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QUEEN ELIZABETH II's VISIT TO SIERRA MADRE



Queen Elizabeth II's smile and wave will be remembered by the world. Seven decades of service, regardless of how one may feel about the Monarchy, was an accomplishment that may never happen again.

Photo courtesy DE Archives.



Housed in The British Home of California is this photo of the Queen during her 1983 visit. The display also contains the pen the Queen used to sign the BH guest register.

On September 8, 2022, the world lost one of its most beloved public figures, Queen Elizabeth II, the longest reigning British Monarch. She ascended the throne on February 6, 1952 and reigned until her passing. During her reign she traveled all over the world, but it was in 1983 that she made an indelible mark in the history of a small California town, Sierra Madre.

It was February 29, 1983 when the Queen came to town for a specific reason – to visit the residents of The British Home in California, home of many British ex-patriates. Tucked away on tree lined Manzanita in Sierra Madre, the home had and still has a tradition of providing the most comfortable, nurturing environment with care and devotion for all elderly people. And, according to well known Sierra Madre Physician, Dr. William E. White, “she took the time to shake everyone’s hand.....including the hands of every resident”.

Sierra Madreans lined the streets to get a glimpse of Her Majesty. Resident Toni Moran posted on social media, “*Queen Elizabeth II was driven right down Manzanita Ave. on her way to the British Home. It was a dreary day. I had my kids, as well as some other little ones. We lined up on the curb, waved our best waves...her majesty had the car stop, rolled down the window & greeted all of the “wee ones” Kinda cool.* (Toni is the mother of former Mayor Josh Moran one of the “kids” with her on that momentous day.

In a telephone interview with Dr. White, he remembers the friendliness of the Queen and was impressed with the ‘layers of protection provided for the security of such a “grand lady”. The detail included the Sierra Madre Police Department (Chief Bill Betts was the head of SMPD at the time), The California Highway Patrol, the LA County Sheriff’s Department, the U.S. Secret Service and of course British Intelligence security.

Dr. White has wonderful recollections of that day. He was one of four local dignitaries chosen to meet the Queen.

You can hear him tell the story of her visit on-line by going to the website California Revealed at: <https://californiarevealed.org/islandora/object/cavpp%3A114582> or by visiting the Sierra Madre Public Library.

And...as the world has said....Thank You Queen Elizabeth. Thank you for adding to Sierra Madre’s enchanted history.



Dr. William E. White, one of 4 VIPs chosen to visit with the Queen. MV News Archives

LEGAL BATTLES BEGIN OVER THE MEADOWS AT BAILEY CANYON

Resident Accuses City Officials Of "false and misleading" in the City Council's Argument Against Measure HR

Susan Neuhausen, Sierra Madre resident and opponent to the current proposed plans to develop The Meadows at Bailey Canyon, took one good look at the city council’s argument against Measure HR and concluded that the argument contained “*false and misleading statements in the official voter information pamphlet that will be distributed to voters in connection with the City of Sierra Madre November 8, 2022 General Election*”. As a result of her concern, she filed a Petition for a Writ Of Mandate asking the court to force the city to “..... delete or amend the false or misleading portions of the Argument Against Measure HR”.

In her petition before the court, Neuhausen, who is involved with both the Preserve Sierra Madre and the Protect Sierra Madre citizen committees, filed her action against the City of Sierra Madre and the LA County Election Officials, Laura Aguilar and Dean Logan respectively, in their official capacities, as well as all five current city council members - Mayor Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Edward Garcia, Former Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Kelly Kriebs and Robert Parkhurst as real parties in interest (Respondents).

The petition was filed on August 29, 2022 and called speedy review by the courts in order to resolve the matter before the September 9th election deadline for submitting ballot information for the November 8, 2022 election. On August 20, 2022, for reasons undisclosed, Neuhausen filed a preemptory challenge requesting that the hearing be moved from the assigned courtroom to another Judge. The request was granted and the matter was reassigned.

On September 8th, a hearing was held and the court, “*granted in part*”, Neuhausen’s petition. The court found that in the city’s argument against Measure HR, the statement that “*a developer*” could build 68 units was indeed false. However, the court also ruled that the city’s reference to a maximum of 68 units was not misleading.

The court’s final decision reads: “*A writ shall issue directing Respondents to modify the statement in the Argument Against Measure HR which currently reads: “With the recent change in state law, SB 9, a developer could build as many as 68 units with limited design approval by the City” to read as follows: “With the recent change in state law, SB 9, as many as 68 units ultimately could be built with limited design approval by the City.”*

S. Henderson/MVNews

“WIN” for the Argument Against Measure HR

By Rachelle Arizmendi, City Council Member, Former Mayor 2017 & 2021, and one of the authors of the ballot Argument Against Measure HR.

On November 2022, the citizens of Sierra Madre will have the opportunity to cast a vote “for” or “against” Measure HR. All five of the City Council Members are asking voters to Vote NO on the Measure. Considering what has transpired over the last two weeks, the proponents of the measure clearly do NOT have the City’s best interest in mind. They filed a lawsuit against the City Clerk and the City Council that subsequently cost the City in legal fees to defend.

Ironically, the City Council is pleased with the judge’s decision.

Background

On July 12th, the City Council considered a citizen driven initiative to change the zoning of the Mater Dolorosa Property. A detailed report was presented to the Council on the initiative (Measure HR) and its potential impacts. After careful evaluation and thorough deliberations, the Council unanimously voted to take a stance against Measure HR.

The citizens of Sierra Madre elect Council Members to act on behalf on the City’s best interests. As such, all five City Council Members signed an argument against Measure HR that will be published in the voter pamphlet.

The City Council’s argument sought to highlight the potential character of development if the zoning designation at the Mater Dolorosa Property were changed from “Institutional” to “Hillside Management”. The City Council pointed out that Measure HR facilitates the construction of “6,500 square foot mansions,” allows for the development of (continued on page 2)

SIERRA MADRE POLICE DETECTIVES ARREST A SUBJECT FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Sierra Madre, CA. – September 6, 2022

The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Taskforce forwarded the Sierra Madre Police Department a cyber-tip regarding downloaded child pornography. After a thorough follow-up investigation, a suspect was identified.

On September 6, 2022, the Sierra Madre Police Department, served a search and arrest warrant at a City of Sierra Madre residence, collecting electronic devices and other evidence. Suspect Christopher

Ryan Nadjar was taken into custody and booked at the Pasadena Police Department Jail for possession of child pornography.

He was released on \$20,000 bail.

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“WIN” *continued from page 1*

“as many as 68 units with limited design approval by the City,” and changes the character of residential development in Sierra Madre.

In the proponent’s rebuttal to the City Council’s argument against Measure HR, they insisted, “No [single] developer can build 68 units with limited review.” That is both true and misses the point. The City Council’s argument was never about the number of developers but about the character of the development. 68 units are the legally permitted maximum development potential of the site under Measure HR. Residents don’t care who develops, but rather what and/or how many units can be developed.

Lawsuit

Dissatisfied with limiting their arguments to the ballot, the proponents of Measure HR decided to sue the City Council. On August 26th, the attorney for Protect Sierra Madre filed a complaint against the Sierra Madre City Clerk and all five members of the City Council. (See Susan Neuhausen v. Laura Aguilar et al. (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCP03172). The complaint alleged that the development of 68 units is unlikely and that the City Council’s argument should be rewritten to state, “A developer could build as many as 34 units on 17 2-acre lots if the entire parcel were developed, with limited design review.”

Result

The court disagreed with the proponents and affirmed the validity of the 68-unit figure. On September 8th, the court evaluated the following statement: “With the recent change in state law, SB 9, a developer could build as many as 68 units with limited design approval by the City,” and clarified it to read with the new language:

“With the recent change in state law, SB 9, as many as 68 units ultimately could be built with limited design approval by the City.”

The City Council is pleased with the outcome of the litigation. The edit underscores the City Council’s intended: 68 units may be potentially built IF Measure HR passes. All five members of the City Council reaffirm their opposition to Measure HR and hope residents vote down this misguided and foolishly drafted initiative in November.

Our “Village of the Foothills” is the jewel of the San Gabriel Valley, a town in which its citizens take tremendous pride. We don’t want the passage of this Measure to take that away from us.



FREE SCIENCE LECTURE SERIES STARTS SEPTEMBER 17 AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE



Playwrite Lauren Gunderson

Sierra Madre Playhouse’s Fall mainstage production is *Silent Sky*. The play by Lauren Gunderson celebrates the life and career of pioneering female astronomer Henrietta Leavitt (1868-1921). In conjunction with this production, the Playhouse is presenting The Silent Sky Lecture Series, in which distinguished speakers from the worlds of science and academia will provide fascinating historical and scientific insights into Leavitt’s work and profoundly impactful discoveries.

Here is the roster of speakers and topics:

Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 5 p.m.
John Mulchaey, director, Carnegie Observatories
The Game-Changer: How Henrietta Leavitt Made Modern Astronomy Possible

Saturday, September 24 at 5 p.m.
Dr. Eun-Joo Ahn, historian, UC Santa Barbara
Women Astronomers at Mount Wilson: the early years

Sunday, October 2 at 5 p.m.
Kit Whitten, archivist and librarian, Carnegie Observatories
Women in the Background: Astronomy History’s Deep Field

Saturday, October 8 at 5 p.m.
S. George Djorgovski, Professor of Astronomy and Data Science, and Director of Data Driven Discovery, Caltech
Exploring Space in Cyberspace

The Silent Sky Lecture Series. At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Admission is free, but voluntary donations will be gratefully accepted. Reservations (strongly suggested) can be made at <https://sierramadre-playhouse.org> or by calling (626) 355-4318., where you can also find more information about the play *Silent Sky*.

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ELECTION COVERAGE

On November 8, 2022 the Sierra Madre Municipal Election and the Statewide General Election will be held.

For the Municipal election, voters in Sierra Madre will go to the polls and select three people from a field of five to sit on the

City Council. Local voters will also vote on the citizens initiative, Measure HR the citizens initiative that seeks to rezone the property where the Meadows at Bailey Canyon is to be built and as a result of such a change restrict the projects size and scope.

The General Election ballot will include nominees for U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, State Assembly and State Senate as well as statewide ballot measures and initiatives.

In an effort to keep the residents of Sierra Madre informed regarding the Municipal Election, The Mountain Views News will provide our readers with weekly coverage. Each week, as we have done in the past, we will profile the city council candidates and give each the opportunity to introduce themselves to our readers by answering the following questions:

1. Why are you running for City Council?
2. What are you going to do for Sierra Madre?
3. How do you plan on accomplishing your goals?

(All candidates are being asked to answer the same questions and their answers will be published unedited.)

The candidates running for Sierra Madre City Council are (in alphabetical order) :

COLIN BARR
EDWARD GARCIA (incumbent)
GENE GOSS (Incumbent)
KRIS LOWE
CHRISTINE MORAN

This paper will also review the pros and cons of Measure HR and other election related information.

Coverage will begin in the September 17th, 2022 edition and run through November 5th, 2022.

It is our sincere hope that each candidate will submit their answers so that we can share them with you. A separate letter has been sent to each, asking them to participate.

Our reporting on this election will be as fair and objective as possible. However, please keep in mind that our columnists are always free to share their opinions. Their opinions are their opinions and may or may not reflect the position of the paper. This is true in all things, not just this election.

We will also provide for you the calendar of important dates regarding the election. It is our goal to do whatever we can to help you make an informed decision on November 8, 2022.

Susan Henderson, Publisher/Editor

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THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE IGNORED

We on the Preserve Sierra Madre Steering Committee have lived in Sierra Madre for half our lifetimes. We’ve watched our downtown area go through hard times and good. We’ve been here through earthquakes, fires, and big local

political fights; almost always about development. Twelve years ago, two of us were on the General Plan Update Steering Committee, spending five years developing our General Plan. Five years - because we polled every m neighborhood, held town halls, did surveys, and had open houses discussing potential provisions, policy and overall vision for our city. A real lesson in democracy and letting the people speak.

Now we have the Meadows development before us, and its sad to see the increasing division it is causing among friends and neighbors.

There’s a lot of talk about the impacts this development would have on our community and our long-time friends the Passionist Fathers, and the Monastery. Most of the fathers have left, the Monastery building was torn down, and only four are residents, who operate the 91 suites and other facilities. It makes sense as the Passionist Organization in Chicago wants to sell off part of this land, as they have done with most other parcels they own across the country. They want the money for their ministry abroad and to cover their retirement plans. For them, it’s about getting as much money from this tract housing development as possible.

This development could gross between 100 and 200 million dollars for the developer, New Urban West. By some calculations the building and sale of it could also bring up to \$2.5M in one-time fees to the city.

Aside from the city budget, nothing about this development benefits its neighbors -- we the people that live in Sierra Madre (other than possibly the addition of an unpopular 3 acre park). Overall, it will be a cost and a real impact to the people of Sierra Madre for the next 50 to 100 years or more. It violates many key provisions of our General Plan, as we have previously written in our articles, and spoken before City Council and the Planning Commission.

The members of our City Council (CC) campaigned to support the ideals of the General Plan when evaluating new developments. Specifically:

City Council member and former Mayor, Rachel Arizmendi said during her campaign: “I will always give priority to the quality of life in our neighborhoods and best represent the voice of our residents. This will include my efforts to limit and control development. I will advocate for ordinances, zoning codes and building regulations that will prevent our neighborhoods from being overrun with homes over sized for their parcels or homes not in harmony with their neighborhoods. I will also protect our hillsides and canyons from development and strictly enforce our Hillside Management Zone Ordinance.”

City Council member Robert Parkhurst said: “I support our current zoning ordinances. They balance the development of land in the City while preventing over development. For example, our current residential zoning ordinance limits the gross floor area of single-family homes to 30% of the lot area, which is 50% less than what is allowed in neighboring Arcadia.” (Note that the Meadows development violates this and other General Plan provisions). And he said in evaluating developments he would consider:

- “How has the community been involved in the process? How has their perspective been considered?
- What are the outcomes of the noise, parking and traffic studies of the development and how will they impact our communities? How will these impacts be mitigated?
- How has the development considered the environmental impacts on the property including water use, energy efficiency, and impact to wildlife?
- What potential impact will the development have on the trail systems adjacent to our City?”

City Council member Kelly Kriebs said: “With respect to the proposed Monastery development, the City Council will need to pay particular attention (1) to the impact of the development on the immediately surrounding neighborhood, Bailey Canyon and the City at large (including on traffic and infrastructure), (2) to any proposed specific plan governing the development...”

City Council member, Mayor Pro Tem, Ed Garcia said: “If.. the area is ultimately zoned R-1, what must be monitored would be the variables regarding lot coverage, square footage, and setbacks. These factors must be negotiated in a manner that would minimize the impact for the immediate neighbors of the development. Just because the number of dwelling units currently considered is to be 42 instead of the 116 allowable under R-1, doesn’t give license for the mansionization of that neighborhood.”

What is puzzling now is that these four, as well as Mayor Goss, appear to be in full support of the Meadows proposal as it stands, in spite of it violating these principles they promised to uphold in their campaigns.

The Meadows developers propose their new area be governed under a special Specific Plan, as is their right to propose. We have read the Specific Plan and we’ve followed the work of the diligent Planning Commission. This Specific Plan violates our city’s General Plan in many significant areas, which we’ve highlighted over the past two years. It was clearly the will of the people to avoid developments like this when we created the General Plan.

Obviously, the winner in this once it is passed by the City Council is New Urban West Developers. No one else.

Next week – the better alternative, Measure HR.



CITIZENS FOR TRUTH – DESPERATION

Once again the good citizens of Sierra Madre woke to find a door hanger, placed allegedly by the Mater Dolorosa Fathers, the so-called Neighbors for Fairness (fairness, really?), but “major funding from New Urban West.” Major funding? We’d certainly say so.

In Quarter 1, New Urban West filed the paperwork, connected with fighting against the reasonable initiative to put the Monastery property into the Hillside Management Zone, stating that they have already paid \$50,000. That’s \$50,000 of development company money, the development company based in Santa Monica. Wow! What is even more disturbing is what the flyer actually says – headline is “City Council and the Mayor unanimously voted to oppose the initiative that led to Measure HR.”

Wait – aren’t the Mayor and the City Council supposed to actually go through the process of two meetings after the Planning Commission meeting has passed on it? Of course, that is what the law says should happen. So, City Council is holding a “special meeting” on September 15. Did you know about this special meeting? New Urban West did – they are again buying dinner for their out-of-town supporters, then will herd them into chambers to take up all the seats--again. You can tell them by their green tee shirts who will all leave at break time. If Council doesn’t ask questions, this might be a short meeting without a break. If you live in Sierra Madre and care about our fair village, please show up – but be sure to get there early before the 5:30 meeting time, to get a “nonreserved” seat.

If you didn’t get one of these horrid door hangers, you can read all about the lies and misinformation in a half page ad in last week’s paper, once again touting the fact that the Mayor and the City Council have already opposed Measure HR. To date there have been 4 full page ads, 18 half page ads; always allegedly placed by the Neighbors for Fairness and/or the Mater Dolorosa fathers, but fully paid for by New Urban West. Whatever happened to due process? We keep hearing about how big money is hurting our democratic process. We certainly never expected to have that problem again in our little Sierra Madre.

Back in 2007 there was an initiative, Measure V, which was initiated for the same reason – a City Council that wasn’t listening to the constituents. Our downtown still looks like our funky, cute downtown because Measure V passed, even though the Building Industry spent \$180,000 in an effort to predict all kinds of dire outcomes. At that time we residents spent a scant \$5000, and lots of shoe leather knocking on doors to disseminate the truth. Same scenario, different year – New Urban West has deep pockets and can throw endless money at Sierra Madre with the expectation of making millions if their ill-conceived tract housing project is approved. On the other side, the pro HR side, are ordinary Sierra Madre citizens who don’t have unlimited funds, but love their town. Please don’t be fooled.

SIERRA MADRE Neighbors for Fairness

JUST READ MEASURE HR

Everything you need to know about how Measure HR discriminates against the Passionists is in its text. Last week Preserve Sierra Madre went on at length explaining how our city codes will allow the Passionists to expand their facilities. They obviously have not read Measure HR because none of that is relevant if HR passes. You can’t appeal to what our city codes say because Measure HR says any conflicting codes must be repealed.

Intent and Purpose of Measure HR

The initiative states that its intent and purpose is to “...permit the continued operation of the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center without expansion, significant physical alteration, or change in use, as a nonconforming use.” Again, the very purpose of Measure HR is to prohibit any expansion, significant alteration, or change in use of the Passionists’ property.

The City’s Codes

Yes, the city’s existing codes possibly allow for expansion, significant alteration, or change in use for churches on residentially zoned properties. None of this is relevant.

Inconsistent Provisions Repealed

Measure HR Section 11 clearly states: “Any provisions of the City of Sierra Madre Municipal Code, or any other ordinances of the City inconsistent with this Initiative, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, are hereby repealed. This Initiative expresses the voters’ intent to eliminate any possible inconsistency between existing code provisions and the amended General Plan designations and zoning designations.”

Conclusion

Any existing ordinances that might allow expansion, significant physical alteration, or change in use, contrary to the intent and purpose of Measure HR, must be repealed. That is what Measure HR says. If Measure HR is voted in then it will be the new law of the land and it would require that any old laws which allow expansion, significant alteration, or change in use, of a church on residentially zoned property, must be repealed.

Why This Matters

The City Attorney’s report states: “The Initiative constrains the Passionists’ alternatives to develop their property for religious purposes. ... 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.” Measure HR will violate the religious rights of the Passionists and put the city at serious risk of being sued.

Vote NO on Measure HR to protect the rights of the Passionists.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I’ve been following and appreciating the back-and-forth on the Meadows project in MVN over the past several weeks – as I will through November’s polling.

I’ve reviewed the petition, the Hillside Residential zoning restrictions that would apply were the initiative to pass, the federal Religious Land Use and Institutional Persons Act cited in legal threats (important law with an important purpose - were a building zoned to permit a Rotary Club bingo night, it couldn’t be re-zoned to prohibit a Bible study class or Muslim prayer meeting), the Specific Plan to accommodate the developer along with our city attorney’s analysis. And I always look forward to whatever Robert Gjerde has to offer.

All along I’ve been hoping to find some assurance that the alarm is unwarranted, that those in charge know what’s best and we should simply allow the project to roll through. With this in mind I used the QR code in last week’s New Urban West ad to access our city’s response in opposition to the initiative, signed by Mayor Gene Goss and Council Member Rachelle Arizmendi, hoping to find such assurance. Instead, I found a perfunctory rehash of the promoters’ threats we’ve become so familiar with.

At the outset, there’s “Do we want 6,500 square foot mansions smack dab in the middle of three-to-four-bedroom single family homes?” That’s not the option. There’s been no such proposal made and no prospect of it happening. Both Mr. Goss and Ms. Arizmendi know this – but they parrot the developer’s talking points, nonetheless. It suggests that if New Urban West had to proceed under our Hillside zoning, they’d somehow be compelled to build larger houses than they’d planned. I doubt that either Mr. Goss or Ms. Arizmendi regard this as a rational argument – so their making it anyway is concerning.

They go on: “The initiative identifies ONE sole

owner. Does that not target one private property owner?” It does – because there’s only “one private property owner” in Sierra Madre currently threatening to inflict 42 McMansions on 17 acres of our hillside while refusing to consider doing so under appropriate Hillside zoning restrictions. Mr. Goss and Ms. Arizmendi suggesting this is somehow unfair again raises the question whether their intent is to protect the interests of the developer or those of their constituents.

They refer to expenditures and ask, “does it make sense to expose the city to uncertain and possibly significant financial consequences of potential legal action?” Decades ago, when embarking on my own business I remember asking counsel, “Can I be sued for this?” and the reply, ‘Anybody can sue you for anything whenever they want. They just want to show they’ve got deeper pockets than you so you’ll cave’. The argument from Mr. Goss and Ms. Arizmendi doesn’t suggest grounds for such lawsuit – only that the threat itself is reason enough to sacrifice Sierra Madre’s interests to those of the developer.

And finally, they suggest the problem is that we’re not “informed”. I’ve seen that the Specific Plan does address many of the concerns reflected in our Hillside Residential zoning. But I’ve yet to find out what specifically it is in our HR zoning restrictions that the developer finds so onerous that compliance would be out of the question. And I wonder whether Mr. Goss, Ms. Arizmendi and other elected officials have bothered to ask.

There’s one item in the city attorney’s analysis, however, that might help explain the city’s position - the \$2.6M in “public facilities fees” the project would generate. Perhaps they regard this as an acceptable trade-off. Though irrelevant to the importance of the initiative, it’s a factor that could be more pertinent in understanding the mindset at City Hall than a ballot argument that comes off as a brief pass along from the developer’s PR team.

Howard Hays, Sierra Madre

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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: All Residential Households in the City of Sierra Madre
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE AND SUBSEQUENT LAND USE MAP AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS, SPECIFIC PLAN, LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, AND CERTIFY AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND APPROVE RELATED MITIGATION MEASURES AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR A PROPOSED 42 LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION
Project Location: 700 North Sunnyside Avenue

This notice serves to inform you that the City Council will be conducting a Special Meeting Public Hearing on the date, time, and the location described below regarding a request to construct up to 42 single-family detached residential units on approximately 17.30 acres of the property owned by The Congregation of the Passion, Mater Dolorosa Community referred to as “The Meadows at Bailey Canyon.”

The City Council will consider project applications to certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, approve amendments to the update the General Plan and Land Use Map to change the project site from Institutional to residential low density, and update the Zoning Code and Zoning Map to change the project site from Institutional to Single-Family Residential Specific Plan Overlay, approve the Lot Line Adjustment, and approve the Development Agreement. Application approval may be made pursuant to applicable findings for each independent action.

The meeting will be streamed live on the City’s website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, on Foothills Media website at http://www.foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum). The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3 PM on the day of the meeting.

For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Special Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2022
(Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: State law requires the preparation of an EIR for projects that have the potential for environmental impacts. Public Resources Code Section 21002 requires that an EIR identify the significant effects of a project on the environment and provide measures or alternatives that can mitigate or avoid these effects. The EIR evaluates the environmental effects associated with the development of the project and discusses the manner in which the project’s significant effects can be reduced or avoided through the implementation of mitigation measures or feasible alternatives to the proposed project. APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

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edge and skillset.

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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: Citywide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California Law, that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on September 13, 2022, at 6:30 PM, or soon thereafter, to hear testimony on a proposal for an amendment to the Master Lease to allow easements to the TowerPoint Capital LLC infrastructure to AT&T and Crown Castle for telecommunication technology. This amendment includes a term of 99 years and a one-time payment to the City of \$122,100.

The City of Sierra Madre has received a request from AT&T and Crown Castle for the addition of two hundred eighty-five square feet to the existing nine hundred eighty-four square feet of leased land they currently lease. The additional land is for the installation of two new emergency generators to have continuous power to their equipment during rolling blackouts and power outages.

The City of Sierra Madre received a Letter of Intent from TowerPoint Capital, LLC to consider an amendment to the Master Lease. The Letter of Intent proposes an amendment to the Master Lease to allow easements to the TowerPoint Capital LLC infrastructure to AT&T and Crown Castle for telecommunication technology. This amendment includes a term of 99 years and a one-time payment to the City of \$122,100.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Director of Public Works Chris Cimino at 626.355.7135.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING	PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting Tuesday, September 13, 2022 (Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)	City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

For further information on this subject, please contact the Public Works Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the City Council
Chris Cimino,
Public Works Director
Published: September 3rd and 10th, 2022

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Ah, September! You are the doorway to the season that awakens my soul!"
Peggy Toney Horton



Well, friends and neighbors, we got through a ferociously hot Labor Day and had a great time ordering pizza and, after waiting months to finally see the new Jurassic Park movie, "Jurassic World Dominion," now streaming, we were a little disappointed. Yes, dozens of dinosaurs, yes, battles to the death, a child in danger, a whole lot of destruction and plots to wipe out the world, but we found ourselves to be unimpressed. Are we jaded? Have we become inured to giant creatures that can wipe out a forest by just walking through it? Or maybe it just wasn't a very good movie. We thought it would never end for one thing. Oh my, Michael Crichton, what you started years ago (1990) when you wrote "Jurassic Park" I loved that book. I read it through, start to finish, practically without stopping. The first movie scared the life out of me and I still can't watch it without being terrified, especially about the little kids and the raptors who are out to devour them. The first one of everything is always the best.

Of course, Jeff Goldblum is in this last one, looking really good, with one excellent quote: "It's always darkest before eternal nothingness!" The pizza was great, pepperoni with sausage.

"A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam and for a brief moment its glory and beauty belong to our world. But then it flies again and though we wish it could have stayed... we feel lucky to have seen it." Author unknown

"The Butterfly Effect: Every single thing you do matters. You have been created as one of a kind. You have been created in order to make a difference. You have within you the power to change the world." Andy Andrews

Leah's butterfly drama is ongoing. Loretta, Lizzie and Lulu live on. "Loretta and Lizzie continue to eat and eat and eat. Loretta is a lot bigger than Lizzie and will probably become a chrysalis first. Lulu continues in her chrysalis. Lulu is darkening. Let's hope it's the good darkening and not the bad one."

If you're just now tuning in to Days of Our Butterflies, a little background for you. Leah, my daughter, has been growing milkweed on her deck and Monarch butterflies do love milkweed and have been laying their eggs there. She has put mesh cages around these plants and caterpillars have emerged. Some have lived and some have not. She has had two complete successes where larvae have gone into seclusion for several days, emerged as glorious butterflies and headed for the skies. There have been some losses and these last three, listed above, may be the end of butterfly cultivation for the time being. The picture today is of Monarch butterflies landing on branches at Monarch Grove Sanctuary in Pacific Grove CA in 2021.

This has been so interesting and the first thing I think of each morning is "What's happening with the butterflies!" I admire Leah tremendously for investing herself in these beautiful Lepidoptera who are, sadly, in trouble. A report was published in July regarding the Monarch butterfly's march toward extinction... "The monarch butterfly fluttered a step closer to extinction as scientists put the iconic orange-and-black insect on the endangered list because of its fast-dwindling numbers. It's just a devastating decline," said Stuart Pimm, an ecologist at Duke University. "This is one of the most recognizable butterflies in the world." The International Union for the Conservation of Nature added the migrating monarch butterfly for the first time to its "red list" of threatened species and categorized it as "endangered" — two steps from extinct. The group estimates that the population of monarch butterflies in North America has declined between 22% and 72% over 10 years, depending on the measurement method. "What we're worried about is the rate of decline," said Nick Haddad, a conservation biologist at Michigan State University. "It's very easy to imagine how quickly this butterfly could become even more imperiled, as the Monarch population in the eastern United States has declined between 85% and 95% since the 1990s. In North America, millions of monarch butterflies undertake the longest migration of any insect species known to science. After wintering in the mountains of central Mexico, the butterflies migrate to the north, breeding multiple generations along the way for thousands of miles. The offspring that reach southern Canada then begin the trip back to Mexico at the end of summer. Yes, there are things people can do to help. Like Leah, planting milkweed on her deck. The Butterfly – Heather Renee Adamkiewicz

"Love falls from the sky, and lands on the wings of a butterfly. The butterfly sings its songs and rhymes, and flies through the air, no concept of time. It is the messenger of patience and change, from flower to flower, it's beautiful and strange. The butterfly transforms within its world, gives way to new beginnings, wings unfurled. It is the symbol of transformation, and flies on faith and imagination. The butterfly has no fear of change, as it bravely escapes its chrysalis cage. Change, it knows, is necessary. The butterfly soars and merrily sings, for, without change, It would never grow wings."

Remember: Celebrate Everything! Especially Butterflies!

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TRANSIT WORKSHOP COMMUNITY WORKSHOP -

Don't miss it! The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), in partnership with LA Metro, is studying how to improve public transit service in the San Gabriel Valley. During Phase 1, we identified 15 alternatives and subsequently narrowed it down to the best three alternatives. Now it's time for you to weigh in on these routes.

Please attend one of our upcoming Community Workshops (Virtual!) on Tuesday, September 20th, from:

- Noon-1 p.m. or,
- 6-7 p.m.

Join us and share your thoughts on these three proposals to improve mobility in the SGV for residents, commuters and visitors. These Community Workshops will be virtual events conducted via Zoom, with a presentation at the top of the hour, followed by a Q&A session.

Please RSVP for the Virtual Community Workshops here:

For more information about the project, please visit <https://www.sgvkog.org/transit-study>.

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2022 5:30pm

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
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September 12—17

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Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Teen Snackchat—In-person at 4:00pm

Thursday

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

Third Thursday Book Club—Online at 11:00am

Sierra Madre Playhouse Presents a Scene from
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Saturday

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

3D Printing Basics—In-person at 1:00pm

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Planning Commission has one (1) expected vacancy.

Community Services Commission has one (1) expected
vacancy.

Library Board of Trustees has two (2) anticipated vacancies.

Natural Resources Commission has one current vacancy
and one anticipated vacancy for a total of two (2) vacancies.

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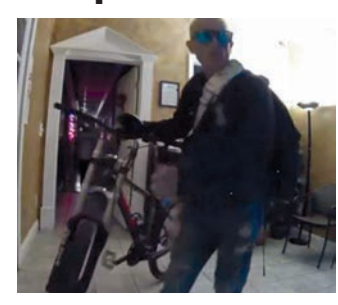
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News From Your Community For Your Community

Police Nab Sexual Assault Suspect



Pasadena police arrested a homeless man Thursday wanted in connection to an attempted sexual assault at gunpoint Sunday of a local health spa employee in East Pasadena.

According to police, they arrested 45-year-old Victor Hugo Vega shortly before 12:30 p.m. after officers recognized him walking with a bicycle near Hill Avenue and Walnut Street. He was apprehended after a short chase. Vega was arrested the same day investigators released photos of him to the public.

Pasadena Police Lieutenant Keith Gomez said Vega entered a local health spa in the 2000 block of E. Colorado Blvd. and requested a massage from an unnamed employee. Just prior to receiving his massage, Vega suddenly assaulted the female employee; which included brandishing a firearm. During the lengthy assault, the suspect attempted to sexually assault the employee. Vega eventually fled the location on a bicycle.

Investigators said Vega later admitted to the crimes. Police also found the weapon identified as a BB gun.

The initial photo released to the public of Vargas is show above.

Police to Recognize Child Passenger Safety Week

During Child Passenger Safety Week, Sept. 18-24, Pasadena Police Department will provide referrals to parents and caregivers needing assistance installing child safety seats.

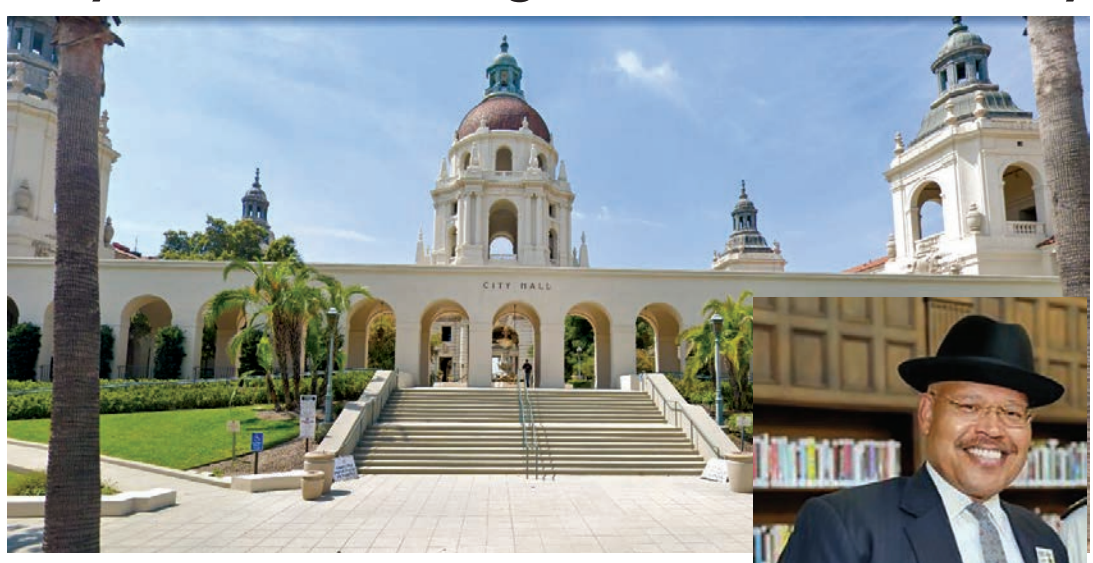
"We are offering parents and caregivers guidance to ensure that their child is as safe as possible in their car seat," said Pasadena Police Department Lieutenant Anthony Russo.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 46% of car seats are misused. California law requires all children under 2 years old to ride in a rear-facing car seat, unless the child is 40 or more pounds or inches tall. Parents are encouraged to keep your child in rear- and forward-facing seats as long as possible. Children 8 and older—who are at least 4 feet 9 inches in height—may ride in the back seat of a vehicle in a properly fitted safety belt.

To search for car seat programs in your county, visit the OTS website. You may also contact your local CHP area office to schedule a free child safety seat inspection.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.

City to Hold Meeting for District 3 Vacancy



The Pasadena city council is set to vote Monday on whether they should hold a special meeting later this month —with only the interview and appointment process for the Council District 3 vacancy on the agenda.

If approved, the city council will meet Thursday, September 29 starting at 5:00 p.m.

The council would use the following framework during the meeting for the interview process to fill the seat:

- Applicants provide 5-7 minute for an introduction and overview on background, qualifications, and involvement in City and District 3 issues
- Applicants answer a set number of questions
- Each Councilmember receives up to 3 additional minutes to ask unscripted questions

According to city staff, "an ad hoc committee of Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers Hampton, Madison, and Rivas met [September 2] to discuss the appointment process.

The ad hoc committee's four

members unanimously agreed not to meet with applicants outside the public interview process. If meetings have already occurred, or occur in the future, councilmembers are asked to publicly disclose those meetings at the special meeting on September 29, prior to interviews, as a matter of transparency.

A number of Pasadena residents are asking that the council appoint former council candidate Brandon Lamar to the open seat.

"Brandon had the courage to run for the District 3 position against the beloved John Kennedy," said former Council District 1 Liaison Tina Williams. "While he didn't win the election, he received 41.6 percent or the votes. I believe he is qualified and can meet the challenge of being a councilmember."

Another resident asked that Environmental Advisory Commission Chair Justin Jones be appointed to the seat.

The District 3 seat became



vacant after the recent death, July 21, of Councilmember John Kennedy (pictured above).

Because Kennedy had been reelected in June, the council must first make an appointment to the Council District 3 seat from the date of appointment to December 12.

"At that time, the newly constituted city council may appoint the same person to serve, or consider appointing a different person to fill the vacancy, with the second appointment would serve from the date of that appointment until December 9, 2024," according to a city notice.

Celebrate National Coming Out Day

Join the Pasadena Library as they commemorate the city's efforts to celebrate and foster an inclusive community and mark the anniversary of National Coming Out Day October 11.

During the annual event there will be music, resource tables, crafts, speakers, free HIV testing, and giveaways for all ages. Presented by the Pasadena Public Health Department, Pasadena Public Library, and Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

National Coming Out Day, celebrates coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) or as an ally. Oct. 11, 2022, marks the 34th anniversary of National Coming Out Day.

Thirty-four years ago, on the anniversary of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, National Coming Out Day was first observed as a reminder that one of our most basic tools is the power of coming out.

One out of every two Americans has someone close to them who is gay or lesbian. For transgender people, that number is only one in 10.

Coming out - whether it is as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or asexual - STILL MATTERS. When people know someone who is LGBTQ, they are far more likely to support equality under the law. Beyond that, our stories can be powerful to each other.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net/library.

Royal Court Selection Process Begins Today



Hundreds of Pasadena area applicants will tryout, today, in the first round of interviews for the 2023 Royal Court. Participants will also attend a short orientation with past Royal Court members before their brief interview with volunteer Members of the Tournament of Roses.

Each applicant will be asked a question and be given 15 seconds to answer. The Queen & Court Committee, made of up 12 Tournament of Roses Members, will be asking the question. The committee is looking for a combination of qualities, including public speaking ability, youth leadership, academic achievement, and community and school involvement.

The 2023 Royal Court members will each receive a \$7,500 educational scholarship and serve as ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses, the Pasadena community and the greater Los Angeles area.

The Royal Court attends nearly 100 community and media functions, serving as ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses, the Pasadena community, and the greater Los Angeles area.

The grand finale for the Royal Court is riding on the Royal Court float in the Rose Parade presented by Honda and attending the Rose Bowl Game both on New Year's Day.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Identify as a female, at least 17 years of age by December 31, 2022 and not more than 21 years of age before January 5, 2023

- Be a full-time resident of the Pasadena Area Community College District

- Possess at least a 2.0 grade point average in both the current and previous years' course work

- Be available to participate, in person, in all interview sessions in the fall

- Be a senior in high school or enrolled as a full-time student (minimum 12 units) in any accredited school or college in the Pasadena Area Community College District

- Complete the official Royal Court online application

Members of the 2023 Royal Court must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination.

More information can be found at: tournamentofroses.com/about/royal-court.

Sept. Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, when libraries nationwide join the American Library Association (ALA) to remind parents, caregivers, students, and community members that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to lifelong learning.

To celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month this year, the Pasadena Public Library is giving away a set of limited edition library post cards. Each set has a post card dedicated to one of our locations with a beautiful Art Deco style illustration on one side and writing space on the other. Each branch has 25 sets that will

be given to the first 25 people to sign-up for a card at their locations. Along with this, new card members can go home with a Libraries are Limitless bookmark (while supplies last) to accompany their new card and any items they check out that day.

The Pasadena Public Library is an information center for the Pasadena community in order to preserve and encourage the free expression of ideas essential to an informed citizenry. A variety of highly vetted programs are presented for children and adults and they represent the research and opinions of the presenter and do not reflect an endorsement by the City of Pasadena nor the Pasadena Public Library.

To sign up for a library card or to learn more about the library's resources and programs, visit: cityofpasadena.net/library/ or call (626) 744-4066.

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TofR Announces Día de los Muertos Art Competition

The Tournament of Roses announced Friday the third annual Día de los Muertos art competition, a celebration of art, in partnership with the Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles, Pasadena Unified School District, the Greater LA Education Foundation, La Plaza de Cultura y Artes, Los Angeles Unified School District, Mercadito Monarca, 360 Agency and Yankuitil.

Winners of this year's regional competition will be awarded scholarships and gift cards in three age categories: 4-8, 9-13 and 14-18.

Submissions are due by noon on Friday, October 7.

Winners will be announced at annual Día de los Muertos celebration on Saturday, October 29.

To enter, students must be between the ages of 4 and 18. Masterpieces can take any shape or form, as long as it celebrates, reflects and honors the traditions of Día de los Muertos. Students

should consider the following art categories:

Paintings & Drawings - Create an art piece featuring marigolds, monarch butterflies or other representations of the holiday Calavera - Make and decorate a sugar skull Ofrendas - Build or construct an altar

Catrina - Paint a face with traditional Día de los Muertos makeup

Digital Art/Graphic Design - Use technology and graphic design to bring your art to life

Other visual arts - Get creative in some other form, including sculptures, making a traditional Día de Muertos costume

A tradition in Mexico and Central America that goes back more than 3,000 years, Día de los Muertos is an annual holiday that is now celebrated around the world.

For submission details visit: tournamentofroses.com/diadelosmuertos.

Business with JPL Workshop



Matthew Hawkesworth, Pasadena Director of Finance, announced Thursday that on September 28 at 9:00 a.m., the Purchasing Division will facilitate a Doing Business with the City Workshop, in collaboration with Jet Propulsion Laboratory ("JPL") at the Robinson Recreation Center. This workshop is designed to brief small businesses and Pasadena businesses on the general requirements for doing business with the City of Pasadena and JPL. Participants will gain valuable information on how to compete when submitting formal solicitations. According to new city Manager, Miguel Marquez, generally, the workshop will cover various City

forms, solicitation documents, and City requirements in the competitive bidding and competitive selection processes, respectively. The workshop will also include registration instructions for solicitation and instructions for submitting electronic bids to the City. Furthermore, the workshop is also designed to help ongoing outreach efforts intended to increase interest in the City's formal solicitation process. Following the workshop, staff will follow up with Pasadena businesses directly to answer questions specific to recurring procurements related to their industry. For additional information or for questions, contact the Purchasing Division at 626-744-6755.

Free Talk: 1930s Movie Star Ann Dvorak's Encino Ranch

Although Hollywood actress Ann Dvorak, known for her memorable roles in 1930s films such as "Scarface" and "Three on a Match," rarely stayed in one place for long during her 68-year life, she called her 36-acre walnut ranch in Encino home from 1934 to 1945.

Author, historian and Los Angeles Public Library photo archivist Christina Rice will present a look back at Dvorak and the ranch, complete with plenty of photos, Thursday, Sept. 29, at 2 p.m. via Zoom, sponsored by the Pasadena Senior Center.

Members of the center and nonmembers 50 and older are welcome to register for the free event by visiting www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org and clicking on Lectures & Classes, then Informational Lectures or calling 626-795-4331. Everyone

who registers will receive an email link to access the live Zoom presentation.

Dvorak's scenic ranch served as a protective anchor during the most productive years of her life and career and serves as a reminder of the role of the San Fernando Valley in Hollywood history.

Although the walnut groves eventually were consumed by massive post-World War II development in the valley, the heart of the property remains, including the house, servant's quarters, pool and pool house, cow stables and greenhouse, all built by Dvorak and her husband, actor/director Leslie Fenton.

Rice is the author of "Ann Dvorak: Hollywood's Forgotten Rebel" (University Press of Kentucky, 2013).

For more information visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org.

City of Pasadena Accessory Dwelling Unit Virtual Workshop



The City of Pasadena received funding from the Southern California Association of Governments

("SCAG") to assess and improve the City's accessory dwelling unit ("ADU") process. Jennifer Paige, Acting Director of Planning and Community Development, announces that on Thursday, the city will host the second of two public workshops "Draft ADU Planning Tools Review" that will share information about the project. This workshop will provide an opportunity for the public to provide feedback on the draft materials that have been developed including an ADU Handbook, Concept Plans Package, and Cost Estimator Tool. The first workshop, held in May 2022, presented key findings from the project's initial technical work and reviewed the main goals and objectives of the process.

An Accessory Dwelling Unit is a residential dwelling unit that provides complete independent living facilities for one or more persons and is located on a lot with a proposed or existing primary residence. It shall include permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel as the single-family or multi-family dwelling is or will be situated.

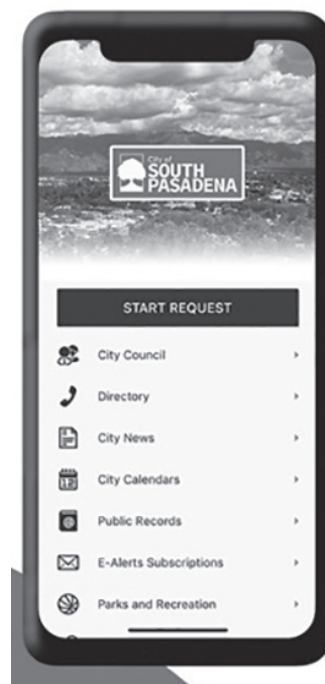
The meeting is set to start at 6 p.m.

For more information about ADUs, this workshop, and future ADU Project outreach events, visit: cityofpasadena.net or contact Guille Nunez, Senior Planner, at 626-744-7634 or email: gnunez@cityofpasadena.net.

Launch of South Pasadena City App: SouthPas Mobile

The City of South Pasadena announced Wednesday the launch of SouthPas Mobile, the City's official application or "app". The launch of this app began as a part of budget discussions around technology and communication improvements. During these discussions, Mayor Pro Tem Primuth empowered staff to create an app to align with the City's Strategic Plan goal of enhancing customer service and creating an automated customer care application.

The City Manager's Office began developing the app in late June, and worked closely with Department Directors and staff to create topics related to frequently asked questions. In addition to accessing information and contact information, the community will be able to make service requests and receive alerts from the City on upcoming events, alerts, closures, and other news. Some of the information that will be available in the app includes contact information for elected officials and City staff, City events, news, jobs, environmental programs, parks and facilities, senior resources, business resources, and information on the upcoming 2022 elections. In addition to accessing information, the community will also have the ability to submit service requests through the application and track those service requests. Some of the service requests that users are able to make include building inspections, code enforcement,



overgrown weeds, City tree issues, graffiti, road repairs, permits, and water mainbreaks.

In consideration of residents who may not have access to smartphones, the City has also made this information available in the same format on our website.

The City will be tabling at the South Pasadena Farmers' Market on September 22 and October 6, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to teach the community about the app. Staff will also be working with the Senior Citizens' Foundation of South Pasadena to teach our seniors about the app during their monthly "Tech Day," on September 28 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, located at 1102 Oxley Street.

San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Family Storytime

Tuesday, September 13 at 10:30 AM, Children's Area

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

Huntington Nurses Health Screening

Wednesday, September 14 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Barth Community Room

The Huntington Nurses offer free blood pressure and glucose screenings. Please plan to fast 2 hours prior to having glucose checked. These blood pressure and glucose evaluations can lead to prevention and early detection of "silent killer" diseases such as hypertension, heart disease, and diabetes. Health screenings will be held every second Wednesday of the month. Registration is not required.

Smarter Living Series: Hearing Loss

Wednesday, September 14 at 1 PM, Barth Community Room

In this free workshop led by Doctor Norma Camacho, participants will learn about the many risk factors that are associated with hearing loss. Participants will learn that health and wellness is crucial because our ears are connected to our entire body system. Registration is not required.

Puppy Love Dog PAW-ty

Saturday, September 17 at 9 AM, Lacy Park

Get ready to PAW-ty with our 4-legged friends! Join us at Lacy Park to enjoy the morning with our furry pals. Two dog runs will be installed and there will be obstacle courses, doggy snacks, goodie bags (limited supplies), music, dog contests, and more!

San Marino Fire Recent Happenings

San Marino Engine 91 was dispatched on September 7 as part of Strike Team 1202A to the Fairview Incident in Riverside County, in addition to two engines from both Burbank and Glendale. As of September 7, the Fairview Incident has grown to 7,091 acres, is 5% contained, and has destroyed seven structures with two confirmed fatalities.

On September 4, Engine 91 responded to major flooding conditions in a home on the 1100 block of Adair Street. Firefighters were able to successfully evacuate the water from the home's basement. Keeping current water restrictions in mind, Engineer White redirected the runoff away from the street to water the vegetation in the property's front yard.

Fire Department training during the week of August 29 to September 4 included hydrant hookups, transferring water from one engine to another, receiving water, and pumping to firefighting hose lines. Water used for training was diverted onto the parkway grass with the help of a young resident.

On September 4, Engine 91 responded to investigate a hazard on the 2200 block of Oak Knoll, where an oak tree in the rear of a property fell, causing damage to the roof and knocking down wires. Although the power lines were intact, there was no power to the house and E91 was unable to shut down utilities due to their location under the fallen tree. Southern California Edison and the City of San Marino Community Development department were notified, while E91 remained on scene until an electrician arrived.

Protecting your homes from burglaries

Attention residents! Burglaries are on the rise in the San Gabriel Valley. Here are some friendly reminders to help protect your home:

Alarms and camera systems are a great deterrent to prevent crime. Use your alarm at all times, even when you are at home. Keep all windows and doors locked and secured. Do not have valuables visible through windows and use interior locking devices. Make your house appear occupied when away, including: leaving lights on, leaving a TV or music playing, leaving a vehicle parked in the driveway, or even having your newspaper stopped until you are back home.

For more information about any of these notices visit: cityofsanmarino.org.

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The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors announced Friday that the Board Hearing Room at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration will reopen to the public on Tuesday, September 27.

"After over two years of no constituents being allowed in the board room due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are pleased to have reached a point where we can safely resume in-person dialogue with the public we serve and who have a right to be here. The health of our communities and staff remains a priority, which is why we will continue to uphold safety measures so that we can keep the board room open," said Board Chair, Second District Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell.

Los Angeles County moved from a "medium" to "low" COVID-19 community level on September 1, per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention community

rating system.

As in-person meetings resume, telephonic comment will continue to be available to members of the public.

To ensure the health and safety of those who plan on attending in person, special guidelines will be in place including:

Masking for all in attendance will be required.

Enhanced air filtration equipment has been installed in the Board Hearing Room. Occupancy will be limited to 100 members of the public.

Members of the media will have a designated seating area and will be able to film interviews in the media room upon request.

Remote or online access to specific government services will continue to be available. Residents can check bos.lacounty.gov website for all upcoming scheduled Board meetings. The Board will continue to meet every other week with the opposite week being designated to closed session.

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September 18, 2022

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Net proceeds are used for the continued enhancement of the Community Room and the Library.

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LA COUNTY HEALTH

Residents Can Prepare Now to Help Prevent a Surge This Fall or Winter

1,430 New Positive Cases and 8 New Deaths Due to COVID-19 in Los Angeles County

As the COVID-19 virus continues to mutate, there is a very real possibility that new variants of concern could contribute to another surge in the fall or winter, making it important that Los Angeles County residents take steps to reduce the risk for serious illness by being up-to-date on vaccines, testing when symptomatic or exposed, and using therapeutics when appropriate.

It is particularly critical for residents who are older, have underlying health conditions, or have many exposures at work and/or in the community to be fully vaccinated and boosted. As of Sept. 1, 57% of eligible residents age 5 and older have had a COVID-19 vaccine plus one additional dose or a booster; this leaves 43% of county residents eligible to receive a booster dose potentially without optimal protection.

Vaccinations remain the best defense against severe COVID-19 illness, and new Pfizer and Moderna boosters that target the BA.4 and BA.5 sub-variants of Omicron were recently approved by both the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Residents and workers in LA County can start receiving these new updated bivalent boosters starting tomorrow, Sept. 7, at hundreds of sites across the county. Over the upcoming week, as soon as vaccines are received, the bivalent boosters are available at 12 Public Health sites, 701 mobile vaccine clinics, and 245 community, pharmacy, and clinic sites. To find a location for the new booster go to VaccinateLACounty.com or VacunateLosAngeles.com (en español). Click on "Find a Location" and then search by "Vaccine Type".

If residents do become ill, fast and easy access to medicines is also crucial. As of last week, more than 550 sites offer therapeutics, many in communities that have been hard hit by COVID.

"I send my deepest sympathies and wishes of peace and comfort to the many families who have lost a loved one from COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "As we transition from the summer to fall, we can follow simple health measures now to reduce the potential risk of a surge. COVID-19 is still a dangerous virus for some of our family members, work colleagues, and friends. By being fully vaccinated and boosted, especially with the new boosters against the more infectious Omicron subvariants of the virus, we are helping to protect others in our communities, especially those at highest risk for severe consequences should they become infected. We are fortunate to have so many tools widely available across the county to help us protect each other. And while we are at a different stage in the pandemic, with lower case numbers and fewer individuals hospitalized, there are still thousands of residents that need our help staying well."

Today, Public Health reported 8 additional deaths and 1,430 new positive cases. Of the 8 new deaths reported today, two people were between the ages of 50-64, four people were between the ages of 65-79, and two people were aged 80 years or older. Of the eight newly reported deaths, seven had underlying health conditions. To date, the total number of deaths in L.A. County is 33,217.

Public Health has reported a total of 3,420,213 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County. Today's positivity rate is 7.4%.

Hospitalization numbers are currently pending as Public Health awaits more information from the California Department of Public Health. Testing results are available for more than 12,489,452 individuals, with 24% of people testing positive.

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

Urban Sketchbook Los Angeles and Pasadena

Joseph Stoddard

September 9 - October 27



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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.

PUBLIC SAFETY

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER



For the period of Sunday, August 28th through Saturday, September 3rd, the Police Department responded to 871 calls for service, of which 109 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 28:

- At 1:03 p.m., an officer responded the 300 block of East Foothill Boulevard regarding a vandalism report. A witness reported seeing the suspect, described as a dark skinned male with a beard and wearing all black clothing. He threw an object at one of the business' windows and shattered it. The suspect was located nearby, and the 49-year-old male transient was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. He was also found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. A records check also revealed he had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.
- At 5:06 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of Cheesecake Factory, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a stolen vehicle report. The victim stated his 2003 Chevrolet Silverado was taken from the parking lot sometime between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on August 28th.

Monday, August 29:

- At 8:35 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 500 block of West Huntington Drive, regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed someone entered the residence, used the shower, and had left various items behind.
- At 5:21 p.m., an officer responded to 24 Hour Fitness, located at 125 North First Avenue, regarding a stolen bicycle report. Sometime between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., someone stole the victim's Red Road Shark racing bicycle that had been secured to the bike rack. The investigation is pending a review of any available surveillance footage.
- At 7:33 p.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of El Dorado Street regarding a theft from vehicle report. The victim discovered his catalytic converter had been stolen from his Honda Odyssey sometime during the previous night.
- At 8:35 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of West Sierra Madre Boulevard regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed an altercation between a husband and wife resulted in the male half hitting the victim in the head, causing visible injuries. Arcadia Fire responded to provide treatment. The 69-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, August 30:

- At 12:03 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Alta Vista Avenue regarding a disturbance. The officer discovered a fight between a boyfriend

and girlfriend resulted in an incident of mutual battery, where both parties hit the other. Arcadia Fire responded to provide treatment to one of the parties.

Wednesday, August 31:

- At 10:33 a.m., an officer responded to the 700 block of West Naomi Avenue regarding a notification of a stolen vehicle in the area. Officers located the unoccupied vehicle. The vehicle had been reported stolen out of Los Angeles Sheriff Department, Altadena Station.
- At 11:07 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Holly Avenue and Campus Drive regarding the notification of a stolen vehicle in the area. Assisting officers located the vehicle and conducted a high-risk traffic stop. Inside the vehicle was a driver and two occupants. The officers ultimately arrested the driver, a 23-year-old male transient and released the two occupants.

Thursday, September 1:

- At 12:53 p.m., an officer responded to Albertanos Mexican Food, located at 211 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. Surveillance footage captured two suspects entering a rear storage area and stealing tools. The officer was able to identify them as a 35-year-old male from San Dimas and a 43-year-old female from San Dimas.
- At 4:15 p.m., an officer responded to a business located at 5460 Peck Road regarding a vehicle burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect smashed the victim's window as soon as the victim walked away, and the lone suspect fled with a stolen wallet. The suspect is described as a 25 to 30-year-old male driving a blue Prius.

Friday, September 2:

- At 11:08 a.m., officers responded to the 00 block of West Huntington Drive regarding an arson investigation. Officers discovered the suspect, a 65-year-old female transient, had set a small trash can fire near Monarch Donuts. Arcadia Fire extinguished the fire and treated the suspect for a small wound on her arm. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 4:57 p.m., an officer responded to Nordstrom, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. Surveillance footage revealed three suspects, two males and one female, stole five designer handbags, resulting in a loss of nearly \$19,000.00.
- At 6:29 p.m., an officer responded to Dear John Denim, located at 12318 Lower Azusa Road, regarding a commercial burglary report. The reporting party discovered someone damaged the gate to the parking lot and forced open a storage container. The loss is unknown at the time of this report. The crime occurred sometime between September 1st at 7:29 p.m. and September 2nd at 8:30 a.m.



DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

August 28, 2022

Grand Theft Auto: Encanto Parkway and Huntington Drive. On August 28, 2022 between 2:55 PM and 3:45 PM suspect(s) unknown stole the victims parked vehicle a silver 2012 Volkswagen Passat. Vehicle recovered. No surveillance video available.

August 29, 2022

- Robbery: 1565 Central Avenue (Duarte High School). On August 29, 2022 at 5:00 PM the victim was walking on campus when she heard footsteps behind her. When she turned around, she noticed her ex-boyfriend approaching her. The suspect was on the phone and the victim heard him make some threatening comments. In fear for her safety, the victim brought out her phone to call for help. The suspect took the victims phone away from her and when she attempted to move away, he thrust himself forward to prevent her from leaving. The suspect fled the area after noticing a bystander witnessing the encounter. Suspect outstanding Possible surveillance video available.
- Grand Theft: 1800 block of Royal Oaks Drive. Between August 25, 2022 7:30 AM and August 29, 2022 6:15 AM suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's catalytic converter to his vehicle a gold 2004 Jeep Cherokee. Loss was approximately \$1,100.
- Grand Theft: 3500 Block of Conata Street. On August 29, 2022 between 7:30 AM and 1:30 PM suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's catalytic converter to his vehicle a white 2020 Nissan NV200. Loss was approximately \$1,100.

August 30, 2022

- Burglary (Vehicle): 1100 block of Maynard Drive. Between August 29, 2022 6:00 PM and August 30, 2022 8:00 AM suspect(s) unknown entered the victims locked vehicle a white 2021 Honda accord and stole some money from the center console. Loss was approximately \$60. No surveillance video available.

August 31, 2022

- Grand Theft: 2300 Block of Royal Oaks Drive. On August 31, 2022 between 5:15 PM and 10:30 PM suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's catalytic converter to his vehicle a gray 2004 Honda Accord. Loss was approximately \$1,200.

September 01, 2022

- Burglary (Vehicle): 804 Buena Vista Street (Montevista Health Care). Between August 31, 2022 5:30 PM and September 1, 2022 6:45 AM suspect(s) unknown entered the locations locked vehicle a white 2012 E250 Ford van and stole the vehicle registration from the glove box. Suspect(s) additionally stole the catalytic converter. Loss was approximately \$1,000. No surveillance video available.

September 02, 2022

- Grand Theft Auto: 1300 block of Parkrose Avenue. On September 2, 2022 between 12:30 AM and 7:30 AM suspect(s) unknown stole the victims parked vehicle a blue 2019 Subaru Forester. Vehicle outstanding. No surveillance video available.
- Grand Theft Auto: 1400 Block of Huntington Drive. On September 2, 2022 between 9:00 AM and 9:15 AM suspect(s) unknown stole the victims parked vehicle a red 2005 Chevy Silverado. Vehicle outstanding. No surveillance video available.



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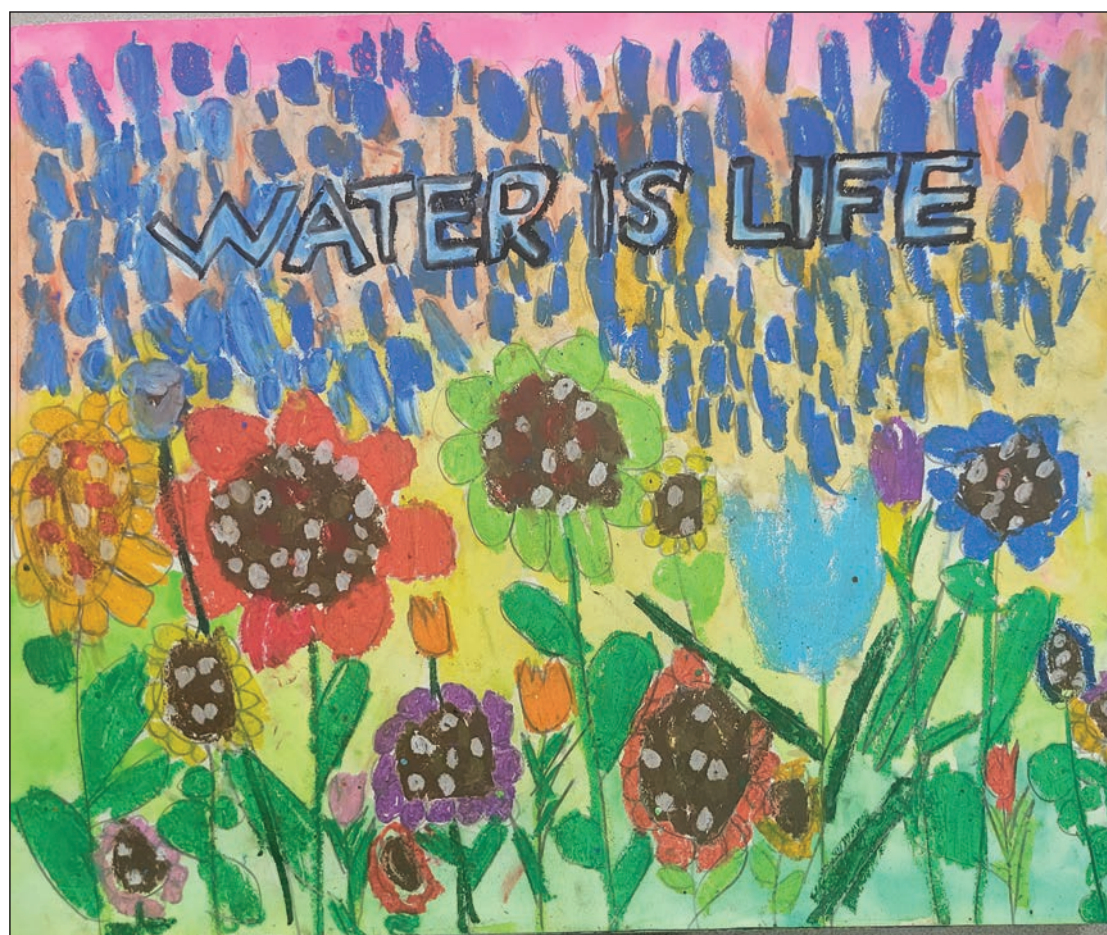
Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD) is pleased to announce Clayton Choi's artwork will be included in the 2023 Metropolitan Water District “Water is Life” Student Art Calendar.

Clayton is in Kindergarten at La Cañada Elementary School. The artwork is amongst thirty-seven featured in the calendar submitted from six counties in southern California. Twenty-six water agencies throughout Southern California participated in the art contest with hundreds of submissions.

The theme of the 2023 Student Art Calendar Contest, “Water is Life,” relates to the stewardship and conservation of water. This means protecting our water resources for future generations through conservation and education.

The Art Contest is an important way for students to become aware of water as a precious resource that should not be wasted,” said FMWD President Richard Atwater.

For additional information on rebates, please visit SocalWaterSmart.com or call Michael Le at 818-790-4036, mle@fmwd.com



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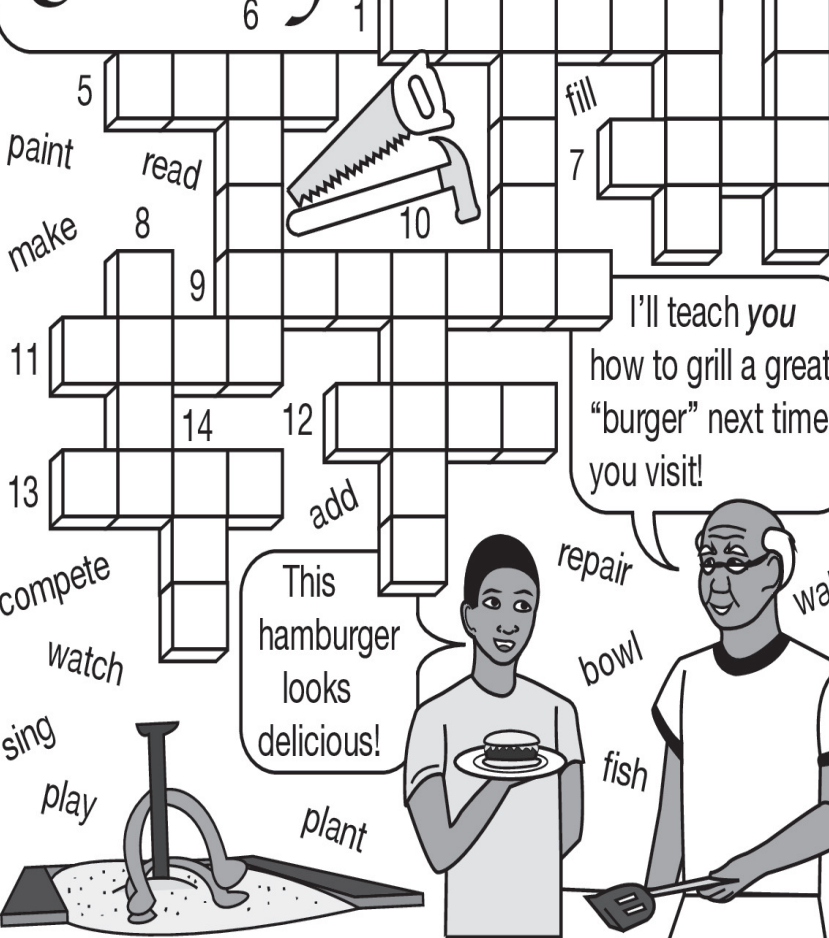
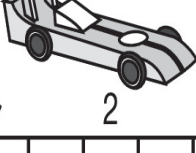
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- _____ bulbs in the garden
- _____ a story aloud
- _____ lunch
- _____ at the alley
- _____ his favorite T.V. show
- _____ the dog
- _____ the bird feeders with seeds
- _____ at board games
- _____ and glue model cars
- _____ off the bridge
- _____ songs at the top of our voices
- _____ horseshoes in the park
- _____ up our mini-golf scores

- _____ in the park
- _____ squares for quilts
- _____ the birds at the feeder
- _____ up to go to see a play
- _____ greeting cards
- _____ to swimming lessons
- _____ bikes
- _____ the porch and steps
- _____ for groceries
- _____ cards
- _____ photos for scrapbooks
- _____ at a new restaurant
- _____ before I go to sleep
- _____ cookies



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WHY I WROTE MY BOOKS
"Testing Your Outdoor Survival Skills"

[Nyergeres is an educator and author of numerous books. More information at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.]

I am often asked why I teach and write about the topics of self-reliance and survival. Here is part of my answer.

“The city” developed organically from the earliest times of human history, presumably for the mutual survival and upliftment of all those who became a part of it. The city became the locus for heightened social interaction, where farmers could barter and sell their goods to the far reaches of the domain, where the brightest and the best could answer your questions and resolved your needs, whether about technical, medical, or other issue. It’s obvious why cities developed, though it has not always so altruistic.

We know, for example, that the great Mayan cities most likely had theocratic rulers whose orders were law, and sometimes that worked out well for the people. But it could also spell the demise for the city if deluded self-important religious leaders saw themselves as more important than “the people.” Right here in North America, there was the great city of Cahokia in what is now Illinois, which emerged, dominated, changed and improved the lives of everyone it touched, and then, for various reasons, it disappeared.

Cities and civilizations arise out of the common interests of those it serves, and they seem to follow a pattern of growth, peaking, declining, disappearing (that’s the 25 cent version of what usually takes a full semester anthropology course).

Every school child has heard about the great Roman empire, and how it “fell.” We read the great details and shake our heads at the Roman stupidity that allowed such greatness to fall, and secretly, we believe it can never happen to us. Really? Well, we don’t want it to happen to us, of course, but consider that a “civilization” is a living, dynamic entity. .

We aren’t sure exactly where we are as a people in the curve of the decline of a civilization, or whether or not we can affect that decline. However, there is always something that the individual can do – always.

To gain a higher perspective of what you can do, in your own life, in your own family and in your own town, I strongly encourage you to read Morris Berman’s “The Twilight of American Culture.”

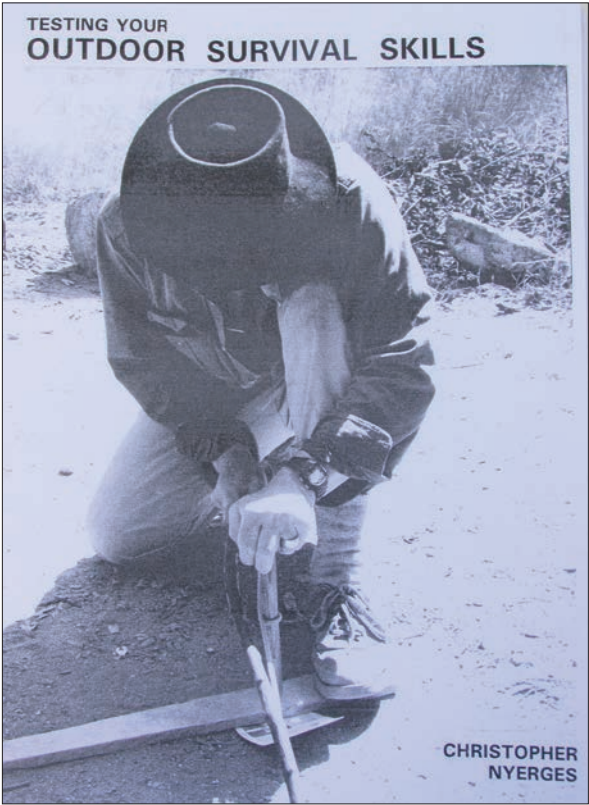
Sometimes we can feel like we are just a drop of water in the ocean, but as we network and work with like-minded others, we can move in the direction of living solutions.

When I began teaching about wild foods and survival skills when I was still a teenager, I had all these ideas about the decline of civilization in my mind, and so I taught mostly to clarify my own thinking on the subject. You could call it enlightened self-interest. Plus, by teaching and writing, I was able to meet others along the same path, people that I would have never met if I were hiding out somewhere in a cave.

I taught field trips, and I taught in the classroom. When I taught in the classroom, I found it useful to organize each subject by topic, and to teach by constantly asking questions of the students. Those refined and edited questions became the basis for my “Testing Your Outdoor Survival Skills” textbook, which is still used by many today. (It’s available on Amazon, or from the store at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com).

Once, a student objected to my manner of teaching because I was constantly asking question. “I came to this class because I do not know,” said the flustered student. “I expect you to tell me!” Indeed. Yet, when I was learning these skills, I had a harsh master who always attempted to get me to find the answer myself. That allowed me to consider, and think, and research. “When you discover the answers on your own,” my teacher would tell me, “then you know the answer by your own experience, not because someone told you.” Ever since, I found that to be an ideal teaching method.

My book, the newly revised “Testing Your Outdoor Survival Skills,” allows you to test yourself on a variety of topics from plants, to water, to navigation, etc. It can be used by teachers and their students as well. And, of course, all answers and supplemental information is included, immediately following every quiz.



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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

WHAT YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT WILL (AND WILL NOT) DO - Part 2

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 document in place—for all but a few people, creating a will is just one small part of an effective estate plan that works to keep your loved ones out of court and out of conflict.

In part one of this series, we looked at the different things having a will in place allows you to do. Here, in part two, we detail all the things your will does not do, along with identifying the specific estate planning tools and strategies you should have in place to make up for the potential blind spots that exist in an estate plan that consists of only a will.

If you have yet to create your will, or you have not reviewed your existing will recently, contact a trusted estate planning lawyer to get this vital first step in your estate planning handled right away.

What A Will Won't Do

While a will is a necessary part of most estate plans, your will is typically only a small part of a comprehensive estate plan. To demonstrate, here are the things you should not expect your will to accomplish:

1. Keep your family out of court: Following your death, for assets in your will to be transferred to your beneficiaries, the will must pass through the court process known as probate. During probate, the court oversees the will’s administration, ensuring your assets are distributed according to your wishes and the law, with court supervision to oversee any disputes.

Like most court proceedings, probate is time-consuming, costly, and open to the public. Moreover, during probate, there’s also the chance that one of your family members might contest your will, especially if you have disinherited someone or plan to leave significantly more money to one relative than another. And even if such contests don’t succeed, those court fights only increase the time, expense, and strife your family has to endure.

Bottom line: If your estate plan consists of a will alone, you are guaranteeing your family will have to go to court if you become incapacitated or when you die. Fortunately, it’s easy to ensure your loved ones can avoid probate using different types of trusts, so with a bit of effort, you can spare your family this unnecessary ordeal.

2. Pass on certain types of assets: Since a will only covers assets solely owned in your name, there are several types of assets that your will has no effect on, including the following:

Assets with a right of survivorship: Property held in joint tenancy, tenancy by the entirety, and community property with the right of survivorship, bypass your will. These types of assets automatically pass to the surviving co-owner(s) when you die.

Assets with a designated beneficiary: When you die, assets with a designated beneficiary pass directly to the individual, organization, or institution you designated as beneficiary, without the need for any additional planning. Common assets with beneficiary designations include retirement accounts, IRAs, 401(k)s, and pensions; life insurance or annuity proceeds; payable-on-death accounts; and transfer-on-death property.

Assets held in a trust: Assets held by a trust automatically pass to the named beneficiary upon your death or incapacity, so these assets cannot be passed in your will. This includes assets held by both revocable living trusts and irrevocable trusts.

3. Pass ownership of a pet and money for its care: Because animals are considered personal property under the law, you cannot name a pet as a beneficiary in your will. If you do, whatever money you leave it would go to your residuary beneficiary, who would have no obligation to care for your pet. In fact, this person could legally keep all the money and drop off your pet at a shelter.

The best way to ensure your pet gets the care it deserves following your death is by creating a pet trust. Your estate planning attorney can help you set up, fund, and maintain such a trust, so your furry family member will be properly cared for when you’re gone.

4. Leave funds for the care of a person with special needs: There are a number of unique considerations that must be considered when planning for the care of an individual with special needs. In fact, you can easily disqualify someone with special needs for much-needed government benefits if you do not use the proper planning strategies. For this reason, a will should never be used to pass on money for the care of a person with special needs.

If you want to provide for the care of your child or another loved one with special needs, you must create a special needs trust. However, such trusts are complicated, and the laws governing them can vary greatly between states.

Given such complexities, you should always work with an experienced estate planning lawyer to create a special needs trust.

Your lawyer can make certain that upon your death, the individual would have the financial means they need to live a full life, without jeopardizing their access to government benefits.

5. Reduce estate taxes: If your family has significant wealth, you may wish to use estate planning to reduce your estate tax liability. However a will is useless for this purpose. To reduce or postpone your estate taxes, you will need to set up special types of trusts. If you are looking to reduce your estate tax liability, consult with your lawyer to discuss your options.

6. Protect you from incapacity: Because a will only goes into effect when you die, it offers no protection if you become incapacitated and are no longer able to make decisions about your financial, legal, and healthcare needs. If you do become incapacitated, your family will have to petition the court to appoint a guardian to manage your affairs, which can be costly, time-consuming, and traumatic for your loved ones.

And there’s always the possibility that the court will appoint a relative as a guardian that you’d never want making such critical decisions on your behalf. Or the court might select a professional guardian, putting a total stranger in control of your life, which leaves you open to potential fraud and abuse by crooked guardians. It happens.

However, using a trust, you can include provisions that appoint someone of your choosing—not the court’s—to handle your assets if you are unable to do so. When combined with a well-prepared medical power of attorney and living will, a trust can keep your family out of court and out of conflict in the event of your incapacity, while ensuring your wishes regarding your medical treatment and end-of-life care are conducted exactly as you intended.

Get Professional Support with Your Estate Planning

Although creating a will may seem fairly simple, you should always consult with an experienced estate planning lawyer to ensure the document is properly created, executed, and maintained. And as we’ve highlighted here, there are many scenarios in which a will won’t be the right estate planning solution, nor would a will keep your family and assets out of court.

You see, estate planning is far more than simply planning for your death and passing on your “estate” and assets to your loved ones—it’s about planning for a life you love and a legacy worth leaving by the choices you make today—and ensuring your loved ones will be protected and provided for no matter what happens to you.

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HOW TO FIND TRAVEL COMPANIONS FOR OLDER TRAVELERS

Dear Savvy Senior:
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Dear Looking:

Traveling can be challenging under the best circumstances, but for seniors with medical problems, physical limitations or dementia it can be unmanageable. Fortunately, there are a bevy of companies today that provide traveling companion/escort services to help older adults with the rigors of travel.

A good travel escort can provide your parents with transportation to and from the airport, manage their luggage, navigate and assist them through the airport, sit next to them on the flight, help them to their hotel and much more.

Some companion services even provide personal care like medication management, dressing, bathing and feeding. And for those with specific medical needs, traveling nurse services are available too.

But be aware that these services aren't cheap. You will pay for the travel companion's tickets, the companion's hotel room if necessary, meals, incidentals and fees for the service. The price to accompany a client on a plane trip within the United States – including the companion fees and travel costs for all parties – can range anywhere from \$2,500 to \$5,000 or more, depending on the flight transfers and length of the trip.

To locate a travel companion service in your area, search online for “senior travel companion” or “senior travel escort,” followed by your parent's city or state. Or use an experienced national service like Flying Companions (FlyingCompanions.com), Travel Helpers (GoTravelHelpers.com) or FirstLight Home Care (FirstLightHomeCare.com), which has a national network of franchises that provides in-home care for seniors and offers travel companion programs in about 80 percent of their 190 operating territories.

Or, for medical travel companions do a search for “traveling nurse escort” or “medical travel companion,” or checkout Travel Care and Logistics (YourFlightNurse.com), which provides registered nurses as escorts.

If, however, your parents don't require a lot of assistance, or if you can't afford a travel escort, consider asking a trusted family member or friend that has some air travel experience.

Vet the Service

If you're interested in hiring a travel companion service, there are a number of things you need to check into to ensure you get the right escort.

First, if you parents require personal or medical care while traveling, find out if the escort is trained to manage their healthcare needs. What sort of medical certifications do they have? (Nursing credentials? C.P.R. training? etc.)

Also, find out how many trips the companion has taken with clients. Have they completed trips with travelers like your parents? How long has the travel service company been in business? What is the company's safety record? And what sort of insurance does it carry, and what exactly is covered?

Also, get a quote breaking down exactly what you'll be required to pay, in addition to the companion's fees. And get a list of two or three clients/references who have used their service and call them.

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

NOTHING LIKE AN OLD FASHION SCAM

Scams have become the norm of our culture today. If it weren't for Alexander Graham Bell, we wouldn't have all of these scams today. Thanks Alex.

These scams go from car warranties to Medicare benefits, and they're probably just getting started. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage gets very agitated when these calls come. They show up on our phone as a scam. As soon as it shows up on our phone, she yells, “That's a scam. Don't you dare answer it?”

By the time I heard what she said, I had already answered the phone. So, I like to take advantage of these scam calls. After all, it's my phone, I pay the bill, so it should also be my choice. For example, when they asked me in the beginning how I was, I said, “Okey-Dokey.” I don't know what this means, but they hang up immediately as soon as some hear that phrase. When it first happened, I couldn't have been happier. So, “Okey-Dokey” is part of my scam to those scammers. Then when some Medicare scam comes through, one thing they ask is how old I am. So one time I said, “I feel like I'm 87.” They said that I don't qualify and hung up immediately. I didn't say I was 87, just that I feel 87. So now I have another response to these scammers.

I am building up of repertoire of responses to these scammers. I had to sit down and think a little bit in the beginning and ask myself, is it okay to lie to liars? I guess it depends on your definition of a lie. Unlike many people, especially those in my house, I don't get aggravated when I see a scam call on the phone. I just get ready to go nose to nose with them. I'm not sure how these people get through a day of calling; I don't think I could make it. But I am happy to respond as much as possible.

Then something strange happened last week. My idea is that I'm not going to say something is a scam until it turns out to be a scam. After all, it might be real. The call I got last week was from the government. Our government has selected 1700 people to receive a free \$9,000 grant. Something I don't have to pay back and can use for whatever I want. My immediate response was, this is a scam. After all, good old Uncle Sam would never do anything to scam anybody. They don't call it a scam; they call it taxes. But that's a different story.

I listened to the proposal and thought it was a scam. So why would the government want to give me a \$9,000 grant that I didn't have to pay back? Being curious, I listen to the whole presentation. After all, what if it isn't a scam? I had qualified for this \$9,000 grant, and the young lady on the phone wanted to work out how they could send me that money. Do I want it in cash or deposited in my bank account? There's no way I will give them my bank information over the phone. So I said, “I'll take it in cash, please.”

She asked me where the nearest Western Union was so she could send me the money. I told her where the nearest one was and then she gave me the information I needed to go there and collect my money. I wrote down all the information I needed. I hung up the phone and did a bit of laughing.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came in and asked me what I was laughing about. I told her about the phone call and how the government would send me a \$9,000 grant through Western Union. Then I laughed heartily and told her I thought it was a scam, thinking she would agree. She stared at me with both hands on her hips and said very seriously, “What if it isn't a scam? What if it's true?”

I was a little setback by her response because if anybody is skeptical about anything, it is her. She can smell a scam three days before it arrives. And then she said something quite strange, “What would you do with \$9,000?” I just chuckled and went back to my office to work. But I was bothered by that phrase, “What would you do with \$9,000?” Suddenly, I began thinking of what I could do with that kind of money. What if this wasn't a scam? What if I did qualify for this money? These and other thoughts rolled through my mind for the next hour. Then the idea came to my mind, what if this was real? What do I have to lose if I go and find out if it's real or not?

The Western Union was a couple of blocks down the road, and it wouldn't take me long to go and check out this scam. If it's a scam, I've only lost two blocks of time, and if it isn't a scam, it's worth investigating. Walking back from Western Union with no grant money, I thought of a Bible verse. Ecclesiastes 7:5, “It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.” It's better to have empty pockets than an empty head.

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STUART TOLCHIN



PUT THE LIGHTS ON SEPTEMBER DAYS

This last month has not been easy for me. I cannot remember ever facing a heat wave like this. Connected to the heat wave we have lost electrical power several times which meant that our home was without air conditioning. My son's apartment in Pasadena has also been without air conditioning resulting in him staying at our house along with his newly acquired dog. Actually, all of us have known the dog for over five years. Her name is Xi Xi and formerly was taken care of by my son's Chinese girlfriend which is the explanation for the dog's rather peculiar name. About five years ago my son and his girlfriend Elena were at the Humane Society eager to obtain a dog. I am told that while in the parking lot they were approached by a Chinese woman who spoke some English but was more fluent in Chinese.

After some conversation my son and his girlfriend understood that the woman was telling them that she had to return to China and that she would like to give the dog to Elena. Elena eagerly accepted the dog and asked the dog's name. She heard the woman say what sounded like Xi Xi and that became the dog's name, at least we all thought that was her name. Recently a Chinese speaking family moved in across the street and one day we introduced the dog to our neighbor. She asked the name of the dog and we told her it was Xi Xi. The woman laughed, and through her seven year old son, who was more fluent in English, explained that Xi Xi, or words close to that, meant "Thank you" in Chinese. Obviously my son and Elena had misunderstood the woman's response. They thought that they were being given the dog's name when it now seems clear that the woman was thanking Elena for accepting the dog.

The saga of XiXi continues. A few months ago Elena tripped over the dog at about 2 A.M. and broke her hip. She has been hospitalized ever since. During this period Elena's elder sister has kept the dog and my son would visit the sister and the two of them, I think, along with Xi Xi, conforming with Covid regulations would visit and talk with Elena through the window. Elena's sister has other dogs and other responsibilities and eventually it all became too much and it was decided that Xi Xi had to live elsewhere. Now Xi Xi lives with my son which is problematic because theoretically my son's apartment does not allow dogs.

The owner of the apartment has been very cooperative and allowed the dog to remain with the provision that the dog make no noise. When Xi Xi is with my son she makes little noise. When left alone she barks non-stop. For the past few days, and at prior times. Xi Xi has been staying with our dog Dreamy here in Sierra Madre. (For those of you who notice such things please note that DREAM is composed of the same letters as is MADRE, all by some coincidence.) Xi Xi, when left alone still barks wildly.

Another problem is that a bear has been present at our front door. Actually this is not a totally unusual problem in Sierra Madre. In a column I wrote a few years ago I described the turmoil when a bear actually got into our house while I was busy watching NBA playoffs. Occasionally I let the dogs off their leash to do their business but my wife has cautioned me to be aware of snakes especially when walking XiXi. Yesterday a neighbor and I, although agreeing that the Canyon is a wonderful place to live, enumerated eight non-domesticated animal species that we have seen walking on our street. These animals included, in addition to frequent snakes, bear, deer, raccoons, possums, coyotes, bobcats, foxes, and the mountain lion that ate the dog across the street. It's all a bit unsettling.

Additionally, I think associated with my aging my senses of hearing, vision, taste and smell have diminished. I wanted to discuss these problems with my regular doctor but that appointment had to be rescheduled because she had fallen while playing pickle ball and ruptured her Achilles tendon.

No I can't really blame my problems on Xi Xi but I noticed myself berating a friend I met for breakfast who complained that he had left his "cat" in the car and now had to walk back in the heat to get it. I snapped at him asking how he could dare leave the animal sitting in the car in the midst of this terrible heat. He laughed, but not much, explaining that he said "hat" not "cat".

Yes, all in all, September has been pretty tough.

TOM PURCELL HEALTH CARE CONFUSION



I'm confused.

I got the flu a few months ago, the worst flu I'd ever had. It wasn't COVID — I have never tested positive for COVID — but it was a humdinger.

For more than a week, I was a lump on a bed, completely unable to move or do anything.

To make sure I wasn't going to perish, I paid a visit to the hospital emergency room. They tested me for all kinds of things and, five hours later, said I had the flu and that I could go home.

It was nice to be assured that all I had to do was let my immune system wage a mighty battle for the rest of the week.

It wasn't so nice when the bills started coming in, which totaled more than \$7,000 — from what I can gather.

I have a decent health insurance policy through my corporate client that has temporarily brought me on as an employee to support a big project, so, after deductibles are met, I owed \$2,500 or thereabouts — from what I can gather.

Months later I am still in a state of total confusion and know it will take me hours to figure out how much I owe and to whom.

And I am not alone. Millions of Americans are befuddled by their health insurance policies and the convoluted bills they receive when, God forbid, they need to get health care.

According to the Portland Press Herald News, there are lots of hidden fees in medical bills that jack up the cost of services, and there is no continuity among providers.

One hospital may charge \$750 for an MRI and another may charge \$3,000 or more for the identical service.

Healthcare.com conducted a survey that found more than one in four Americans are befuddled by unexpected medical bills.

Don't understand the difference between co-pays and deductibles or in-network and out-of-network providers?

Well, get in line, because you have a lot of company — but there may be hope for us all yet.

In January 2022 the No Surprises Act went into effect. It requires hospitals and health care providers to make the fees they charge for services public, according to MarketWatch.

The intent of this act is to prevent patients from getting crushed by surprise bills, such as "balance billing," which healthinsurance.org explains well.

Balance billing occurs when providers bill a patient for the difference between the "retail price" they charge and the amount that the patient's insurance pays — which is almost always less. When some providers bill the patient for the difference, or balance, it's called "balance billing."

In other words, if you have an emergency and you get care from a provider outside of your network, you will get a big fat bill.

But under the No Surprises Act patients are liable only for their in-network fees.

That's a nice start, but the real problem is that our health care system is a confusing mess. It needs reform from top to bottom.

If a person does not have a decent health insurance policy — and decent policies are costlier now — he's still at the mercy of receiving massive bills for needed care.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to figure out who and how much I owe for coming down with the worst flu of my life.

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RICH & FAMOUS

WOMEN: THE SUPERIOR OF THE SPECIES



If you ever had the opportunity to meet Queen Elizabeth, you would have been instructed to address her, on first occasion, as "Your Majesty", and thereafter "Ma'am". "Her Majesty" (Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor) was indeed a class act! On her role as Queen she said: "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service."

One of "Her Majesty's" final acts was to officially ask Liz Truss, to form a new government. Ms. Truss is Britain's third female Prime Minister. Margaret Thatcher was the first in 1979 and Theresa May was second in 2016. (Is it ironic that all three women prime ministers were members of Britain's conservative party?) Someday, maybe sooner than we think, the United States may elect its first woman president. I look forward to that day. There are excellent prospective women candidates on both sides of the political spectrum.

As for now, the closest I could get to women in the White House, is to take a peek at "first Ladies". I did a little digging and found interesting anecdotes regarding these extraordinary women. The majority of our first ladies used their public presence to promote important causes. And some had interesting diversions. I'll highlight a few.

Michelle Obama (2009-2017) earned a law degree at Harvard Law School. And she has written two best sellers.

Laura Bush (2001-2009) was a teacher, a librarian and advocated for No Child Left Behind legislation.

Barbara Bush (1989-1993) wrote a memoir from her dog's perspective. And was the second first lady who also became the mother of a president.

Pat Nixon (1969-1974) was the first first lady to actively confer with foreign leaders. She was also the first first lady to wear pants in public.

Eleanor Roosevelt (1933-1945) wrote a daily newspaper column and hosted a radio show. And so much more.

Lou Hoover (1929-1933) was a geologist and spoke Chinese fluently. Grace Coolidge (1923-1925) taught deaf students.

Florence Harding 1921-1923) was the first first lady to vote. First to fly in an airplane and oh, the first to be accused of poisoning her husband.

Caroline Harrison (1889-1893) was the first first lady to use electricity in the White House.

Frances Cleveland (1885-1889) was the youngest first lady at age 21.

Lucy Hayes (1877-1881) banned alcohol from the White House and hosted the first Easter Egg Roll on the White House lawn.

Margaret Taylor (1849-1850) was the first first lady to shoot a gun.

Sarah Polk (1845-1849) was the first first lady to forbid dancing and card playing in the White House.

Now, speaking of truly amazing women, Sharon Lechter, co-author of "Rich Dad, Poor Dad", author of "Exit Rich", and financial advisor to four presidents, will be speaking to business professionals at the University Club of Pasadena on Thursday, September 22, from 9:00-12:00 noon.

Ms. Lechter will be sharing how to thrive in this uncertain market and economy, and retire a millionaire. Whether you're a real estate professional, financial planner, or small, medium or large business owner join us (oh yes, I will be there). Lunch will be provided. Consider this a free invitation. RSVP to www.danicapattontohometeam.com/rsvp



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