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## SIERRA MADRE ON LIST OF CALIFORNIA'S TOP 50 WATER-SAVING CITIES

The City of Sierra Madre hosted a water tour on August 24, 2022. The tour was led by City Manager Jose Reynoso, with presentations by Water Superintendent Steven McGee and Management Intern Jenna Norwood.

The admission-free tour, attended by residents and Council Member Robert Parkhurst, demonstrated the City's water resources, water production and treatment facilities, community water conservation programs, and the City's new solar farm.

At the tour City Manager Reynoso announced that Sierra Madre has been identified as one of the State of California's top 50 biggest water savers in July, and one of only three water-saver cities in the San Gabriel Valley. The City of El Monte and South Pasadena are the only other SGV Cities to make the list.

In September 2021, The City Council took proactive steps that placed Sierra Madre at the forefront of the State's water conservation efforts. It was the Council's foresight that paved the way for Sierra Madre to be in the top 50 cities in California.

In order to continue the momentum, City staff will work with the Natural Resources Commission, The San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and our community to develop new programs that further the City's water sustainability efforts.

Due to the success of the water tour, City staff is working to organize a second tour, scheduled for some time in September.

For additional information on water-saving tips, please visit the Water Conservation page on the City's website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com)



## SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY CONTINUES TO MAKE HEADLINES



Last month the Sierra Madre library made front page news twice! The first was the appointment of Leila Regan as Head Librarian. The second was the announcement of a \$10 million dollar grant for library expansion and improvements.

This month the library is in the news again with the appointment of Doreen Thomas as the new Youth Services Librarian.

Mrs. Thomas has been employed by the Library since 2017 and is regarded by her co-workers as "an invaluable asset to the Library and the Sierra Madre community." She is currently a candidate for a Masters Degree in Library Science. Stop by the Library to congratulate her!

### THE PARKING FACELIFT

Anyone driving down Sierra Madre Blvd in the past few weeks has no doubt noticed the construction in front of the Library. The Public Works Department has revamped the ADA/Handicapped parking for the library, including creating slanted

parking on Sierra Madre Blvd. These improvements were planned prior to the awarding of the grant.

The Library remains open during this period but visitors are asked to enter the parking lot from Mariposa Ave and then walking around the west side of the building (opposite the driveway) to enter the front door.



## MORE PROGRESS AT THE POST OFFICE



Progress continues at the Post Office as we prepare for the big design reveal from our great landscape architect, FormLA, on Tuesday, August 30. Remember, if you want to see what the new landscaping design will look like you can register to be in the 6 pm Zoom meeting by going to [FormLAinc.com](http://FormLAinc.com) and registering under "Upcoming Events". Everyone is welcome and invited. We want to hear your feedback.

The new landscaping of the Post Office is designed to show residents that they can save water and have a beautiful and fire safe yard. If you swing by the Post Office you will notice a nice walkway of crushed gravel next to the building. At your house, this same walkway would act to protect your home from wildfires. The walkway would keep flammable plants from sending flames up under eaves and into attics. The walkway would be one of your first steps to create defensible space around your home by removing all combustible material. Some of the plants that will be chosen for the new Post Office design are fire

resistant as well as drought tolerant.

Please keep an eye out for some of the public demonstration days we will be holding on Saturdays in October, November and December. The topics we will include are Building a Bioswale to collect and save water, Installing a Rainbird Underground Irrigation System, and Planting Native Drought Tolerant Plants. Details will be posted in this paper and at the Post Office.

If you would like to help us with this project, please send a tax-deductible donation check payable to the "Post Office Landscape Project c/o SMCF." The mailing address is Sierra Madre Community Foundation, P.O. Box 716, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. If you prefer to make your donation by PayPal, please scan the PayPal QR Code below:

Thank you for your support to safeguard the viability of this important Sierra Madre community resource by helping us attract people to the re-landscaped Sierra Madre Post Office. We hope that, when people come to the newly landscaped building, they will admire the planting, learn about the water saving vegetation options, and transfer that interest to their own yards. We hope to see you at the Zoom call on Tuesday, August 30 at 6 pm.



## SIERRA MADRE POLICE WARN OF INCREASED ONLINE FRAUD ACTIVITY

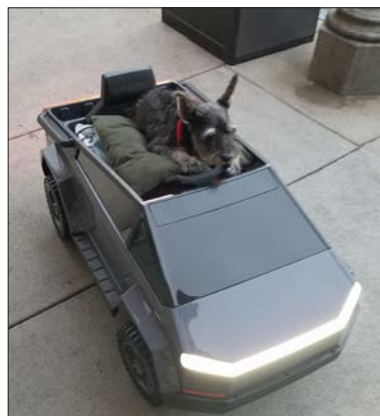
According to Acting SMPD Chief Henry Amos, the Department has seen an increase in community members falling for online fraud and scams.

We would like to remind you to not give out personal information over the phone, such as credit card or social security info. Also keep in mind that companies will never ask you to mail cash or items to a location. More on page 9

On the lighter side...

### DOES THIS DOG HAVE A LICENSE?

Most evenings you can find Tasha the dog riding past restaurants and shops in town along Sierra Madre Blvd.



Here's Tasha double parked by Starbucks in her remote controlled car. Her dad said every evening she can hardly wait to get into the car! So...SMPD???

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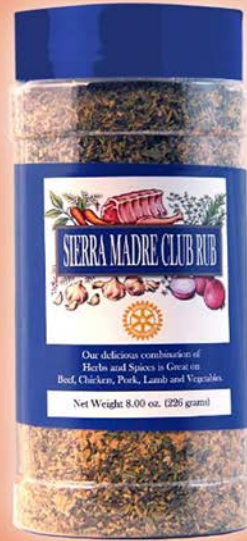


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WHAT IS THIS MAN DOING?



Early last week, concerned residents contacted the Mountain Views News and submitted photographs of one ir more trees being cut down on the property where the proposed Meadows at Bailey Canyon is to be built.

The sight of workers with chainsaws alarmed neighbors several of whom feared that 'in anticipation of the city council's approval of the Planning Commission vote on the project, construction had begun'.

As a result, the Mountain Views News contacted the developer to find out what was going on. The following response was sent: *“On Tuesday, regular maintenance work was conducted to remove a dead Morton Bay Fig tree which posed a safety hazard given its immediate proximity to the road. This tree removal was necessary to protect the health and safety of our retreatants. In addition, maintenance cleared a fallen tree from the property as part of ongoing property maintenance.”* - Michael Cunningham, Mater Dolorosa



**WHAT'S NEXT??**

On August 18 the Planning Commission approved all parts of the Meadows project and it will be on the City Council agenda at their next meeting.

Our volunteers spent many hours going door to door and many voters were in favor of our initiative to Rezone the Mater Dolorosa parcel to the Hillside Zone, as we feel it always should have been. Some others, still undecided, were certain that they wanted the VOTERS of Sierra Madre to make that decision with a vote at the next election. Many contacted us to sign the petition, with the result that the City Council heard the wishes of 1,300 of their constituents!

When the Meadows project comes before them, we will ask the City Council to consider the wishes of the voters and to defer their consideration of the project, as is permitted, for the short time until the people can make their consensus known through their vote.

But, because the City Council has already expressed their objections to our initiative, we are concerned that they will vote to approve the project before the election. IF they approve everything concerning the Meadows Project, as we expect they may, our measure would still be on the ballot, but it might take legal action to decide what takes precedence. The Developer and the Monastery have both said they will initiate legal action if our initiative passes.

The law allows us to still make certain that the PEOPLE of Sierra Madre decide the issue, regardless of what the City Council, or those hoping to make millions from the special character of our Village of the Foothills may do to try to oppose a constitutionally protected democratic process.

If the City Council is not willing to respect their constituent's wishes by deferring their decision until after the election - and if they vote to approve the Meadows project, we will attempt to pause the project with a referendum.

Just as our petition for an initiative allows the Citizens to vote on our proposed measure, a successful petition for a referendum to overturn the City Council's decision would allow the Citizens at an election next year to vote to remove the approvals of the Meadows Project. That would stop the project despite any lawsuits against our initiative measure!

It would require 850+ signatures of registered voters in 30 days. But we have 1,300 residents who told the city what they want and may be upset by being disregarded by the Council that is supposed to represent them - unless the council votes to defer consideration of the project until after the election. Others who feel that a City Council should consider the wishes of the people they represent, may also be ready to show them that our voices do matter!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PLAN OR WISH TO BE NOTIFIED IF A PETITION FOR A REFERENDUM BECOMES NECESSARY,

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# Neighbors for Fairness

## ARE WE STILL DISCUSSING RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION?

Preserve Sierra Madre ironically said our elected officials would not support any provision of our local laws that would discriminate, restrict or discourage any of us from expressing our religious beliefs. We agree 100%. That is just one of many reasons why the City Council unanimously opposes Measure HR.

In the City Attorney's 9212 report it states that "The Initiative constrains the Passionists' alternatives to develop their property for religious purposes." And "However, the Initiative's conversion of the religious uses at the Mater Dolorosa Property to non-conforming uses may substantially burden the religious exercise of the Passionists."

Preserve Sierra Madre says that the city's codes allow churches and other places of worship in a residential zone. The supporters of Measure HR apparently don't know what their initiative says. Measure HR, according to its own text, will become a new overriding city ordinance. The Mater Dolorosa Hillside Zoning Initiative states:

B. Intent and Purpose.  
a. The intent of this Initiative is to permit the continued operation of the Mater Dolorosa Passionist

Retreat Center without expansion, significant physical alteration, or change in use, as a non-conforming use.

It does not say they CAN expand a nonconforming use, or that they CAN do significant physical alterations, or that they CAN change the use of the property. It explicitly says they cannot do those things.

The proponents of the initiative keep telling us that they knew what they were doing. They all have legal backgrounds and they all consulted with their expensive Los Angeles attorney. But now they say their initiative will allow what it literally says it will not. Then why not put that language in the initiative instead of explicitly prohibiting these things? This is how the poorly written Measure HR is a legal disaster waiting to happen.

Here's the heart of the issue. The initiative prohibits the City Council from fixing any problems with Measure HR. Section 10 states that the City Council cannot amend or repeal Measure HR. Section 11 states that if Measure HR is inconsistent with any other city codes that the existing code must be repealed. So it isn't that the Non-Conforming code would

still allow expansion or change in use. Measure HR demands that the conflicting Non-Conforming code be repealed. That repeals it for everyone, not just the Passionists. Anyone would then be able to expand their nonconforming use. Or if the Residential code allows churches with a CUP then that section of the code must be repealed according to Measure HR.

Section 9 a. states that even if the courts determine a part of Measure HR is illegal that the City Council should take "all steps possible to cure any inadequacies or deficiencies identified by the court in a manner consistent with the express and implied intent of this Initiative." What happens when a court determines Measure HR violates the Passionists' religious rights and the Council cannot rectify the zoning issue? Normally, the City could just say, "Sorry," change the code, and pay everyone's legal fees, but in this case the City's hands are tied. The courts might then choose to impose damages against the city, or the proponents defending it, in favor of the Passionists.

Join Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness in voting No on Measure HR in November.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR  
WE HAVE BEEN OVER THIS BEFORE

Last week Mr. Hays asks, "I still haven't heard a cogent argument as to why the developer is investing so much time, effort and money to avoid having to proceed under our Hillside Management restrictions." There is a very simple answer to this. The property is not zoned Hillside Management. In what rational world should anyone be required to follow zoning restrictions that do not apply to the property or the project they are proposing?

Having had the opportunity to discuss the Meadows project with both Mr. Frankel of New Urban West and the Passionists, I believe they both care about creating a well-crafted design that is good for Sierra Madre. This isn't just my opinion, the Planning Commission, all people who live in and care about Sierra Madre (and have been praised by Preserve Sierra Madre for carefully considering the project), unanimously agreed that this project is a good balance for the city. I also believe NUWI does not want to see the Passionists' rights violated as a result of the project. It is easy to demonize a developer as caring only about profits, but it is not that simple. The "developer" actually consists of real people who have similar concerns as you and I and want to live in nice communities.

I suggest calling Mr. Frankel and talking to him about the project. NUWI is literally investing in Sierra Madre to create a project that new homeowners will want to buy into. Yes, they could have proposed a simple R-1 project with more homes, smaller homes, no park, no land placed in conservancy, and no net-zero water offsets, but that is not what they have proposed. They are already invested in, and have presented, a project that is good for the city.

Could NUWI have proposed a project to rezone the property to the Hillside Management zone and to build 68 mansions? I suppose so, if the Passionists agreed to that, but one might suggest that the neighbors and the city council would never allow something as crazy as what the Measure HR allows. No one wants to allow mansions on the property except, oddly enough, the proponents of Measure HR who told us they were fighting large homes.

Mr. Hays continues saying, "They won't explain how what we've been told necessarily contradicts the facts – but confidently assert we've been lied to, nonetheless." I guess he missed Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness's article from two weeks ago titled THE BIG LIE. The first paragraph listed six things from STOP Housing Development's own flyer which implied Measure HR would protect the meadow, wildlife habitats, the solitude of the neighborhood, 101 trees, the scenic vista, and the last remaining open space. None of these will be preserved by Measure Hillside Residential which allows more homes, literal mansions, and less oversight from the city by rezoning it to a residential zone.

Robert Gjerde



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## REMEMBRANCE

### MAE J. DAHLSTROM-PUTERBAUGH

Mae, known to family & friends as “Mama Mae” 94, passed away Sunday, August 7, 2022.

Mae was born on the family farm in Alvarado, Minnesota July 13, 1928. Her family moved to California when she was a teenager. She met her future husband Bennett D. Puterbaugh in Pasadena when she worked as a waitress at the “Pantry Coffee Shop”. They married Jan. 16, 1950.



In 1953, together they built a house in the mountains of Altadena. Bennett worked as a Pressman for the Pasadena Star-News and had five children. Several years later, Mae became a Special Ed teacher in the Pasadena City Schools.

During the school years she volunteered in the PTA, Girl Scouts, Indian Guides and the Altadena Junior Women's Club. After all those years of volunteering she joined “Jazzercise”. She loved this group & made many life-time friends.

Proud of being Swedish, her talents included loving animals, embroidering, knitting, and baking cakes & cookies. Every Christmas she gave 100's of cookies away to neighbors, friends & family. Because of where our family home was located in the hills, she really appreciated all of the Los Angeles County Firemen. She had a wonderful life.

She is survived by her 5 children & partners: Julie & Jeff, Dextra & Robert (his sister Leslie), Claudia, Bennett & Jose, Tommy & Cris, grandchildren Daniel, Carolyn & spouse Danny and great-grandchildren Leo & Gavin. Mae will always be in our hearts and missed.

## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

“We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.” Maya Angelou

“Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.” Nathaniel Hawthorne

The most exciting thing going on in my life right now is observing my daughter, Leah, with her Monarch butterfly farm right here in Sierra Madre. She sends daily pictures of her soon-to-be butterflies as they chew on milkweed and live a safe and comfortable life inside tall cube cages of fine mesh on all sides and one clear side where she can record their progress. She has named them all: Lorenzo, Linda, Lucille, Leo and Lucas. The picture this week is Lorraine and Lorenzo. She was concerned about Lorenzo's safety as, apparently, he looks good enough to eat. You're going to have to look closely, but they're there. She has been nurturing them from tiny eggs to larvae and she's eagerly awaiting metamorphosis. She has gotten us so involved with her butterfly farm that we can't wait to see emerging, home-grown, Monarch butterflies. Linda stopped moving yesterday and we were wringing our hands. This morning, however, she is moving her antennae again and we are relieved. Who knew planting milkweed in pots on her patio would provide so much drama and tragedy!



“If a book is well written, I always find it too short.” Jane Austen  
“Between the pages of a book is a lovely place to be.”

Yes, it's still hot and humid and aside from a little floor cleaning, I've been between the pages of a trilogy by Elin Hilderbrand, “Winter in Paradise,” “What Happens in Paradise,” and “Troubles in Paradise.” I've completed the first two and just started “Troubles in Paradise.”

Friends and neighbors, there is more drama going on in these books than in a month of “Game of Thrones.” There's currently very little excitement on TV, except American Ninja Warrior, which has been beyond exciting for weeks as these unbelievable athletes come together, first at Universal Studios and now for the finale in Las Vegas. They are competing for a million dollars and the course is horrendous; filled with the competitors leaping from one tiny spot to another, trying to grab some ridiculously small thing, hang on and swing to an equally horrendous tiny spot. It's breathtaking to say the least. Next Monday night, the 29th will be the show where we see who wins the million. The best competitors seem to be teen-age boys and girls and if you're not watching this, you're missing out!

Well, there is something really cool on Hulu TV: “Only Murders in The Building,” with Steve Martin, Martin Short and Selena Gomez. This is funny, suspenseful, and, as these guys know everybody, loaded with guest stars you wouldn't expect and a plot twist every few minutes. The finale of Season 2 was last Tuesday and Season 3 is on tap sometime in the future. If you haven't watched this, take a look.

With all this reading and TV stuff, I found myself wanting something to eat that was quick, easy, and portable. Cheese Toasties came immediately to mind. This is one of those recipes that you can make five million times and nobody gets tired of it. Kids love it and you can eat it while you read. The friend who gave me this recipe, Joyce Forsee, called it Pizza Party Snacks, but our kids called it Cheese Toasties and that seems to fit.

1 lb. shredded cheese, Tillamook, pepper jack, Mexican blend, whatever you like and now that you can buy it nicely shredded in a plastic bag, this recipe is even more attractive as you don't have to grate the cheese (and usually your knuckles).  
2 cans chopped black olives (small cans)  
1 can chopped green Ortega chiles (small can, unless you really really love chiles)  
2 8 oz. cans tomato sauce  
1 TB vinegar  
Garlic salt if you like it, just a bit.

Mix all this together, spread on sourdough bread, put under the broiler till it's melted and slightly browned. Devour while enjoying your book or favorite show.

Ideally, it should chill for a couple of hours or so but we always wanted it NOW and it works just fine on that basis. Don't think too much about calories, just enjoy it. Remember, life is short and dessert should be eaten first...or cheese toasties.

The following really inspirational quote was posted by my friend, Denise Larocque, who decorates her Facebook page with incredible pictures of clouds, birds, mountains, rainbows, and uplifting thoughts like this.

“You either get bitter or you get better. It's that simple. You either take what has been dealt to you and allow it to make you a better person, or you allow it to tear you down. The choice does not belong to fate, it belongs to you.” Josh Shipp

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## Friends of the Sierra Madre Library

### 50th Annual Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Wine and Cuisine Tasting Benefit

#### POSTPONED

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library regret to announce the postponement of the 50th Annual Friends of Sierra Madre Library Wine and Cuisine Tasting Benefit scheduled for September 23, 2022. All tickets purchased on eventbrite.com have been refunded. Those who purchased tickets at the library will be contacted by a committee member to arrange for return or voiding of payments.

The Planning Committee felt encouraged that the pandemic had reached a point where an in-person event could be planned! However, in the wake of the pandemic, we learned that labor shortages, economic instability and caution made execution of the event impossible. With this said, the Friends Board of Directors voted to postpone the benefit.

We ask readers to support the Sierra Madre Library by joining the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library or becoming a Partner of the library. We also encourage each of you to support our local restaurants and other venues as the recovery continues.

Julie Bencosme, 2022 – 2023 President of Friends of Sierra Madre Library, extends special thanks to Susan Henderson at Mt Views News; Pete Siberelli at Santa Anita Racetrack; all the restaurants that supported the wine tasting, including Nano's Café, Poppy Cake, Raffi's, Matt Denny's, and Lucky Baldwin; those businesses that contributed to the Silent Auction were Baldwin Jewelers, The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens, Bottle Shop, Amperage Electric, Bill Traxler Pool Service, The Buccaneer, Creative Arts Group, Four Seasons Tea Room, Islands Fine Burgers, Lucky Baldwin's, Nano's Café, Only Place in Town Restaurant, and Sierra Madre Playhouse. Special thanks are also extended to Arcadia Party Rentals, Sir Speedy of Monrovia, and B & H Signs for their continued support of our events.

Margaret Quigley and The Buccaneer both offered to serve as sponsors for the wine tasting, which was appreciated. And last but not least special thanks to the Friends of Sierra Madre Library Board of Directors for making this tough decision.

Stay on the lookout for this well-loved event's return in the future!

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library helps support the programs for children and adults at Sierra Madre Library throughout the year. For more information about becoming a member or Partner of the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library visit our website at [www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org](http://www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org).



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## Labor Day Closures & Reminders

Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that City Hall and many City services will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day. Specific closures and exceptions are noted below.

Trash and recycling services will be postponed by one day. Monday pickup will occur on Tuesday; Tuesday pickup on Wednesday; Wednesday pickup on Thursday; Thursday pickup on Friday; and Friday pickup on Saturday. There will be no bulky item pickups on Saturday or Monday.

The Citizen Service Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Pasadena residents and businesses experiencing power emergencies should call Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. PWP's regular Customer Call Center will be closed for the holiday, but customers can access their accounts and pay bills online at [www.PWPweb.com](http://www.PWPweb.com) or by calling (626) 744-4005.

The City's Municipal Services Payment Center and Parking Office will be closed on Labor Day. All parking meters not posted as "No Parking" will be free and time limits will not be enforced. Violations for overnight parking, red curb parking, "No Parking" zones, and blocking fire hydrants will continue to be enforced. Regular enforcement resumes Tuesday, Sept. 6. The Permit Center will be closed on Labor Day but will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 8 a.m. Online permitting services are available 24/7 at [www.cityofpasadena.net/PermitCenterOnline](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/PermitCenterOnline).

Pasadena Transit bus service and Dial-A-Ride transportation will not operate on Labor Day. Normal service will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be closed on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4 and 5, and will return to regular schedules on Tuesday, Sept. 6. All recreation and community centers operated by the City's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will be closed on Labor Day, but all parks will be open for picnics, fun and play. No site reservations are accepted for the holiday.

Pasadena Police and Fire Departments will continue to be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services. For life-threatening emergencies, always dial 9-1-1. If you see something, say something. Report suspicious activity to Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241.



## City Sues Sheraton for Unpaid Hotel Tax

City officials announced Monday that Pasadena has received \$497,000 to resolve claims in the bankruptcy of Urban Commons Cordova A, LLC, one of the former operators of the Sheraton Pasadena Hotel located at the Convention Center.

According to officials, Urban Commons took hundreds of thousands of dollars in transient occupancy tax and tourism business improvement district assessment monies without turning the monies over to the City on a monthly

basis, as required by law.

In proceedings unrelated to Pasadena earlier in Urban Commons' bankruptcy case, the bankruptcy judge found two of Urban Commons' former principals to be "fraudsters."

"I am proud of Pasadena for standing up to collect money owed to its taxpayers, which was wrongfully withheld," said Mayor Victor Gordo. "The City has collected a large multiple of what some other creditors received from Urban Commons."

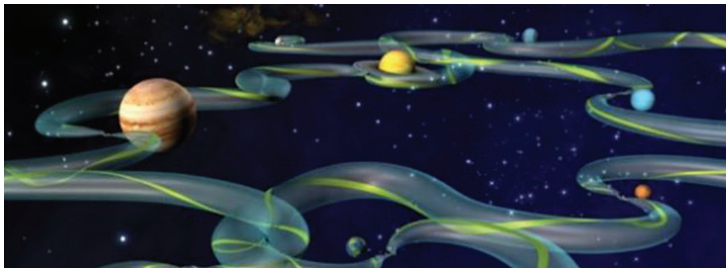
Pasadena's lawsuit in

California court continues against other operators of the Sheraton Pasadena Hotel, where the city is seeking the remaining unpaid hotel tax, interest and penalties Gordo added.

According to previous reports, the city sued Urban Commons for over \$850,000. Urban Commons filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in early 2021 that also included dozens of hotels across the country owning more than \$500 million in total debt.

Photo by D. Lee/MVNews

## Summer Speaker Series Science and Technology



Pasadena Heritage announced a sampling of amazing accomplishments and "firsts" in its Uniquely Pasadena summer lecture series, continuing with part three, on Sunday.

From its founding to the present day, the City of Pasadena has drawn brilliant, talented and innovative thinkers and creators to live and work here. Pasadena is the birthplace of remarkable achievements and innovative ideas in architecture, transportation, entertainment, food, science, technology and more.

In Pasadena Heritage third and final program they will look at science and technology that is unique to Pasadena. They will have two special guest speakers to share some exciting things that have happened and are happening in Pasadena.

The first speaker will be Dr. Eun-Joo Ahn, an astrophysicist and doctoral candidate, History of Science, at UC Santa Barbara. Through Zoom she is set to talk about "Regional Development and Mount Wilson Observatory During the Early Twentieth Century."

Mount Wilson Observatory was founded by astrophysicist George Ellery Hale in 1904 with funding from the Carnegie Institution of Washington. It became one of the most prominent astronomical observatories during the first half of the twentieth century, whose astronomers contributed to understanding the characteristics of the sun and the structure of our universe. Regional development and boosterism of Pasadena and

Southern California played a significant role in its success along with superb observation conditions on the summit of Mount Wilson. Learn how and why Pasadena became home to such an important scientific structure!

The second speaker is Dr. Martin Lo, a principal engineer of the Mission Design & Navigation Section of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology. Dr. Lo obtained a BS from Caltech in 1975 and a PhD from Cornell University in 1981 in pure mathematics. His work helped JPL win and fly the Genesis Mission. He and student Shane Ross discovered that a network of invariant manifolds popularly called the "Interplanetary Superhighway" connects the Solar System. Martin has won numerous awards for his work.

Martin will discuss his 30-year career with JPL and how "The Earth's Neighborhood" is a complex dynamical regime. A mere difference of 50 m/s in the launch velocity separates trajectories heading to the Moon from trajectories escaping Earth. Learn about the mapping of the Interplanetary Superhighway and how theoretical and computational infrastructure will allow us to launch to all parts of the Solar System. All of these discoveries are happening in Pasadena's backyard!

Guests may attend in person or virtually via Zoom. Light refreshments for in-person attendees.

For more information visit: [pasadenaheritage.org](http://pasadenaheritage.org).

## County Sheriff's Air Rescue Saves Hiker and his Dog



The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Emergency Services Detail, also known as Air Rescue 5, rescued a hiker and his beloved dog earlier this month after the hiker was unable to traverse the trail in the Mount Wilson area.

On August 8, at approximately 1:30 pm, Air Rescue 5 received a call for service regarding a hiker and his dog who both fell 200 feet over the side of the trail near Mount Wilson.

The Air 5 crew responded to the area of the call and located Dave Santonil and his dog Bubba, who were approximately 200 feet over the side of the Mount Wilson Trail. Santonil and Bubba were standing on a small shelf of soil that protruded from the vertical mountainside and had a very steep drop. Based on Santonil and Bubba's difficult position, Air Rescue 5 assessed the situation and devised a rescue plan.

The Air Rescue pilots maneuvered the aircraft in the canyon and placed it

where the helicopter's rotors would not blow Santonil and Bubba from their fragile position. With the assistance of his partners, Deputy Belleville using rappelling equipment was lowered from the helicopter to where Santonil and Bubba were. He managed to secure the two and hoisted them up into safety.

"There are dangers in the trails. We have the nation's largest county, and we have the nation's largest playground right next to the largest population. So, the mixture of those two leads the crew of Air Rescue 5 to be very busy during the summer months, during the winter months and pretty much all year long," Sheriff Villanueva stated during the press conference.

LASD's Air Rescue five motto is "Saving Lives Priority One."

LASD continues to remind hikers of the dangers of hiking alone and with pets. Have a hiking plan and tell someone your plan. Visit [LASD.org](http://LASD.org) for more hiking tips at: [lasd.org/hiking-tips](http://lasd.org/hiking-tips).

## AB 2723 Pet Theft Protection Bill Heads to Gov. Newsom

Assemblymember Chris Holden's bill AB 2723 - Animals: microchips: theft passed the Senate Floor Monday with unanimous bipartisan support and is headed to the Governor's desk.

"It's a tragedy when your family member/pet goes missing, and this bill would prevent bad actors of reclaiming pets while their loved ones are still searching for them," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "Many Californians have welcomed animals into their families, and we want those pets to be safe."

Existing law fails to ensure that pets are returned to their rightful owners. Currently, when pets are microchipped by organizations before adoption, these organizations remain as the primary contact registered to the microchips, even after

adoption and even once owners are registered to the same microchips (as secondary contacts).

AB 2723 would expand upon, and clarify pet microchip ownership with the intent to alleviate legal confusion and ambiguity for pet owners, especially owners undergoing improper pet reclamation, pet theft, or pet loss. Specifically, AB 2723 would prioritize the contacting of owners in instances of pet recovery by encouraging that the pet owner be listed as the microchip primary contact, instead of pet adoption organizations.

"We need pet ownership to be clear since many have invested both financially and emotionally for the care of their pets. This bill helps the voiceless return home where they belong," said Holden.

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## Film Noir Is Topic of The Masters Series Via Zoom

The theme for the fall term of The Masters Series presented by the Pasadena Senior Center via Zoom Tuesdays, Sept. 13, 20 and 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. is *Femme Fatales and Smiling Psychopaths: The History of Film Noir*.

The three-week series, which embraces lifelong learning, will highlight some of the stylish and moody film noir crime dramas of the 1940s and '50s that are essential to any discussion about films of the 20th century.

Documentarian and author Steven C. Smith will lead participants in an examination of the genre that often features cunning women, men on the outskirts of society, shady characters who inhabit the shadows of murder and betrayal and the relentless detectives who are hot on their trails.

The cost for the three-week course is only \$35 for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and \$45 for nonmembers. To register or for more information, visit [www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org](http://www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org) and click on Lectures & Classes, then Masters Series Lifelong Learning or call 626-

795-4331. Everyone who registers will receive an email link for joining the classes online.

Smith is a four-time Emmy-nominated documentary producer and author whose latest book is "Music by Max Steiner: The Epic Life of Hollywood's Most Influential Composer" (Oxford University Press, 2020). He has written about film and music for the Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, Entertainment Weekly and the Hollywood Reporter. A former supervising producer of the TV series "A&E Biography" and "AMC Backstory," his award-winning documentaries include "The Sound of a City: Julie Andrews Returns to Salzburg," "The Lure of the Desert: Martin Scorsese on Lawrence of Arabia" and "Thou Shalt Not: Sex, Sin and Censorship in Pre-Code Hollywood." He lives in Los Angeles.

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

## 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.

## Jingle the keys, San Marino Motor Classic to Support PH

Pasadena Humane reminds animal and car lovers to mark your calendar for the dog-friendly San Marino Motor Classic on Aug. 28. You and your pup can enjoy a day of strolling through hundreds of mint-condition collector cars at Lacy Park in San Marino.

"I first attended the San Marino Motor Classic in 2019, the day before I started my new position as president and CEO at Pasadena Humane," Said Dia DuVernet President and CEO of Pasadena Humane. "Having just moved to Pasadena from Virginia, I was dazzled by the cars, in addition to being star struck when I spotted Jay Leno in the crowd."

DuVernet continued, "Turns out Mr. Leno is an animal lover, in addition to being a car aficionado. When he stopped by Pasadena Humane's Wiggle Waggle Wagon — not to see the modern RV, but to visit with the adoptable dogs — he ended up making a celebrity out of Blue, helping to get him adopted."

The Wiggle Waggle Wagon will

be at the event again this year with adoptable pets. Even if you are not interested in adopting, you will be supporting Pasadena Humane's lifesaving work by attending the San Marino Motor Classic. Pasadena Humane is a primary beneficiary of this year's show, she said.

"We are incredibly grateful to the San Marino Motor Classic for many years of supporting the animals in our community," DuVernet said. "Since its founding in 2011, the San Marino Motor Classic has awarded in excess of \$2.3 million to local charities, including more than \$1 million to Pasadena Humane."

If you'd like to help our volunteers staff the event, please send an email to [volunteer@pasadenahumane.org](mailto:volunteer@pasadenahumane.org).

If you go

The event takes place 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door; \$150 VIP, includes lunch. Lacy Park is located 1485 Virginia Road, San Marino.

For more information visit: [sanmarinomotorclassic.com](http://sanmarinomotorclassic.com).

## South Pasadena Notice of Vacancy: Natural Resources and Environmental Commission

The Natural Resources and Environmental Commission, established in 2007, was created to address matters pertaining to energy, science and technology, and natural resources and the environment for the use and conservation of energy and natural resources, and preservation of the environment.

The vacancy term ends December, 2024.

Meeting are held the 4th Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chamber, 1424 Mission Street.

Qualifications: One (1): Registered voter of the City and reside in the City during the entire term of appointment and shall not hold any paid office or employment in city government.

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resources, as well as the preservation of the environment. Formulate and propose policies on the use, reuse, recycling and preservation of natural resources. Recommend the adoption of standards on organizations, personnel, areas and facilities, program and financial support. Make periodic inventories of natural resources that exist or may be needed and interpret the needs of the public to the city council. Aid in coordinating the regulation of use and reuse of natural resources with the programs or other governmental agencies and voluntary organizations. Inform the public of the policies of the use, reuse, recycling and preservation of natural resources as directed by the city council. Formulate, for recommendation to the City Council, urban forestry management policies, including management of trees on public or private property. Issue tree removal permits, and tree trimming permits pursuant to Chapter 34 of City's Municipal Code.

For more information visit: [southpasadenaca.gov](http://southpasadenaca.gov).

## South Pasadena Library Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 30 from Noon to 6:00 p.m. To schedule your life-saving appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: SOPASLIB

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The Library Community Room is located 1115 El Centro St.

For more information about the South Pasadena Library visit: [southpasadenaca.gov](http://southpasadenaca.gov).



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## MONROVIA 4TH REVISED DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT NOW AVAILABLE

Over the last year, planning staff has been diligently working on the Focused General Plan Update with the City's land use consultant, MIG, Inc. This project includes the adoption of a 6th Cycle Housing Element, an update to the Safety Element, and the preparation of a new Environmental Justice Element. Throughout this process, staff has done extensive outreach to solicit feedback from the community through citywide surveys, virtual workshops, and stakeholder interviews. This community input has reaffirmed the critical housing issues facing Monrovia: housing availability and affordability.

The 4th Revised Draft Housing Element is now available for public review. Your comments are welcome!

The City's Housing Element is one of seven mandatory elements of Monrovia's General Plan. It is a critical component of the City's blueprint to providing an adequate supply of safe, affordable housing for all economic segments of the community, including individuals with special housing needs. The Housing Element is subject to detailed statutory requirements and mandatory review and certification by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

If you or your organization would like to provide comment on the Revised Draft Housing Element, please submit your written comment on or before Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 5:00 pm PST to Sheri Bermejo, Planning Division Manager ([planning@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:planning@ci.monrovia.ca.us)). Written comment may also be submitted in person or by mail to:

City of Monrovia Planning Division  
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All comments will be considered. We appreciate your participation in this important project.

## ARCADIA FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

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## GOVERNOR SIGNS PORTANTINO'S BILL CREATING REGIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

Governor Newsom Monday signed Senate Bill 1177, authored by State Senator Anthony Portantino, into law. SB 1177 creates a regional affordable housing trust between the cities of Pasadena, Burbank, and Glendale. 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.

"I am thrilled that the Governor has supported and funded this effort," stated Senator Portantino. "Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena have been at the forefront of meeting California's housing needs. The high cost of housing has had a devastating effect on Californians, especially on lower income and workforce households in the Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena area. These three great cities initiated a creative solution and we are grateful to the Governor for signing this critical housing measure."

"The City of Glendale is incredibly grateful to the Governor for recognizing the tri-cities' creative approach to bringing more affordable housing to our region, and for signing SB 1177 into law. Glendale is ready to get to work with our neighboring cities of Burbank and Pasadena to help meet the housing needs of vulnerable individuals and families in the region," stated Glendale Mayor Ardashes 'Ardy' Kassakhian.

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.

"The City is Burbank is very excited that SB 1177 has been signed by the Governor. This bill along with the \$23M in funding for our region will be extremely beneficial for Burbank and

help us to add much needed affordable housing to our city. The programs that come as a result of the bill coupled with the funding will change the lives of the residents who participate in our future affordable programs. We can't thank Senator Portantino enough for carrying the bill all the way to completion," stated Burbank Mayor Jess Talamantes.

"We in the City of Pasadena are grateful for the Governor's signature on SB 1177. The housing affordability crisis continues to press many households in our region as they struggle to keep up with rising housing costs," stated Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo. "It is critical that additional funding be made available to produce more housing, especially affordable housing. This is not a challenge that can be addressed by one city alone. It will take cities working together, because we are stronger together, are in a better position to address the housing crisis. Thank you to Senator Portantino, his colleagues, and Governor Newsom on signing this bill to make it possible for Pasadena to work with its neighbors to fund and construct much needed affordable housing in our region. Increasing land prices, construction costs and interest rates have made this a huge challenge, but we are committed to do all we can to create more affordable housing. SB 1177 is a critical part of that commitment."

SB 1177, creates a 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.

## LA COUNTY HEALTH UPDATE FIRST HUMAN CASES OF WEST NILE VIRUS REPORTED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR 2022

### ALL RESIDENTS SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST MOSQUITOES

LOS ANGELES-- The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed the first cases of human West Nile virus (WNV) infection in Los Angeles County for the 2022 season (excluding Long Beach and Pasadena as cases identified in those cities are reported by their local health departments). A total of six cases have been identified, most of whom were hospitalized for their illness in late July and early August. The cases reside in the Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley, and San Gabriel Valley and all are recovering.

"Mosquitos thrive in hot weather and residents should follow simple steps to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquito-borne diseases, such as West Nile virus," said Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County Health Officer. "Simple measures can reduce mosquitos and mosquito bites, like protecting yourself and your family with insect repellent and removing standing water outside your home. West Nile virus can lead to hospitalization or death, and, by taking preventative steps now, residents can better protect themselves against infection and the serious neuro-invasive disease caused by this virus."

West Nile virus (WNV) is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Symptoms may include fever, headache, nausea, body aches, and a mild skin rash. WNV can affect the brain and spinal cord and result in meningitis, encephalitis, paralysis and even death.

There is no vaccine for WNV and no treatment to cure the illness once an individual becomes sick.

Adults over the age of 50 years and those with chronic health problems are at higher risk of severe illness if infected. While not all mosquitoes carry this virus, the type of mosquito that spreads this virus is found throughout Los Angeles County.

Public Health recommends the following actions to reduce the risk of West Nile virus infection:

- Avoid mosquito-infested areas at dawn and dusk.
- Use insect repellent. Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Find the right insect repellent for you by using EPA's search tool.
- Cover up. Consider wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when you are outdoors, particularly at dawn and dusk in areas where more mosquitoes are present.
- Take steps to control mosquitoes indoors and outdoors.
  - o Use screens on windows and doors. Check for and repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outdoors.
  - o Stop mosquitoes from laying eggs in or near water. Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pet bowls, flowerpot saucers, rain barrels, or other containers. These are breeding grounds for mosquitos where they lay their eggs.
  - o Empty and wash birdbaths and wading pools weekly.
  - o Clean and chlorinate swimming pools; drain water from pool covers.
  - o Stock garden ponds with mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*), goldfish, Koi or other mosquito-eating fish. These feed on mosquito eggs and larvae.

Public Health continues to document human cases of WNV every year in LA County, at an average of 91 cases per year during the last 5 years. However, the total number of people infected with WNV each year in LA County is much higher as most infected persons do not experience any illness or only mild illness. These cases are neither reported nor recognized as WNV. About three-quarters of reported cases have had severe disease and approximately 9% of patients with severe WNV die from complications. Public Health collaborates with local vector control agencies to target areas for mosquito control activities as well as educate people about how to protect themselves.

Reduction of mosquito breeding sources and protection from mosquito bites are the best ways to prevent WNV infection.

"This is a reminder that West Nile Virus is active in Los Angeles County every year and mosquito control is a shared responsibility," says Leann Verdick, District Manager of the Antelope Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District. "While our technicians check and treat mosquito breeding in public water sources, residents are urged to eliminate standing water on their property and use EPA-registered repellents when mosquitoes are active."

For more information on West Nile virus, visit [publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/westnile](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/westnile). To find a local vector control district, visit <http://www.socalmosquito.org>.

Stagnant swimming pools or "green pools" should be reported to the Public Health Environmental Health Bureau at (626) 430-5200, or to a local vector control agency. Dead birds may be reported by calling (877) 968-2473 or online: <https://westnile.ca.gov/report.php>

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

SIERRA MADRE POLICE DEPARTMENT WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT  
August 14 – August 20, 2022The following represents a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Sierra Madre Police Department during this period. This list is not intended to be considered exclusive or all-inclusive.

Sunday, August 14

Vehicle Code Violations

At approximately 4AM, officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, which was observed committing California Vehicle Code violations near Sierra Madre Blvd and Holdman Ave. During the stop, the driver admitted to being unlicensed. Additionally, officers discovered that the passengers of the vehicle possessed open alcoholic containers. The driver and passengers were cited, and released in the field for the violation.

Friday, August 19

Theft from Motor Vehicle

Officers responded to the 500 block of San Gabriel Ct. for a theft from motor vehicle report. The reporting party stated that unknown suspect(s) stole various gardening tools from his vehicle. There is no suspect information at this time. The Detective Bureau is following up on this incident.



ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, August 14th through Saturday, August 20th, the Police Department responded to 805 calls for service, of which 130 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 14:

1. At 1:10 a.m., officers responded to Le Méridien Pasadena Arcadia, located at 130 West Huntington Drive, regarding a battery investigation. Officers discovered that a dispute between a married couple resulted in the husband injuring his wife. The 31-year-old male from Suwanee, Georgia, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. A records check of his wife, a 28-year-old female from Suwanee, GA, revealed she had three outstanding misdemeanor warrants. She was also arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At 8:11 a.m., an officer responded to Sphinx Mart & Tobacco, located at 142 East Huntington Drive, regarding a commercial burglary report. Surveillance footage captured three suspects smashing the front glass door, cutting the lock to the security gate, and stealing the register and cigarettes. The suspects are described as three males, all approximately 5'9".

3. At 4:24 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Arcadia Avenue regarding an alert of a stolen vehicle in the area. Upon arresting the occupants, the officer discovered the passenger was in possession of methamphetamine and a smoking pipe. The driver, a 38-year-old male from El Monte was arrested for the stolen vehicle and a 35-year-old male from El Monte was arrested for the drug charges. Both were transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

4. At 7:19 p.m., an officer responded to Chase Bank, located at 60 East Huntington Drive, regarding a collision between a vehicle and a tree. Upon arriving at the scene, the officer discovered the driver had exited the vehicle and fled on foot. The officer eventually located the driver and detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from her breath. The 54-year-old female from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, August 15:

5. At 5:12 p.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of East Live Oak Avenue regarding a theft from vehicle incident. Sometime between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., someone entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and fled with tools, a purse, and various items.

6. At 6:49 p.m., an officer responded to Victoria's Secret, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. A store employee witnessed three Black females steal more than \$4,200.00 worth of merchandise. The investigation is pending a review of the surveillance footage.

Tuesday, August 16:

7. At 2:56 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a robbery that had just occurred. An investigation revealed two victims were robbed at gunpoint after returning home from Commerce Casino. One the suspects fired a single gunshot at the victim's vehicle while they were still inside. The suspects fled in a white Mercedes with the victims' wallet and purse. The suspects are described as two White males, both approximately 30-years-old.

Wednesday, August 17:

8. At 9:32 a.m., an officer responded to Jolie Nails, located at 160 East Duarte Road, regarding a commercial burglary report. The officer determined unknown suspects removed the glass from the rear door, entered the business, and fled emptyhanded.

9. At 3:30 p.m., an officer responded to the 600 block of West Duarte Road regarding a theft from vehicle incident. An investigation revealed that when the victim returned to her car from the bank, she placed her purse on the front passenger seat and the suspect opened the passenger door and stole the purse. The suspect is described as an Asian male in his 20's. The suspect fled in a small, gray colored sedan.

Thursday, August 18:

10. At 12:50 p.m., an officer responded to Coach, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. An employee of the store witnessed a lone male suspect steal nearly \$3,200.00 worth of handbags. The suspect is described as a Black male in his 20's, seen wearing a blue baseball hat, gray hooded sweatshirt, black pants and white tennis shoes.

11. At 6:17 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 900 block of North Santa Anita Avenue regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered the victim's home through an unlocked door, he or she pried open the bedroom door and fled with a large sum of cash.

12. At 11:55 p.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a traffic collision. Upon contacting the driver, the officer noticed signs of being under the influence of drugs. The 25-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. During a search of the vehicle, the officer located a loaded handgun.

Friday, August 19:

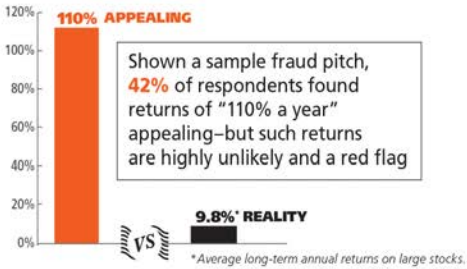
13. At 2:19 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Golden West Avenue and Coronado Drive regarding an alert of a stolen vehicle in the area. The vehicle was located and the driver, a 26-year-old male from Bellflower, was arrested. During a search of the vehicle and a records check, it was determined the arrestee was a felon in possession of a firearm and burglary tools, had provided false identifying information to the officer, and had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

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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.



DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of August 14, 2022 – August 20, 2022.

August 14, 2022

• Petty Theft:  
1413 Huntington Drive (The Huntington). Between August 13, 2022 10:15 PM and August 14, 2022 3:03 PM suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's wallet and glasses from her unlocked vehicle a 2022 Subaru Outback that was parked in the parking structure. Loss was approximately \$400. No surveillance video available.

August 15, 2022

• No significant activity.

August 16, 2022

• No significant activity.

August 17, 2022

• No significant activity.

August 18, 2022

• Burglary (Residential):  
900 Block of Livermont Lane. On August 18, 2022 between 9:50 AM and 1:10 PM suspect(s) unknown shattered the rear sliding glass door and entered the location. Once inside the suspect(s) ransacked the residence and stole a large amount of cash from a bedroom. Loss was approximately \$10,000 and approximately \$400 for the damaged window. No surveillance video available.

August 19, 2022

• No significant activity.

August 20, 2022

• Burglary (Vehicle):  
1431 Buena Vista Street (Spaghetti Factory). On August 20, 2022 between 7:00 PM and 7:24 PM suspect(s) unknown shattered the rear driver side window to the victim's vehicle. Suspect(s) stole the victims backpack containing an iPad, Air pods, and prescription glasses, that was located on the rear seat of the vehicle. Loss was approximately \$3,300 and approximately \$300 for the damaged window. No surveillance video available.

• Petty Theft:  
1600 Mountain Avenue (Walmart). On August 20, 2022 at 4:16 PM the suspect an employee of the location was observed by loss prevention conducting a return for merchandise they had purchased a previous day without returning the actual items. Loss was approximately \$300. Surveillance video available.

• Petty Theft:  
2300 Block of Bashor Street. On August 20, 2022 at 4:54 PM suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's fog light housing from her vehicle a 2017 Audi A5. Loss was approximately \$500. No surveillance video available.

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## NEWS FROM SIERRA MADRE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Applications are now available for our afterschool LEARNS Co-Ed Flag Football program. First priority will be given to students who are in our LEARNS program, and any available spots will then be offered to students outside of our LEARNS program. Please complete the attached paperwork and return it to our LEARNS Coordinator Chaz Collins or to our main office. For questions regarding Flag Football please email collins.chaz@pusd.us We're excited to announce that SMMS Cross Country team is returning this fall to compete in the 210 League with 7 other schools!

SMMS will have 4 teams (Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys and Girls teams) that will each be racing in two meets. The races will be 1.5 miles long on a fairly flat course (likely at Lacy park). Everyone will get a chance to race and all are welcome regardless of previous experience! If you're playing other sports in the fall, cross country is a great way to build endurance and speed to help with them too. It's also just fun to run with your friends!

The team will practice twice a week before school. We will meet at 7:30am on the SMMS field Tuesdays and Thursdays for a bit of running and drills before school. There will often be some sort of food like bagels/donuts for the kids to eat after running since they will likely work up an appetite.

## Coach

The volunteer parent coach this year will be Adam Wierman. Adam's daughter Rebecca is a 6th grader. He is a Professor at Caltech in Computer Science and ran track and cross country in college, captaining the team to DIII nationals.

## Important Dates

- First practice: Tue Aug 30 @ 7:30 at the SMMS field. (If you are interested but can't make this first practice, don't worry. Just let Coach Wierman know!)
- Regular Practices: Tue/Thu 7:30am at the SMMS field. (Note that we may occasionally run on neighborhood roads in addition to on the field.)
- Races: Oct 6 & Nov 10.
- We will also look into finding a local 5k that we can do as a team for fun to wrap up the season. Maybe the Rose Bowl Turkey Trot.

## Parent Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering to help coach or help in any other way (e.g. bringing bagels/donuts for after practice or snacks for after the meets) please let us know in the form below! Any/all help is appreciated!

If you have questions about the team, please reach out to Coach Wierman (adamwierman@gmail.com).

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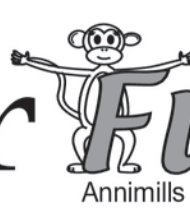


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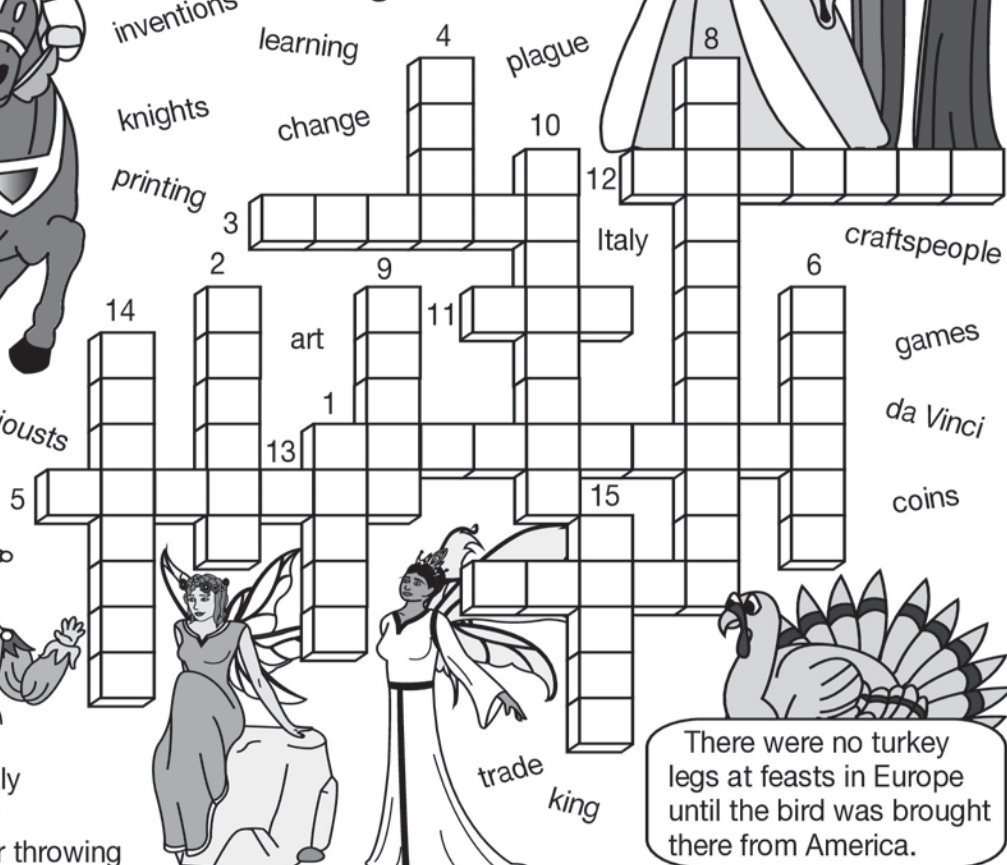
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2. it was a period of time that covered about two hundred years and brought great \_\_\_\_\_
3. just before it began, a terrible disease or \_\_\_\_\_ had swept through Europe and killed about half of all the people there
4. many of the countries then were ruled by a \_\_\_\_\_ or queen
5. \_\_\_\_\_ were men who were the leaders in the king's army; they wore armor and rode on horses in battles
6. later, knights only fought on horseback in competitions or \_\_\_\_\_
7. people started to sail or travel to other countries to explore and \_\_\_\_\_
8. buying and selling goods brought \_\_\_\_\_ more work and money
9. people switched from trading goods for other goods (bartering) or from using silver bars to using gold \_\_\_\_\_ for large purchases
10. it was a time of questioning, thinking and \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_, music and written works like poetry were encouraged
12. a man named Leonardo \_\_\_\_\_ was an artist, scientist, musician, engineer
13. math, science, technology, new medical ideas and \_\_\_\_\_ advanced quickly
14. the invention of the \_\_\_\_\_ press let people share ideas widely and quickly
15. your local Renaissance fair may have fun \_\_\_\_\_ like archery, or axe or star throwing



A Renaissance Faire!

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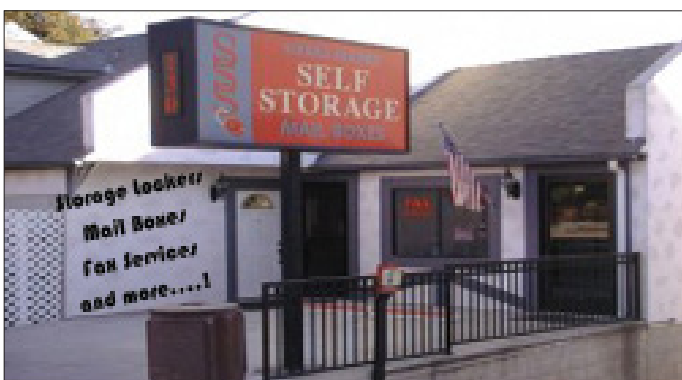
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Remember the story I told of Dom Perignon tasting stars and for his brother monks to come quick to taste this wonderful champagne? Many dishes, drinks and even the Sunday Brunch orientation have come in question. Just the other day I asked Paul Little President of the Chamber of Commerce of Pasadena was the cheeseburger really invented in Pasadena. Time has a nice way of making stories better; let's not muddle the truth with the facts or something like that. The Mai Tai is one of my favorite drinks done right it is the perfect afternoon drink. The Mai Tai was said to be invented in the 40's in Tahiti by Trader Victor Bergeron (Trader Vic's Restaurant) Vic's story of its invention is that while his guest were sipping his drink one of his guests yelled "wonderful" translates to Mai Tai in Polynesian, but others have also taken credit for this rum based drink.



So where can one get the best Mai Tia in our area. Glad you asked. My friend and actor Jesse James Youngblood swears The Canoe House in South Pasadena makes a good one, Jesse goes one up and orders it with crushed ice, let me say I have had one and they aren't for the faint of heart. The Canoe House in South Pasadena to me has one that is pretty close to perfect as it can get, crushed ice and a float of Meyers rum and I feel I'm on Island, somewhere. Monday Nights is Happy Hour and for \$5 you cant go wrong. Damon's on Brand in Glendale has been serving their "famous" Mai Tai for many years, like McDonalds French Fries they probably have served the most out of my picks. City Slicker and Glendale Development guru Dan Bell confirms it to be the "legit" Mai Tai. Islands makes my list with a stand out Mai Tai, no fancy glass like the Canoe House, but it is right on the mark! Miss one of your favorites in the area. Email me at [diningwithdills@gmail.com](mailto:diningwithdills@gmail.com) and tune into My radio show at 5 PM on AM 830 this Sunday

# Happy Mai Tai Day



## By Marc Garlett

August is “National Make-A-Will Month,” and if you have already prepared your will, congratulations—too few Americans have taken this key first step in the estate planning process. In fact, only 33% of Americans have created their will, according to Caring.com’s 2022 Wills and Estate

### Planning Study.

Yet, while having a will is important—and all adults over age 18 should have this key document in place—for all but a few people, creating a will is just one small part of a complete estate plan that works to keep your loved ones out of court and out of conflict. With this in mind, we're going to look at exactly what having a will in place does—and does not—do for you and your loved ones in terms of estate planning.

If you have yet to create your will, or you haven't reviewed your existing will recently, you really need to get this vital first step in your estate planning handled right away.

## What A Will Does

A will is a legal document outlining your final wishes. Here are some of the things having a will in place allows you to do:

1. Choose how assets are divided upon your death: A will's primary purpose is to allow you to designate how you want your assets divided among your surviving loved ones upon your death. If you die without a will, state law governs how your assets are distributed, which may or may not be in line with your wishes.

However, as we'll discuss more below, a will only allows you to provide for the distribution of certain types of assets—namely, a will only covers assets owned solely in your name. Other types of assets, such as those with a beneficiary designation and assets co-owned by you with others, are not affected by your will.
2. Name an executor: In your will, you can name the person, or persons, you want to serve as your executor, sometimes called a “personal representative.” Following your death, your executor is responsible for wrapping up your final affairs. This includes numerous responsibilities, including filing your will with the local probate court, locating and managing all of your assets, paying off any debts you have outstanding, filing and paying your final income taxes, and finally, distributing your remaining assets to your named beneficiaries.
3. Name guardians for your minor children: If you are the parent of minor children, it is possible to name legal guardians for them in your will. However, naming guardians for your children in your will alone is seriously risky and doing so may even leave your kids vulnerable to being taken into the care of strangers if something happens to you. And this is true even if you've worked with a lawyer to create your will, because many estate planning lawyers aren't focused on what's necessary for ensuring the well-being and care of minor children.
4. Serve as a backup for a living trust: Most trusts are combined with what's known as a “pour-over” will. This type of will serves as a backup to a living trust, so any assets not held by the trust upon your death are transferred, or “poured” into your trust through the probate process via your will.

## A Small—But Important—First Step

As you can see, having a will in place only gives you a limited amount of power over the distribution of certain assets, but that doesn't mean you should go without one. Without a will, you would lose any say in who inherits your personal assets when you die, and everything you own could even go to the state.

But worse than that, your surviving loved ones will be the ones who must clean up the mess you've left behind. And they will have to handle all of this while grieving your death. Instead, you should see your will as an important first step in the estate planning process—one that works best when integrated with a variety of other legal vehicles, such as trusts, powers of attorney, and advance healthcare directives.

Next week, in part two, we'll detail all the things that your will does not do, and outline the different estate planning tools you should have in place to make up for these potential blind spots in your estate plan.

Best,

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## HENRY & VIOLET

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HENRY is shy but he will accept being pet and has an adorable purr. He gets SO involved in playing with dangling toys that he forgets he's shy and enjoys the pettings! He seems to like being with another cute little Marilyn Monroe beauty spot on his pink nose.

rees. Her favorite toy is a feather wand! She's the tuxedo! Pure silliness, as you will see from her other website pictures.

At foster home where there are also two nurturing doggies to play with them! C'mon! You know you want them! Find the website where you'll also find more adorable pix on our Very forpets.org.



Doodalina is a 1-year-old spayed Doberman Pinscher mix who is full of fun! Her unique name comes from her silly smile that made us think she is an artistic doodle come to life. We love how she happily bounces around the play yard, tossing toys in the air, investigating every bit of fuzz she can find and generally acting like a rambunctious puppy, which of course, she is. Doodalina weighs about 65 pounds but is likely still growing. She knows a couple of commands and seems ready and willing to learn more (as long as that bit of fuzz doesn't distract her).



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## A man with a colorful headband is tending to a campfire. The fire is bright and burning. The man is looking down at the fire. The background is dark and blurry. The text "Wilderness Way" is at the top. Below it, "Outdoor Skills" and "How to Wilderness" are written. At the bottom right, there is a small box with the text "August 2011 \$7".

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profit of which we were both members. Hall first sliced the potatoes into pieces about ¼ inch thick, but more often he'd simply cut the potato lengthwise into four large pieces. He'd slowly simmer these in olive oil in a large cast iron skillet until done, and then sprinkle some garlic or pepper over them. These were awesome!



I love potatoes and the vast variety of flavors and textures that can be produced from them.

In the potato mythology of my past, I think about a farmer in the fields in the fall, burning a pile of dry leaves, and baking a potato in the coals as smoke billows up this way and that. When I lived on my grandfather's farm in rural Ohio after high school, I would drive 26 miles each way to work, from Chardon to Middlefield, through the countryside, and would often see brush piles burning along the road, always wondering if there were a few potatoes being baked in the smoldering pile. When I finally did my own potato baking in coals, it was a bit messier than I expected, but still produced a delicious afternoon meal that was so wonderfully enhanced with just a bit of Amish butter. At home in the kitchen or in the backyard, or in the forest, I still love baking potatoes and its woody aromatic odor. My brother was a fanatic lover of "French fries" when we were growing up, something I never understood. He always ordered a side of French fries when he ordered a burger from the local burger joint. He seemed to relish them immensely, dipping each deep-fried potato stick into goblets of ketchup before consuming it. For whatever reason, I never developed a liking for French fries, and find this to be the least desirable way to eat the honorable potato.

Today, the potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) is considered one of the most important food plants of the world. The "European" or "Irish" potato is believed to have descended from the plants which originated in the temperate Andes of South America, where it is believed that they have been grown and eaten for at least 2000 years. It was most likely introduced into Europe via Spain, in the late 1500s. These early potatoes were longer than wide, and knobby, much like the "fingerling" potatoes gaining in popularity today. Potatoes are perennials, which – under the right conditions – yield a higher food value per acre than any cereal. Their chief commercial disadvantage when compared to cereals (grasses) are the high water content (which adds to the cost of transportation), and the shorter storage-life. (By comparison, cereal grains can be stored for hundreds, if not thousands, of years).

Perhaps my favorite way to cook potatoes was taught to me by Tree and Water expert Timothy Hall, who would often prepare potatoes during our meal times at the non-



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**DAILY CHECK-IN SERVICES FOR SENIORS LIVING ALONE**

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you recommend any services that check in on elderly seniors who live alone? I live about 200 miles from my 82-year-old mother and worry about her falling or getting ill and not being able to call for help. Worrywart Daughter



Dear Worrywart:

There are actually several different types of check-in services, along with some simple technology devices that can help keep your mom safe at home while providing you some peace of mind. Here are some top options to look into.

**Check-in app:** If your mom uses a smartphone, a great solution to help ensure her safety is Snug (SnugSafe.com), a free app that would check in on her every day to confirm she's OK. This app is used by thousands of elderly seniors who live alone and want to make sure that if something happens to them, their loved ones will be notified quickly so they can receive help in minutes, rather than days.

**Here's how it works.** After downloading the app, your mom will choose what time(s) throughout the day she'd like for Snug to check in. Snug will send a push notification at those times asking your mom to check in by tapping the big green check button on her smartphone screen. If she doesn't check in within 10 minutes or respond after multiple pings, Snug will notify her emergency contacts and share her last known location so that she can receive fast help.

**For extra peace of mind,** your mom can purchase Snug's premium plan (\$10/month) where in addition to notifying her emergency contacts, Snug will request an in-person wellness check by a police officer who will visit her house to confirm she's OK and provide assistance as needed. The app works with iPhone and Android smartphones.

**Check-in calls:** If your mom doesn't use a smartphone, another option to help ensure her safety is a daily check-in call service program. These are telephone reassurance programs usually run by police or sheriff's departments in hundreds of counties across the country and are usually provided free of charge.

**Here's how they work.** A computer automated phone system would call your mom at a designated time each day to check in. If she answers, the system will assume everything is OK. But if she didn't pick up or if the call goes to voice mail after repeated tries, you (or whoever her designee is) would get a notification call. If you are not reachable, calls are then made to backup people who've also agreed to check on your mom if necessary.

The fallback is if no one can be reached, the police or other emergency services personnel will be dispatched to her home.

To find out if this service is available in your mom's community, call her local police department's nonemergency number. You should also check with the Area Agency on Aging in your mom's area – call 800-677-1116 for contact information.

If, however, her community doesn't have a call check-in program, there are businesses like CARE (Call-Reassurance.com) and IAmFine (Iamfine.com) that offer similar services for under \$15 per month.

**Technology devices:** You may also want to invest in some simple technology aids to keep your mom safe. One of the most commonly used devices for this is a medical alert system that cost about \$1 per day. These systems come with a wearable "help button" that would allow her to call for help 24/7.

Another option that's becoming increasingly popular is smart speakers, like Amazon Alexa or Google Home. These devices work with third-party applications – AskMyBuddy.net and MySOSFamily.com – that would let your mom to call multiple emergency contacts with a simple verbal command.

And be sure to check out Amazon's Alexa Together (Amazon.com/AlexaTogether), a new \$20 monthly subscription service that helps families support and keep tabs on their older loved ones who live alone through an Alexa-enabled device.

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.

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## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### THE HARMONIOUS MELODY OF HUMMINGBIRDS



A few months ago, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage bought a harp and began teaching herself how to play it. She can play the piano, organ, flute, and sometimes me. Now she has graduated to the harp. So I guess she's preparing for heaven, where she'll play a heavenly harp.

She was quite quick in learning how to play and I could hear her play hymns in the afternoon. I knew every hymn she played, or most of them, and quietly sang along with her. But not loud enough for her to hear.

I have no idea how to play a harp, and believe me, I will not try. Although I love music, music doesn't seem to love me.

I could sit on the porch, listen to her play and recognize the hymn she was playing. I must confess there have been a few times when I got the hymn wrong, but nobody else needs to know that.

I've always loved hymns because they really encourage my soul to trust the Lord.

The other day something happened as I was sitting out on the porch. When I went out The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage wasn't up yet, so I took a few moments to meditate and read my Bible.

Then I heard this strange humming sound. I couldn't quite identify which hymn she was playing. I assumed The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was at her harp playing that morning hymn. I wanted to sing along quietly, but I did not recognize the hymn.

Listening very intently, I still could not make out the melody she was playing on her harp. I have heard her play dozens of hymns, but I couldn't recognize the one she was playing now.

Being such a hymn lover as myself, I was getting a little irritated. I have at least a dozen hymnals in my library, and have gone through them meticulously over the years. If there's anything I know, I know my hymns.

Searching my mind, I could not come up with the name of any hymn I heard being played this morning. It could be that in my old age, I forget things. Am I beginning that slippery slope downward with my memory?

Concentrating as best I could, I was trying to understand the music. It seemed to be the same note over and over all the way through. Certainly, my wife is not starting to play contemporary music, is she?

I couldn't even understand the note that was being played, and I started feeling a little bit sorry for myself.

The thing that troubled me at the time was, how do I deal with this with my wife. How do I confess to her that I'm going wacky? Well, wackier than I have been.

I would go over in my mind all the hymns I could think of at the time. Not one of them came close to the music I was hearing. Maybe my memory was getting a little creaky, or something else was happening.

A thought then danced in my mind at the time. Maybe The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is doing this to try to play me. Perhaps she knows I listen to her playing the harp and was seeing how she could mess with me. I wouldn't put anything past her along that line.

As I contemplated on this, I saw The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage at the glass door looking out with a cup of coffee.

I was still hearing the harp being played. What in the world is going on? Have I lost my mind? How can I hear the harp being played when she is standing right in front of me?

She opened the door and asked me how my morning was going. I looked at her and said, "How can you be standing here and playing your harp simultaneously?"

Looking at me quizzically, she said, "What are you talking about?"

For a moment, I thought maybe she had recorded some harp music just to fool me.

"You know exactly what I mean," I said. "I hear you playing the harp, but you're standing right here in front of me. How do you explain that?"

Staring at me for a moment, she broke out in hysterical laughter. "You silly boy. I'm not playing the harp. What you are hearing are the hummingbirds behind you."

Then she laughed a lot more.

I cautiously looked behind me and there at the hummingbird feeder were three hummingbirds doing their humming thing. It sounded like music to me.

It finally came together for me. Being in such a complex situation is most embarrassing, and I didn't quite know how to escape it.

"Maybe," I said, looking at her, "you could teach these hummingbirds the words of the song so they wouldn't have to hum all the time."

"Or, maybe," she countered, "you could learn the difference between a harp and a hummingbird."

I threw a sarcastic smile at her because I had nothing else to say, which was not the first time this happened.

Wallowing in my grief, I happen to think of what King Solomon wrote. Proverbs 20:12, "The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them."

According to God's word, the ear and the eye work together. If I only rely upon my ear, I probably am not hearing the right thing.

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l e a s e be prepared to ignore this article. I know I want to but I just cannot. I, along with you, have been taught to believe that we are the “civilized” people of the world. Actually we are the ones who hide behind culture, art, and politics which have served as a perfect disguise for our vicious activity of allowing and participating in the destruction of the world. Worst of all we barely notice it and continue merrily along criticizing each other while individually we keep pursuing our own goals, perhaps our own needs, for power, glory, wealth, and recognition. Maybe that is the destiny of homo sapiens and I guess it's not that surprising that we know not what else to do.

Who am I talking about? Let's start with me. Recently, I read a line in a Michael Connelly book of fiction wherein he describes his creation Harry (short for Hieronymus) Bosch as thinking to himself, “Sometimes I think that I know strangers better than I know anybody else, even myself... Sometimes I think I don't even have a life... I don't know what I am talking about.” Does any of that resonate with you? Hieronymus Bosch was an artist painting in the sixteenth century who saw his physical world as a depiction of Hell which featured lakes of burning sulfur, and rat-kings, demonic sadists, and castration via a giant razor blade. Five hundred years later Bosch's vision has been taken up by contemporary artists such as Bob Dylan and David Bowie among many others. The savagery he painted was particularly relevant during the 1960's as Americans like me became aware of American soldiers setting fire to huts and killing women and children with machine guns, while others mutilated their victims with barbed wire, poisoned food stocks, and shot cattle and dogs for sport.

That was the 1960's. Today the view is even more horrifying and it seems like we continue along criticizing our entire society for its past wrongs while many of us, like me and you, are content to live our lives almost untouched by what goes on everywhere around us. While glaciers melt and the lakes dry up and the habitability of the entire planet is threatened we continue

## PUT THE LIGHTS ON TO WHOM CAN WE APOLOGIZE?

to debate the rightness or wrongness of our wars. Today while on the golf course I had a conversation with a very pleasant 70 year old man who had just returned from one of his frequent vacations. He was very bothered by the fact that the Biden administration was in the process of cancelling student debt after he had already paid back his loans and the debts he incurred for his children.

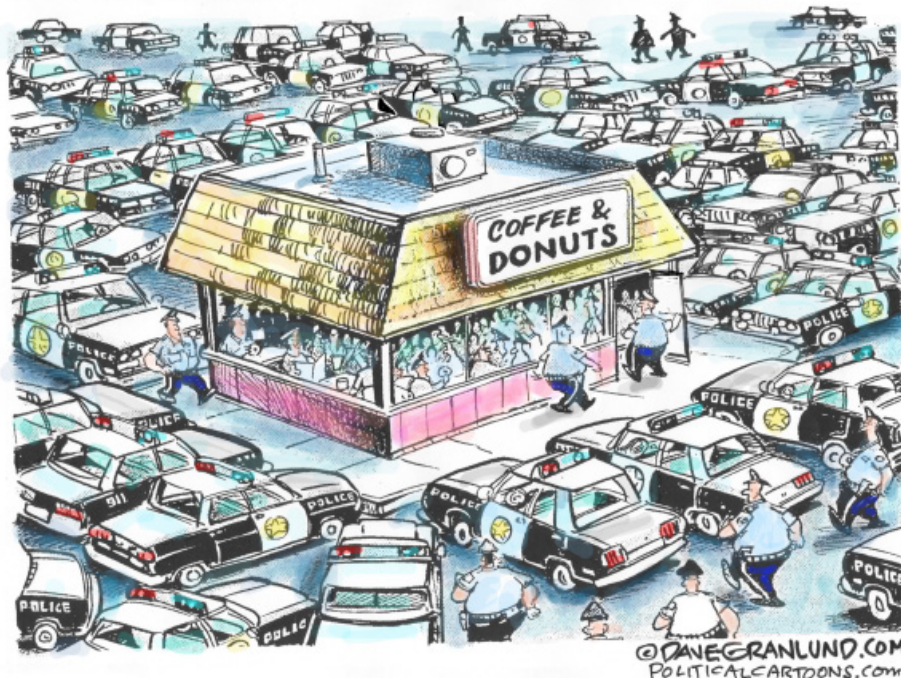
Also bothering him, as he walked around just after dark in the wealthy area in which he lives, he noticed that many of the houses remained dark. He concluded that this was because so many of these homes were uninhabited and were being held just as vacation homes whereby wealthy individuals could just park their money and enjoy the benefits of passive wealth as their property appreciated. How is it in this time of universal crisis that so many of us remain untouched as we read about homelessness, starvation, continuing senseless wars and billions spent on more and more weapons? Do you notice that perhaps you and/or your friends are so medicated with anti-depressants that it is almost impossible to have a conversation? I know there are reasons to be depressed but wouldn't it be better to treat the causes rather than the symptoms. Of course, there's so much more money to be made by treating the symptoms.

I sympathize with Pope Francis Pope Francis as he travels in his wheelchair making apologies to the Canadian Indigenous People for the centuries of genocidal mistreatment. He is presenting the still mistreated suffering populations with words while indigenous people clamor for tools to remedy their suffering. Most of us here in Sierra Madre aren't suffering yet (after all the gas prices have gone down) but those of us brave (or perhaps out of touch enough) to have children have good reason to fear for the future. The fact that the unpunished ex-President still walks around freely is enough to demonstrate the failures of our Democracy.

Like Pope Francis I want to apologize for my callous indifference but who can I apologize to? It's all of our fault so we should just go out and enjoy ourselves. In the 95 degree weather today I will do my best to ignore the heat in the same way that we all try to ignore everything else. Wish me luck –sorry to have bothered you.



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### ENGLISH AND THE WORD UP



If you think English is easy you were born here. If you find American English a little difficult, you are probably a member of the British Empire. If English is nigh impossible you are from anywhere else on the globe or galaxy. Here are examples of our profound language that may give you insight into the difficulty of grasping our native tongue.

The bandage was wound around the wound.  
The farm was used to produce produce.  
The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.  
He could lead if he would get the lead out.  
The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.  
A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.  
When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.  
I did not object to the object.  
The insurance was invalid for the invalid.  
There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row...  
They were too close to the door to close it.  
The buck does funny things, when the does are present.  
A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.  
To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.  
The wind was too strong to wind the sail.  
Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.  
I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.  
How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

You want more? Okay, I can give you more.

If writers write why don't fingers fing; or grocers groce and hammers ham?

One goose, 2 geese. Why not one moose, 2 meese? Teachers taught but did the preacher praught? Vegetarians eat vegetables. So what do humanitarians eat? How come slim chance and fat chance mean the same thing but a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You fill in a form by filling it out, and an alarm goes off by going on. Did you ever see some poor soul's house burn up as it burned down?

Possibly the most difficult word in the language is a simple two letter word: UP. We wake UP. A topic comes UP. We speak UP. It's UP to the secretary to write UP a report. We call UP our friends. We brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house while some guy fixes UP the car. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite and think UP excuses. The various definitions of UP go on and on.

If you are UP for it look UP the definition of UP in the dictionary. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP and build UP a list of the many ways UP is used you may wind UP with a hundred or more definitions. Of course, it's UP to you.

I think I'll wrap UP my column because I'm certain it is way past the time to shut UP!

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