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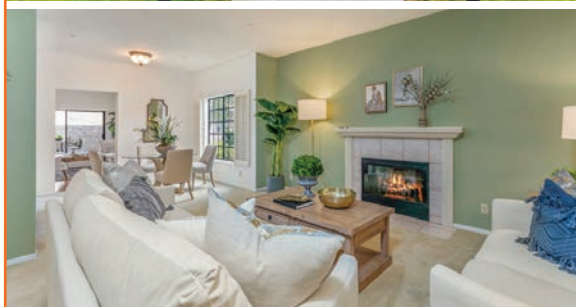
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TRANQUILITY OF ARCADIA DISRUPTED BY BARRICADED GUNMAN

Police Officer and Two Civilians Wounded

On Wednesday evening, community alerts were sounded when gunshots were fired in the 2500 block of Greenfield Avenue in Arcadia.

Arcadia Police responded to domestic violence call and found Nurhan Venk inside his mother's home threatening her. According to various news reports Venk arrived at the home with handguns. Police said when officers arrived, the 47-year-old man was inside with his mother, 73-year-old Ankine Venk. According to investigators, a 12-year-old male family member was also inside the home during the shooting. Venk shot his mother however her injuries were described as 'non-threatening'.

"As the officers were talking to the victim outside the house, they heard at least two gunshots come from inside," said police in a statement released Thursday afternoon. That is believed to have been the stray bullet that shot an 83 year old grandfather who was babysitting his 4 month old grandson across the street.

An Arcadia Police Department officer was also shot in the face. The officer, whose identity was not released at press time, had only been with the department for six months. He had previously worked for the LA County Sheriff's Department. On Thursday, Roy Nakamura Arcadia Police Chief said, "I would like to take this opportunity to share with our Arcadia community that our officer involved in the tragic shooting last night is expected to make a full recovery."

After a standoff with police that lasted more than five hours, the gunman was taken into custody. It was discovered that during the chaos, the gunmen had also accidentally shot himself in the leg.

He has been booked on multiple counts of attempted murder including one with special circumstances for attempting to murder a police officer. Venk is currently being held on a \$1 million dollar bail.

During the incident, Arcadia PD was assisted by the LA County Sheriff Department and other local law enforcement agencies including the Sierra Madre Police Department who assisted on the perimeter.

Updates regarding the progress of the case will be provided by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau.

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NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Sierra Madre on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Nomination papers have been forwarded to the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office for verification of voter signatures.

For Member of the City Council – 4 Years
(Names listed in Alphabetical Order)

Vote for no more than three (3)

- Colin Barr - Attorney
- Edward Garcia – Council Member / Economist
- Gene Goss – College Professor / Mayor
- Kris Lowe - Teacher
- Christine Moran – Engineering Manager

Measures to be Voted on:

Shall the general plan land use designation change from "Institutional" to "Hillside" and the zoning designation change from "Institutional" to "Hillside Management" for the Mater Dolorosa Property?	Yes
	No

For more information please call Laura Aguilar, City Clerk, Elections Official, at (626) 355-7135 or via e-mail at LAguilar@cityofsierramadre.com

Laura Aguilar
City Clerk, Elections Official

posted: 5:00 pm, August 12, 2022

SIERRA MADRE POLICE AND FIRE RESPOND TO CALL OF ACCIDENTAL DROWNING

Recently SMPD Corporal Lilian Shaw reported that officers with the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to a call from the north-eastside of Sierra Madre, bordering the City of Arcadia, concerning a drowning incident involving two young children.

Sierra Madre Fire Department and Arcadia Fire Department were called to the scene, and actively provided life-saving measures. Both children were transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment. One child was released within 24 hours. The other child was hospitalized for a longer period of time. Due to the tender age of the children, and out of respect for the family, no additional information will be reported.

Officers investigating the incident believe that this appears to have been a tragic accident.

The Sierra Madre Police Department wants to remind everyone of the importance of pool safety, especially during the summer months. We urge adults to maintain constant supervision of children and to ensure that pool access areas are thoroughly secured.

For more information on pool and water safety please visit <https://www.ymca.org/blog/four-tips-will-save-kids-lives-summer>.

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BAILEY CANYON WILDERNESS PARK IS NOT AN AMENITY

An amenity is a feature that increases the attractiveness or value of a piece of real estate, and is used as part of a

sophisticated marketing strategy to attract potential buyers.

It is disturbing to hear talk of linking the Meadows 42 unit housing project to Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park. The developer, New Urban West, is proposing to cut through existing fence to create easy access for future Meadows residents to the Wilderness Park. This misguided, self-serving proposal should be quashed immediately.

The City promotes its status as a Wildlife Sanctuary and hosts Earth Day and other public opportunities for residents to learn more about the Wildlife Urban Interface, which describes homes built next to open space. Living in this area brings challenges and a responsibility to preserve the delicate balance between the habitats of wild animals and human residents. Organizations representing the Angeles National Forest, State Parks, and Fish and Wildlife speak to this on a regular basis. "Species abundance and biological diversity suffer noticeably from development impacts, requiring increased management actions". Despite promot-ing Sierra Madre as a Wildlife Sanctuary, the City doesn't speak up and challenge an action so contrary to the messages from these agencies. The City that is charged with protecting the well being of both its future citizens and the wildlife that live in the canyon.

There should be no other pedestrian entrance to Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park other than the existing one on Carter Avenue. This entrance is open from dawn to dusk when it is locked by the Sierra Madre Police Department for the protection and safety of the public and the wildlife who lives there. This arrangement has been in place for many years and has all but eliminated the potentially dangerous interactions that can occur. This is their home – not ours- and we need to respect their space to prevent problems.

Weather conditions can also cause the park to be closed. Tragically, in 1994, a father and son were swept away and killed in a debris flow in Bailey Canyon. The Police Department exercises control over the park and will close it when conditions warrant preventing another tragedy.

A "secondary" pedestrian entrance from the Meadows development would interfere with the City's ability to protect the public from dangers they may not be aware of. This is not a municipal park with people smoking, drinking, playing boom boxes and walking their pets off leash –all potentially destructive behaviours in a wilderness park. Noise and human disturbance can drive away all but the most adaptable wildlife. Losing just one species affects the relationship between other animals and plants and can seriously upset the balance of the nat-ural ecosystem.

Respect Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park for what it is, and always has been, and leave it be. It is an opportunity, as well as a privilege, for us to step away from our daily routine and enter the natural world of native plants and animals living their lives as part of a long established ecosystem.

It is an irreplaceable asset to the community and to the many hikers, walkers and school chil-dren who recognize it as the special place it is. Leave it be.

CITIZENS FOR TRUTH MORE QUESTIONS FOR THE LAWYER

We have wondered all along who our city lawyer is really working for, since he is corroborating and supporting developer New Urban West. A major issue that was discussed at the last Planning Commission meeting on August 4 was regarding the widening of Carter Avenue adjacent to Bailey Canyon Park.

New Urban West seems to think it is no problem that Carter needs to be widened. If you have followed The Meadows controversy, you know that building in a very severe high fire zone absolutely needs two ways in and out (regardless of what our own Fire Chief says). So what does NUW representative Jonathan Frankel say? If the developer can't get approval to widen Carter, then the City can apply to the County. If the City can't get approval either, then they will merely pay a fine (apparently amount to be determined). What we would like to know is when (not if) a fire breaks out, what good will money do?

Commissioner Hutt asked, "Why do we think the City will have better luck than the applicant?" To which our City lawyer, Aleks Giragosian responded that 'the City could use its existing connections with the County.'

The previous City Manager is alleged to have exercised his connections with the County on behalf of the developer. The City, County, and the developer had at least one meeting about the proposed widening, and both the Developer and the City Manager were rebuffed.

Vincent Gonzalez was copied on the email in which the County told them to "call back in 5 years," so he and Mr. Frankel are aware of the fact that the City does not have any special connections to the County that would allow them to bypass the rules. At that time the present Planning Director and the present City Attorney were in the same positions they are now. Unless the current City Manager has connections that former City Manager Gabe Engeland did not, is there any reason to expect the County would respond to the City any differently now.

There are several snags NUW has been ignoring:

1. Their own FEIR is demonstrably flawed, pointed out by 100 emails in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Report, including those by experts, as well as Protect Sierra Madre's land use attorney, that it is very unlikely the County would ever approve doing this in its current form.
2. Part of the plan is cut down mature trees in Bailey Canyon. These are not NUW's trees to cut down.
3. Because the elevation of Bailey Canyon's parking lot is above the street, and a retaining wall is put in, this will impact the roots of even more trees, with a high probability of their dying.
4. They would also need to take out the public restroom in Bailey Canyon. This ADA compliant restroom, along with other improvements – adding handicapped parking, and a bridge across to the nature trail above the debris basin was paid for with Proposition 70, a Parks Bond. Our Parks and Recreation Commission, through Assistant City Manager Sean Joyce, applied for, and received these funds in 1993. These are taxpayer funds. Again, not NUW's to destroy.

What is the New Urban West solution? After a whispered conversation with their architect, Mr. Frankel stated that this County permission isn't even necessary – they can merely encroach onto the residents' property, or at the very least come right up to the edge of it. Forget any sidewalks that had been proposed in response to concerns about the danger to pedestrians. Where did this sudden "inspiration" come from? We feel this is another last ditch effort to do something, anything, to ram this project through. This second ingress and egress is a huge complication that should have been dealt with from the beginning, rather than a last minute so called "inspiration."

It seems there may be another problem with this "plan." If they are proposing to pave over Carter Avenue, to a width of 20 feet, wouldn't this also require permission from the County? Lawyer Giragosian, we'd like to see an impartial response to these questions. We would hope you would come up with a better response than your solution to the forged signatures to allow the filming to take place at Alverno. That solution was to deem residents' signatures unnecessary – even though there is now a warrant out for the arrest of the forgers.

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THE BIG LIE

Were you lied to when you signed the initiative to rezone the Passionists' property? Were you given the impression that the initiative would preserve the natural beauty and tran-qui-ty of the meadow? That was a lie. Did they tell you that wildlife and nesting habitats would be protected? That was a lie? Did they say the quiet solitude of the neighborhood would be preserved? That was a lie. Did they say the initiative would prevent 101 trees from being removed? That was a lie. Did they suggest that they would save the scenic vis-tas enjoyed by so many? That was a lie. Did they plead with you to sign so that the last remaining open parcel of land in Sierra Madre would stay as it is? That, too, was a lie.

If you think about it, rezoning an Institutional property to a Residential zone to stop a res-idential development is just dumb. Maybe you were not told an overt lie, but a lie of omis-sion. One has to wonder what they were thinking by rezoning the entire property to the Hillside Residential zone. Did they tell you that once zoned Residential that a developer could build homes across the entire property, even where the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center is?

Did they forget to mention that the Hillside Residential zone allows for 6,500 square foot homes? How about that it allows duplexes with two 6,500 square foot buildings put to-gether adding up to 13,000 square foot structures? Or did they tell you that 34 of these 13,000 square foot monstrosities could be built in Sierra Madre across the Passion-ists' property? Did they tell you that one of the three authors of the initiative is a senior vice president for a developer that just so happens to build luxury communities with 12,000+ square foot homes? Of course they didn't tell you this. One has to wonder why? Oh, right, you likely would not have supported the initiative if you knew the facts.

If you signed the initiative did they tell you that it could result in the Passionists' First Amendment rights being violated through overly restrictive downzoning of a religious in-stitution and that the city would face an expensive lawsuit? Did they tell you that the Re-treat Center and the Stations of the Cross would become a nonconforming use, which means they are illegal structures? Did they show you where the initiative says the Passion-ists can only continue "without expansion, significant physical alteration, or change in use?" We doubt it.

We have not found a single person who was told any of these things by those who were collecting signatures for the initiative. Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness opposes the initiative because it is unfair to the Passionists and bad for Sierra Madre. Join us in stop-ping this measure from passing in November. www.sierramadreneighborsforfairness.org

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MISSING THE MARK

We are now over six months into the discussion on the initiative to rezone the monastery property to the Hill-side Residential zone. One of the challenges is that new people are constantly coming into the conservation. That means many of the same old discussions get repeat-ed over and over.

In an editorial titled "The Best Seat in the House" a concerned resident and environmentalist lamented about the solitude of Bailey Canyon. That's great. We all enjoy Bailey Canyon. The author continues on about how "All this is threatened to be destroyed."

What is "this" that is being referred to? Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park? The park is not being threatened, in fact, just the opposite. The park will be enhanced and expanded with three more acres of public space, including parkland which is more enjoyable for small children. Carter Ave will be widened and pedestrian access will be made safer with a sidewalk. Public parking will be in-creased by 100 spaces which will free up the congestion on Grove St. These are all good things for Sierra Madre.

There is one thing that people keep forgetting and that is that the Mater Dolorosa property is not a public space. It is private property. All the trees on that property are owned by the Passionists. Less than 10% of the trees are

protected, the rest are non-native trees like invasive Chinese Elm and Jacarandas. The city does not pro-hibit the removal of any trees, they only require that if you remove a protected tree that it be mitigated by replacing each protected tree with multiple new protected trees. The Meadows project is proposing an almost 5:1 replacement ratio for every tree that is removed, including the 90% of unprotected trees.

Wildlife doesn't care if homes are built or if it stays as an old vacant parking lot. Just visit any wildland interface in the city and you will find wildlife there. I regularly have bears, coyotes, deer, and the occasional bobcat where I live in the Can-yon. The fact that the city is a Wildlife Sanctuary does nothing to stop a property owner from developing their private property.

My last point is that wishful that the property be left as-is doesn't do anything. It is not IF the property will be developed but WHAT will be developed. Do you want a large institutional assisted living project? That is allowed right now. If you support the initiative then you are supporting the building of sixty-eight 6,500 sq. ft. homes on the property because that is what the initiative will allow.

The proposed Meadows project is the best compromise for Sierra Madre with the park, 40 acres in conservancy, net-zero water usage, and water capture in the park.

Robert Gjerde

"WHAT ARE THEY HIDING?" NOTHING.

I have been limiting my comments on this conversation page to why voters should oppose the initiative. However, the Preserve Sierra Madre column last week needed to be addressed as it is a misrepresentation of the facts. They spent an inordinate amount of space trying to say that New Urban West (NUW) is hiding something.

NUW can't provide a rendering of the whole project because the Specific Plan has not yet been approved and the final design is dependent on the terms agreed to in the Specific Plan. It will take more than a year to create the plans for all the homes. During numerous meetings, NUW has shown several renderings and photos of what the project might look like.

Each member of the Preserve Sierra Madre's Steering Committee was given a 30-page brochure when they toured the project area in October 2021. Renderings showed a "Neighbor Privacy Plan" with a 20-foot buffer adjacent to all west side neighbors as requested by those neigh-bors. They were also told on that tour the reason the mature elm trees were being removed along Sunnyside was to achieve that buffer zone. One member of the Committee mused as to why all those beautiful trees were being sacrificed for just a few neighbors. When one member suggested a cut-through to Crestvale Dr. to solve the Carter Ave. widening problem he was told that the Crestvale neighbors adamantly opposed that and in addition requested a buffer zone. Again, NUW honored that commitment.

The development area is relatively flat land with a 10% slope, just like the homes to the west that are also graded so they have flat building pads. In that same brochure, renderings show a conceptual view of the project fitting into the existing community character, and on other pages, conceptual views of how the project's neighborhood might look after grading. During the same tour, questions were raised about the number of single-story homes. The answer was seven to ten but the placement of those homes had not yet been decided. At the last Planning Commis-sion meeting in August, there was a layout of where those homes might be placed.

The only thing hidden is in the Stop initiative that will be on the ballot in November. This initiative is pure and simple a plan to stop the Mater Dolorosa community from legally exercising their rights as private land owners. The circulators of this petition have argued that only eight homes will be built once the initiative is passed. This is pure fantasy. A hillside development is subject, like any other development, to California laws. SB9 allows home-owners to split lots and build du-plexes or another single-family home and ADUs. This goes for all of the 34 acres of buildable land owned by the Passionists, not just for the 17 acres proposed for the current development, and could allow up to sixty-eight 6,500 square foot homes. What else are they hiding? Pat Alcorn



LIBEL? OR JUST "MUD SLINGING"?

In last week's MVN there was an unsigned article by a group ("fairness"- "Major funding by New Urban West"). The ridiculous statements in that article (Follow the Money) clearly show how desperate and uninformed that group is and how little they think of Sierra Madre voters. Their claims (entirely unsubstantiated suppositions) could be considered libelous - if anyone believed them.

The absolutely absurd and unfounded allegations posted inferred that, because one of the pro-ponents of the Initiative once worked as HR person for a "Developer of Luxury Golf and Beach Club Resorts", (he no longer works there), that Resort Developer MUST have its eyes on the 17 acres of monastery property! AND they wrongly suggest, again with NO evidence, that the same company must be funding our initiative.

A quick look at the named Resort Developer's website would immedi-

ately convince anyone (who went any further than a single outdated LinkedIn page referring to a "developer") that Dis-covery Land Company would have absolutely NO interest in a 17 acre parcel in Sierra Madre. Their worldwide developments are ALL very large luxury resorts with golf courses, spas and res-taurants. The smallest of their developments that I found was a 450 acre resort in Scotland - but that "small" resort had a Castle on it - and a golf course!

Any REASONABLE person would immediately recognize that this resort developer is NOT going to fund an initiative to get 8 homes on 17 acres, all subject to the many environmental restrictions of our Hillside Ordinance!!

Yet these unsupported allegations of suggested wrongdoing were actually posted in a public newspaper - ironically, by a group that calls itself "Neighbors for Fairness"!

A look at the 229 donations on the Protect Sierra Madre GoFundMe page over 2 years will show that our moneys raised came from ordinary citizens, anxious to help save the city they love. Those donations (many \$10 or \$20) paid for our attorney whose initiative will allow the CITIZENS to decide what is right for Sierra Madre.

On the contrary, New Urban West, the developer who will make millions from the oversized houses on under-

sized lots, has spent many times more than raised by Protect's Go Fund Me on slick postcards and flyers to residents, paid the lawyers to set up "Fairness's" political action committee and paid for dozens of newspaper ads, including ALL of "Fairness's" ads.

But that "neighbors" group, funded by New Urban West, thinks that a tabloid like article with ab-solutely NO factual foundation will sway Sierra Madre Voters?? Pretty insulting - and very un-likely.

Like their new chorus of "68 large houses under the initiative" - the ridiculous allegations in the article are meant to frighten the people of Si-erra Madre into voting against the initiative.

The "68 houses" number (actually 34 houses and 34 ADUs, on one acre lots), pulled from the City Attorney's hypothetical of "what if" the Monastery tore down the Retreat center and "what if" the City allowed more homes to be built on that Hillside and "what if" every buyer of a multimil-lion dollar 2 acre lot decided to split it under state law.... Not at all likely to happen.. Especially since New Urban West may not even get the second road necessary for their 42 houses!

We think that "Fairness" (like our City Council) underestimates the intelligence of Sierra Madre voters!

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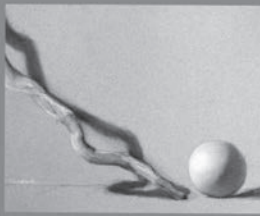
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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow." Mark Twain

"He had delusions of adequacy." Walter Kerr

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."

Clarence Darrow

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." Oscar Wilde

A friend sent me a page of these quotes which "are insults from an era before the English language got boiled down to four-letter words." I loved them all and will give you a few more. So much wit!

But first, just in case you didn't know, it's National Smile Week, held annually during the second week of August. Columnist Harvey Mackay reminded us to, "take the time to smile, to bring happiness to others as well as to ourselves. If you don't start out the day with a smile, it's not too late to start practicing for tomorrow. Smiling is the universal language. Everyone understands a smile, and it makes you more approachable. Smiling increases your attractiveness, makes you appear more intelligent and improves relationships. The shortest distance between two people is a smile. It's environmentally friendly and, best of all, smiling is quick, easy to do and it's free! A smile is a natural antidepressant and elevates your mood. It can help your immune system, lower blood pressure and even serve as a pain reliever. Smiling reduces stress and anxiety and helps you feel better. Children smile on average 400 times a day while the happiest adults smile 40-50 times a day and the average (grumpy) adult smiles only 20 times daily. Smiling encourages positive thinking. If you are dealing with a negative situation, a candid smile inspires positivity. It's hard to think of negative things when you're smiling. (I love this next part) If smiling doesn't feel natural to you, then practice. Look in a mirror and put a big smile on your face. Even a fake smile can improve your mood. Smiling is contagious. Help spread it around. Wear a smile – one size fits all."

Now then, didn't that make you smile?? Statistics have proven that it takes only 17 muscles to smile and 43 to frown. So, to help you smile, here are a few more of those marvelous insults:

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." Oscar Wilde

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts...for support rather than illumination." Andrew Lang

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." Billy Wilder

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening; but I'm afraid this wasn't it." Groucho Marx

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." Abraham Lincoln

And, while you're still smiling, one last word on zucchini, and a memory of first living in Sierra Madre. When John and I bought our first (and only) house on Alegria, we had no money, lots of energy and I was the happiest I had ever been as my patient and long-suffering husband had no objection to my painting our kitchen day-glo orange and yellow and our bathroom lime green and yellow with burlap wall covering. Needless to say, as the years went by, we redecorated.

Across the street lived a delightful older couple, whose children were grown but who were the absolute essence of fun and allowed everybody in the neighborhood to play football on their front lawn. They were the Rickards. Jane would have played golf 24/7 if the courses were open. Ken called me Tiger Paws and they had a succession of beagles, most named "Happy." I told Jane one year that I was expecting 20 people for Thanksgiving and needed a veggie dish. She gave me this one and most years someone in our family still makes it. It's really easy, which is good.

JANE'S ZUCCHINI-EGGPLANT CASSEROLE

- 1 large eggplant, peeled and cubed
- 2 lb. zucchini sliced
- Steam these till they are tender, drain in a colander then toss them back in the pot and add:
- 1 large and one small package cream cheese (the low-fat kind works great)
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 TB. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 small can chopped green chiles

Stir till blended, don't overdo that as you want some recognizable pieces of zucchini and eggplant. Pour into a greased 9 x 13 pan, top with bread crumbs and a little parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

This is so good everyone will be demanding seconds and you'll wish you'd made a bigger batch.

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September 13, 2022 5:30pm

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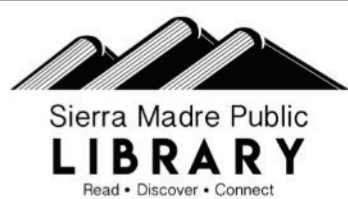
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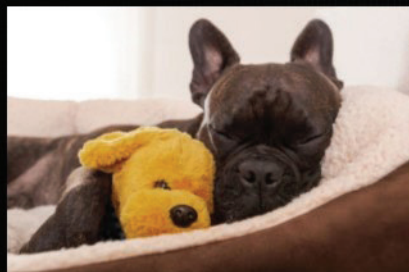
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Suspect Arrested After Hours-long Standoff



Los Angeles County Sheriff officers arrested a barricaded suspect Tuesday morning after a nearly seven hour standoff at an East Pasadena CVS Pharmacy/Trader Joe's in the 3000 block of Huntington Drive.

According to sheriff investigators, the incident began around 12:40 a.m. when police got a report of a suspect that barricaded themselves inside the building. The incident ended hours later.

"SWAT operation for an armed, barricaded, assault with a deadly weapon suspect in a CVS store in Pasadena has concluded," the LASD Special Enforcement Bureau tweeted just before 8 a.m. "Suspect in custody. Huntington Drive reopened. Neighborhood safe."

The department also released video (pictured above) of the operation as officers, in tactical duty gear, entered the building.

No other information was given or what the suspect was doing in the building.

The CVS Pharmacy/Trader Joe's is located at the boarder between Pasadena and San Marino.

Reward Renewed in Murder of 13-year-old Boy

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved Tuesday extending the \$20,000 reward offered for information leading to the identification and arrest of the person involved in the murder of 13-year-old Iran Moreno.

"Iran was playing video games in his bedroom when he was hit by a stray bullet that tragically ended his life," said Supervisor Barger. "The grief and loss felt by his family, friends, teachers and community is unimaginable. I'm extending this \$20,000 reward with the hope that those involved in this shooting will be identified and prosecuted. Justice for Iran and his family must be served."

According to Pasadena police, on Nov. 21, 2021 at approximately 6:12 p.m., officers from the Pasadena Police Department responded to a residence in the 900 block of N. Raymond Avenue regarding a person who had been struck by gunfire. Officers located Moreno, a resident of Pasadena, suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was unresponsive and officers immediately began providing emergency, lifesaving medical care. Moreno died at a nearby hospital.

At the time investigators said they did not think Moreno was the target.

To report information related to this shooting, contact the Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241.



City Council to Look at Future of 710 Stub

After the California Transportation Commission approved the relinquishment of a portion of the embattled 710 Freeway extension earlier this year, the Pasadena city council is set Monday to hear land use considerations for the future of the former 710 Freeway property.

The agenda item "Planning Process for the Relinquished 710 Property" is listed as information only and the council will not vote.

The approximate 40-acre area runs between Union Street on the north, Columbia Street on the south, St John Avenue on the west and Pasadena Ave on the east.

The reports list essential considerations that include, among others;

Land Use:

- Form and scale of future development
- Mix of uses (housing, commercial, open space, mobility hub)
- Affordable housing opportunities

- Consider the need for parks and emergency services

Mobility:

- Mobility network must connect users to existing freeway system
- Consideration of multi-modal transportation options
- Balance land use and engineering solutions with mobility options

Engineering and Utilities:

- Understand the feasibility (cost and engineering) of filling in the ditch to reestablish a homogenous topography with surrounding property
- Explore filling in only portions of the ditch as may be required to implement engineering solutions

- Identify the different outcomes of land use and mobility depending on final topography
- Understand special factors presented by engineering solutions that may impact utilities to serve future development

According to the staff report the City Manager's Office will serve as project lead and work collaboratively to ensure sharing of vital information and to provide guidance across departments.

"The relinquishment represents a once in a lifetime opportunity to re-stitch the fabric of our community that was torn apart by the State and establish a new vision for its future," Acting Assistant City Manager David Reyes states in the report.

Staff also said that there are currently a number of transitional mobility projects being considered that will allow for the continued safe vehicular access in and around the former 710 State right-of-way. These projects are expected to go before the Transportation Advisory Commission and to City Council in September.

They also advise the council to

consider establishing multiple Task Forces in September to oversee use/planning and work related to the displaced communities.

Any Task Forces created should have stated Principles/ Policies, which include: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion; Social Justice; And Sustainable/ Green Development, staff said.

The council meets at 4:30 p.m. solely by Zoom. For more information, including public comments visit: cityofpasadena.net/city-clerk/public-comment.

Photo: The Connecting Pasadena Project.

Library Offers Free Health Screenings

Pasadena Public Library officials announced Wednesday that they have partnered with Huntington Health, an affiliate of Cedars-Sinai, to provide free monthly health screenings. This month, the Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd. on Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to noon to consult with trained health care professionals. No appointment necessary. Additional dates are noted at: cityofpasadena.net/library/calendar/.

Nurses on-site can check your blood pressure, administer a blood glucose screening, and offer referrals and health education. A minimum two-hour fasting period is required for blood glucose testing.

Screening tests can often help detect potential health problems before you begin to notice any warning signs or symptoms. Early screening tests for blood pressure and blood glucose can alert you to potential health concerns before they become severe, creating an opportunity for the early introduction of life-improving care. By partnering with Huntington Health, the Pasadena Public Library is able to connect our community with a vital resource to help foster a healthier and more informed society.

The Pasadena Public Library is an information center for the Pasadena community in order to preserve and encourage the free expression of ideas essential to an informed citizenry.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net/library or call (626) 744-7076.

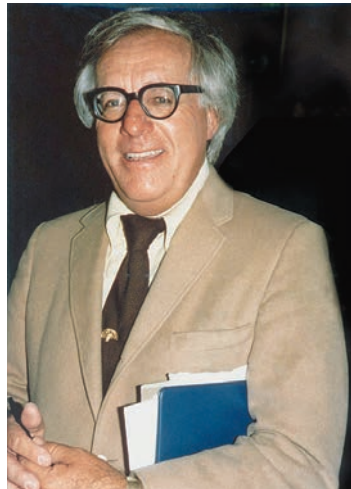
South Pasadena Library to Celebrate Ray Bradbury

Join local artist Tim Carey and sculptor Christopher Slatoff August 20 at the South Pasadena Library for an evening celebrating author Ray Bradbury and his influence on visual artists. Carey will give an illustrated talk about his stunning fused glass triptych *Live Forever!* which was installed in the Library's Ray Bradbury Conference Room in 2020. Following Carey's talk, filmmaker John Sasser's short documentary *Father Electrico: Ray Bradbury Lives Forever!* will be screened. The documentary captures sculptor Slatoff's work with Ray Bradbury to create an autobiographical monumental work. The presentations will be followed by a lively Q&A with Carey, Slatoff, and Sasser. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library.

South Pasadena-based artist Tim Carey studied traditional drawing and painting at Art Center College of Design. For more than 15 years has been working with the medium of glass, first at the historic Judson Studios, and now as the owner of Tim Carey Studio, where his mission is to bring glass into the forefront as an image making medium, and to enliven the world around us with light and color.

John Sasser began his career in filmmaking in 2005, working on a project with Mr. Sci-Fi himself, Forrest J. Ackerman. Thru Ackerman he met and befriended Ray Bradbury, who would call him into service crafting the short documentary *Father Electrico: Ray Bradbury Lives Forever!*, about the creation of a statue with renowned sculptor Christopher Slatoff. He worked as producer on a short Stephen King film and as a director-for-hire on another short film, *The App*. He has several other projects written or in development for future films and series.

Christopher Slatoff studied at the Ecole des Beaux Arts



in France and earned a BA in sculpture from California State University Long Beach. Slatoff has always focused on the human figure in his work, and now specializes in public art. His monumental sculptural work can be seen at Pepperdine University, Fuller Theological Seminary, the Port District of Dan Diego, Our Lady of the Angeles Cathedral and many other locations. Slatoff has taught art at Cal State Long Beach, Art Center College of Design, and Fuller Theological Seminary.

Ray Bradbury (1920-2012) was a prolific and beloved author of novels, essays, plays and poems and a mentor to young writers and creators. He was a life-long user of libraries as well as an outspoken and articulate public library advocate. Bradbury lived in Southern California for more than 75 years and in his later years many of his plays were performed at South Pasadena's own Fremont Center Theatre. The Library's Ray Bradbury Collection, hosted in the Conference Room and local history archive, contains ephemera, photos, first edition Bradbury books, and vintage paperbacks.

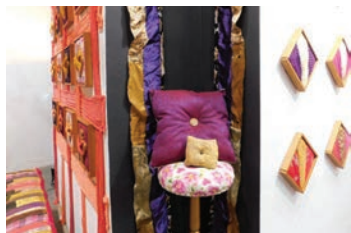
The event will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room 1100 Oxley Street, South Pasadena.

For more information visit: southpasadenaca.gov.

Altadena Library Touch & Go: An Art Exhibition

The Altadena Library invites the public to check out the work of artists Jacqueline Bell Johnson, Alison Chen, Carmen Mardóñez, Ariana Page Russell, and Rebecca Potts Aguirre at the Main Library through August 30.

Touch & Go is an exhibition of art as an act of connection. Feminism, politics, motherhood, memory, and the artists' lived experience, environment, and community can be found as common thematic threads. The artists engage in tactile dialogues of these themes through the acts of making



and the varied visual and physical evidence of that making.

Meet the artists and learn more about their work during the closing reception and art talk in the afternoon of Saturday, August 27 in the Main Library Community Room. Light refreshments will be provided.

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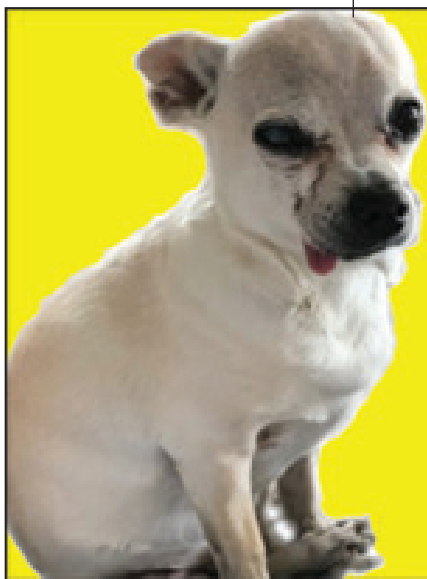
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Landmark Legislative Bills Pass the Legislature

A number of Assemblymember Chris Holden's bills passed the Senate Committee on Appropriations Thursday and are headed to the Senate Floor. The bills include: AB 1604 – The Upward Mobility Act of 2022; boards and commissions: civil service: examinations: classifications, AB 1720 – Care facilities: criminal background checks, AB 2446 – Embodied carbon emissions: construction materials, AB 2632 – Segregated Confinement, AB 2515 – Proprietary and private security services, AB 2644 Custodial interrogation, AB 2773 – Traffic or pedestrian stops: notification by peace officers, AB 1919 – Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program: free youth transit passes, and AB 1737 – Children's camps: safety.

"Meeting the needs of Californians today requires us to listen to our communities and these bills are a reflection of that process. As this legislative session comes to a close, I will continue to work with my colleagues in the Legislature and Governor Newsom to fully implement these measures," said Assemblymember Chris Holden.

AB 1604 would require that State Personnel Board (SPB) establish a process that includes diversity and best practices in each aspect of the design, announcement, and administration of examinations for the establishment of employment lists.

AB 1720 would streamline the licensure process for those that have been convicted of a crime to ensure that an unrelated prior conviction does not prohibit a qualified, rehabilitated person from securing employment. The bill would not make major changes to the procedure for licensing foster family homes, certified family homes or resource family homes of a licensed foster family agency.

AB 2446 would require a life cycle assessment to determine the carbon intensity of both residential and non-residential buildings in the state. The bill would require the Energy

Commission to design the framework to achieve an eighty percent net reduction in new construction by 2045, which is aligned with Executive Order B-55-18 that sets a statewide goal of carbon net neutrality no later than 2045.

AB 2632 would ban the use of solitary confinement for certain populations including people who are pregnant, have disabilities, or fall within certain age limits. The bill also defines solitary confinement as any period of confinement that exceeds 17 hours a day in a cell, requires facilities to document any instance in which solitary is used, and places limits on the duration any person can be held in this manner.

AB 2515 would require a person registered as a proprietary private security officer to deliver a written report to the director describing the circumstances surrounding the discharge of any firearm, or physical altercation with a member of the public while on duty, in a manner similar to the above-described report required from a person licensed as a private patrol operator.

AB 2644 recognizes that this age range should also be shielded from improper interrogation methods.

AB 2773 would require a peace officer making a traffic or pedestrian stop, before asking any questions, to state the reason for the stop, unless the officer reasonably believes that withholding the reason for the stop is necessary to protect life or property from imminent threat.

AB 1737 would require the Department of Social Services; in consultation with state agencies, parents, and other stakeholders; to develop recommendations for the Legislature to protect children from harm while attending recreational camps.

"We are collaborating to provide Californians with solutions that work; for the good of the public and the planet," said Holden. For more information visit: a41.asmdc.org.

Bill Creating Regional Affordable Housing Trust Heads to Governor

Senate Bill 1177, authored by State Senator Anthony Portantino which creates an affordable housing regional trust between the cities of Pasadena, Burbank, and Glendale, is headed to the Governor's desk for signature. In June, the Senator announced that his budget request to create and fund the regional affordable housing trust had been approved in the 2022-2023 State Budget, allocating \$23 million to help finance affordable housing projects created by SB 1177.

"Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena have been at the forefront of meeting California's housing needs. I'm happy to help them create and fund this effort," stated Senator Portantino.

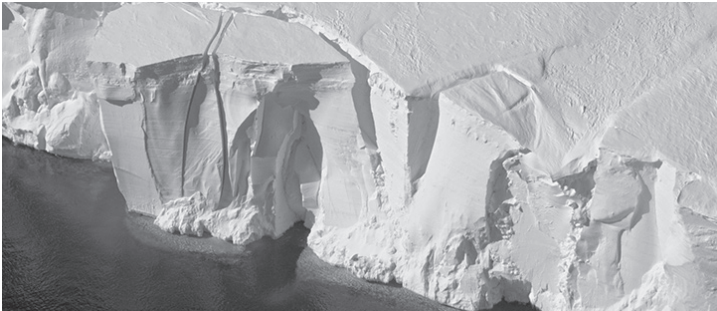
Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena have nearly 3,000 affordable housing units in the combined development pipeline, including permanent supportive housing, senior housing, workforce housing,

and affordable home ownership units. Due to insufficient local funding, they have been unable to bring their backlog of affordable housing projects to completion.

"Housing is a regional issue and cities working together in partnership, together with the state is the best strategy to constructing more affordable housing for our communities. We are stronger when we work together," stated Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo.

SB 1177, would create the regional housing trust fund that would be administered by a joint powers authority (JPA) comprised of the cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena. Under the bill, the JPA would be allowed to request and receive private and state funding allocations, as well as authorize and issue bonds, to help finance affordable housing projects for persons and families of extremely low-, very low-, low-, and moderate-income households.

NASA Studies Find Previously Unknown Antarctic Ice Loss



New research on Antarctica, including the first map of iceberg calving, doubles the previous estimates of loss from ice shelves and details how the continent is changing.

The greatest uncertainty in forecasting global sea level rise is how Antarctica's ice loss will accelerate as the climate warms. Two studies published Aug. 10 and led by researchers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California reveal unexpected new data about how the Antarctic Ice Sheet has been losing mass in recent decades.

One study, published in the journal Nature, maps how iceberg calving – the breaking off of ice from a glacier front – has changed the Antarctic coastline over the last 25 years. The researchers found that the edge of the ice sheet has been shedding icebergs faster than the ice can be replaced. This surprise finding doubles previous estimates of ice loss from Antarctica's floating ice shelves since 1997, from 6 trillion to 12 trillion metric tons. Ice loss from calving has weakened the ice shelves and allowed Antarctic glaciers to flow more rapidly to the ocean, accelerating the rate of global sea level rise.

The other study, published in Earth System Science Data, shows in unprecedented detail how the thinning of Antarctic ice as ocean water melts it has spread from the continent's outward edges into its interior, almost doubling in the western parts of the ice sheet over the past decade. Combined, the complementary reports give the most complete view yet of how the frozen continent is changing.

Iceberg Calving

"Antarctica is crumbling at its edges," says JPL scientist Chad Greene, lead author of the calving study. "And when ice shelves dwindle and weaken, the continent's massive glaciers tend to speed up and increase the rate of global sea level rise."

Most Antarctic glaciers flow to the ocean, where they end in floating ice shelves up to 2 miles (3 kilometers) thick and 500 miles (800 kilometers) across. Ice shelves act like buttresses to glaciers, keeping the ice from simply sliding into the ocean. When ice shelves are stable, they have a

natural cycle of calving and replenishment that keeps their size fairly constant over the long term.

But in recent decades, the warming ocean has been destabilizing Antarctica's ice shelves by melting them from below, making them thinner and weaker. Satellite altimeters measure the thinning process by recording the changing height of the ice, but until this study, there hasn't been a comprehensive assessment of how climate change might be affecting calving around the continent.

That's partly because satellite imagery has been challenging to interpret. "For example," said Greene, "you can imagine looking at a satellite image and trying to figure out the difference between a white iceberg, white ice shelf, white sea ice, and even a white cloud. That's always been a difficult task. But we now have enough data from multiple satellite sensors to see a clear picture of how Antarctica's coastline has evolved in recent years."

For the new study, Greene and his co-authors synthesized satellite imagery of the continent in visible, thermal infrared (heat), and radar wavelengths since 1997. Combining these measurements with an understanding of ice flow gained from an ongoing NASA glacier-mapping project, they charted the edges of ice shelves around 30,000 linear miles (50,000 kilometers) of Antarctic coastline.

Losses from calving have outpaced natural ice-shelf growth so greatly that the researchers think it's unlikely Antarctica can grow back to its pre-2000 extent by the end of this century. In fact, the findings suggest that greater losses can be expected: Antarctica's largest ice shelves all appear to be headed for major calving events in the next 10 to 20 years.

Mapping 36 Years of Ice Loss

In the complementary study, JPL scientists have combined almost 3 billion data points from seven spaceborne altimetry instruments to produce the longest continuous data set on the changing height of the ice sheet – an indicator of ice loss – from as early as 1985. They used radar and laser measurements of ice elevation, accurate to within centimeters, to produce the highest-resolution monthly maps of change ever made of ice loss.

The unparalleled detail in the new record reveals how long-term trends and annual weather patterns affect the ice. It even shows the rise and fall of the ice sheet as subglacial lakes regularly fill and empty miles below the surface. "Subtle changes like these, in combination with improved understanding of long-term trends from this data set, will help researchers understand the processes that influence ice loss, leading to improved future estimates of sea level rise," said JPL's Johan Nilsson, lead author of the study.

Synthesizing and analyzing the massive archives of measurements into a single, high-resolution data set took years of work and thousands of hours of computing time on NASA's servers. Nilsson says it was all worth it: "Condensing the data into something more widely useful may bring us closer to the big breakthroughs we need to better understand our planet and to help prepare us for the future impacts of climate change."

San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Summer Concert feat. The Molly Miller Trio

The Old Mill Foundation is excited to host their second summer concert, The Molly Miller Trio, on Saturday, August 20th. Gates open at 7 PM and music starts at 8 PM. Members \$20/ticket, non-members \$25/ticket. Purchase your tickets online or at our office Tuesday to Sunday between 11 AM - 2 PM.

Family Storytime

Tuesday, August 16 at 10:30 AM, Children's Area

Storytime features activities for children ages 5 and under that will promote early literacy and lifelong learning through songs, movement, fingerplays, and books. Storytime is also an opportunity for caregivers to learn ways they can incorporate learning activities into everyday routines. Storytime occurs weekly on Tuesday through October 4. Registration is not required. Please watch our social media for cancellations.

Toastmasters Talk of the Town

Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 PM, Thornton Conference Room

Do you feel shy speaking in front of groups? Practice giving short speeches at this meeting. The leaders offer coaching to foster greater self-confidence and personal growth for the participants. Although Toastmasters charges a nominal fee to join their organization, visitors are welcome to the Library meetings at no charge. Registration is not required.

FREE Sunset Summer Concert Series

Friday, August 19, Lacy Park

Get your summer grove on at the last free concert! The Kings of 88 will present a fun-filled collection of classic piano rock hits. The concert begins at 6 PM. A variety of food trucks will be available. For questions, call (626) 403-2200.

Recent Happenings

On August 2, the San

Marino Fire Department participated in the San Marino Police Department's National Night Out Event. The Fire Department hosted multiple stations to teach residents life-saving skills such as CPR, first aid, how to use a fire extinguisher, and utility shut-offs.

Fire Chief Rueda participated in the City's Public Safety Town Hall on Monday, August 1. Chief Rueda provided an overview of the fire department and answered questions from residents as part of a moderated panel.

The Fire Department continues to focus training efforts on the department's three probationary firefighters. Probationary firefighters are evaluated on firefighter and EMS skills at 4-months, 8-months, and 12-months. After the 12-month evaluation, probationary firefighters are assigned a special project to be completed by the end of their 16-month probation.

Street Sweeping

In keeping with the City Council's priority of well-maintained infrastructure, the Parks and Public Works Department works with Athens Services to ensure that the City receives comprehensive, environmentally responsible street sweeping services. Frequent street sweeping not only improves the appearance of the streets, but also prevents unwanted materials from flowing into storm drains, keeps job sites clean, and helps minimize tire damage. Residents can visit the Street Sweeping page on the City's website for more information on the street sweeping schedule for their neighborhood.

Meetings

Public Safety Commission
Monday, August 15 at 6 PM; Teleconference

Design Review Committee

Wednesday, August 17 at 6 PM; Teleconference

Summer Sunset Concert
Friday, August 19 at 6 PM; Lacy Park

Pasadena POPS Concert the best of Billy Joel & Elton John

The Pasadena POPS continue their one-of-a-kind, popular outdoor summer concert series with Michael Cavanaugh singing the best of Billy Joel and Elton John on Saturday, August 27 at the LA County Arboretum. Hand-picked by Billy Joel himself, Cavanaugh got his start as the lead role in the Broadway musical Movin' Out, which earned him both Grammy and Tony Award nominations. Acclaimed for his highly energized piano and lead vocals, Cavanaugh expanded his repertoire to include an electrifying tribute to Sir Elton John, and he will bring the music of both of these superstars face-to-face for one night only this summer on the Arboretum stage.

Get in a "New York State of Mind" with your favorite "Piano Man" and "Rocket Man" hits – "Italian Restaurant," "Uptown Girl," "Crocodile Rock," "Tiny Dancer," "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," "Bennie and the Jets," "Candle in the Wind" and many more. For this exclusive Southern California engagement, Cavanaugh will breathe new life into these rock 'n roll classics for a night of sing-along favorites with the POPS orchestra and a full back-up band. "[Cavanaugh] has reinvented these songs into something that dare I say sometimes improves upon the originals." (MD Theatre Guide).

This is not Cavanaugh's first rodeo with the POPS, having performed The Music of Billy Joel in 2016 and Elton John in 2019 to a sold-out audience. "Michael's show is hands down the best contemporary symphony pops show we have had the honor to present," commented Chief Executive Officer Lora Unger. "The combination of popular songs, his talent as a superb showman



and the excellent charts make this a must-have for both the orchestra and the audience."

All concerts are held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Gardens. Grounds open for picnicking and dining at 5:30pm and performances begin at 7:30pm. Don't miss the best outdoor dinner party in town with spacious circular table seating with fine linens, or lawn seating for those who want to bring a blanket – each option carries on the tradition of picnic-dining with your family and friends listening to the San Gabriel Valley's premier orchestra! Among many venue amenities, concertgoers can enjoy pre-ordered gourmet box dinners for on-site pickup just steps from their table or a variety of food truck options.

The Arboretum is located at 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA. Subscribers may purchase pre-paid onsite parking at the Arboretum, and all concertgoers can purchase guaranteed and convenient parking at Santa Anita Park, with non-stop shuttle service to the Arboretum's main entrance.

Tickets start at \$25, and are available by calling the box office at (626) 793-7172, online at PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org or at the Arboretum on concert days.

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2022 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSING



ORIGINAL DEADLINE
EXTENDED DEADLINE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

The nomination period for City Council candidates at the 2022 General Municipal Election is closing soon. The first deadline to file nomination papers is tomorrow Friday, August 12 at 11 AM. The City anticipates that two incumbents will not be running for re-election. If so, then the deadline for non-incumbents to file nomination papers will be extended to Wednesday, August 17 at 5 PM.

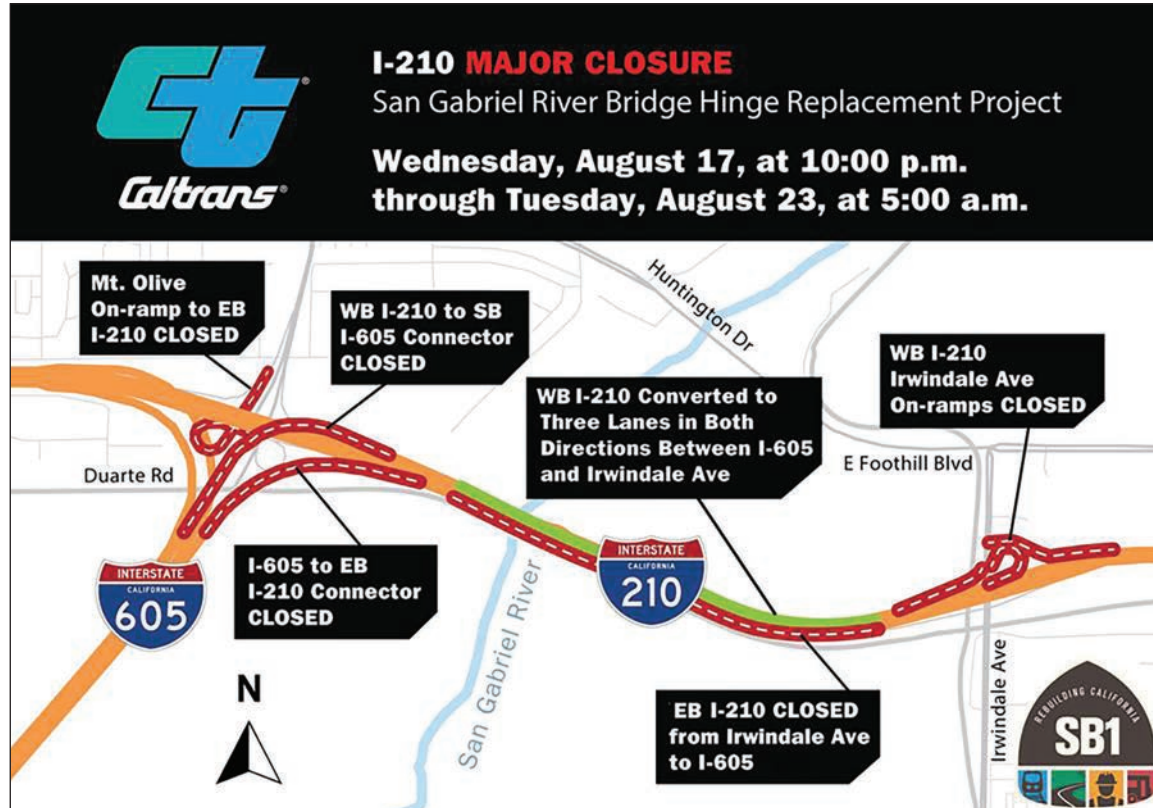
Make an appointment to pull nomination papers with City Clerk Christina Baker.

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210 CLOSURE



A second five-day closure affecting eastbound I-210 will occur on Wednesday, August 17, through Tuesday, August 23. The work is part of a project to upgrade the San Gabriel River Bridge on the I-210 in Irwindale, upgrading existing bridge hinges and railings and strengthening bridge decks to improve safety. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead and check the Caltrans QuickMap for up-to-the-minute traffic conditions. More information and updates on this project can be found on the District 7 website or on Twitter.

The Chef Knows By Peter Dills

TWOHEYS RESTAURANT IN SOUTH PASADENA

I sat down with a local restaurant manager, and he asked me “what’s happening in the local restaurant scene?” Well, did you know that Pasadena is right behind San Francisco for the number of restaurants per capita? It makes me wonder why anyone would open a new restaurant with all that competition, but I know the answer: everyone thinks they can do it better. My friend, Tanya, owns Twoheys restaurant in South Pasadena (formerly in Alhambra) and she is one of the lucky ones. Her restaurant is thriving - in fact last Sunday we waited 30 minutes for a table before opting to sit at the bar. It wasn’t a bad way to spend the Sunday morning. Twoheys is a diner/family restaurant that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

What to order? That’s tough, I really like everything! If you are a morning person, try the French toast (one of my favorites). Since it was brunch time, I ordered the onion rings off the lunch menu. The beer was so cold that it comes in a frosted mug. Don’t believe me? Go to my Facebook page to see (yes, I had a beer at 11AM - those three-mile Rose Bowl runs make it ok!!)



Dining With Dills

If your passion is for a lunchtime meal, I do recommend the burgers (yes, the Stinko burger is alive and well here at Twoheys!), and don’t let me forget the ice cream specialties, one Sundae please. Dinner is awesome too, short ribs and roasted turkey - indeed, a little of something for everyone. Tanya tells me next time try the fried chicken feast (will do!) or maybe the all-you-can-eat ribs. Geez, just writing about Twoheys is making me hungry again!

I’d better stop here, my belly is getting exhausted!

Check out their web page at www.twoheys.com for hours and prices. Bargain Note: Happy Hour is from 3 to 6 PM

I am a fan of Twoheys and I am sure with a single visit, you will be too.

424 Fair Oaks Ave. So Pasadena (626) 284-7387 and listen to Dining w/Dills on KLAA AM 830 at 5 PM Sundays

AS LA COUNTY MOVES TO MEDIUM COMMUNITY LEVEL, RESIDENTS ASKED TO CONTINUE SENSIBLE PRECAUTIONS

3,995 New Positive Cases and 19 New Deaths Due to COVID-19 in Los Angeles County

Over the past week, Los Angeles County’s COVID-19 metrics improved enough to move the county back to the medium Community Level on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 framework. While Public Health is greatly encouraged by the decline in cases, hospital admissions and deaths, because viral transmission remains high, there are still thousands of new people each day who are infected and capable of infecting others.

The high rate of transmission continues to be driven by the Omicron variant, which accounts for 100% of sequenced specimens. The highly infectious BA.5 subvariant of Omicron continues to be, by far, the most predominant subvariant. In the week ending July 23, BA.5 comprised 80% of all sequenced county specimens. With only slight increases in the percentage of BA.5 specimens recently sequenced, it is possible that we may be experiencing a saturation of our population with this subvariant. While we are carefully tracking other subvariants of interest (including BA.2.75 and BA.4.6), we have no indication at the moment of any new variant that is spreading.

The 7-day average case count has fallen to 3,660 cases today, a 22% decrease from 4,719 cases a week prior. The 7-day average test positivity rate this past week is 11.1%, a decrease from 12.5% one week ago.

Over the last seven days, the average number of COVID-positive patients per day in LA County hospitals was 1,112, a decline of 9% from one week ago when the 7-day average number of COVID-positive patients per day was 1,222. Also, the LA County daily hospital admissions rate is now 9.9 admissions per 100,000 people, a small decline from 10.1 admissions per 100,000 people one week ago.

Deaths, which typically lag hospitalizations by several weeks, are beginning to drop, with an average of 14 deaths reported per day this week. One week prior, there was an average of 17 deaths reported per day.

Thursday, the CDC revised its guidelines and recommendations for residents to protect themselves and others from COVID-19. These revisions largely align with already established LA County guidelines that require anyone testing positive in LA County to remain isolated away from others for a minimum of five days. In LA County, a person with COVID-19 can exit isolation on or after Day 6 if they have had no fever for 24 hours, their symptoms are improving, and a test taken on Day 5 or later is negative. Those exiting isolation Day 6-Day 10 should continue to wear a well-fitting mask whenever around others. Isolation can end after Day 10 as long as there has been no fever for 24 hours. See ph.lacounty.gov/covidisolation for more information.

With many testing at home, and results not reported to Public Health, those who test positive should notify anyone they were in close contact with in the 48 hours prior to their positive test result or COVID symptoms, whichever was first. Close contacts in LA County are not required to quarantine provided they have no symptoms, test within 3-5 days of their exposure, and wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days from their last exposure to the confirmed case.

“I send my deepest sympathies and wishes of peace and comfort to the many families who have lost a loved one from COVID-19,” said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. “While we are thankful to see our county move to the medium community level, because we know that getting infected causes disruptions at the workplace and in the family and for some, becoming infected leads to debilitating illness, we advise caution, and ongoing use of a sensible approach for reducing the risk of exposure and preventing severe illness. All tools available help: getting vaccinated and boosted reduces risk of severe illness, testing before and after gathering, wearing masks when indoors, and staying home and away from others when sick reduces transmission.”

Today, Public Health reported 19 additional deaths and 3,995 new positive cases. Of the 19 new deaths reported today, one person was between the ages of 30-49, three people were between the ages of 50-64, six people were between the ages of 65-79, and eight people were aged 80 years or older. For information on the one death reported by the City of Long Beach, visit longbeach.gov. Of the 19 newly reported deaths, 17 had underlying health conditions. To date, the total number of deaths in L.A. County is 32,922.

Public Health has reported a total of 3,351,082 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County. Today’s positivity rate is 11.1%.

There are 1,065 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. Testing results are available for more than 12,392,466 individuals, with 24% of people testing positive.

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

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
July 31 – August 6, 2022

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

Wednesday, August 3
Auto Burglary
Officers responded to the area of Mt Wilson Trail and Mira Monte Ave for reports of an auto burglary. The reporting party stated that unknown suspect(s) smashed the rear driver side window of their vehicle and removed property from inside. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.
The Sierra Madre Police Department would like to remind you to always keep valuables hidden or stored away when parking in a public place.

NATIONAL 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

Nationwide, people who are experiencing a mental health crisis and in need of immediate help are now able to dial or text 988 and receive assistance through the new Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number.

A new 988 Call Center, operated by Didi Hirsch, is now taking calls coming into the 988 hotline in Los Angeles County. Trained operators are available to triage callers to receive the appropriate services, including suicide crisis counseling over the phone and mental health de-escalation counseling over the phone. In addition, they will also triage callers to determine when dispatching a mobile crisis team is appropriate and, in rare cases, connection to law enforcement when safety is of concern.



ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, July 31st through Saturday, August 6th, the Police Department responded to 891 calls for service, of which 115 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, July 31:
1. At 12:48 p.m., an officer responded to Rod's Grill, located at 41 West Huntington Drive, regarding a suspect exhibiting signs of public intoxication. Upon contacting the suspect, the 61-year-old female from La Verne provided a false name to hide the fact that she had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
2. At 9:14 p.m., an officer responded to Westfield Santa Anita Mall, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a robbery that had just occurred. An investigation revealed the victim was standing just outside of the Nordstrom exit when the suspect exited his parked vehicle and forcibly stole her purse. The victim fell to the ground during the robbery. The suspect, described as a Black male in his 20's, fled in a black BMW sedan. The victim refused medical attention.

Monday, August 1:
3. At 8:22 a.m., an officer responded to 7-Eleven, located at 200 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a theft incident. The officer determined the suspect stole nearly \$70.00 worth of merchandise and grew angry when the clerk confronted him. The suspect, 26-year-old male from Los Angeles was arrested in the field.
4. At 3:50 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 600 block of Sunset Boulevard regarding a report of shots fired. The officers discovered the suspect, a neighbor, fired multiple rounds of ammunition into neighboring apartments in response to an ongoing dispute. The 39-year-old female from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, August 2:
5. At 7:08 a.m., an officer responded to Santa Anita Cleaners, located at 1001 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) removed a glass window and ransacked the business. The suspect(s) fled with the camera system, a tablet, and cash.

Wednesday, August 3:
6. At 12:37 a.m., officers responded to Hilton Garden Inn, located at 199 North Second Avenue, regarding a robbery investigation. It was determined the suspects, casual acquaintances of the victim, stole her cash and sunglasses while she left them unattended in her hotel room. Both suspects are described as Black males between the ages of 18 and 25-years-old.
7. At 7:04 a.m., an officer responded a residence in the 00 block of West Naomi Avenue regarding a mail theft report. The victim stated the suspect removed a rear plate to the mail box, looked through his mail, and discarded it on the ground before returning to his black 4-door sedan and driving away. The investigation is pending a review of the surveillance footage.
8. At 6:24 p.m., officer responded to Westfield Santa Anita Mall, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a stolen trailer in the area. The driver, a 43-year-old male from Oakland, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, August 4:
9. At 2:47 a.m., an officer responded to the 00 block of East Huntington Drive regarding a City of Arcadia municipal code violation. The code prohibits subjects from camping on city benches, and after multiple warnings, the suspect, a 44-year-old male from Temple City, was issued a citation.
10. At 8:09 a.m., an officer responded to the 700 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a stolen vehicle in the area. Upon contacting the driver, the officer determined the 32-year-old male from South Gate, was in possession of a stolen vehicle. A records check also revealed he had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
11. At 1:59 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft incident. An investigation revealed the suspect was in possession of approximately \$1,500.00 worth of stolen merchandise. The 60-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
12. At 5:34 p.m., an officer responded to Angeles National Forest Headquarters, located at 701 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The officer discovered someone had stolen nearly \$27,000 worth of handheld radios from the facility. The incident happened sometime between July 26th and August 1st.

Saturday, August 6:
13. At 6:52 p.m., an officer responded to 7-Eleven, located at 102 East Huntington Drive, regarding a trespassing report. The officer determined the suspect had been served a trespass authorization form but refused to leave the area. While attempting to contact the suspect, he ran and resisted arrest. During a search incident to an arrest, the officer located methamphetamine and a smoking pipe. The 31-year-old male from Temple City was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

14. At 10:17 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Workman Avenue regarding a burglary report. The victim witnessed someone burglarizing the home via surveillance footage. Additional officers responded and located the suspect in an area search. The 51-year-old male from El Monte was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. A records check revealed he also had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants and was in possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia.

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Billions of Birds!

Hey, who's that? I'll watch him like a hawk ...er...eagle.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle about birds!

Billions of birds live on our planet – in the forests, jungles, deserts, grasslands, near water and even in snowy areas. Millions of people like to watch or photograph birds simply because birds are so beautiful! It is fun to watch birds move and fly, and listen to how they communicate. Some people study birds' habits and life cycles. You can join in the fun and watch birds in your yard or at a park near you. Think about starting a notebook in which to draw, color and write what you learn about birds as you watch them!

1. Birds are warm-blooded and have backbones. They are _____.
2. Flying birds have hollow _____ that make their bodies lighter, and powerful wings covered with feathers that help to lift them into the air. Only birds have feathers!
3. Most bird feet have four _____, three in front and one in back, to help them perch.
4. Ducks, geese and other water birds have _____ feet that help them swim.
5. Birds have _____, but no teeth. The shape of a bird's beak is suited to its diet.
6. Birds may eat fruit, seeds, _____, fish, flower nectar and, in some cases, meat.
7. Female birds lay eggs, sometimes on the ground, but mostly in _____ they build.
8. When their _____ hatch, many mother birds will chew food, then feed it to them.
9. Birds _____ with each other using chirps and tweets. Some birds, such as parrots, can mimic human speech.
10. Birds live almost _____: forests, deserts, jungles, grasslands and on mountains.
11. Birds may fly south before the _____ to warmer areas where it's easier to live.
12. Some birds, like eagles, live in pairs while others, like geese, stay together in a _____.

webbed 9
vertebrates 10
babies 6
communicate 12
winter 1
insects 1
bones 7
flock 4
toes 8
beaks 2
nests
everywhere
Tweet! Sweet!

Where did I leave my eggs? I can be a bit of a **birdbrain**.

Hmmm... that's a nice house.

I wonder if it comes with a birdbath?

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RED CROSS ISSUES STEPS TO KEEP STUDENTS SAFE AS THEY HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL GOOD TIME TO DEVISE FAMILY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

LOS ANGELES, August 11, 2022 — School bells will be calling students back to the classroom soon and the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region, has steps everyone can take to help kids remain safe as they head back to school.

As parents get ready for the start of a new school year, it's a good time to think about emergencies, such as weather-related disasters, and draw up an emergency plan for their household. Know what the emergency plan is at your child's school and develop a family emergency plan so everyone will know who to contact and where to go if something happens during the school day. Details are available at redcross.org/prepare.

"There are a lot of things to think about for the start of a busy new school year, but don't forget to include safety," said Guillermo Sanchez, Regional Preparedness Manager for the Red Cross in Los Angeles Region. "We ask parents and guardians to consider familiarizing their children with these measures to help keep them safe as they head back to school."

CELL PHONES A DISTRACTION The National Safety Council (NSC) reports distracted walking can be dangerous, even deadly. Teach your students the following:

- Don't text or talk on your phone while walking. If you must text, move out of the way of others and stop on the sidewalk.
- Never cross the street while using an electronic device.
- Do not walk with headphones in your ears.
- Drivers can be distracted too. Never use a phone while driving. Help keep children safe by eliminating all distractions.

TAKING THE BUS

- Students should get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive. Young children should be supervised.
- Board the bus only after it has come to a complete stop and the driver or attendant instructs them to get on. They should only board their bus, never an alternate one.
- All students should stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.

WALKING TO SCHOOL

- Cross the street at the corner, obeying traffic signals and staying in the crosswalk.
- Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Use a route along which the school has placed crossing guards.
- Parents, walk with young children and those taking new routes or attending new schools, for the first week to ensure they know how to get there safely. Arrange for the kids to walk to school with a friend or classmate.

GOING BY CAR

- Everyone should always wear a seat belt.
- Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until the lap-shoulder belt fits properly (typically for children ages 8-12 and over 4'9"), and ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old.
- If a teenager is going to drive to school, parents should mandate that they use seat belts.

RIDING A BIKE There may be more young people on bikes as the school bells ring. They should:

- Wear a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing.
- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, in a single file.
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street.
- Stay alert and avoid distracted riding.

SLOW DOWN Drivers should slow down, especially in residential areas and school zones, and know what the yellow and red bus signals mean. Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop, that motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off.

Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety. This includes two and four-lane highways. If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.

KEEP LITTLE ONES SAFE Keeping all students safe is the primary concern for everyone, but there are special steps for parents of younger kids and those going to school for the first time:

- Make sure the child knows their phone number, address, how to get in touch with their parents at work, how to get in touch with another trusted adult and how to call 911.
- Teach children not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know.

Finally, download the free Red Cross First Aid app for instant access to information on handling the most common first aid emergencies. You can find it by searching for 'American Red Cross' in your app store or at redcross.org/apps. Learn and practice First Aid and CPR/AED skills by taking a course (redcross.org/takeaclass) so you can help save a life.

About the American Red Cross:

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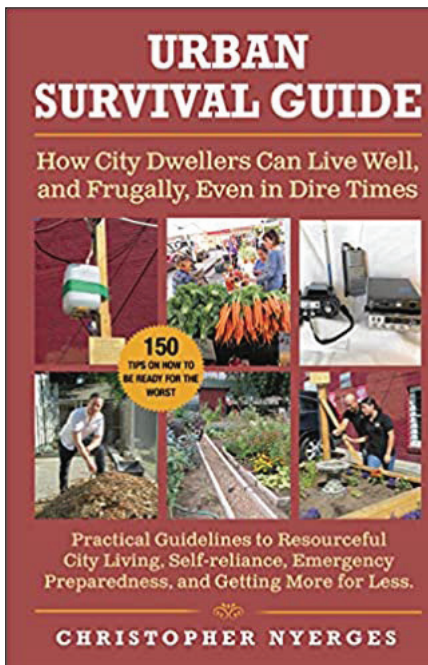
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REVIEW OF NYERGES' LATEST BOOK URBAN SURVIVAL GUIDE: HOW CITY DWELLERS CAN LIVE WELL, AND FRUGALLY, EVEN IN DIRE TIMES.

Practical guidelines to resourceful city living, self-reliance, emergency preparedness, and getting more for less.

Published by Skyhorse, June 2022, 280 pages, color photos throughout. Information about books and classes by Nyerges is available at www.School of Self-Reliance.com, or by writing to Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041.



The title of this latest book of mine might be misleading to “survivalists” who might think that the book is about choosing which rifle to buy to defend your supply of dried food supplies in your cellar when the apocalypse comes and your neighbors want your food. Nor is this book necessarily about surviving the next impending disaster, economic or otherwise. This is a book about looking positively to the future by embracing the sustainable life-embracing practices of the past.

“Urban Survival Guide” begins with a discussion of how cities ought to be planned and de-veloped for the health and safety of everyone who lives there, and then goes on to demonstrate how houses can be more energy efficient by doing a series of simple measures to keep the house warm in winter and cool in summer. We often forget that over the life of a poorly-insulated house, we could spend more on the energy to cool and heat than we paid for the house itself. The many passive methods of cooling and heating are discussed.

There’s a whole chapter on water – how to find it, purify it, and store it – since without water, there is no

life. The practicality of rain water is included, as well as a discussion of some of the lesser-known sources of water, such as dew, and the condensation from air conditioners. The book includes some of the standard methods of non-electrical food preservation, as well as how to grow food, and find food in the lesser-known sources. There is a tutorial on how to grow oyster mushrooms in your home using old cardboard and coffee grounds.

From here, this book departs from the standard fare about “urban survival” by including the importance of hygiene, and not only how to make your own soap, but some of the common plants that give you a ready-to-use soap.

Next, the book includes a dynamite section called “integral health,” repeating some of the ancient principles of Hippocrates for sound health. After all, what sort of life will you be living if you’re hooked on doctors and drugs and unable to get around? The book details some of the work of Dr. James Adams, who co-authored “Healing with Medicinal Plants of the West,” and who offers natural alternatives to opioids for pain. Adams is on a mission to show his followers how native herbs can have the same efficacy as opioids, without the side effects. Then we get to learn about the vast healing properties of the under-rated prickly pear cactus, which is also a food. Prickly pear pads and fruits go back hundreds of years as a survival food, and are just starting to be re-recognized today as an ideal drought-tolerant survival food.

I try not to view “survival” in a parochial point of view, and so I necessarily include practical principles of “Economics” in the book. To increase your spending power, you can earn more or spend less, and I share the precepts of at least two serious minimalists who lived good lives on very little income. Though this book is a presentation on how to live better today, and how to be more self-reliant in the present, it is worth noting that in our electronic age, most of us could not do financial transactions if the power went out. Besides having a backup power system, the individual can learn how to barter, and have a supply of items that would be in demand in a case of shortage. Of course, your skills and your experiences are far more valuable than your stuff that you store in your garage. One can never fully predict what to store for emergencies --- I mean, who could have predicted the disappearance of toilet paper in the beginning of the Pandemic.

For me, “urban survival” is not about worry and panic and fearing the “end of the world.” Rather, it’s about positively and proactively learning to make the things you use, growing the food you eat, and becoming a positive part of your community. It’s an adventure, not a war. It’s a way of life, not a strategy to avoid a disaster.



Nyerges dedicates his book to Thoreau, and Richard E. White, an ex-treme frugalist, pictured here with Sierra Madre resident Despina Arzouman.

Katnip News!



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

She is very affectionate, friendly, full of spunk, and quite play-ful. Cricket is a little smarty-pants, too,



being a very alert and intelligent kitty. She loves to talk to you, and tell you what’s on her mind! She enjoys chasing little bouncy balls, and then will jump into a cat tree and play a game, “Catch me if you can, come pet me, while I squirm around happy as a clam, just soaking up your love & attention.” She can be a little rascal at times, but in a cute way. Cricket has a sleek, athletic body, like a mini panther, with her shiny & silky black fur. She does fine with other cats, but she loves to be No. 1. However, she will settle in, just as she has with her fellow felines at our rescue. Cricket is spayed, healthy, current on vaccines, and microchipped.

Find the adoption application on our website where you’ll also find more adorable pix and video of Cricket. www.lifelineforpets.org.

Pet of the Week

Two-year-old Boo Radley is a sweet cat in search of a loving forever home where she can feel comfortable coming out of her shell. Boo Radley can be a little shy with new people at first, but she’s been enjoying cheek and neck scratches from our staff and volunteers, and even rolls onto her back to show her belly!

Join us at Pasadena Humane (361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena) on Saturday, August 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for our NBC4 Clear The Shelters adoption event sponsored by Subaru. Adoption fees will be waived for all available dogs, cats, and critters. 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 at pasadenahumane.org.

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SILENT SKY

BY LAUREN GUNDERSON
DIRECTED BY BARBARA SCHOFIELD

“Because wonder will always get us there”
—HENRIETTA LEAVITT, PIONEER ASTRONOMER



SILENT SKY OPENS SEPTEMBER 9 AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE

WHAT: Silent Sky. A play.

WHO: Written by Lauren Gunderson. Directed by Barbara Schofield. Presented by Sierra Madre Playhouse.

WHERE: Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, , Sierra Madre, CA 91024. This is just east of Pasadena. Ample free parking is available in adjacent streets and lots.

WHEN: September 9- October 9, 2022. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays. At 2 p.m. Also, Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. on September 17, 24, October 1 and 8.

ADMISSION: \$45. Seniors (65+) \$40. Youth (21 and under) \$25.

DISCOUNTS: Teen tickets (age 13-19) are available at \$5 through the TeenTix Pass program. Go to our website to learn more.

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ESTIMATED RUNNING TIME: Two hours, including one intermission.

When astronomer Henrietta Leavitt begins work at the Harvard Observatory in the early 1900s, she doesn’t begin by looking through a telescope. She joins a group of women “computers,” charting the stars as a vital part of the world’s first study of the sky done from photographs. As Henrietta, in her free time, attempts to measure the light and distance of stars, she also takes measure of her life on Earth, trying to balance her dedication to science with family obligations and the possibility of love. Based on the life of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt, Silent Sky explores a woman’s place in society during a time of immense scientific discoveries.

“Lauren Gunderson’s luminously beautiful play Silent Sky is an intellectual epic told on an intimate scale. Bottom line: Heavenly.” — Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Lauren Gunderson is the playwright of 21 produced plays. The recipient of an MFA from

Tisch School of the Arts, she is a winner of the Berrilla Kerr Award. Her previous works include A Short History of Nearly Everything; The Van Gogh Café; The Happy Elf; The Amazing Adventures of Dr. Wonderful and Her Dog; I and You (made into a film starring Game of Thrones’ Maisie Williams); and many more. Silent Sky had its premiere at South Coast Repertory in 2011.

Barbara Schofield directs. At Sierra Madre Playhouse, she directed productions of Incident at Vichy (L.A. Times Critic’s Pick), Proof, Arcadia and The Fantasticks. She is director-in-residence and Literary Manager at Open Fist Theatre Company. She is a board member of Sierra Madre Playhouse. She has served as a faculty member at American Musical and Dramatic Academy. Additionally, Barbara has directed or acted in productions in New York, Kansas City, London and Berlin. Dr. Schofield received her Ph.D. in Theatre from Tufts University.

The cast for Silent Sky includes Ann Marie Wilding, April Elize, Candida Celaya, Aubrey Saverino and Jack Menzies.

Production Manager: Jeanne Marie Valleroy. Stage Manager : John Dimitri. Assistant Stage Manager: Dori Jurican.. Resident Lighting Designer: Derek Jones. Costume Designer: Shon LeBlanc. Projection Designer: Fritz Davis. Technical Director: Todd McCraw. Scenic Artist: Orlando de la Paz. Interim Artistic Director: Gary Lamb. Associate Company Manager: Beryl Tsang.

Understudies: Madi Bready, Madelyne Herman, Gloria Tsai, Cristiana Barbatelli and Chris Granlund.

PLEASE NOTE: Covid-19 safety protocols in effect on performance dates will be observed. As of the writing, audience members must be masked and vaccinated. Vax card or digital record will be checked.

Silent Sky is the story of a real woman whose life and discoveries were hugely significant for the exploration of the universe.

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WAYS TO PAY FOR LONG-TERM CARE WITHOUT INSURANCE OR SAVINGS

Dear Savvy Senior:
What types of financial resources are available to help seniors pay for long-term care? My 86-year-old mother will need either an assisted living facility or nursing home care in the near future, but she doesn't have long-term care insurance and her savings are minimal. Searching Daughter



Dear Searching:

The cost of assisted living and nursing home care in the U.S is very expensive. According to the Genworth cost of care survey tool, the national median cost for an assisted living facility today is over \$4,600 per month, while nursing home care runs more than \$8,100 per month for a semi-private room. (See Genworth.com/aging-and-you/finances/cost-of-care.html to look up costs in your area.)

Most people pay for long-term care (LTC) – which encompasses assisted living, nursing home and in-home care – with either personal funds, government programs or insurance. But if your mom is lacking in savings and has no LTC insurance to cover her costs, here are your best options to look for funding.

Medicaid (not Medicare): The first thing you need to know is that Medicare (the government health insurance program for seniors 65 and older and those with disabilities) does not cover long-term care. It only provides limited short-term coverage, up to 100 days for skilled nursing or rehabilitation services after a three-day hospital stay.

Medicaid, however, (the joint federal and state program that covers health care for the poor) does cover nursing home and in-home care. But to be eligible for coverage, your mother must be very low-income. Her countable assets can't be more than around \$2,000, including investments. (Note that most people who enter a nursing home don't qualify for Medicaid at first but pay for care out-of-pocket until they deplete their savings enough to qualify.)

There are also many states that now have Medicaid waver programs that can help pay for assisted living. To get more information on Medicaid coverage and eligibility, call your state Medicaid office (see Medicaid.gov). You can also check your mom's Medicaid eligibility at MedicaidPlanningAssistance.org.

Veterans benefits: If your mom is a wartime veteran, or a spouse or surviving spouse of a wartime veteran, there is a benefit called Aid and Attendance that can help pay toward her long-term care.

To be eligible, your mom must need assistance with daily living activities like bathing, dressing or going to the bathroom. And her yearly income must be under \$15,816 as a surviving spouse, or \$24,610 for a single veteran – after her medical and long-term care expenses. Her assets must also be less than \$138,489 excluding her home and car.

To learn more, see VA.gov/geriatrics, or contact your regional VA office, or your local veterans service organization. Call 800-827-1000 for contact information.

Life insurance: If your mom has a life insurance policy, find out if it offers an accelerated death benefit that would allow her to get a tax-free advance to help pay for her care.

Or consider selling her policy to a life settlement company. These are companies that buy life insurance policies for cash, continue to pay the premiums and collect the death benefit when she dies. Most sellers generally get four to eight times more than the policy cash surrender value.

If she owns a policy with a face value of \$100,000 or more and is interested in this option, get quotes from several brokers or life settlement providers. To locate some, use the Life Insurance Settlement Association member directory at LISA.org.

To look for these and other programs in your area that can help pay your mom's long-term care, go to PayingForSeniorCare.com and click on "Find Financial Assistance for Care."

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



HOW ESTATE PLANNING CAN REDUCE THE HIGH COST OF DYING

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

As anyone who has personally dealt with loss knows, when a loved one dies, those left behind face major challenges, not only emotionally, but financially and legally as well. Successfully navigating all those challenges becomes a necessary part of honoring the life of a loved one who's passed. Unfortunately, so many of us just aren't prepared for that eventuality when it happens.

Determining Dying's True Cost

To further shed light on just how vastly unprepared most of us are when dealing with death, in March 2022 Goldman Sachs released its first-ever "Cost of Dying Report". The report surveyed more than 2,000 Americans—each of whom had lost a loved one in the last five years—to get a clearer picture of dying's true cost to families.

The report looked not only at the financial burden dying brings, but it also examined the cost "in time, in stress, in lost productivity, and in strained interpersonal bonds." Paired with the results of the research, the Cost of Dying includes a collection of insights from the study's advisors, partners, and experts in the bereavement field.

These contributors seek to clarify what we can learn from the study's numbers and explain how we can use the figures to rethink how to best serve the bereaved, "as individuals, as organizations, and as a society." The following are some of the study's most notable findings, along with corresponding insights from some of the report's contributors.

THE FINANCIAL COST

Nationally, following a loved one's death, the total bill—including the funeral and hiring all the other professional support—cost families an average of \$12,702. The average cost of a funeral was \$7,267, and according to the National Funeral Directors Association, that cost has risen 7.6% in the last 5 years.

On top of the funeral, families paid an average of \$5,846 to hire additional professionals, such as lawyers, financial advisors, and realtors. The average bill charged for these services include the following breakdown:

- Professional Services
- \$4,461 real estate professionals
- \$3,910 lawyer fees
- \$2,456 accountants
- \$1,637 therapists or social workers

Notably, the \$3,910 in lawyer's fees was nearly doubled when estates required the court process of probate, which was the case for one-third of the families surveyed. When you include lawyers, court costs, and all the other related fees, the total cost to complete probate for families averaged \$16,800.

Fortunately, by placing assets in a properly created and maintained revocable living trust, assets held by the trust will pass to your loved ones without the need for probate or any court intervention following your death or incapacity. And that's especially important in California, where the costs of probate are even higher than the national averages.

Paying The Final Bill

So how did families pay for all these expenses? Only 1 in 7 families had any of the costs associated with their loved ones' death paid in advance or were able to use payable-on-death funds. Additionally, more than 50% of families had to deal with estates that included debt. To foot the bill for these expenses, 36.1% of respondents used their own savings or investments, while 42.4% used their checking accounts or credit cards.

For most families, the financial costs associated with loss were exacerbated by a lack of information about exactly how much money they should expect to spend, notes internal medicine physician Shoshana Ungerleider, MD, in the report's section on death's financial cost. Compounding that stress, Ungerleider says, was the families' fear of making a mistake that would make their financial burden even worse.

"A majority of families find themselves unprepared for and under-informed about the real financial costs of death, with few available resources for finding out," writes Ungerleider. "They can spend months or years terrified that a wrong move would wipe out their inheritance or even their own savings."

As an example of what such a mistake might look like, Ungerleider notes that a lack of proper estate planning can lead to the deceased's home being seized after death "to pay off expenses incurred through Medicare, even if the family member who was their primary caregiver is still living in the home."

This is another area where thoughtful estate planning can be invaluable. It is important to ensure you and/or your senior parents can qualify for Medicare and other benefits, without putting the family home or other assets at risk.

In fact, your estate plan can – and probably should - include various asset protection tools designed to keep your financial wealth out of the hands of third parties, and responsibly in the hands of your loved ones, no matter what happens in the future.

Best,

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Tuesday, 8/4 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 Aug. 11 and Aug 24 — 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, 8/16 —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

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC - Tuesday, Aug 9 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Methodist Hospital will be holding a free to seniors clinic once a month in the Hart Park House. Walk in are welcome - no pre-registration required.

BINGO: Aug 18 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Come down to the HPH (Hart Park House) for a lively round of BINGO. Prizes await!

SENIOR CINEMA Wednesday, 8/17— Beinng at 1:00 pm Blue Hawaii PG 1h 42m After arriving back in Hawaii from the Army, Chad Gates (Elvis Presley) defies his parents' wishes for himn to work at the family business and instead goes to work as a tour guide at his girlfriend's agency.

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder



MY OH MY, WHAT A NICE SLICE OF PIE!

Whenever things go better than you can imagine, it is always a red flag to pay attention because something is wrong. I don't always catch it, and I have paid the price.

One day this past week, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and our daughters and grand-daughters planned a girl's day. I always enjoy that day because I am left on my own, which doesn't happen often.

As my wife left the building, she asked, "Are you okay with getting your own lunch today?"

It's questions like that that I love. So, I shouted back to her, "I'm okay with that. Have a fun day and a long day."

I was working on some projects in my office, but all I could think about was "lunch." I don't often take care of my lunch, but when it does happen, I enjoy it. I kept looking at my watch impatiently, waiting for lunchtime to come.

Finally, the hour arrived, and I went to the kitchen to make my own lunch. I was whistling as I left my office and headed for the kitchen. I got to the refrigerator, and just as I was about to open the door, something caught my eye.

Looking around at the table in the kitchen, I saw something there that was amazing. It was one of The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's homemade raisin pie. It's been a long time since she made raisin pie, and as I looked at it it was truly with desire.

Looking at it, I promised myself that it would be my lunchtime dessert. Then, very quickly, I got some lunch together, consumed it, and went back to the raisin pie.

I looked at it, smelled it, and it was amazingly delicious aroma. So I got a knife out of the drawer, went to the pie, and cut a slice for my consumption. Yummy.

I took it into the living room and sat on my easy chair so I could maximize my enjoyment of that pie. I would take a bite and then a sip of coffee. My eyes rolled in great delight as I enjoyed this pie. I can't remember the last time I had any raisin pie. It was as delicious as I remembered.

Don't let this get back to my wife, but it was the most wonderful lunch I've had in a long time. That raisin pie did the trick. As I sat there sipping some coffee, I was thinking about that raisin pie. Then, an idea came into my mind that I hadn't thought about before.

What would this raisin pie be like if there was a scoop of ice cream on the top? I couldn't get that out of my mind.

I remember my father used to say that his favorite pie was the one he was eating at the time.

Reflecting about it the thought came to my mind that my favorite pie is the one I'm eating with a scoop of ice cream on the top.

Eventually, I came to the point where I had to surrender to this thought. So I went back into the kitchen, cut another slice of raisin pie, went to the freezer, got some ice cream, and put a lovely scoop of ice cream on top. Just looking at it was marvelous.

I took it to my easy chair and I very slowly and deliberately ate that raisin pie à la mode. I've never had anything as delicious. I couldn't wait for The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage to come home and thank her for that marvelous pie she baked for me. What a lucky guy I am.

I returned to my office and picked up where I left off and worked for a couple of hours. Then, I heard the front door open, and suspected my wife was home.

There was a brief moment of silence, and then I heard, "Oh, no. What did you do?"

I froze in my seat. Because when she said, "What did you do?" I knew that was a reference to me. I had no idea what I had done or how she caught me.

She soon showed up at my door and looking at me, said, "You did not eat that raisin pie, did you?" I smiled at her and said, "Yes, I did. That was the best raisin pie you have ever made. I loved it." "Oh, no." She said in a very sad voice. "What am I going to do now?"

I was stunned because I had no idea what she was talking about.

Then she said, "Don't you know I made that raisin pie for our neighbor's birthday tomorrow? Now, what do I do?"

There just was no way I was going to assemble a bunch of words together in a logical format to re-pond to her question. No matter what I say, it will not solve the problem right before me.

I wanted to say, but I didn't, "You should not have tempted me with your fantastic raisin pie. You know I can't resist." But I would only have dug my hole deeper to the extent I would never get out of it.

This reminded me of a wonderful verse in the Bible. "Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalm 37:4). My greatest delight is serving God in such a way that pleases him.

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STUART TOLCHIN



PUT THE LIGHTS ON THE PACE OF CHANGE

Last night, after a rare game of Scrabble, my wife and I went out to dinner at Mimi's. It's a local restaurant that I've been going to since about 1979 when I first moved to Sierra Madre. A part of me likes to keep going to the same places, because I think, the familiarity lends a sense of security and stability in this world that seems to be changing way too fast. At the end of our dinner, when the place was pretty empty and about to close, our server actually took the trouble to ask how things have changed since we've been coming to the restaurant. I asked him about his own ambitions and if he thought we could provide him with any valuable guidance. After all we were educated folk with advanced degrees in the liberal arts and humanities.

The young man laughed and explained that, as far as he was concerned, all humanities and liberal arts were just a bunch of historical myth-making by people who weren't there and didn't know what they were talking about. What was repeated in these academic classes was just a bunch of old stuff that was presented years ago. The only reason to study such stuff was so that you could get a ticket to become a social worker, or a therapist, or a teacher who pretended to understand stuff that no one really understood. He wanted to become an engineer and learn how things really worked.

I thought about this discussion a lot today. I entered College at about the time Jack Kennedy assumed the Presidency. His election was a great relief to people like me. He was young, erudite, handsome, eloquent, and cool. For the previous eight years the President was Dwight Eisenhower who was none of these things and a soldier to boot. Then within a few years after the election came the assassination and LBJ and the Viet Nam war and my friends and I all worried about being killed. That first feeling of post-election elation reminds me of how I felt right after Biden's election. Do you remember the relief we all felt when Biden's first Press-Secretary, Jan Psaki, held a press conference?

What a change from the unbelievable nonsensical lying presentations of the Trump Years. Miss Psaki was well-prepared, intelligent, truthful, and seemed to be what we all had the right to expect. A well-informed, competent person representing an administration that was looking out for the best interests of the country. We could now relax and feel safe and secure knowing that the Democrats now controlled the House and Senate such that the President and the Legislature could do what had to be done and everything would be fine.

How long did that feeling last? Does anyone feel safe and secure today and, by the way, what has become of Jan Psaki? The huge change that has happened in my lifetime is that we emerged from a time of communal conformity in the 1950's realizing that there was work to be done to avoid a nuclear holocaust but educated people believed that modern man knew all the answers and was preparing its most educated people to be of service to the rest of us.

Today our therapists need therapists and our lawyers need lawyers and our ex-President refuses to answer questions under oath because, on the advice of Counsel (good old lawyers) he has been instructed to refrain from possibly incriminating himself. Everything has changed including our concept of the universe within which we live and the certainty of a continuation of our species within that universe. Nope, going to the moon was not enough! Perhaps this is one of the many factors that have caused the change within ourselves. But the main change is how we feel about ourselves. We are very reluctant to talk with one another. Who can we believe? For nineteen years I watched Walter Cronkite, known "as the most-trusted man in America" and I trusted him. Now he is gone and never has been replaced. In sports I listened to Vin Scully describe the Dodgers until the day he retired in 2016. I asked the young waiter if he had heard of Vin Scully but he wasn't sure. He was mainly interested in soccer.

All right—change happens and keeps happening. I try to slow it down by going to the same restaurants and by playing the same games with my wife but I doubt if there can ever be another Walter Cronkite or even a Jan Psaki. We now know too much about what we don't know. What else is there to do?

Is it too late to become an engineer?

TOM PURCELL ON WINNING THE LOTTERY



I bought my first lottery ticket recently.

It was a \$20 scratch-off that paid me a \$40 prize.

Winning produced a nice little thrill, so I bought another \$20 ticket right away. And lost.

I put out \$40 to win \$40 that day.

I've bought three \$20 scratch-offs since then and won nothing.

To date, I've paid out \$100 to win \$40.

The house always wins in the end.

Still, some people enjoy big paydays playing the state-sponsored lotteries.

I know a fellow who hit twice for over \$100,000 or so. That would be a nice little bump, to be sure.

Of course, winning \$100,000 offers a teachable moment for many who have no idea how high our taxes really are.

According to one lottery-tax-calculation website, I'd have to pay about \$33,000 in state and federal taxes right off the bat.

However, the feds take only 24% out of the initial lottery payment. I'd still owe more taxes, as that \$100,000 would put me into much higher tax bracket.

I'd probably get to keep about \$60,000 of that \$100,000 and the government would get \$40,000.

The house always wins in the end!

Then there is the dark side of government-sponsored gambling that isn't talked about enough. A fair bit of the revenue generated by the lotto is generated by people with addiction issues, according to Florida Council of Compulsive Gambling.

When big payoffs hit the news, as has been the case in recent weeks, there is a surge of people spending money they don't have to buy lotto tickets.

And the lotto has announced some big winners in recent weeks.

One poor human being holds the winning ticket in Illinois for a \$1.28 billion payout.

I say "poor human being" because if that person has neighbors or relatives he's been trying to avoid, he'd better plan on spending lots of time with them, as they'll be pounding on his front door at all hours begging for a handout.

One had better be prepared to manage the massive burden all that money will soon visit on him — and better hire a skilled accountant and attorney for starters.

If he manages that massive payoff well, he can do a lot of good for the world — support a lot of legitimate charities — and maintain a comfortable lifestyle for the rest of his days.

Or that money will be the root of all evil in his life, as no small number of past lottery winners have experienced.

Yahoo Finance tells the stories of 23 lottery winners whose lives spiraled out of control after winning big payouts, some of whom ended up broke or worse.

In any event, one thing that fascinates me about money is that we don't need so much of it as we think.

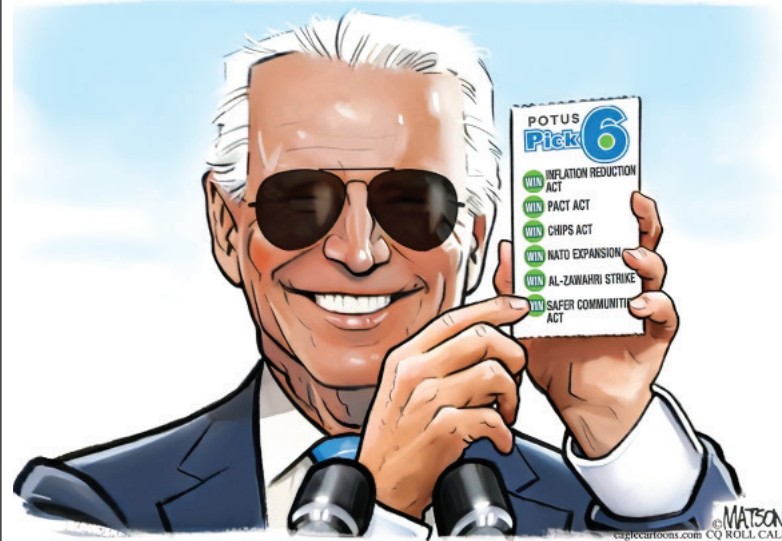
As I've written before, once a person has enough money to pay the bills and enjoy going out to dinner now and then, massive increases in wealth do not necessarily correspond with greater increases in happiness or life satisfaction.

The key to human happiness is spending time with people we love, who love us back — people who value our presence even though we're not million-dollar-lotto winners.

In my case, I suppose a few scratch-off tickets does no great harm every now and then — and funds some good programs for those in need.

Just so long as I remember that the house always wins in the end!

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RICH & FAMOUS



PARAPROSDOKIANS, PART TWO TOO

The below "cleverisms" are not necessarily paraprostdokians in the truest sense, but they are fun. And worth having in your quiver of clever conversation starters or stoppers. (For those of you who missed last week's column, a paraprostdokian is a linguistic scrambler in which the latter part of the sentence isn't what you expected following the first part of the sentence)

One paraprostdokian that particularly applies to me: "He's a writer for the ages...ages four to eight." Dorothy Parker

Now, cleverisms for you to peruse, muse, use and abuse if necessary:

The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

If I could just say a few words...I'd be a better public speaker. People say nothing is impossible...but I do nothing every day. Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first, and call whatever you hit the target.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory. When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water. You're never too old to learn something stupid.

Concert coming up:

This next Saturday, August 20th, JJ Jukebox is performing at Nano Café again. 6:30-9:30. Come join in the food, fun and festivities. Dance to tunes such as "Born to Be Wild", "Crazy Little Thing Called Love", "Your Mama Don't Dance" and more. Even some slow songs. Drop me an email ASAP if you want to come. Give me a head count of your group and we will slot in as best we can. Rich@versatape.com is the best email to reach me. Act quickly as we are fortunate enough to sell out regularly.

Jane Fuller and Mike Gallegos are performing at Corfu Restaurant, Saturday, August 27th from 6:00-8:00. This versatile musical duo performs well known jazz and pop rock favorites from Peter Frampton to Frank Sinatra, Linda Ronstadt to Ella Fitzgerald. Perfect music to accompany a fine dining experience at Corfu Restaurant in Sierra Madre. Call (626) 355-5993 to make reservations. Corfu is at 48 West Sierra Madre Blvd in Sierra Madre.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ESC ENTERPRISE, 713 W DUARTE RD STE G #265, ARCADIA, CA 91007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PHOUNG BICH HA, 713 W DUARTE RD STE G #265, ARCADIA, CA 91007, MALIYAH SAMARA MOORE, 713 W DUARTE RD STE G #265, ARCADIA, CA 91007, MY BAO TRIEU, 713 W DUARTE RD STE G #265, ARCADIA, CA 91007. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: MY BAO TRIEU/GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/02/2022. 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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STATEMENT File No. 2022-174517
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FAST CONNECTION, 5192 W 20TH ST APT 7, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JULISSA A MARQUEZ SANDOVAL, 5192 W 20TH ST APT 7, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JULISSA A MARQUEZ SANDOVAL/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/05/2022. 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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STATEMENT File No. 2022-171603
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FLEX CBD, 22873 LOCKNESS AVE, TORRANCE, CA 906501. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FIVE STAR NATURALS, INC., 22873 LOCKNESS AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90501. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: DAN CORBEI/ PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/02/2022. 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT File No. 2022-162041
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FREEDOM SERVICE, 5864 BRENTWOOD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN RAMON RANGEL, 5864 BRENTWOOD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUAN RAMON RANGEL/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/20/2022. 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT File No. 2022-171439
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FRIENDY NAILS, 6569 E. OLYMPIC BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90022. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JANNY TRANG PHAM, 9309 CLAUDIA CIR, ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JANNY TRANG PHAM/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/02/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2013. 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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STATEMENT File No. 2022-171643
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GONZALEZ TRUCKING SERVICE, 513 N PEARL AVE, COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE MANUEL GONZALEZ SANCHEZ, 513 N PEARL AVE, COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE MANUEL GONZALEZ SANCHEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/02/2022. 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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STATEMENT File No. 2022-169924
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HENRY'S AUTO REPAIR SERVICE, 8217 WASHINGTON AVE UNIT C, WHITTIER, CA 90206. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SMY, LLC., 8217 WASHINGTON AVE UNIT C, WHITTIER, CA 90602. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: SERGIO HERNANDEZ YANEZ/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/29/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2022. 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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STATEMENT File No. 2022-162757
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IGLESIA ADVENISTA INTERAMERICANA, SDLA, 1507 E. 22ND. ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) UNION TREE GLOBAL MINISTRY, 1507 E. 22ND. ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: BENEDICTO ALVAREZ/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/20/2022. 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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STATEMENT File No. 2022-167987
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IMAGINATIONZ PARTIES & EVENTS, 704 CENTINELA AVE 1/2, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LASHON DENISE HERNDON-WILLIAMS, 704 CENTINELA AVE 1/2, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302, ELIJAH WILLIAMS III, 704 CENTINELA AVE 1/2, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: LASHON DENISE HERNDON-WILLIAMS/GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/27/2022. 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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STATEMENT File No. 2022-170020
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JT'S LIQUOR, 929 E ARROW HWY, GLEN DORA, CA 91740. Full name

of registrant(s) is (are) SUKHEHAR LLC, 235 E GROVERDALE ST, COVINA, CA 91722. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: SUKHEEN KAUR/ MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/29/2022. 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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STATEMENT File No. 2022-163751
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PAREDES AUTO PARTS, 901 GOODRICH AVE, WILMINGTON, CA 90744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CESAR ADOLFO PAREDES RAMIREZ, 9456 HARVARD ST APT A, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CESAR ADOLFO PAREDES RAMIREZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/21/2022. 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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STATEMENT File No. 2022-172375
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PRODUCTOS NATURALES VITAMINAS Y VARIEDADES EMILY, 1816 W 6TH ST, SUITE #UFA, LOS ANGELES, CA 90057. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SINDI PAOLA DERAS ARITA, 2833 FRANCIS AVE APT 310, LOS ANGELES, CA 90005. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SINDI PAOLA DERAS ARITA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/03/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/2019. 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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STATEMENT File No. 2022-142397
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SABOR A PERU, 235 E. ROWLAND ST., COVINA, CA 91723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JILDA M. DURAND, 235 E. ROWLAND ST., COVINA, CA 91723. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JILDA M. DURAND/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/28/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2018. 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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STATEMENT File No. 2022-167579
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TIM'S LABOR & HANDYMAN SERVICES, 2963 N OLIVE AVE, ALTADENA, CA 91001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TIMOTHY DELAY SMITH, 2963 N OLIVE AVE, ALTADENA, CA 91001. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TIMOTHY DELAY SMITH/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/27/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/05/2022. The business 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.) AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDWIN ANIBAL PRADO PACAY/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/29/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2021. 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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STATEMENT File No. 2022-162039
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNITED SERVICE, 5864 BRENTWOOD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN RAMON RANGEL, 5864 BRENTWOOD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUAN RAMON RANGEL/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 07/20/2022. 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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FILE NO. 2022-163756

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) JOSE LUIS VILLASENOR, 2026 W WASHINGTON BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90018, has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: BLUE ELEPHANT CAFE, 2024 W WASHINGTON BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90018. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 12/18/2019, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2019324702. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 07/21/2022. The business 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.) JOSE LUIS VILLASENOR/ OWNER
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JONATHAN H. HOFFMAN AKA JONATHAN HARRY HOFFMAN
CASE NO. 22STPB07184

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JONATHAN H. HOFFMAN AKA JONATHAN HARRY HOFFMAN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SELECT FIDUCIARY GROUP LLC in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SELECT FIDUCIARY GROUP LLC 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. (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: 08/31/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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 (form 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.

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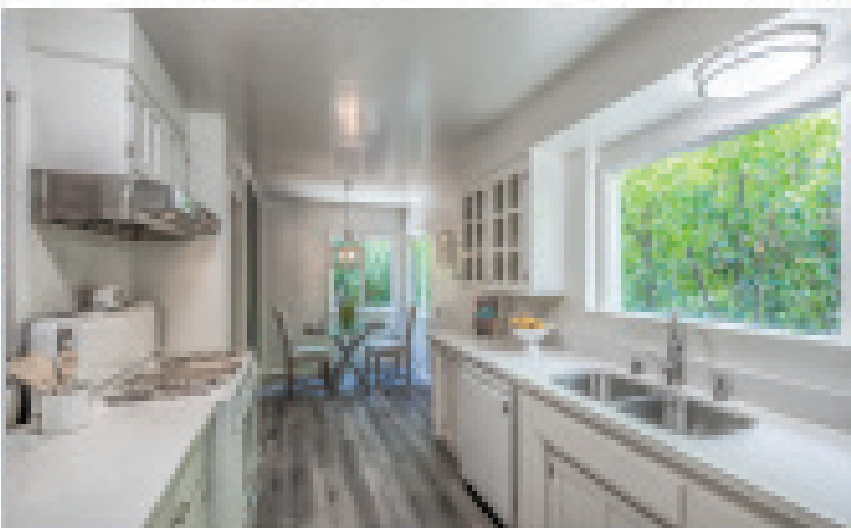
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FILE NO. 2022-159923

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) ROBERT ALEXANDER DRIESLEIN, 9950 BELLRANCH DR SUITE 104, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670, has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: BOBBY DEE, FKO, & UNCLE SNOOP'S TALENT AGENCY, 9950 BELLRANCH DR, SUITE 104, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 09/19/2018, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2018238007. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 07/18/2022. The business 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.) ROBERT ALEXANDER DRIESLEIN/OWNER
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FILE NO. 2022-174525

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) EDWIN ANIBAL PRADO PACAY, 5192 W 20TH STREET APT 7, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016, has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: FAST CONNECTION, 5192 W 20TH STREET APT 7, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 05/13/2019, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2019124815. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 08/05/2022. The business 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.) EDWIN ANIBAL PRADO PACAY/OWNER
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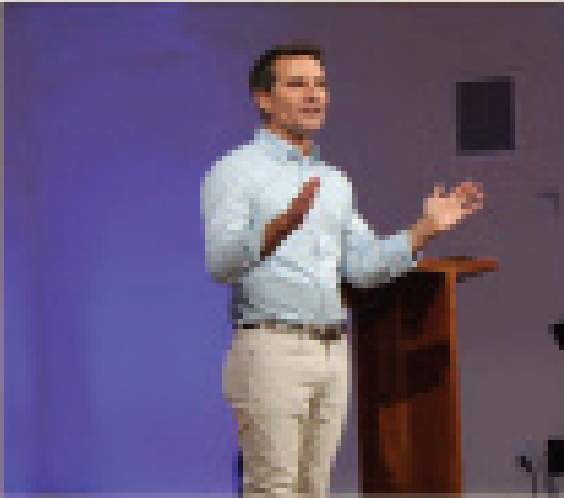
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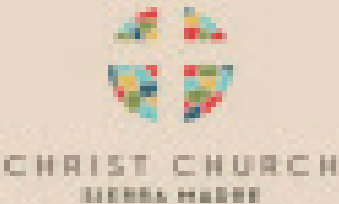
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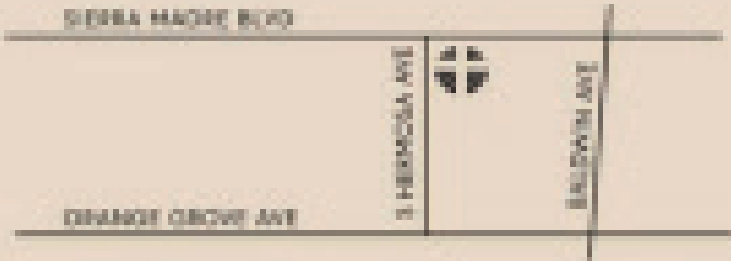
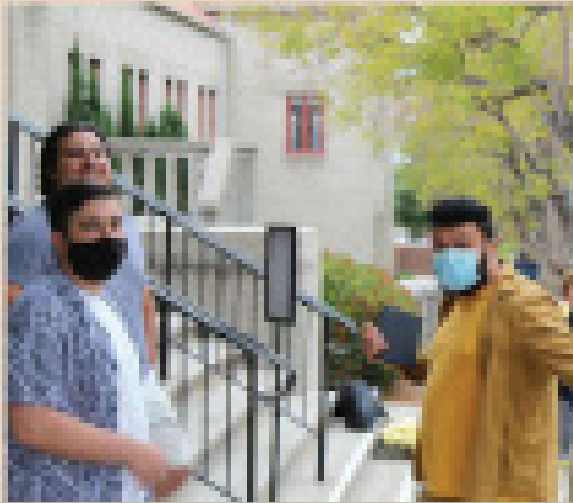


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