of my father's life, I was with him, and most of the time, he was in a coma state. He was in bed and unresponsive.

Then, much to everybody's surprise, he woke up one day as though nothing was wrong with him. He had energy, got up and dressed, and friends came to visit him. One of the things my father did was talk to me, "Son, I don't want to stay here in Florida. I want to get ready and go back to Pennsylvania. Can you drive me back tomorrow?"

We had a long discussion about this, and I cheerfully said, "Oh, dad, of course, I'd be happy to drive you home tomorrow."

One of his friends overheard our conversation. Towards the end of the day, he took me out to the garage and had a rather straightforward conversation with me.

"Do you know how serious your father is? Do you know that he could never last that trip home?"

He then proceeded to tell me that as a son, I needed to be more considerate of my father's health. I should never jeopardize his health, and I should never agree take him home. That was too danger-ous, according to my father's friend.

When he was done ranting about all this and quieted down, I explained what was going on.

"I know how sick my father is," I said as seriously as possible. "I know that my father will not last more than a couple of days, and I do not want my last conversation with my father to be a vicious argument. Whatever he wants now, I am willing to go along with." My father's friend looked at me and said, "I'm so sorry. I never thought of it like that." Pausing for a few moments, he said, "You are absolutely right to make your father happy in the last moments of his life. You are a good son."

We conversed for a few more moments, and then he went in to say goodbye to my father and went home.

The rest of that night, my father and I talked about how we would travel back home to Pennsylvania tomorrow. Whatever he said, I enthusiastically agreed, and we had a wonderful conversation.

The next day my father went back into that coma, and the following day he passed away. I was so glad I had that conversation with my father before he passed away. A good son is a result of a good father. Although my father was not perfect, I learned a lot of life lessons from him and I'm only now beginning to appreciate all that he taught me.

Thinking about this I was reminded of a very special verse of Scripture. "The father of the right-eous will greatly rejoice, And he who sires [gives birth] a wise son will be glad in him" (Proverbs 23:24).

My goal in life is to be a reflection of my father to my children and grandchildren and all the peo-ple around me.

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THE BURMESE HARP – a movie review

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I recently sat spell-bound for nearly two hours, watching the emotionally-riveting film, The Burmese Harp, produced in 1956 in black and white.

The movie follows a company of Japanese soldiers, stationed in Burma, following the surrender of Japan. The captain of this company, Inouye, had been drafted out of music school, and regularly led the soldiers in song. This group of singing soldiers is depicted as different, healthier, and happier because they sing so frequently. One soldier, Mizushima Yasuhiko, often plays his harp to accompany the singing.

When news of the surrender is received, the soldiers are exuberant, and begin preparations to depart within a few weeks or so.

Mizushima is also the company scout, because he could be mistaken for Burmese. Another group of soldiers is hiding out in a cave, refusing to surrender, and so Mizushima is sent to convince them to surrender. They angrily tell Mizushima that they will never surrender, that they would rather die than surrender. [Historical fact: The last two Japanese soldier holdouts from WWII were captured in 1978!].

Mizushima fails in his task, and the cave is bombed by the British, apparently killing everyone. Mizushima's company assume that Mizushima is dead, and they make plans to move along to an eventual camp where they will be taken back to Japan.

The story then tracks Mizushima, who although wounded, was not killed. He was healed and brought back to health by a Buddhist monk. Though Mizushima could have returned to his company, he was overcome with grief for all the dead soldiers still in Burma. He set about burning and burying the dead, the anguish and terror of war having changed him permanently. At some point, he becomes a monk.

When I watched the unfolding plot of this story, told through two different perspectives, I wondered why so few people have heard of this masterpiece. It was actually the 27th film by 41-year-old Japanese film-maker Ichikawa, and apparently his most famous. It is a hauntingly compelling movie that draws you along in its story and vistas, very much as you'd expect in a classic Kurasawa movie.

Filed in 1956, there were still Japanese at that time who believed that Japan should not have surrendered, and that it had been wrong for their government to surrender. And though the movie has been described as an "anti-war" movie, that description seems to miss the point.

War seems inevitable in human life. Yet, when everyone is drawn up into various conflicts, there are endless choices that can be made, for better or worse. Inouye led his soldiers in song, that lifted their spirits. And Mizushima, after his near-death experience, decided he would no longer be a soldier, but remained in Burma as a monk, burying the dead, and perhaps contemplating returning to Japan one day.

The movie was based on a novel by Takeyama, written in 1946, and the movie largely sticks to the book. One early critic of the Burmese Harp movie suggested that the movie whitewashed the atrocities of Japan in Burma in WWII. This is probably an unwarranted criticism, since the movie accurately depicts the appalling cost of human life in war, and more importantly, that there is always an alternative to the militaristic spirit. The fact that Mizushima could change from a Japanese soldier to a monk under such dire conditions is where the movie gives us all hope.

The Burmese Harp is strongly recommended, and I give it my highest rating.

The Chef Knows By Peter Dills

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

It has been said, that there is no substitute for time. Only through its passage can many of life's experiences be fully understood. This Fathers Day I reflect back on a lesson of life and a Father that has ceased to teach and comfort me. I would like to invite you along for a single night with a man that has left this Earthly place but dwells eternally within my heart. The article below was written and published before his passing.

My Evening with a Restaurant Critic.



*Dining
With
Dills*



My entire life has been an eight course meal. In my late teens I had the distinguished position of bagger at the local supermarket, and later with references, I was able to move to Jurgensen's Gourmet Grocery. There I was to learn about fine wines, exotic cheeses and my kryptonite, dry aged beef. I guess it all started there because at twenty-three I was pretentious about food. For many years I thought that was where it all started for me, there in those markets, but I have come to realize that I was wrong. For some in life it is the famous baseball player; or possibly a religious figure, for others it is a musical master or the profound artist. How many times in life, if ever do you get a chance to sit with those that inspire and challenge life with a depth of wisdom? For most they will never get the opportunity. I can claim one prize in this life; I have had the opportunity to observe, speak with and lastly follow in the footsteps of one person that holds that place for me. They have been labeled "The greatest generation" for a reason. Each day another from that stratum of America, "slowly goes into the night."

Many of you know that my Father Elmer Dills was on TV and radio for twenty-eight years here in Los Angeles. I had the opportunity to dine and share with my mentor a few weeks ago. I have been out with my Father at least five hundred times but as a fine wine, wisdom increases in its depth and flavor as it ages.

On this night our adventure took us to Madeleines (since closed) in Pasadena. Seems that my Dad is a regular there and lately he's been a little under the weather. I have heard him say nothing but praise of this place, so it's off to Madelienes.

"Table for three, please," on this evening we have, my daughter Lauren (the budding Critic), Pops and Me. Whenever I see courteous, well behaved children; I know their parents are invariably going to be respectful people. Likewise whenever I get a compliment, I know it goes beyond just me. As we sit to dine, there is no call for attention and gratification, just a smooth easy in being in his court. As we talk, I am struck that there is no air of condemnation but rather one of deep respect for the people that more often than not get it right in this business. My Dad the legendary restaurant critic doesn't even ask what the ingredients of the dishes are as he orders. He doesn't request to see the sommelier. Is he a restaurant critic, I am waiting for a sign? It is just as natural as going to dinner with a group of friends, I think.

The restaurant is quietly attractive, cozy and well spaced. You feel a little smarter here, knowing that Albert Einstein often slept upstairs while he was visiting Cal Tech.

We began with a cheese plate (\$9), nice but it could have used less nuts and more of cheese and crackers. My Dad is a creature of habit, just like many of us. He orders the Rack of Lamb, "I just loved it," just like a young kid would say. The waiter was kind enough to have it cut for him. Daughter Lauren ordered the Pork Chops and gave it two training thumbs up. Now that is a compliment. Not sure if high heels work in this business though, as you never know when you may encounter a chef that feels you have leveled capricious discourse with your pen on the one hand and possess a frying pan in the other. She will discover soon enough why I wear running shoes and a sport coat.

I order the Spencer Steak, of course I am the difficult one, so once we get the steak the way I wanted it cooked, it vanishes quickly.

Back to Dad, the waiter asks, "How was the meal" and I know 99% of you when asked would give the response, "Fine, Thank You." Nope, the restaurant critic said, "The lamb chops were great!!!" "And the dessert was?" A shrugged of the shoulders told it all. That is the honesty and passion that got me involved in this business. Today, I still work at a restaurant to keep up on the trends and I even get a crazy dream that I may own one someday. You can be sure he will be one of the first to give a thumbs up or a shrug of the shoulders if I do.

Happy Fathers Day – I would never trade sitting across the table from you for anything. This was a re-print and may just run it every year at this time just to remind you and all to hold these special days near your heart.

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Katnip News!



BEST GIRL EVER!

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We're not sure about other cats, but she gets along great with the resident bunnies in her foster home!

If you would love a total sweetheart, one that lives to give love, purrs, and affection, then Morti is your girl! She's really quite "purr-fect!" See more pictures and her videos on our website's Adult Cats page. Submit the application you'll find on our website: www.lifelineforpets.org.



Pet of the Week

Fourteen-year-old Princess is looking for a wonderful home to spend her golden years. Princess needs a little time to come out of her shell, but once she does, she eagerly seeks out petting and will show off her hearty purr. Princess would do best as the only pet in the home so she can be the princess of the house!

Join us at Pasadena Humane on Saturday, June 25 from 10am-2pm for Free Adoption Day presented by Capital Group! Adoption fees will be waived for all available dogs, cats and critters at this walk-in event. All cat adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines.

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

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

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JOE Guzzardi



REMEMBERING A PERFECT GAME ON FATHER'S DAY

On Father's Day, 1964, Philadelphia Phillies' right-hander Jim Bunning pitched a perfect game against the New York Mets in Shea Stadium.

Bunning's two-hour, 10-minute masterpiece – 90 pitches, 10 strike outs – during a double-header's first game had special significance. At the time, Bunning and his wife, Mary Theis, had seven children. Eventually, the Bunnings, married 60 years, would have nine children, 35 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Few in baseball history have lived as rewarding a life as Bunning, who represented Kentucky as a U.S. representative from 1987 to 1999, and then as a two-term U.S. senator from 1999 until 2011. Bunning's baseball achievements put him in the Hall of Fame. Along the way, Bunning racked up 224 wins, 2,855 strike outs and was chosen to participate in nine All-Star Games. The fire-balling righty led the league in strike outs three times, and when he retired Bunning ranked second among all-time strikeout leaders behind Walter Johnson of the Washington Senators.

In 1955, Bunning debuted with the Detroit Tigers, and in 1958, he threw a 3-0 no-hitter against the Boston Red Sox. Bunning was then traded to the Phillies, his second stop in a career that also included brief stints with the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Long after Bunning hung up his glove, he recalled in detail how he set down 27 consecutive Mets, the first National League perfect game since 1880. After attending Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and eating a hearty sausage and egg breakfast, Bunning headed out to Shea Stadium, where the temperature and humidity would hit 90 by game time. Although Bunning said that he felt no better or no worse than usual as he warmed up, Phillies' manager Gene Mauch disagreed. Mauch told Sport Magazine's Larry Merchant, "We knew when he [Bunning] was warming up that this was something special. The way he was throwing so live and as high as he was. Not high with his pitches. High himself."

For nine innings, Bunning was so relaxed that he rejected the long-standing baseball tradition which forbade pitchers to talk to teammates about no hitters in progress – considered a jinx. "Dive for the ball," Bun-ning laughingly told his infielders. "Don't let anything fall in."

With one out in the bottom of the ninth, Bunning called catcher Gus Tri-andos to the mound and asked him to tell him a joke. Triandos shook his head in dismay and went back behind the plate. Bunning then struck out the last two Mets and pounded his glove as his teammates rushed to share his joy in his 6-0 win.

Bunning's was the fifth perfect game in major-league history and the first in the regular season since the Chicago White Sox Charlie Robertson blanked the Detroit Tigers, 2-0. Later, Bunning said about his flawless performance: "Everything has to come together, good control, outstanding plays from your teammates, a whole lot of good fortune on your side and a lot of bad luck for the other guys. A million things could go wrong, but on this one particular day of your life none of them do."

But when Bunning looked back at his 1964 season, disappointment super-seded his perfect game's thrills. By September 20, the Phillies led by 6½-games with 12 to play. But then the wheels fell off. The Phils lost ten in a row; Bunning, overworked by Mauch, was charged with three losses. The St. Louis Cardinals eked out the pennant by a game over the Phils and the Cincinnati Reds.

Before he died at age 85, Bunning said, "I am most proud of the fact I went through nearly 11 years without missing a start. They wrote my name down, and I went to the post."

In today's era, Bunning's consistency would be a marvel.

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STUART TOLCHIN

PUT THE LIGHTS ON READING



During the first week that I lived in Sierra Madre with my children we would drive to Santa Anita on weekends. First we would watch the horses being saddled and then watch them walking to the track while we looked at our programs. My eight year old daughter became a statistical whiz and enjoyed reading, or trying to read, as we looked at our programs and tried to pick a winner. At the last moment we would race to the window and make our small bets. This was 1979 and my daughter was 6 or 7.

I like to think that this weekend exercise helped my daughter to become the person she is. She learned the value of study and she learned to enjoy numbers. She learned that sometimes you won and sometimes you lost but the most important thing was to do your best. My daughter now is a very hard working mother of an almost three year old and is very busy being a mother and running her immigration practice. On Monday my son and I were given directions to purchase food which we could eat together in my daughter's office before we walked together to my granddaughter's first ballet lesson with the older kids, the three year olds. During the time my son and I shopped my daughter hurriedly prepared some legal papers which had to be filed in the morning. I wished I could be of more help.

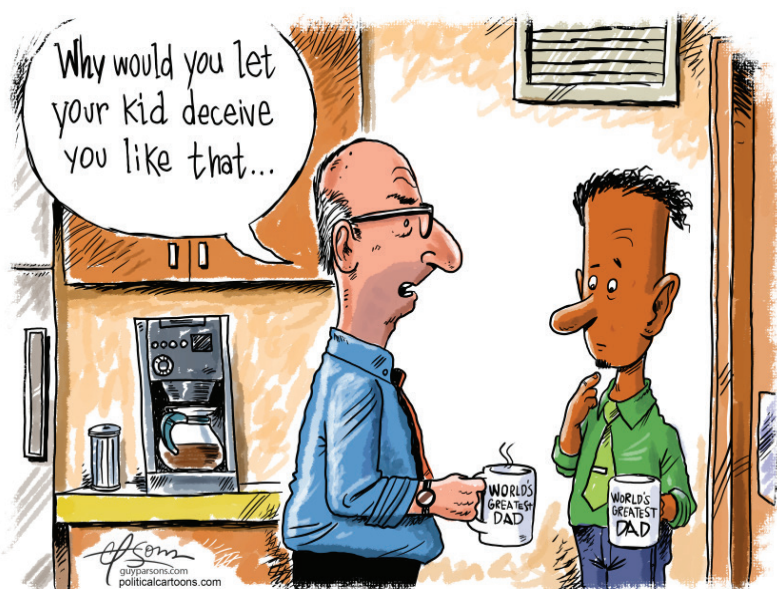
Yesterday, I called to just see how she was doing and she had some good news. She had been working on this one case pro bono (that means without receiving any money) for about four years putting in about one hundred fifty hours. Earlier on Tuesday she received the news that the Biden administration had loosened a terrorism-related exemption that would arguably allow her client to return to the United States and rejoin his family and resume his life. It's true the facts are complicated and I really don't understand very much but in connection with the Presidential action my daughter was interviewed by the Los Angeles Times and that interview would be described in today's LA Times. Hooray; I could hardly wait for the morning to go to Happy's Liquor Store to buy a paper.

At eight o'clock there were only a few papers on the stand. I was going to buy a number of papers and place the page with her interview on the wall. First I thought it best to find out the price of an individual daily paper. To my surprise the cost was over four dollars, the same price as the Sunday paper. I couldn't believe it and asked the man behind the counter for an explanation. He explained to me that hardly anybody ever reads the paper anymore as everyone got their news from Social Media or television. As I looked through the thin paper and found the interview with my daughter on page four my elation diminished. The article containing the news about my daughter was exciting and quoted her as saying "I'm going to cry", she said, "this is morally right and politically right". Still, as I looked at the paper, I felt like I had lost an old friend. The paper was so small and did not even contain a separate Sports Section.

I was an early reader as my immigrant grandmother and I learned to read English together before I went to Elementary School. Being comfortable with reading helped me in School and over the years has helped to shape my ideals which I believe have had some influence upon the development of my daughter and the socially responsible life she leads. Later in life I would read the paper aloud to my father who had lost his vision and we would talk about it. Today more than sixty years later, my two year old, almost three year old granddaughter can now play a game in which I pick out a scrabble piece and she looks at it, thinks for a while and names the letter. I ask her to name a word that starts with that letter and she generally produces a correct word. She likes to orally pronounce the letters on license plates and my wife told me that a couple of people attempted to give her a five dollar bill in appreciation of her ability. My wife didn't want to accept the money but the people said to "keep the bill for her college fund".

College is a long way off but for now I am displaying the bill on my dresser next to an article written by my father eighty years ago during the depression. There is a connection between the willingness and the ability to read, write and reflect. It is perhaps a necessary part of a responsible and caring life. It's hard to explain but I hope you and my granddaughter after I am gone will understand that I was doing my best to point her in what I think to be the right direction.

Maybe all I am saying is that it is better to pick up a book rather than a gun, or a video game and one person, or a whole society, will be rewarded for that decision.



RICH & FAMOUS



FATHER'S DAY 2022

Well, at last count there are, hmmm, 4 or 5 achievements of significance I have attained in my years on this planet. Achievements defined as accomplishments one takes pride in.

Without a doubt my two greatest achievements were the successful co-creation of two wonderful kids, Alex (33) and Olivia (31). Let there be no misunderstanding: every positive trait they exhibit, they inherited from their mother, Helen. Particularly fortunate for them, my kids inherited her classic good looks.

I am supremely happy with who my children have turned out to be.

Comedienne Rita Rudner offered up what is probably the best present you can buy for your father for Father's Day (paraphrased): Give him \$100 and tell DAD to go out and buy a present for your MOM!.

If you are lucky enough to be a father, cherish your children. If you have no children, rent some. There are plenty of children who could benefit from your friendship. Become a Big Brother. Whatever it takes.

Tell your children how much you love them... often. If they want something from you, try to say YES more often than you say NO (especially when your NO is motivated merely by a desire to not be inconvenienced at the moment). Also, if you say YES often enough, you will really shake up your kids and get their attention so when you do say NO, "NO" will mean something to them.

Someone once said, "Why are men reluctant to become fathers? Because they aren't through being children." That statement jives with my personal experience. You can understand my belief that being a father and a child is not mutually exclusive. Be a father when there is fatherin' to do. Be a child as often as you can the rest of the time. I do miss getting up on Saturday morning and watching "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle" Cartoons with my youngin's.

Celebrated college coach Jimmy Valvano said something about fatherhood I hope my kids might say about me: "My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person: he believed in me."

So, to my kids: I love you Alex and Olivia... and Brooke. (Alex's wonderful girlfriend and also MY daughter!)

P.S. Fathers of Daughters: Do you and your wife a great favor. Carve out a lot of extra time for just DAD and daughter. Movies, parks, shopping...the more time you spend with your "little girl" the better choices she'll make in her future relationships with guys.

Have a wonderful Father's Day! (Remember, gifts go to MOM lol!)

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: I J MUSIC, 15810 GALE AVE UNIT 333, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) I J ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 15810 GALE AVE UNIT 333, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ISRAEL JUAREZ SORDIA/ CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/26/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-11434
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JAIME ARZOLA DELIVERY AND MOVING, 4041 AGNES AV, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAIME ARZOLA MORENO, 4041 AGNES AV, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAIME ARZOLA MORENO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/26/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-114026
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JUST SEWER, 12361 FELIPE STREET, EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUST SEWER, INC., 12361 FELIPE STREET, EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: DANIEL PAVAN/ PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/25/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-115969
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LETAC BEST TECH, 1965 POTRERO GRANDE DR, UNIT N, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CROWN BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC, 1965 POTRERO GRANDE DR, UNIT N, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: DANNY CHANG/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/27/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/20/2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-114024
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LILLY'S MULLET STORE, 5026 1/2 HUNTINGTON DR, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANGELICA CAMACHO, 5026 1/2 HUNTINGTON DR, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: IRMA ANGELICA CAMACHO/ OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/25/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-110748
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MANNA WHOLESALE, 12915 TELEGRAPH RD STE B, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHENGMAO RUAN, 12915 TELEGRAPH RD STE B, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. This Business is conducted

by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHENGMAO RUAN/ OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/20/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-113084
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MELAS COCINA MEXICANA, 2423 DALY ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DANIEL DIAZ, 906 E SECOND ST APT 249, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DANIEL DIAZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/24/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-113750
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MINI'S DAYCARE, 2118 MCPHERSON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA GONZALEZ, 2118 MCPHERSON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. RICARDO GONZALEZ, 2118 MCPHERSON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: RICARDO GONZALEZ/ HUSBAND. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/25/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-111494
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONROVIA FINANCIAL CENTER, 412 W. FOOTHILL BLVD., MONROVIA, CA 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MON-ARINC, 412 W. FOOTHILL BLVD., MONROVIA, CA 91016. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JOSEPH STASSICEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/23/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/19/93. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-115153
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MOTIONS & CO., 14037 OHIO ST, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CESAR DIAZ, 14037 OHIO ST, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CESAR DIAZ/ OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/26/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-112941
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PHD, 502 S ACACIA AVE, COMPTON, CA 90220. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CYNTHIA LASHAUNE EVANS, 502 S CACIA AVE, COMPTON, CA 90220. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CYNTHIA LASHAUNE EVANS/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/24/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-115232
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PLATINUM SPA MOVERS, 4412 E 6TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DATA AND FIBER SOLUTIONS, INC, 4412 E 6TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: FRANCISCO JAVIER MARTINEZ/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/26/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-111788
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PIONEER LIQUOR, 18801 PIONEER BLVD, ARTESIA, CA 90701. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RAJENDRAKUMAR MAFATALL PRAJAPATI, 18801 PIONEER BLVD, ARTESIA, CA 90701. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JABBAR RAY/ HUSBAND/ OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/23/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-115833
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SANDOVAL HENDERSON SERVICES, 10216 EAST AVE S, LITTLE ROCK, CA 93543. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE MARTIN SANDOVAL MENDOZA, 10216 EAST AVE S, LITTLE ROCK, CA 93543. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE MARTIN SANDOVAL MENDOZA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/27/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-111169
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VJ'S CAR HAULER, 1140 ELM AVE APT111, GLENDALE, CA 91201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VAROOJ EISSAGHOLIAN, 1140 ELM AVE APT 111, GLENDALE, CA 91201. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VAROOJ EISSAGHOLIAN/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/27/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-116161
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ZOBAHU HEALTH CARE SERVICES, 1248 CYPRESS CIRCLE, CARSON, CA 90746. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ADA GRACE OBAH/OWNER, 1248 CYPRESS CIRCLE, CARSON, CA 90746. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ADA GRACE OBAH/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/27/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FILE NO. 2022-111787
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) RAMCHANDRA M. PRAJAPATI, 11980 86TH ST, ARTESIA, CA 90701, has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: PIONEER LIQUOR, 18801 PIONEER BLVD, ARTESIA, CA 90701. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 05/21/2021, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number 2021115979. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 05/23/2022. The busin information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) RAMCHANDRA M. PRAJAPATI
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF THEA LENNOX CASE NO. 22STPB05604

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Thea Lennox
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Yolanda Easter in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Yolanda Easter be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 7/12/2022 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST. LOS ANGELES CA 90012 STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOHN H. ERNSTER, JR. CASE NO. 22STPB02506

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JOHN H. ERNSTER, JR.,

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ELIZABETH ERNSTER AND SHANNON ERNSTER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELIZABETH ERNSTER AND SHANNON ERNSTER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 09/09/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 located at 111 N. HILL ST. LOS ANGELES, CA.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: Ordinance NO. 1458 RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL AMEND CHAPTER 17.88 (TEMPORARY USE PERMITS) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE
Ordinance NO. 1459 RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL AMEND CHAPTER 5.36 (COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND MOTION PICTURE FILMING) OF TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

1. The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider amendments to Chapter 17.88 (Temporary Use Permits) of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.
The purpose of the Municipal Code Text Amendment (MCTA) is to address community concerns that Temporary Use Permits ("TUPs") are being used to convert certain residential uses into commercial uses. The MCTA seeks to protect residents' enjoyment of their property and ensure that the allowance of TUPs do not overshadow the primary use.

The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 22-12 on April 21, 2022 recommending the City Council amend Chapter 17.83 (Temporary Use Permits).

2. The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider amendments Chapter 5.36 (Commercial Photography and Motion Picture Filming) of Title 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

The purpose of the Municipal Code Text Amendment (MCTA) is to address residents concerns regarding the impacts to their comfort and enjoyment at home due to noise, traffic, and lighting caused by commercial photography and motion picture filming. The MCTA seeks to create different standards for filming in "Residential Areas" and "Non-Residential Areas," clarifies exempt productions with a cast and crew of less than 5 individuals, adds a cancellation policy, codifies staff's application requirements, and expands the grounds for revocation of a City Film Permit.

At their meeting on April 21, 2022, the Planning Commission recommended amendments to Chapter 5.36 (Commercial Photography and Motion Picture Filming) to the Community Services Commission for their consideration.

The Community Services Commission will consider Resolution No. 22-01 on June 20, 2022 recommending the City Council amend Chapter 5.36 (Commercial Photography and Motion Picture Filming).

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting; Tuesday, June 28, 2022 (Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre; City Council Chambers; 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MOST CURRENT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER'S ORDER The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3:00PM on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting, filed into public record and scanned onto the City website for public review. The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, on Foothills Media website at http://www.foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) of CEQA, as the there is no possibility that the proposed general plan amendment and zone change would have a significant impact on the environment.

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT
111 NORTH HILL STREET
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SUMMONS (CIVIL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: JUAN CARLOS LOPEZ, an individual; MUSCLETEASE.COM, an unknown business entity; and HARDFITNESS, an unknown business entity and DOES 1 through 20, Inclusive

You have been sued. Read the information below.

PETITIONER'S NAME IS:
MARTA WOODKOWSKI, an individual

CASE NUMBER: 22STCV08441

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below:

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived feeds and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en



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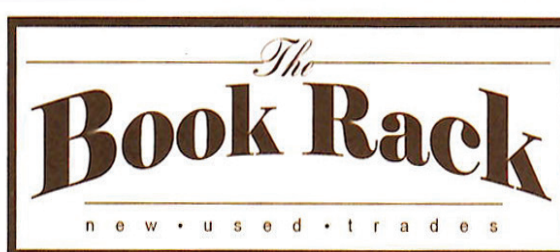
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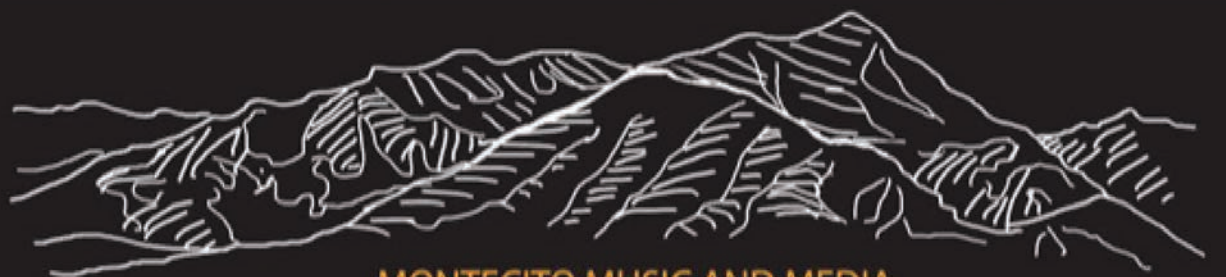
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At the annual Catholic Youth Organization Awards Banquet for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the St. Rita community received a wonderful surprise. Shannon Tavera, Track and Cross Country Coach for St. Rita School was named the CYO Coach of the Year.

Tavera was selected as the Coach of the Year in the 1990 school organization for her outstanding seasons in both Cross Country and Track. She is the head coach for all six levels of both sports. In Cross Country, between the CYO Invitational and CYO Championships, out of over 20 teams, the Raiders had a total of 8 top three team finishes. They included four firsts, a second and three thirds. Then in the CYO Track Championships in the 7th and 8th grade division both her A Boys and A Girls won Archdiocesan titles out of over 40 participating schools. Then in the 5th and 6th grade division, her B Girls took second and her B Boys took third.

Tavera began coaching at St. Rita School during the 2017-2018 school year after coaching at a rival school for several years. She made an immediate impact winning Archdiocesan track and cross country titles in her first two years. Then came COVID. A very talented team was shut down for the 2020 track season and the pandemic prevented equally talented track and Cross Country teams from competing in the 2020-2021 season as she continued conditioning her athletes. The extra work paid huge dividends this year.

St. Rita School also had seven other honorees at the banquet. Jessica Young was named All CYO in Volleyball. Chloe Guerra, Grace Adair and Jocelyn Allen were All CYO in Basketball.

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