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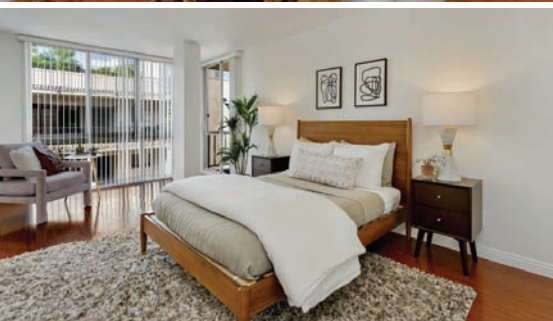
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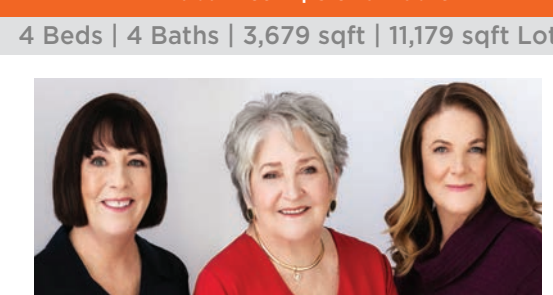


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## COUNCIL APPROVES MEADOWS AT BAILEY CANYON PROJECT

On Tuesday, Sierra Madre Mayor Gene Goss presided over the continued Public Hearing regarding the controversial Meadows at Bailey Canyon Project. He began by asking the council and public to "agree to disagree" in a civil manner and adhere to addressing the stand alone agendized issue of either ratifying or rejecting the project.

Goss promised not to exercise his ability to 'cut the mike' for speakers who exceeded the 3 minute time limit as was the case at the previous hearing. However, while asking speakers to respect the time limit he also asked them to restrict their comments to the matters on the agenda. He pointed out that Measure HR was not on the agenda and that public comment should only bring up the matter if it related directly to the items on the agenda.

The council was then tasked with deliberating and approving or rejecting the following Planning Commission recommendations for the project:

1. Certifying the Environmental Impact Report
2. Adopting the CEQA Findings of Fact;
3. Adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program;
4. Approving the amendments to the General Plan and Land Use Map to change the project site from Institutional to Residential Single Family; and
5. Approving the Lot Line Adjustment

The Planning Commission also recommended that the City Council approve the following actions:

1. Approve amendments to the Zoning Code and Zoning Map to change the project site from Institutional to Residential Single Family;
2. Approve the Specific Plan for The Meadows at Bailey Canyon Project; and

3. Approve the Development Agreement

The Council was presented with presentations by staff, followed by questions from the Council.

During Public Comment there were a number of speakers and on the city's transparency portal there are approximately 519 comments that the council members all acknowledged receiving and reading.

### Deliberation Highlights:

Council ascertained 3 key concessions from the developer that addressed some of the public's stated concerns:

1. **Tree sizes in the new development:** Developer committed to increasing 25% of the 24" boxed trees to 36" to be placed in strategic locations
2. **Increased demands on public safety for the 42 new homes:** The developer committed to a supplemental payment of \$250,000 to help stating, "...pleased to support whatever public safety needs the city council deems appropriate".
3. **Water:** An amendment was made committing the project be subject to future amendments to the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO), to be effective at time of construction document submittal.

The Council also amended the Development Agreement Section 14 - Remedies, deleting the term "event of" from the event of default from the entirety of the Development Agreement.

With the unanimous approval of all the items on the agenda, the council will have a second reading of Ordinance 1461 at the regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.

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## SWIFT RESPONSE BY SIERRA MADRE PD LEADS TO ARREST OF HIT AND RUN SUSPECT

*Two pedestrians struck in crosswalk at Lima and Sierra Madre Boulevard*

On Tuesday, September 20, 2022, a vehicle struck and injured two elderly people in the cross walk at Sierra Madre Blvd. and Lima. The injured men, in their mid to late 70s, were taken by SMFD Paramedics to Huntington Hospital where they were treated and released. One suffered injury to his torso, the other had a visible head injury. The driver drove off without stopping.

However, according to SMPD Sgt. Kamchamnan, the quick actions of the officers who arrived at the scene, and with the help of one local business' surveillance camera, police were able to identify the vehicle and subsequently locate its driver. SMPD located and arrested a 62 year old female driver.

SMPD reminds everyone to exercise 'situational awareness' when crossing the street, for your own safety.



Rotary Club of Sierra Madre Presents



Corporal LILIAN SHAW  
SIERRA MADRE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Surviving an ACTIVE SHOOTER

Corporal Shaw will offer a presentation designed to provide awareness and facts surrounding an active shooter situation and to share information on survival.

Lilian Shaw is a certified crisis negotiator and represents the Sierra Madre Police Department in the regional Foothill Special Enforcement Team (FSET). As one of the department's active shooter survival program coordinators, Corporal Shaw has attended active shooter scenarios and concept-based trainings alongside other Southern California law enforcement agencies.

Corporal Shaw grew up in South L.A.'s crime riddled neighborhoods giving her a special appreciation for law enforcement and public service at a young age. She worked on several police agencies in differing capacities and was a 9-1-1 operator for 13 years prior to starting her law enforcement career. She was hired by the Sierra Madre Police Department in 2017.

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# The Meadows is Unanimously Approved!



"Following nearly 20 public meetings, the Sierra Madre City Council unanimously approved The Meadows at Bailey Canyon which includes many community benefits for the residents of our City and protects the sanctity of our grounds. The Meadows represents years of community collaboration, and we are pleased with the extensive refinements made through this public process.

**"The Meadows is the right plan that supports the Monastery's vision to serve this area for another 100 years.**

"Unfortunately, now the Monastery is faced with the threat of a ballot measure which targets only our Retreat Center. Measure HR will change City law to make our retreat facilities become 'non-conforming uses.' As a result, Measure HR will make it nearly impossible for our ministries to grow so we can serve future generations.

**"Please help us stop this injustice to Mater Dolorosa and the people we serve. We urge you to vote No on Measure HR."**



Fr. Mike Higgins C.P.,  
The Passionists of  
The Holy Cross Province

## Now it's up to us to vote NO on Measure HR



Jim Kelly  
Sierra Madre Homeowner

"Not only does Measure HR target just the Monastery, but it will fundamentally change the property rights for them. Measure HR specifically says:

**Directly from the Measure HR initiative (emphasis added):**

"The intent of this initiative is to permit the continued operation of Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center without expansion or significant physical alteration.  
...The provision of this initiative can be amended or repealed only by a majority of voters of the City of Sierra Madre, voting in a regularly scheduled municipal election."

**"This means if the Passionists wanted to expand their kitchen, Measure HR would force them to put the matter on the ballot for a citywide vote at a cost of \$50,000 to \$70,000.**

"How is that right? Measure HR is poorly conceived, discriminatory and sets a disastrous precedent for every property owner in Sierra Madre."

Ad paid for by No on Measure HR, Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness, a Coalition of Local Residents, Taxpayers, and Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center; Committee major funding from New Urban West

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COFFEE: HEALTHFUL OR DETRIMENTAL?

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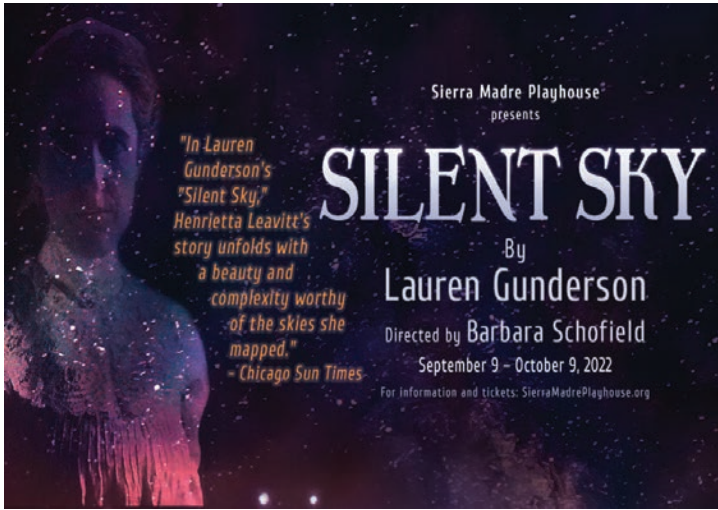


LETS MAKE A FEW THINGS CLEAR ABOUT THE MEADOWS DEVELOPMENT.

1.       The purpose of ”The Meadows” development is to make around \$100 Million Dollars to be split by the Passion-ist Fathers in Chicago and their hired developer New Urban West (NUW) of Santa Monica.   The money goes to people that don’t live in Sierra Madre. The impact of this project re-mains with us citizens forever. That is what this is all about. MONEY.
2.       The “Neighbors for Fairness” group is funded by the Developers from Santa Monica (NUW), and the Passion-ists of Chicago.   Additionally, NUW has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to marketers and PR firms to spin their project in a positive light in glossy brochures and full page ads. Preserve Sierra Madre and the proponents of Initiative HR are fully funded by volunteer residents that live in Sierra Madre and will be negatively impacted by the Project.
3.       The Meadows project violates significant parts of the Sierra Madre General Plan, the “constitution” of Sierra Madre which was carefully crafted over 5 years by the citizens of Sierra Madre to preserve the look and feel of our town. Contrary to this, the 42 homes NUW would build will be massed in a way previously unseen in Sierra Madre. It will be a massively dense cookie cutter housing project unlike any other area in town, with their own special rules superseding the General Plan.
4.       The primary purpose of Measure HR is to require that the development be zoned per the Hillside Residential zon-ing code, which applies to every other similar area in Sierra Madre, and is part of the General Plan. The Hillside code re-quires minimum 2 acre lots. Thus, in the 17 acre area planned for development, Measure HR would allow 7 to 8 homes, not 42.
5.       The “Neighbors for Fairness” and the City Attorney have claimed that the Initiative would allow the developer to build 68 large homes on the property.   This mistake by the City Attorney was proven in court and later admitted by the City Attorney to be PATENTLY FALSE, yet NUW and some on the City Council continue to use this as a scare tactic.   On the 17 acres they plan to develop, that would result in 7-8 lots.   The 68 home number could only happen with the de-struction of the Retreat Center, building on the unbuildable northern slope, and assuming each lot would have 2 homes built on it.   The Passionist Fathers have only proposed devel-oping the lower 17 acres of their property. On these 17 acres it is 42 homes vs. 7-8. 68 just doesn’t add up.
6.       Since the Retreat Center building would be included in the Hillside zone, and it already is sized differently than the Hillside zoning allows, it must be designated a “nonconform-ing use”, which simply states a fact.   The initiative also says that building can’t be enlarged, but if the Passionists desired, it can be renovated consistent with the Hillside rules if the city approves their plan. There is no such plan at this time. It does not mean they can’t build anything else.   It means if they want to build another building, they must comply with the Hillside zoning.   If they want to build a chapel next to the Retreat Center, they just have to follow the law like the rest of us.   There is no discrimination against them.
7.       The “Neighbors for Fairness” was established on the belief that Hillside Residential zoning prohibits such im-provements, and also claim it violates the Passionists reli-gious freedom. This is simply not true. Initiative proponents have no intent to limit their ability to practice their faith. They simply have to follow the rules for building like the rest of us.   The developers and their mouthpiece “neighbors for fairness” are using this claim as well as the “68 houses” to scare you; their real fear is not being able to make millions of dollars for themselves.
8.       Impacts on our water quality and usage will be perman-ent. NUW claims the project will have “zero impact water” but they have failed to provide a viable plan.   They have no workable plan, but have fallen back on a mishmash of ideas and repairing existing pipes, a short term solution.   There is no viable plan in NUW’s proposal that results in “zero im-pact water”. Not mentioned or addressed are the millions of gallons of water required during construction as well as the thousands of gallons a day the new homes will require for perpetuity.   Meanwhile we all must limit our lawn watering and pay water usage fees for extra tens of units a month. All this in the midst of the worst drought in 1,200 years!
9.       On top of this and other things, the Meadows project will permanently impose 4-500 additional car trips a day on neighboring streets including GrandView (not including all the trucks during construction) and will increase pressure on parking downtown and throughout the city.   Wear and tear, street improvements, fire, emergency and police services, will all be permanent costs to the city.

Preserve Sierra Madre is not about blocking progress or the property rights of our neighbors, we are about keeping devel-opment consistent with the look and feel of this city we all love. To do so, we all must follow the same rules.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE HR



SIERRA MADRE  
Neighbors for Fairness

IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON

Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness has stood for support-ing the rights of property owners, including the Passionists. We believe the Passionists have a right to due process and that they have been working through that process in good faith along with their partner, New Urban West (NUWI). As Mayor Goss expressed at last Tuesday’s meeting when they approved the Meadows project, while not perfect, it is rea-sonable... from the EIR, to the Specific Plan, to the detailed Development agreement. The Planning Commission and City Council have made many requests of NUWI and they have replied positively to any reasonable requests.

The most recent was a request by the City Council that NUWI help the city financially with building out the public safety facilities, either for the new police station or for re-modeling the fire department building. NUWI offered an additional \$250,000 for that cause. This is what a partner does that cares about the city even though they have no ob-ligation to help in this way. But we wouldn’t be surprised to see Protect Sierra Madre and Preserve Sierra Madre (PP) frame this as the city taking a bribe. The difference is that a bribe only benefits one or a few key people, whereas a con-cession is to the benefit of the whole city.

That is the “reasonable” side of the project. The unreason-able side is those opposing the project who constantly make demands and are never satisfied with concessions. The Carter Ave exit is a perfect example. The opponents said a single exit is unsafe (even though allowed under county fire codes). When NUWI offers a second exit on Carter they complain about the traffic and how dangerous it will be for pedestrians. So NUWI offers to widen Carter to put in a sidewalk and then they complain that a few trees will have to be removed (even though they will be mitigated with more

trees). NUWI then offers to put in a sidewalk on the other side of the trees and they get accused of trying to steal park space for their development (even though the city or county will still own the property). PP cannot be satisfied. Now they are going to try to overturn the City Council vote that ap-proved the project.

This is what it means to be unreasonable and it is why PP is losing credibility. No one wants to listen to or work with unreasonable people. What started as a lie to “Protect the meadow” and “Preserve open space” has turned into a farce where PP is now arguing that the best plan for Sierra Madre will be one that allows 68 homes to be built on the monas-tery property, with no public park, no net-zero water offsets, and no 35 acres of conserved open space. They want to al-low 6,500 square foot Arcadia-style mansions on huge lots, exactly what Sierra Madreans (and originally the leaders of PP) had been fighting against for decades. Can you guess what will happen if the property is rezoned to allow this? These same people will be fighting against whatever is pro-posed, even under their own initiative. How do we know this? Because just about every argument they make against this project applies equally to any other development.

It is time for reasonable people to move on and not let this minority group manipulate everyone else through misin-formation and constantly shifting the goal post. We support our Planning Commission and City Council who have done the hard work of evaluating this project to the benefit of Si-erra Madre. Join us in the fight to protect the rights of the Passionists. Say NO to Measure HR and say NO to the refer-endum.   www.sierramadreneighborsforfairness.org

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- Allows Mater Dolorosa to con-tinue their mission and expand beyond their current size (with city approval)
- Allows the Passionists to sell all the land and build houses under the Hillside zoning code

If you’ve seen or heard the disinforma-tion that’s been spread around about Measure HR by the “Meadows at Bailey Canyon” developer, you might think that the initiative goes against every-thing good and fair and decent in our community. Nothing could be further from the truth. Let’s dispense with falsehoods and establish the facts about what is allowed and what is not allowed under Measure HR.

First, the developer falsely claims that, under Measure HR, 68 mansions can be built at the Mater Dolorosa parcel. While it is true that Hillside zoning may lead to several very large houses on the Mater Dolorosa property, each would be built on a two-acre lot, which severely limits the number that can

Sierra Madre Residents:

VOTE YES ON MEASURE HR TO REZONE THE MATER DOLOROSA PROPERTY TO HILLSIDE ZONING

be built there. In fact, on the lower 17 acres, including roads, 7 houses could be built. If Mater Dolorosa sold the entire 35 Acres, including roads, only 15 to 16 houses of a maximum size of 6,500 square feet could be built under Hillside zoning. Under the current Institutional zoning, a developer can build a 270,000 square-foot institution such as a school or residential housing unit in addition to 42 houses. If the city were to grant them a new specific plan in addition to the one that has already been approved for the bottom tract, a developer could build an additional 80 houses. There have been all kinds of extreme hypotheticals banded about to spread confusion, including crazed lot-splitting and ADUs run amok but, realistically, we’re talking about the prospect of 122 tract houses versus 15 or 16 houses under Hillside zoning. Second, ads and flyers paid for by the developer suggest that, under Hillside zoning, the Passionists will be prevented from continuing their mission.

This is patently false. The Passionists are protected by the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLIUPA). Therefore, even if Protect/ Preserve Sierra Madre members were the nihilists we’ve been made out to be, there will be no restrictions on the Pas-sionists’ mission. Just like everybody else in town, they will need a building permit if they want to make additions or build new buildings—that’s all. The only difference under Hillside zon-

ing is that the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center will be designated as a non-conforming use, which means they will need a different type of permit. There is no reason on Earth that the city of Si-erra Madre would not grant them that permit.

Third, the developer falsely claims that Hillside zoning circumvents Sierra Madre’s existing checks and balances. Talk about the kettle calling the pot black! When it comes to maintain-ing checks and balances, the Meadows project is off the charts (and not in a good way). If we citizens allow them to get away with it, their houses will be up to 80% larger on a given lot size than the city’s General Plan and Municipal Code allow. The bottom line is, other property owners (you and me, for ex-ample) can’t build behemoths on our property, but New Urban West of Santa Monica can and will if we don’t stop them.

Due to the City Council’s failure to assert leadership and protect Sierra Madre’s long-term interests and qual-ity of life, we believe that Measure HR is the best option. Otherwise, a slew of cookie-cutter houses will be built on that property—big houses ten feet apart and fifteen feet from the street, all crammed together in a High-Severity Fire Zone.

Sierra Madre can do better than this! Vote YES on Measure HR.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

There are so many misconceptions and misinformation about Measure HR that it is hard to know where to start. Measure HR will prevent the Mater Dolorosa Passionists from using their property to meet their needs. Currently, the property is zoned Institutional. The Passionists applied for and were considered for a zoning change as all private property owners are allowed to do.

In 2013, Mountain Views News published a report that a housing project may be considered. In that report, a Passionist said no definite plans were made. The nearby neighbors organized and began to protest. Then called “Stop the Monastery Development”, (later changed to Preserve Sierra Madre) the neighbors protested, set out signs, and began campaigning against a project not yet established.

Fast forward to 2019. Mater Dolorosa came to the City with a proposed plan. The City Council determined a housing project would be most favorable, rather than an institutional project. They appointed then City Manager Gabe Englund as the liaison between the City and the applicants. Preserve Sierra Madre was kept informed of the plans.

After meeting with New Urban West in 2021, half of the Preserve group split and renewed the Stop the Monastery De-velopment, now called Protect Sierra Madre – Stop Development, then changed to Protect Sierra Madre - Stop Housing Project. In other words, the group wants NO DEVELOPMENT. When it became clear that there was going to be a project, the Initiative was formed to stop the Passionists from using property they own as they have the right to do.

- A bond measure was considered to purchase the property. That didn’t materialize because of the risk to the city should it not pass.
- Other conservation groups were approached. None were able.
- The Passionists can’t keep the property as is because they need the funds to further their missions, their community works, and their retreat work.
- The Passionists chose New Urban West because the project would be compatible with the property, the serenity of the Retreat Center, and the surrounding neighborhood.
- The Passionists donated an additional 3 acres of land to be a dedicated city park.
- The Passionists donated another 40 acres to be placed in a conservancy.
- Wildlife will remain, water situation considered, fire risk taken into account and the homes will be safer than the surrounding homes.
- Carter is currently wide enough for ingress and egress. Improvements will enhance the area for pedestrians, handi capped, and bike riders.

A yes vote on HR will take away the rights of a property owner. A NO vote will restore rights of a landowner to petition the City for a zone change. A NO vote will enable a religious organization to continue their religious activities. Vote NO on Measure HR.

De and Pat Alcorn



# SIERRA MADRE

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## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

Well, friends and neighbors, I started talking about pumpkins last week and I figured I'd just continue in a spooky, pumpkin-y, Halloweenish frame of mind. If you haven't started working on your scarecrow, you better get going. Think dark and scary thoughts...

*"Anyone could see that the wind was a special wind this night, and the darkness took on a special feel because it was All Hallows Eve."* Ray Bradbury

*"Believe nothing you hear, and only one half of what you see."* Edgar Allan Poe  
*"I would like, if I may, to take you on a strange journey."* The Criminologist, Rocky Horror Show

### A HALLOWEEN HORROR STORY

Halloween is almost upon us and those pumpkins that decorate porches and walls, with their happy faces, grotesque faces, scary faces are not always what they seem.

Come with me to the Pumpkin Patch. An acre dotted with corn stalks and scarecrows and pumpkins, more pumpkins than you were expecting. Enormous pumpkins, flat ones, round ones, tall skinny ones; some misshapen, some with strange lumps and bumps, some with scars and some so little they are passed over again and again. "Not that one, Daddy! It's too small. I want a really big one! I want that one...or that one...not that one, that one's ugly!" For a pumpkin, whose entire life has been dedicated to growing into a carve-worthy orange globe, this is hurtful, degrading, and can bring a pumpkin to thoughts of revenge.

The packet of Atlantic Giant Pumpkin Seeds from Burpee arrived at the Pumpkin Patch in a somewhat damaged condition. There were heavy, dark tire tracks over the face of it and minute holes where it had been ground into the ground. It had been rained on, left out in the sun and, in short, was not a beautiful thing. The owner of the Pumpkin Patch, however, having paid \$2.99 for it wasn't about to toss it out. Upon further inspection of the actual seeds, he discovered some were cracked, tiny pieces missing. "What the heck," he thought, "I might as well go ahead and plant them, they'll probably grow...maybe."

And plant them, he did. But in a far corner of the Patch, not out in the rows where he put the rest of his seeds. It was late May and an unexpected rain thoroughly drenched the Pumpkin Patch. "This is great," the farmer thought, "water these seeds in and give them a good start. These babies will be enormous by September" The rains came, the owner fertilized and the pumpkin seeds sprouted and put out miles of bright green runners. Blossoms formed and turned into small orange balls.

Everywhere except there in the corner of the Pumpkin Patch where the broken, cracked seeds had been planted. There the vines were thicker, stronger and stretched out in every direction, seething with dark green life. Quite frankly, that corner area made the owner just a little uneasy. There seemed something unpleasantly unusual about those vines. The word, "sinister" came to mind. Ridiculous! He thought. They're pumpkins. That's all, just plain old pumpkins. But were they?

July came and went, and the pumpkins out in the middle of the field grew fat, bursting with orange life. August arrived and the pumpkins grew to such gigantic sizes that the owner visualized pictures of himself in the newspaper standing next to a pumpkin - his pumpkin - that weighed more than the heaviest pumpkin in North America "Tiger King" grown by Travis Gienger and weighing in at 2,350 pounds.

September sauntered in and several of the pumpkins would need industrial strength forklifts to move them. The owner was delighted. Meanwhile, over in the damaged seed corner, the pumpkins were strangely dark, oddly shaped and not nearly as large as the beautiful orange ones. A really good pumpkin should look exactly like Cinderella's fairy-tale carriage, perfectly round and bright orange. The damaged seed pumpkins were more Amber, Spice, Clay, Rust and Bronze than orange and tended to be anything but round.

October at last! The owner put ads in the newspaper and banners at the entrance to the Pumpkin Patch. The Pumpkin Patch would open on Saturday, October 3rd! Come one! Come All! Friday night, October 2nd, the owner walked through his beautiful Patch one last time to be sure all was in readiness for the hordes of pumpkin seekers who would arrive in the morning. And then he went to bed and dreamt satisfying dreams of large bank deposits.

Saturday dawned. The owner arose early, enjoyed a cup of Pumpkin Spice coffee with a pumpkin bagel and went out to survey his pumpkin kingdom. He was aghast! All his beautiful, enormous orange pumpkins were smashed, squashed, squished...their innards spilled out on the ground. Strangely, the damaged seed pumpkins had migrated to the center of the field, squatting triumphantly amidst the carnage, many of them marked with traces of pumpkin innards and seeds. These pumpkins were sated, stuffed with the flesh of all the highly favored orange pumpkins. They had grown huge, their dark green leaves and vines coiled about their carnivorous, cannibalistic nutmeg and cinnamon colored - dare I say it? Bodies?

"Pumpkins may seem benign, with their smiling jack-o-lantern faces, but what horror may lie inside their hollow shells."

Leah, the Butterfly Whisperer, has had two more successes. Two more exquisite Monarch butterflies, Lizzie and Loretta, have donned their sombreros and headed south to Mexico. Lazarus is munching his way through the leaves and there are a couple of Little Dudes hiding amongst the milkweed. Days of Our Butterflies continues...

October is coming, Fall is sort of here, it's not quite as hot and we need to start looking for scarecrows around town.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
Where you'll find "Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope"  
And "A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter"  
Both of these books are stuffed with hope and a good recipe or two.  
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We need your support to enable us to complete the hardscape, soil preparations, irrigation, and wrought-iron railing ahead of the planting of the new native foliage scheduled for December 3, 2022.

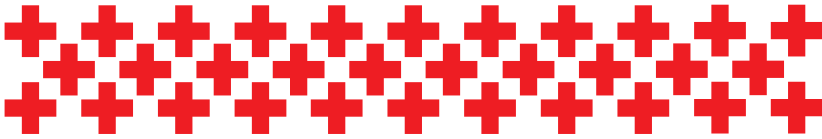
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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

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

September 27 2022 5:30pm

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

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

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

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

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

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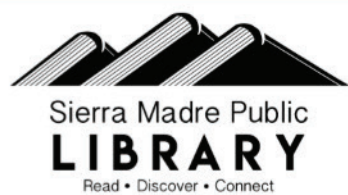
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September 26—October 1

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#### Thursday

Baby Rhyme Time at Memorial Park—  
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#### Saturday

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Planning Commission has one (1) expected vacancy.

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Pasadena Fire Rescues Trapped Blind Dog



Pasadena Firefighters made a dramatic rescue Wednesday night after a blind dog fell 15 feet into a hole at a construction site off North Lake Avenue.

“The canine was extricated in roughly 13 minutes and uninjured,” firefighters said. “Special thanks to Arcadia, South Pasadena and Glendale Fire who assisted.”

According to reports and news video, the dog, named Cesar, fell into a small round hole around 7 p.m. after wandering through an opening in a fence where a new fast food restaurant is being built.

Pasadena Fire Search and Rescue lowered a team member into the hole. Using a harness, the team hoisted Cesar out to safety.

Cesar was reunited with his owner. The two live nearby the construction site.

Autumn in the Garden Fundraiser

Arlington Garden officials announced they are holding their 17th Anniversary by celebrating inspirational members of our community with a fundraiser celebration “Autumn in the Garden” on Sunday.

This family-friendly event features musical performances curated by Floating and dublab.

There will be a special VIP reception before the event honoring Pasadena Councilmember Steve Madison, businessman and philanthropist Bob Bozzani, and garden designer Mayita Dinos. There are only a limited number of tickets available for the VIP reception. General admission tickets and a select number of “music only” tickets also available. Food will be provided by Dina’s Dumpling. Wine Sponsor is Wenzlau Vineyard.

VIP Reception is set for 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with General Admission at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Autumn in the Garden is our only annual fundraising event. “We are extremely excited to be able to celebrate with you again this year! Please join us for a fun and relaxing evening of beautiful music, socializing, and delicious food and wine in this special garden.” Organizers said. For more information or to purchase tickets visit: arlingtongardenpasadena.org.

Arlington Garden in Pasadena is located at 275 Arlington Drive.

Council to Fill John Kennedy’s District Seat



Lucious Smith



Justin Jones



Brandon Lamar

The Pasadena city council is set Thursday, during a special Zoom meeting, to hear presentations and interview three potential appointees to fill the city council District 3 vacancy — due to the passing of Councilmember John Kennedy.

Of the three applicants on the agenda, Justin Jones, Brandon Lamar and Lucious Smith, one of them is expected to be chosen and sworn in during the meeting.

Some residents of the District have questioned applicants, Smith and Jones.

“His [Smith] exclusionary views and bible thumping do not belong in our government,” said Pasadena resident and Actress Petrea Burchard, “Not only does he not represent the diversity of our district, he insults it.”

Smith had been a proponent of Proposition 8 banning gay marriage in California, later overturned in 2013, holding the unpopular view that the Bible defines marriage as between one man and one woman. Smith has also been quoted in news reports as holding the belief that the Bible is a strict moral compass for the United States.

Smith is the Senior Pastor of Friendship Pasadena Church and currently said he is leading an effort to acquire 12 rental units to be used for affordable housing.

Burchard also said in an email to the city council, “I don’t envy your position in having to choose between Mr. Lamar and Mr. Jones, both apparently worthy candidates who care about the real issues and can better represent District 3, honoring Mr. Kennedy’s legacy.”

Lamar, Chair of the Human Relations Commission and former city council candidate, has had a number of residents in support of him filling the seat.

“Brandon won 40 percent of the vote in District 3 in the last

election, which shows that he has the support of nearly half the district’s constituents,” said resident Margaret Starbuck. “I think that Brandon brings valuable perspective to the council as a tenant who rents instead of owns a home and as a lifetime resident of Northwest Pasadena. I personally have seen Brandon show up at countless community events in the past three years in support of the Northwest community.”

Others said they felt Lamar spoke on “issues that are important: housing/rent control, resources to better support our education system, public safety, workers and immigration rights.”

Although many residents also showed support for Jones, chair of the Environmental Advisory Commission, resident Esther Vasquez has alleged that Jones, either, just moved to District 3 or using a family member’s address on his application.

“I am bringing this to your attention because not only do I want this process to be fair but after being a resident in District 3 for over 30 years and raising a family here, I don’t want anyone representing me who just moved to the district, just to run for office,” Vasquez said. “I don’t believe there is honor or trustworthiness in that. If Mr. Jones were interested in District 3 before, he should’ve been invested in our community and became a resident before all of this. All applicants should be required to show a utility bill as proof of residence.”

Residents showing support for Jones all put his experience at the top of the list.

“Being a licensed professional civil engineer who currently works for LA County Public Works, he is a knowledgeable in issues involving City/ Government Management,” said Elise Preston Mallory Chairman of NAACP - Pasadena Good Trouble Alliance. “He has great relationships with city staff,

and a vast network to lean on. He has shown his commitment to the city and has earned this appointment.”

Requirements for the seat included that applicants must be residents living in Council District 3, of voting age, and registered to vote in District 3 at the time their application.

The city council will meet at 5 p.m.

During the meeting, members of the public may provide live public comment by submitting a speaker card prior at: cityofpasadena.net/city-clerk/public-comment.

A livestream, will be available at: Pasadenamedia.org.

Pasadena Chamber Backs Library Tax Measure

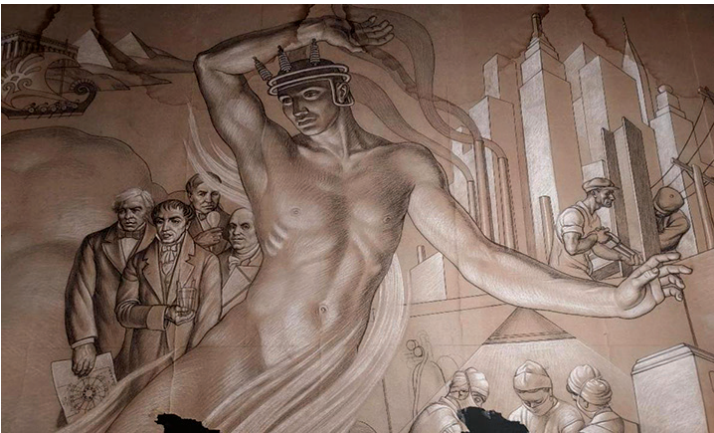
The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at its most recent meeting voted to endorse passage of Measure L the extension of the Library Tax in Pasadena on the November 8th ballot. The Measure would cost single family homeowners and owners of condominiums \$41 per year on their property tax bill. It would generate \$2,800,000 to support library services. The tax can only be used for library services and upkeep and requires the City of Pasadena maintain its current annual budget for the Library and that service levels be maintained.

The Library Tax extends the existing levy for 15 years. It is not a new tax and will not increase costs for homeowners or commercial property owners.

“Pasadena’s Public Library system is a tremendous asset to our community and important to our local economy and the quality of life in Pasadena,” said Pasadena Chamber CEO Paul Little. “The Board of Directors of the Pasadena Chamber recognized the importance of maintaining library services to our community in recommending voters support measure L.”

Since the earliest days of Pasadena, the Chamber has played a major role in the development of this internationally renowned city. Founded in 1888 as the Board of Trade, the Chamber’s primary purpose has been the enhancement of the economy, business climate and the quality of life in Pasadena.

New Jirayr Zorthian Mural Art



Altadena’s well known Zorthian family announced they will present in October a group of mural studies recently discovered by late artist and muralist Jirayr Zorthian. These studies have never been shown in public before they said.

The free showings are scheduled for October 15, 16, 22 and 23 each will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free on-site parking. Exhibit space is wheelchair accessible.

The Zorthian Ranch is located 3696 Fair Oaks Ave, Altadena.

The event will show an assortment of Jirayr Zorthian’s original mural art studies will be on display in the Zorthian Barn Gallery, some of which became completed full-scale murals as part of the WPA Project. This Fine Arts Program was started by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to put artists to work during the Great Depression and to place art in public places for the masses to view and enjoy. These mural studies present Zorthian’s classically trained skills and his grasp of visual storytelling at its finest, depicting different facets of

the history of America, and representing his significant contribution to the WPA project.

While stationed at Camp Ritchie, Maryland during World War II, Zorthian produced the mural which he considered to be his crowning achievement as a fine artist, The Phantasmagoria of Military Intelligence Training. This mural was 4 feet high and 157 feet long. Color studies, photographs and a short film on this mural will be featured in the exhibit. Although this mural is currently missing and considered lost, the Zorthian family and branches of the government are currently on the hunt to locate it.

The Zorthian Family will also be opening up their Ranch to the public, and will be giving guided tours during the hours of the exhibit. The tours are also free. Donations accepted. Comfortable walking shoes recommended. Not wheelchair accessible.

No animals are allowed

For further information: zorthianranch.com.

Halloween Spooky-Themed Events at the Senior Center

Ghoulish fun awaits at the Pasadena Senior Center, members and nonmembers 50 and older, who attend any or all of three events with spooky themes in advance of Halloween.

There was a long period of time when horror movies had nothing to do with blood, guts and characters getting butchered onscreen. Galen Wilkes will present a free multimedia presentation about the history of horror movies Thursday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m. onsite at the center. The event will feature clips from some of the best classic, historic horror films going as far back as 1896 until the 1950s, many of which continue to influence and inspire present-day filmmakers. Wilkes is an expert in silent films and film history.

While American writer Edgar Allan Poe wrote prolifically in a wide range of genres, he is best known for his many suspenseful tales of gothic horror, including “The Fall of the House of Usher” and “The Tell-Tale Heart.” Annie Laskey, director of events at the Pasadena Senior Center, is a long-time Poe enthusiast. On Thursday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. she and some other Poe fans will lead a free Zoom presentation about the enigmatic author whose words and mental images continue to haunt us more than 170 years after his death.

To register or for more information about either or both of these two events, visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org and click on Activities & Events, then Special Events or call 626-795-4331.

The free film “Hocus Pocus 2” (2022, PG) starring Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimy will be shown Friday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m. onsite at the center. Three high school girls light a mysterious candle that brings the diabolical Sanderson sisters back to life in modern-day Salem more than 300 years after they were hanged for witchcraft. Then the girls must figure out how to stop the child-hungry witches from wreaking havoc on the world. This is a sequel to the original 1993 film that also starred Midler, Parker and Najimy.

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LATINO HERITAGE PARADE & FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER.

Celebrate the 24th annual Pasadena Latino Heritage Parade and Festival on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is sponsored by the City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the Pasadena Latino Heritage Committee.

The parade and festival have showcased Latino history and culture through its mission; to promote and provide educational cultural programs to the residents of Pasadena and surrounding cities. This year's theme "De Colores // An Array of Colors" recognizes the rich diversity in the Latino culture and promises to enrich the community by bringing together family and friends, warmth and culture, as well as values and tradition.

More than 2,000 participants and spectators are expected to attend the parade and festival. The parade begins at 10 a.m. at Los Robles Avenue and Prescott Street, heads south on Los Robles and ends at Villa Parke Community Center, 363 E. Villa Street. Immediately following the parade, a festival featuring live entertainment by local groups and headliner La Sonora Dinamita with Vilma Diaz, educational booths, free activities for children, and food available for purchase.

The parade's Grand Marshal is Liliana Pérez, Cultural Affairs Director for the Los Angeles Chargers and the Community Grand Marshal is Yoland Trevino, founder and Executive Director of Pasadena/Altadena Coalition of Transformative Leaders (PACTL). Pérez's role with the Chargers involves building strategic partnerships within California's dynamic and versatile economic, cultural and social sectors. Prior to joining the Chargers, Pérez worked in the public sector, holding senior leadership roles in the offices of six Speakers of the California Assembly, including then-Speaker Emeritus of the California Assembly, Antonio R. Villaraigosa. She has been recognized for her advocacy work on behalf of marginalized populations including the LGBTQ community, immigrants, and women and remains passionate about social justice, civil rights causes and is active with numerous organizations. Born in Guadalajara, Mexico, Pérez immigrated to Los Angeles in 1971 and attended California State University, Northridge. A true Angelina, Pérez enjoys the City's culturally rich food offerings and social events as well as spending time with her mother, partner and three rescue fur babies.

Community Grand Marshal Yoland Trevino has been recognized nationally and internationally for her innovative programs. She developed a community-based mental health model comprised of mental health professionals who engaged natural community leaders and trained them to become paraprofessionals. She has served on many educational committees, including the Clinton Administration's Domestic Policy Council. After working in education, health psychology, family support, and community development for 25 years, Mrs. Trevino founded Transformative Collaborations International (TCI). In addition, she is the former Global Council Chair of the United Religions Initiative, an organization in more than 78 countries. She holds two masters degrees from Pacific Oaks College – one in Human Behavior and one in Psychology. Mrs. Trevino was born in Guatemala and immigrated to the United States in 1966 as a child. She is married, the mother of two adult professionals, and grandmother to two college students.

For more information visit: [cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec](http://cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec).

JANNA IRELAND TO GIVE TALK AT THE SOUTH PASADENA LIBRARY

Artist and author Janna Ireland will join the South Pasadena Public Library for an author talk on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room, located at 1115 El Centro Street. Registration is not required and attendance is free. Hospitality will be provided by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library.

In 2020 Janna Ireland published Regarding Paul R. Williams: A Photographer's View. Paul R. Williams, known as "Hollywood's Architect," was the first Black architect admitted to the American Institute of Architecture. Throughout his wildly successful career, Williams designed over 2,000 buildings, including the homes of entertainment legends Lucille Ball, Frank Sinatra, and Barbara Stanwyck. In Regarding Paul R. Williams, Ireland explores the work and legacy for Paul R. Williams through a series of intimate black-and-white photographs, exploring both the skill of Williams' architecture and the social conditions under which he worked as a Black architect decades before the Civil Rights Movement.

Janna Ireland was born in Philadelphia, but has chosen Los Angeles as her home. She holds an M.F.A. from the U.C.L.A. Department of Art and a B.F.A. from the Department of Photography and Imaging at N.Y.U. Her work has been shown in solo and group exhibitions across the United States and internationally and is held in the collections of institutions, including the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the California African American Museum, and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. Ireland is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Art and Art History at Occidental College.

This program is part of the Library's One City One Story (OCOS) programming. Additional OCOS programming information can be found at [www.southpasadenaca.gov/ocos](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/ocos). This program is made possible with generous support from the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library.

The South Pasadena Public Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena. Visit the Library website at: [southpasadenaca.gov/library](http://southpasadenaca.gov/library) for information about services and programs. The Library is open Monday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

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



San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

**Brain Aerobics & Lip Reading**  
Monday, September 26 and Tuesday, September 27 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM, Barth Community Room

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

**Family Storytime**  
Tuesday, September 27 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.

**Nature Series: Audubon Society Nature Walk**  
Saturday, September 24 at 8:15 AM, Lacy Park

Join Altadena resident, Pasadena Audubon Board Member, and professional bird guide Luke Tiller for a morning seeking out migrant warblers, sparrows, and tanagers, as well as the resident species that call Lacy Park home year-round. Bring your binoculars, field guides, and questions about birds and birding. This walk is open to all levels, but aimed at beginner and intermediate level birdwatchers. Registration is required.

**DIY Mini Beach Terrarium (Grades 6-12)**  
Tuesday, September 27 at 3:30 PM, Barth Community Room

Missing summer vacation already? Come for an afternoon of relaxation and creativity as we make mini beach terrariums. When your teen is finished, they can keep it at their desk for inspiration and calmness. All materials will be provided. Registration is not required.

**Huntington Nurses Flu Clinic**  
Wednesday, September 28 from 10 AM – 12 PM, Barth Community Room

Flu season is just around the corner! Protect yourselves and loved ones with a flu shot. Flu shots are completely free; no insurance necessary. Registration is not required.

**Parks & Public Works**  
**Public Works Assists Large Truck**

Last week, Public Works assisted a large truck getting caught in tree limbs along Huntington Drive. Public Works staff responded quickly to close the lane to traffic, remove debris from the roadway, and worked with Mariposa Landscaping, the City's tree trimming contractor, to remove the damaged limbs and help free the vehicle. The problem was addressed efficiently and minimized disruption to the affected area. Residents who wish to report non-emergency issues in the public right-of-way or City streets may do so via the San Marino Service Request Center: [cityofsanmarino.org/report](http://cityofsanmarino.org/report).

**San Marino Center Renovation Begins**

On Monday, CABD Construction began construction activities for the San Marino Center Renovation Project, which was approved by City Council in late July. Construction activities will occur from 7 AM to 5 PM Monday - Friday, and are expected to last several months given the complexity of the renovation, the historic preservation, and hazardous materials abatement activities. The City is working with the San Marino Unified School District to minimize disruption to the area during construction activities. A ceremonial groundbreaking for the project will be held on Thursday, September 29, at 9 AM.

**Meetings**  
**Library Board of Trustees**  
Monday, September 26 at 8 AM; Teleconference and Barth Room at Crowell Public Library

DUARTE NEWS BRIEFS LIVING WITH WILDLIFE WEBINAR

The cities along the foothills is rich in diversity of animal species, which also means that encounters with wildlife are likely - whether that means spotting a coyote on your daily walk or a bear attempting to rifle through your trash.

In partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the City of Duarte invites you to a virtual seminar on sharing space and safely coexisting with local wildlife. Join us on Thursday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., to hear a presentation from our panelists and ask your questions. Please note, this event will be recorded and later placed on the City's YouTube channel.

PASADENA, CA (September 23, 2022) Calling all pirates, princesses, mummies, and mermaids, you're invited to take centerstage at the Kidspace Halloween Celebration beginning October 1!

ARCADIA NEWS BRIEFS

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO DIGITIZE YOUR OLD PHOTOGRAPHS AND FILM REELS?

The Arcadia Public Library has resources for that. Join the Arcadia Community Coordinating Council as Librarian Danielle Guerrero shares how we can do just that.

Danielle Guerrero is a librarian at the Arcadia Public Library. With a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Library and Information Science, Danielle has steadily advanced her career at the Arcadia Public Library- from Library Aide to her current position as Principal Librarian of Adult & Teen Services. Her greatest goal is to offer the collection, tools, resources, programs, and services that transform a library from a building full of books to an invaluable community resource. Most recently, Danielle has addressed this goal with the creation of the Community Memory Lab, a free do-it-yourself workspace for digitizing photos, documents, video & audio cassette recordings, film slides, negatives, and 8 MM film reels.

### Homeless Stakeholders

The City of Arcadia is organizing a group of homeless stakeholders to regularly meet to discuss homelessness in Arcadia. Applicants for Homeless Stakeholders must be a resident of the City of Arcadia, at least 18 years old, and committed to attending meetings and provide input on Arcadia's homeless initiative. If you are interested, the application is available online at [www.ArcadiaCa.gov/homeless](http://www.ArcadiaCa.gov/homeless). Please mail the application to Sara Somogyi, at 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. Or email it to [ssomogyi@arcadiaca.gov](mailto:ssomogyi@arcadiaca.gov). For questions, please contact Sara Somogyi at [ssomogyi@arcadiaca.gov](mailto:ssomogyi@arcadiaca.gov) or 626.821.4369.

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# AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

## The Chef Knows *By Peter Dills*

It seems that everyday I get the question, Peter, who has the best Mexican Food? That is not an easy question to answer, as you may as well ask me which hand I like better. I absolutely love Mexican food; in fact, I would drive to another state for an exceptional Mexican meal. But there is no need for that, thankfully, living in Southern California we have the best Mexican cuisine in the entire country.

I do not wish to decorate any single place with a gold medal in this article, but I think that I can give us a couple restaurants that are in the race. My daughter Lauren and I go to Rosarito on Colorado when we want great Mexican food that we can take and run. Their carne asada tacos are divine and I cannot resist their chicken burritos on my visits. I just wish there was a restaurants that had the succulent flavorings of Rosarito at a full service Mexican Restaurant. That leads me to a question, what is true Mexican fare and how did we come to have all these Mexican restaurants that line our landscape? I did a little research and here are some of the seeds that were planted along the way that grew into that great Mexican restaurant expansion.

"Food historians tell us TexMex cuisine originated hundreds of years ago when Spanish/Mexican recipes combined with Anglo fare. TexMex, as we Americans know it today, is a twentieth century phenomenon. Dictionaries and food history sources confirm the first print evidence of the term "Tex Mex" occurred in the 1940s. Linguists remind us words are often used for several years before they appear in print. TexMex restaurants first surfaced outside the southwest region in cities with large Mexican populations. The gourmet Tex Mex "fad" began in the 1970s. Diana Kennedy, noted Mexican culinary expert, is credited for elevating this common food to trendy fare. These foods appealed to the younger generation. And now I suspect since we view Mexican food as inexpensive it has gain popularity through our limited budgets. Items such as burritos, tacos and enchiladas are more of a street food item in Mexico. But here in the states we have embraced it as Mexican Cuisine."

One of the places that must be considered in the great race, with a track record of distinguished food, tantalizing margaritas, extraordinary service and an inviting atmosphere is La Fiesta Grande on Colorado. Located on the same block as the Pasadena Playhouse. It is the perfect place for those of us that require some me time. You see, you won't get lost in La Fiesta Grande and you have a great chance of coming across the same server when you return. After a long week, I can look at Charlie the bartender and next thing you know he has his head down and is pouring a margarita that will bring a smile to anyone's face. On select nights they may have a strolling band of three musicians playing warm Latin tunes and filling the restaurant with melodious ambiance. Between the margaritas, music and fantastic food, you may drift away and think you are vacationing. On my visit last week I had a Chicken Salad that was muy bueno (pardon my accent) and just recently I dined on the Carnitas plate for (\$12.95). The dish scented the room with a perfect perfume of aromas and with each tap of my forked a pristine piece of pork flaked tenderly on my plate. My friend Kind Ken always orders the Carne Asada Nachos(\$8.95 range), and swears by this order. We also had my producer with us, Madd Maxx, who I have come to know as a soup expert, and gave the Meatball Soup(\$5.95), "Wedding Soup," as he calls, a dish worthy of any spoon. There you have it, one of the better spots in town, a winning experience across the board. Try it out, as it may easily become a favorite of yours too Happy Hour from 4 to 7 PM, Mon-Thur.



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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.

## EQUESTRIANS UNITS SELECTED FOR THE 2023 ROSE PARADE



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses announced Wednesday the 16 equestrian groups to ride in the 134th Rose Parade themed "Turning the Corner."

From the beginning, the Equestrian units have played an integral part in the Rose Parade. Equestrians participating will showcase a variety of horse breeds that entertain and highlight their majesty and poise. Each unit offers a variety of exceptional skills as well as unique costumes. In addition to riding in the five-and-a-half mile Rose Parade route on Monday, January 2, 2023, these equestrian groups are invited to take part in Equestfest on Friday, December 30, 2022, at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center. During Equestfest, groups perform their best tricks, drills, dancing and roping skills, and attendees can walk through the stables and meet and greet with the riders and horses.

The equestrian units make a lasting impression. This fantastic lineup of units will complement the floats and bands that will turn the corner of Orange Grove Blvd. and head down Colorado Blvd. during the 2023 Rose Parade presented by Honda.

The Rose Parade Equestrian units are:

- 1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment (Fort Hood, Texas)
  - Alameda County Sheriff's Mounted Posse (Livermore, California)
  - Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team (Lake View Terrace, California)
  - Budweiser Clydesdales (St. Louis, Missouri)
  - CA State Guard 26th Mounted Operations Detachment (Long Beach, California)
  - International Andalusian and Lusitano Horse Association (Birmingham, Alabama)
  - Los Hermanos Banuelos (Altadena, California)
  - Painted Ladies Rodeo Performers (Citrus Heights, California)
  - Ramona, California's Official State Outdoor Play Presented by the Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre (Hemet, California)
  - Riverside County Sheriff's Department Mounted Unit (Nuevo, California)
  - Scripps Miramar Ranch (San Diego, California)
  - Spirit of the West Riders (Arcadia, California)
  - The New Buffalo Soldiers (Shadow Hills, California)
  - The Valley Hunt Club (Pasadena, California)
  - The Norco Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team (Norco, California)
  - United States Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard (Barstow, California)
- For more info visit: [tournamentofroses.com](http://tournamentofroses.com).

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FROM THE CITY OF DUARTE

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##### Lock Up

An unlocked car is an open invitation to a car thief. Lock up when you leave your car, and take the keys with you.

Lock the trunk or tailgate.

Close all windows — professional thieves have tools that unlock cars through the smallest openings.

Be sure vent or wind-wing windows are shut tight.

When you park the car, remove cellular phones, and other valuable possessions. Do not leave backpacks/ gym bags or packages lying on the seat or in plain view. Lock all valuables in your trunk or take them with you.

Lock your car even if you are making a quick stop at the gas station, convenience store or mini-mall.

##### Park Carefully

Don't leave your vehicle unattended in parking lots for an extended period. A car is five times more likely to be stolen or broken into from an unattended lot than from a busy street or attended lot.

Never attach a tag with your name and address to your key ring. If the keys are lost or stolen, the tag will lead the thief directly to your car and your home.

At night, park in well-lit areas.

Turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking, this makes it extra difficult for thieves to tow your car.

##### Operation I.D.

With an electric engraver, etch your driver's license number (preceded by the letters "CA") on catalytic converters, tailgates and other valuable items.

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Keep the vehicle registration in your wallet or purse, not in your car.

##### Use Anti-Theft Devices

– Consider the purchase and installation of security devices, such as:

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## BOSCO TECH TO HOST FREE COLLEGE FAIR ON OCTOBER 13

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ROSEMEAD, CA—September 19, 2022--Don Bosco Technical Institute (Bosco Tech) Don Bosco Technical Institute will host its annual college fair for high school students and their parents on Thursday, October 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. The event, which is free and open to all local families, will feature representatives from over 80 colleges and universities.

"After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, we are very excited to bring back our in-person college fair," said Christine Gambill, Bosco Tech's Director of Counseling. "In addition to a wide variety of schools from across the country, we will also be hosting some wonderful community organizations and vendors. We're confident it will be a great event for our Bosco families and the surrounding community."

While exploring their college options, guests can take advantage of food trucks on site, including StopBye Cafe's Indonesian fusion, the LA Taco Guys, and The Latin Truck, who will be serving up pupusas and other Salvadorian delights. Those with a sweet tooth will have options ranging from Wildflower Honey Coffee to cheesecake, baked goods, kettle corn and churros.

The LA County Registrar will be on-site to register voters, and attendees can also stop by booths hosted by the LA County Library, LA County Fire Department, and the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce.

Bosco Tech is located at 1151 San Gabriel Blvd in Rosemead. Gates will open at 5:30pm; parking is free. For more information, please contact Christine Gambill at cgambill@boscotech.edu or (626) 940-2038.

The only Catholic applied science high school of its kind in the U.S., Bosco Tech uniquely combines a rigorous college-preparatory program with STEM-based studies to young men of all religious, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Since 1955, The Tech has been preparing students for advanced post-secondary studies and technology-focused professions. The innovative approach allows students to exceed university admissions requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of six technology and engineering fields, including the newest program, Biological, Medical and Environmental Technology.

Bosco Tech has a college acceptance rate of 100 percent, with the majority of graduates pursuing STEM-related post-secondary majors. More information is available at [www.boscotech.edu](http://www.boscotech.edu).

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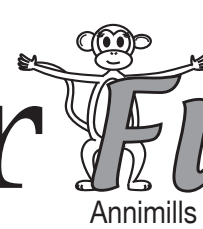
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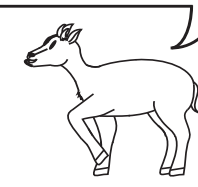
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- Call the fire department from a neighbor's house.
- If your clothes catch on fire remember to...

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- ☐ Do you know two or more ways out of the house?
- ☐ Never use elevators if there is a fire (stairs are much safer).
- ☐ Smoke rises. If there is a fire, stay low: crawl under the smoke.
- ☐ Have you picked a place to meet the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?
- ☐ Once you are out of the house, stay out of the house.

### Safety Checklist



2 Ways Out

Families check out this list!

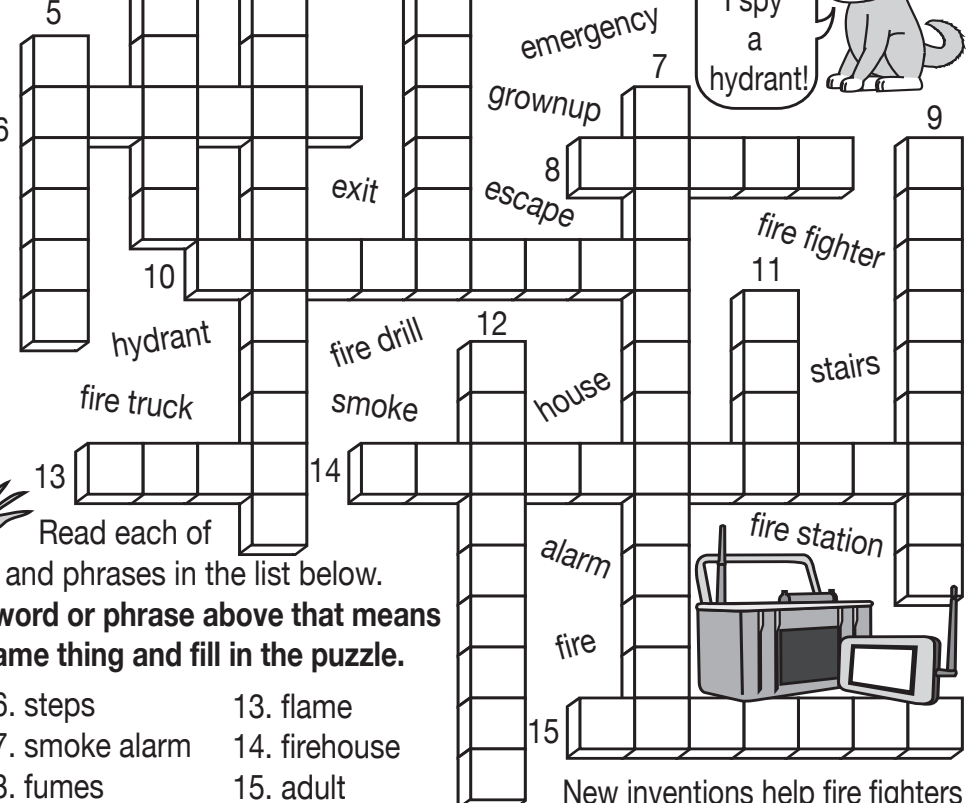


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| 2. home     | 7. smoke alarm    | 14. firehouse |
| 3. siren    | 8. fumes          | 15. adult     |
| 4. fireman  | 9. crisis         |               |
| 5. getaway  | 10. fire engine   |               |
|             | 11. way out       |               |
|             | 12. fire exercise |               |



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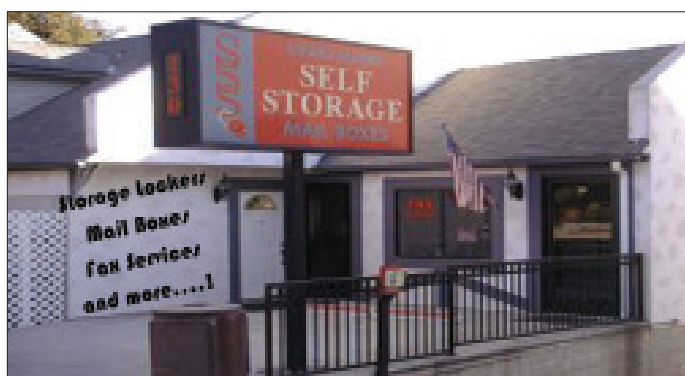
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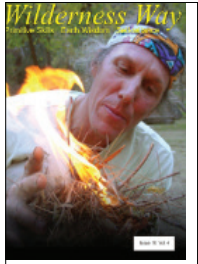
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COFFEE: HEALTHFUL OR DETRIMENTAL?

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"But isn't coffee bad for my health?" Much has been said and written about the benefits vs. the detrimental effects of coffee. But what is the "bottom line"? Are there beneficial qualities? Does it harm me? Should it be abstained from? Is it OK to drink coffee in moderation? These and similar questions are not easily answered because, in the tests and statistical data, researchers and doctors do not use -- or attempt to define -- a consistent standard for what is meant by "coffee." Coffee has also been accused of causing, or contributing to, cancer, heart diseases, hypertension, hepatitis, and cirrhosis of the liver. Dr. John Timson of the University of Manchester in England, while admitting that coffee is mildly addictive, states that, at present, there is no hard scientific evidence that links the use of coffee to any of the above-mentioned diseases. Unfortunately, in virtually all studies done on the health effects of coffee, researchers indiscriminately lump all "coffees" together. But no two cups of coffee are alike. And it is not likely that any standard will ever be established for coffee research. Why? Because brewed coffee contains not only caffeine, but various acids, oils, and alcohols, the qualities of which vary depending on the way the coffee beans are handled from farm to cup. It is rare that any two cups of coffee are chemically identical!

According to Dr. Neil Solomon, "Caffeine is a strong stimulant with drug-like properties and is considered to have an unfavorable effect on nutrient absorption."

The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) has placed caffeine on their Generally-Recognized-As-Safe list. Caffeine acts as a stimulant to the central nervous system. If used in excess, it contributes to nervousness, irritability, sleeplessness, anxiety, and heart palpitations.

FACTORS AFFECTING THE QUALITY OF "COFFEE"

According to Timothy Hall, a teacher with the L.A. Unified School District who has given numerous lectures on coffee, there are at least 30 factors which affect the beverage called "a cup of coffee," all of which must be taken into account if one is to draw a useful conclusion about coffee's "good" or "bad" effects. According to Timothy Hall, one cannot answer "Is coffee good for me?" until one has explored the following questions. In some cases, definitive answers to the following may be hard to come by, if not next to impossible. Some factors, however, are completely within our control.

THE PLANT

What is the type or variety of coffee plant? Of the two primary types of coffee -- arabica and robusta -- arabica is considered the better of the two. Where and how was it grown? How was it fertilized? The elevation, quality of soil, and the amount of water received during growing all affect the quality of the fruit. This is why coffee connoisseurs have individual preferences regarding the country of origin. What was the quality of care in picking, cleaning, and storing the beans?

ROASTING

What was the method of roasting? The depth of darkness of the brown in coffee color is due to the proportion of cresylic acid (cresol) present after the beans have been roasted. The darker the roast, the greater the tar content.

GRINDING

What was the grinding procedure? How hot did the beans get during the grinding process? Though not everyone will notice the difference, any grinder which grinds at a high temperature can result in the loss of aromatic oils. One solution is to grind with a hand mill. Another solution (when using an electric mill) is to only grind enough for a few cups at a time, since prolonged grinding may result in excessive heat. How much time elapsed between grinding and brew-ing? Remember: if you smell it, you're losing it. If you don't plan to use your grinds immediately, then put them in a covered container and place in the refrigerator. How was the coffee handled and stored between the grinding and brewing?

WATER

How much coffee grounds are used in relation to water? Obviously, a cup of coffee made with one scoop of grounds is vastly different than one made with 6 scoops of grounds. A person with stomach disorders with have difficulty with the stronger brew. What is the quality of the water? (After all, the primary constituent of "a cup of coffee" is water.)

TEMPERATURE

What was the temperature of the coffee grounds, and the temperature of the water, when you began brew? What were the temperatures when you finished brewing? Fusel oil, released into the water whenever coffee grounds are boiled, causes bitterness; however, fusel oil is NOT released into water at less than boiling temperatures.

CLEANLINESS

What was the level of cleanliness of the coffee maker? Old coffee stains are a combination of "dirt" and oxidized insoluble fats. When fat oxidizes, it becomes rancid. Rancid fat "flavors" all coffee that is brewed in coffee pots that have not been scrubbed spotless.

PREPARATION

What type of coffee maker was used (vacuum, drip, percolator)? (Space doesn't permit us to review every coffee-maker on the market however, so let the buyer beware.)

Did I brew the grounds using the percolation, infusion, or decoction method? Infusion refers to adding the grounds to the water and letting them steep. A camper might do this. Decoction refers to actually cooking the grounds -- even boiling -- to make a strong brew. Though this might be acceptable in a

prison camp when one is trying to extend the available grounds as far as possible, it is the least desirable choice. Percolation -- pouring the hot water through the grounds -- is the best option. What type of materials did I use in the making of the beverage? Stainless steel, glass, aluminum, porcelain, and plastic all affect the quality (and the flavor) of the finished product.

ADDITIVES

What have I added to the finished product? Sugar? Salt? Egg? Vanilla? Cinnamon? Chocolate? Honey? Sweet-'n-Low? Saccharin? Cream? Milk? Powdered milk? Half and half? Cloves? Cardamon? Coffee-mate? Brandy?

INSTANT COFFEE

Was the coffee instant? Instantans are made two ways: spray dry or freeze dry. Both are begun as a very concentrated brew made with coffee grounds and superheated water. In the spray dry method, the concentrated brew is sprayed into a chamber where hot, dry air is pumped. The air removed the moisture, leaving bubble-shaped particles behind; the particles are then ground into powder. In the freeze-dry method, the concentrated brew is first frozen, and is then introduced into a vacuum chamber which removed the moisture, leaving a solid mass; the mass is then reduced to granules. Instantans vary due to the varying strengths of the initial concentrated brew, and differences in drying methods (temperature, etc.). Though the quality of instantans may vary, most coffee-lovers will only drink instant when the circumstances dictate simplicity, or if nothing else is available. A detailed comparison of the quality of instant coffees was done by Consumer Reports magazine, a copy of which may be obtained by writing to the magazine.

DECAFFEINATED

Is the coffee decaffeinated? The chemical formerly used to remove the caffeine was trichloroethylene (found to cause liver cancer in laboratory mice). Currently, methylene chloride is used, a chemical under study by the National Cancer Institute. A non-chemical method of decaffeination that has been gaining in popularity is the steam method.

SERVING

What type of cup is the coffee served in? How long after brewing is the coffee served? What do I use as a stirring device? How many cups do I drink at one sitting?

Of the factors under our control, the quality of our thinking (as we brew the coffee) has a direct effect on the finished product. Also, the way in which we drink the beverage has an effect (i.e., slow thought-ful sips vs. hurried gulps). Hall asserts that in his tests, the quality of one's thinking has proven to be the most important factor. States Hall, "If you brew your coffee with precise intent, you can alchemically transmute those common grounds into a veritable elixir."

AN EXPERIMENT IN ALCHEMY

Here are a few guidelines if you'd like to begin alchemically changing "a cuppa coffee" to "wonderful elixir." This is the procedure that Timothy Hall was taught by his mentor, R. E. White of WTI in the mid-1970s. Begin with meticulously clean utensils. Stainless steel, French porcelain, glass, or copper are preferred; softer metals (e.g., aluminum) should not be used. First, measure the needed amount of water (spring water is better than the chlorine and fluoride-laden city tap water) and set on the stove to boil. Next, prepare your filter. An ideal filter is a simple cloth bag sewed into a cone, using the densest cotton flannel. These are reusable indefinitely -- far superior to commercial paper filters. The bag is suspended over your cup, or a second pot; the coffee grounds are measured into the bag (a fine grind works best). Another ideal system is a French ceramic pot with a ceramic cone that fits into the top, and a gold-plated reusable filter. You measure your grounds into the filter. When the water has boiled, stand squarely and strongly on both legs; breathe deeply; then, slowly pour the water in a clockwise circular motion over the grounds. While pouring, visualize and feel the energy of Love flowing from your heart, down your arm, and into the beverage. We call this "chi," and much has been written about this "chi" energy in books on Chinese healing and martial arts. You may need to "imagine" the feeling at first, but with practice you will find it easy. It sometimes feels like a mild electric shock. If you wish to add anything to the resultant beverage, try raw honey and raw cream.

One of the main problems with extensive coffee ingestion is that it either removes or destroys the B-vitamins from the body, resulting in a slowly cumulative degeneration of the sheaths of the body's nerve fibres. This is what causes the "nervousness" with heavy coffee-drinkers. Honey, cream, and B-vitamins added to the diet, help to offset any harmful effects. When the above process is done thoughtfully and lovingly, the process is somewhat analogous to the Japanese tea ceremony. And it CAN result in a truly fine elixir. Please try this method of "elixir-making" in your own Alchemical Chamber (aka "kitchen") and let us know your results.

So is coffee "good" or "bad"? As always, it depends on the way you interact with it.

Coffee says: "As you care for me, and as you treat my fruits, so shall I be able to provide sustenance to you, my dear humans. Ignore me, and I have nothing, or little, to offer but "cheap thrills" of your lower aspects of autonomic nervous system."

Coffee also says: "Compromise and/or adulterate me and you'll not only have something of little value, but your choice to exploit/adulterate me will change my potential beneficence into an exploitation/adulteration of your own body and brain."

As is nearly always the case with such matter of "health," ALL is choice, Choice, and CHOICE, and consequence of choice.

Katnip News!



Want a KONA? Or a CUPPA JOE?

Meet two of our 5 "Coffee Clatch Kittens," JOE & KONA. They're only 8 weeks old and are totally scrumptious! Our website's "Very Young" page has pictures of all the siblings—2 boys and 3 girls: Joe, Mr. Peets, Kona, Latte, and Mocha. Please choose 2 unless you already have a playful young fe-line at home. We are taking applications now for delivery in October. They will already come spayed/neutered, micro-chipped, vaxed, tested healthy, and more! That's big savings for you! Get the process started to meet them by submitting the application at www.lifelineforpets.org/cat-adoption-application-revised.html. Can't adopt? Please share with someone who can. We want these babies in their forever homes asap. Thank you!



Pet of the Week

You know you're in for a barrel of laughs with a dog named Mischief! This handsome two-year-old lab mix was voted Most Popular Dog while out with our mobile adoption team. He met a ton of admirers at the Wiggle Waggle Walk, and basked in all the attention from kids, other dogs, and everyone who visited. He has a lovable and affectionate personality and is known to crawl into your lap for snuggles and kisses. Mischief also knows some basic commands already and is happy to show them off for the right treat (or toy). He is eager to please, so further training with him should be a breeze. He is a very active guy, so if you're looking for a running or hiking buddy, or maybe a dog to do agility, Mischief is your man! The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines. New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet. View photos of adoptable pets and schedule an adoption appointment at pasadenahumane.org. Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.





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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

How Technology Can Help Deal with The Technicalities of Death

Although it happens to everyone and is a natural part of the lifecycle, very few among us are properly prepared for death—whether our own or the death of a loved one.

That needs to change.

According to Census figures, the pandemic caused the U.S. death rate to spike by nearly 20% between 2019 and 2020, the largest increase in American mortality in 100 years. Now, more than two years and 1 million deaths later, it's clearer than ever that death is an inevitable part of all our lives.

Yet, the massive loss of life suffered over the last few years has forced so many of us to face death, grieve, and deal with all the other issues which arise when we lose someone we love dearly. In fact, all the issues often get jumbled together which actually prolongs the grieving process when someone dies. As such, lawyers should implement systems designed to help families navigate the logistical and emotional challenges - not just the legal issues - following the death of a loved one.

Probate and trust lawyers, too often in the past, have hyper-focused on document preparation and court procedures at the expense of everything else, rather than using the documents and courts as a means to an end: supporting clients to get through all the challenges of death, so their loved one's legacy doesn't get lost in the shuffle, but keeps its rightful, prominent place in the family's thoughts and lives.

Part of my firm's mission has always been to embrace the incredibly important human side of what we do rather than to focus exclusively on document preparation. The relationships we develop with clients are about taking care of their most cherished relationships. And those relationships are what estate law is really all about and what needs to be honored after someone dies.

But as anyone who has personally dealt with loss knows, when a loved one dies, those left behind face major challenges, not only emotionally, but financially and legally as well. So, successfully navigating those more technical challenges becomes a necessary part of honoring that relationship.

A Digital Assistant for Grieving Families That's why my firm is currently developing digital tools which offer step-by-step instructions detailing all the administrative, legal, and financial tasks you need to manage and finalize a loved one's affairs and settle their estate. To help clients prioritize their work and keep things moving forward, our digital tools include an app complete with checklists, deadlines, and reminders.

In addition to the technology, we'll also continue to offer human-centered support from our legal team, who can be contacted via the app. A Case Manager supports clients by answering questions, helping to locate services and providers, and even handling certain tasks for clients if needed, such as applying for an estate tax ID number, contacting beneficiaries when necessary, and helping file court petitions.

We are excited about continuing to harness cutting edge technology to assist in providing ever deeper service and support to our clients. Our app launches with a probate tool this week, to help those stuck navigating the court system after the death of someone they loved. And we're developing app tools for trust administration/settlement and estate planning - which will all launch before the end of the year.

Digital tech can absolutely assist someone dealing with the aftermath of the death of a loved one. So don't be afraid to incorporate digital tech in your estate planning or estate administration processes. If implemented with thought and purpose, it will not only lighten the legal burden of the death of someone you love, but also lessen the emotional toll and grief you carry, allowing you to successfully accomplish your legal and financial tasks while also keeping the human side of the life you are honoring at the forefront of the process.

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If you have any questions about placing a loved one, visit [www.safepathforseniors.com](http://www.safepathforseniors.com) or call Steve at 626-999-6913

## FREE ONLINE HEARING TESTS YOU CAN TAKE HOME

Dear Savvy Senior:  
*Can you recommend any good online hearing tests? My husband has hearing loss, but I can't get him to go in and get his hearing checked, so I thought a simple online test could help him recognize he has a problem. What can you tell me?*  
Loud Talking Linda

Dear Linda:

There's actually a growing number of very good online and app-based hearing tests available that will let your husband check his hearing on his own. These tests are a quick and convenient option for the millions of Americans that have mild to moderate hearing loss but often ignore it, or don't want to go through the hassle or expense of visiting an audiologist for a hearing exam.

Who Should Test?  
Hearing loss for most people develops gradually over many years of wear and tear, which is the reason many people don't realize they actually have a hearing problem.

Anyone who has difficulty hearing or understanding what people say, especially in noisier environments or over the phone. Or, if you need a higher volume of music or TV than other people, should take a few minutes to test their hearing.

Self-Hearing Tests  
Online and app-based hearing tests can serve as a great screening tool. They are not meant to be a diagnosis, but rather to give you an idea of how bad your hearing loss is and what can be done about it.

For most do-it-yourself hearing tests, you'll be advised to wear ear headphones or earbuds and sit in a quiet spot.

You also need to know that there are two different type of tests available. One type is known as pure-tone testing, where tones are played in decreasing volumes to determine your specific level of hearing loss. And the other type is known as speech-in-noise or digits-in-noise (DIN) where you'll be asked to identify words, numbers, or phrases amid background noise.

Where to Test  
If your husband uses a smartphone or tablet, two of my favorite app-based hearing tests are the hearWHO app created by the World Health Organization, and the Mimi Hearing Test app. Both apps are free to use and are available through the App Store and Google Play.

HearWHO allows users to check their hearing status and monitor it over time using a DIN test, while Mimi uses pure-tone and masked threshold tests to give you a detailed picture of your hearing abilities.

There are also a wide variety of online hearing tests your husband can take on a computer. Some top online tests – all offered by hearing aid manufacturers – for speech-in-noise or DIN tests can be accessed at ReSound ([resound.com/en-us/online-hearing-test](http://resound.com/en-us/online-hearing-test)) and Mircle Ear ([miracle-ear.com/online-hearing-test](http://miracle-ear.com/online-hearing-test)).

And some good online hearing tests for pure-tone testing are available by Signia ([signia.net/en/service/hearing-test](http://signia.net/en/service/hearing-test)); Ergo ([eargo.com/hearing-health/hearing-check](http://eargo.com/hearing-health/hearing-check)); and MD Hearing Aid ([md-hearingaid.com/hearing-test](http://md-hearingaid.com/hearing-test)).

All of these hearing tests are completely free to use and take less than five minutes to complete.

What to do with Results  
If the tests indicate your husband has hearing loss, it's best to think of that as a starting point. He should take results to his doctor or an audiologist for further evaluation.

Many insurance providers and Medicare Advantage plans cover routine hearing exams, however original Medicare does not.

If his hearing loss is mild to moderate, he should look into the new over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids, which are available this fall online and at retailers like Best Buy, Walgreens and CVS.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WHO'S REALLY IN CHARGE

Living in the country, our family did not have a television in our home. Unfortunately, most people in our neighborhood did not have a television. That just was normal.

Somehow we managed to entertain ourselves without TV, and of course, we did not have the Internet then. So how we got along without Facebook and cell phones is more than I can remember.

Then in 1963, something happened that changed the world when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

When that happened, my father decided he needed a TV to keep up with the news concerning this event. With that TV came something called the TV remote control. I've never seen that kind of thing before and was rather curious about what in the world it was all about.

My father set up the TV and showed us the TV remote control in his hand and how it worked.

"This remote control," my father explained, "is to control the TV."

Then he looked around at us as we sat there and said, "Because I am the man of this home, I have control of this TV remote control. So this is my responsibility."

Looking at me, the oldest of the children, he said, "As a man, you are to be in charge of this TV remote control." When he said that, he looked at all the kids, then looked at my mother, and smiled.

Since my wife and I have been married, I have tried to communicate this to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I am the man of the house and responsible for the TV remote control.

There are many things in our home I have no control over. I'm not allowed in the kitchen area for a variety of reasons. I tried when first married and have been barred from going there ever since. I even tried to wash the dishes once, which was a kitchen flood disaster.

So, my responsibility is the TV remote control.

That went well for an extended period, but recently something has changed. The remote control batteries have been running out too quickly.

One night I told my wife that the batteries were dead and asked if we had any new batteries for this remote control. She said, "Oh, I thought you were in charge of the TV remote control?"

She then brought me fresh batteries for the remote control with a very suspicious snicker on her face. I looked at her suspiciously, took the batteries, inserted them into the remote control, and it worked just fine.

The next day I tried to turn on the TV, and the remote control was not working for some reason. I checked it and found the batteries were dead.

I asked my wife, "Didn't I put new batteries in the remote control yesterday?"

My wife looked at me and nodded her head. "Do you need new batteries again?"

She then got two new batteries, brought them to me, I gave her the old ones and put in the new ones, which were working very nicely. So I sat back in my chair in complete control of the TV. I was beginning to appreciate my father's advice.

The remote control worked fine for the next few days, and I forgot about running out of battery power.

Then three days later, the batteries again were dead. I had to stop and think a little about what was happening. Batteries don't work like this, at least from my experience.

When my wife walked into the room, she looked at me and said, "Is your remote control working okay today?"

How she said it caused me to think a little about what was happening. Something seemed a little bit out of whack.

Then she handed me two new batteries, took the old ones and walked away with a smile.

Thinking about this, I came up with a plan to figure out if she was playing me or not. I put a little X on the old batteries, and a little 0 on the new ones. I have been wrong so many times, but the thing that danced in my head was, what if I'm right about this? The batteries worked for two days, and then on the third day, once again, they were dead.

Before I could say anything, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage brought me two new batteries for the remote. "You probably need new batteries today, don't you?"

I put the new batteries in, and the remote was working as usual. So before I went to bed, I checked the marks on the batteries, and it was a 0.

When I got up in the morning, I first checked the batteries and discovered both batteries had an X on them. So now I was beginning to see what was happening, she was switching them out at her discretion.

While I was trying to process this whole thing I was reminded of one of my favorite of Bible verses. Proverbs 3:5-6, "5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

When I think I know everything is going on around me, that's when I get into deep trouble. I try to start out every day with the idea that I don't know everything. The only person I can really trust for everything is the Lord.



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## STUART TOLCHIN



### PUT THE LIGHTS ON HOORAY?? A Glimpse of Life

Hooray! The Pandemic is over! At least that's what I heard President Biden say on TV this morning. I had lingered to hear the President and caused my wife and I to be almost late as we drove to Baldwin Park. We had a scheduled 10 A. M. appointment to visit my son's girlfriend who had recently been transferred to a post-operative rehabilitative nursing home hidden away in a nearby city with which we were unfamiliar. My wife programmed the car computer for directions and the recommendation was to avoid the freeway and take surface streets. I normally distrust the computer but this time at my wife's insistence we followed the GPS instructions and managed to get lost.

Eventually, after a pretty heated fight, we managed to find the place.

I was surprised, despite the President's proclamation of victory, that upon arrival my wife and I had to undergo unexpected, (at least for me) procedures before being allowed past the receptionist's desk. First we had to present proof of vaccination; next we had to have our temperature taken, after that we had to have nose swabs to demonstrate that we were not infected. The procedures were already more confusing than what was necessary to be allowed into the Rose Bowl to see the Bruins play. Worse yet the games are not presented on my TV. (I present this information to demonstrate the perils of attempting to survive in today's Climate Crisis infected post- Pandemic world.)

Despite the President's proclamation, the necessary procedures at the nursing facility had remained in place. (Perhaps no one had watched TV that morning.) Finally after being cleared to proceed to the patient's room we were instructed to put on hospital gowns. I, of course struggled, initially putting the gown on backwards (it is one's front that is to be covered) and after some assistance was finally allowed to enter Elena's hospital room. My wife and I had not been authorized to see her since her fall in January. Subsequent to the fall she had remained in great pain and was operated upon twice. Additionally, for reasons that have not been adequately explained to me, her mental state was affected and her communication skills had vanished.

Given all this, I had some trepidation as we entered Elena's room. We entered and there Elena sat in her wheelchair next to a window with a very pleasant view. Even though she, as well as us, wore a mask I could tell just by her eyes that she was happy. Because of my hearing problems and my inoperative hearing aids together with being masked I had to rely on my wife to repeat what Elena said. Nevertheless, it was clear to me that Elena's sense of humor and her extraordinary memory had returned. She knew that my wife, son, and I planned to attend a wedding next month and she reminded us where my son's formal clothes could be found in his closet. Elena and my son had gone on a cruise about ten years ago where formal clothes were required at dinner and now, so many years later, she remembered where the clothes were hung.

Frankly I was overjoyed by her spirits and attitude. While we were there my son called on the phone and even though I could barely understand the words over the speaker phone I experienced how loving he and Elena were toward one another. I should explain that both my son and Elena are in, or soon to be in, their fifties. My son's eye problems and his developmental disabilities make it impossible for him to drive to the facility himself and he relies on Elena's sister for assistance. Both Elena and my son are under the supervision of the Regional Center and have had very difficult lives. Still they have maintained their relationship, although living apart, for over fifteen years.

As I heard their voices over the speaker phone, I could feel something of their sustained love. Tears fell from my eyes to my mask and I felt a strong hooray for them and the doctors and the view from the window. I started this article expressing a very cynical view of Joe Biden's, announcement that the Pandemic is over. I know that still almost 500 Americans continue to die daily from this supposedly defeated Pandemic that has caused more deaths in the United States than anywhere else.

Maybe all the world's leaders have cynically lied to us and continue lie to themselves. (Perhaps that's Mr. Putin's problem). Still there is joy to be found in this difficult world and I am so gratified to have found some today.

## DINAH CHONG WATSON

### CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND



Although I was born and raised above the 49th parallel, in the chilly climes of hockey-obsessed Canada, I've spent the majority of my adult life living abroad, mainly in China.

My first decade there, China was just emerging from a rigid Soviet-style, top down government monopoly, no private enterprises were allowed, even as small as a noodle stand.

With no foreign products to be had, I missed my comfort foods from home. I tried to make bagels (not good), pizza (even worse with the one available mystery cheese), and soggy French fries (mon dieu!).

Once a year I'd fly back home, the night before the flight I tossed and turned, my brain neurons firing haphazardly in anticipation of the 2 hour layover at the Detroit (DTW) airport.

The next day, as soon as the plane touched the tarmac of the good old USA, I raced through the airport to the food concessions like the devil was behind me. No need for signage, I could smell my way to my treasured destination, I gave the counter staff my order and within minutes it was hot in my trembling hands, my precious!

It was awesome, the cheesy, goodness of the Little Cesars personal size pan pizza brought tears to my eyes. It was as close to heaven as one could ever get in the cacophonous chaos of the DTW.

Last week, maybe it was the barrage of commercials or the BOGO special that was running but I ordered my first Little Cesars pizza since moving to the US in 2017.

The box with the cartoon toga was the same, the edges of the pizza a little too crispy but still, it was my precious. I took a bite, the pizza was definitely not great or even good.

My precious was no more, only the cherished memory of it.

My takeaway from this? Just live in the moment and enjoy!



### 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 October 1st, 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**

## RICH & FAMOUS

### GUITAR LESSONS R US!



Odds are...you have always wanted to learn to play the guitar. And now you would love to see your kids or grandkids learn to play.

Go for it! You and your offspring.

I started playing the guitar late in life. I was 12. And very shy. Yes, Rich Johnson was a shy 12-year old. Hard to believe.

My shyness evaporated...once I started strumming the guitar. Why? At family get togethers, church picnics, or school parties I would bring out my "axe" (guitarist slang for guitar) and start playing songs. Within moments, I was the center of attention, surrounded by two, four, six or more kids singing along and wishing they could play like me. In my mind, I became a rock star lol! A real confidence builder.

So...do you and your family a big favor. go for it! Give the gift of guitar lessons. It worked great for local East Pasadena residents Jan and Eugenia. They got their two sons Eddie and Alex into music lessons at age 6. Their last name, by the way, is Van Halen.

Guitar lessons! So who you gonna call? Call Eric Byak! Eric might be the best guitarist I have ever met. And this master is teaching guitar right here in Sierra Madre.

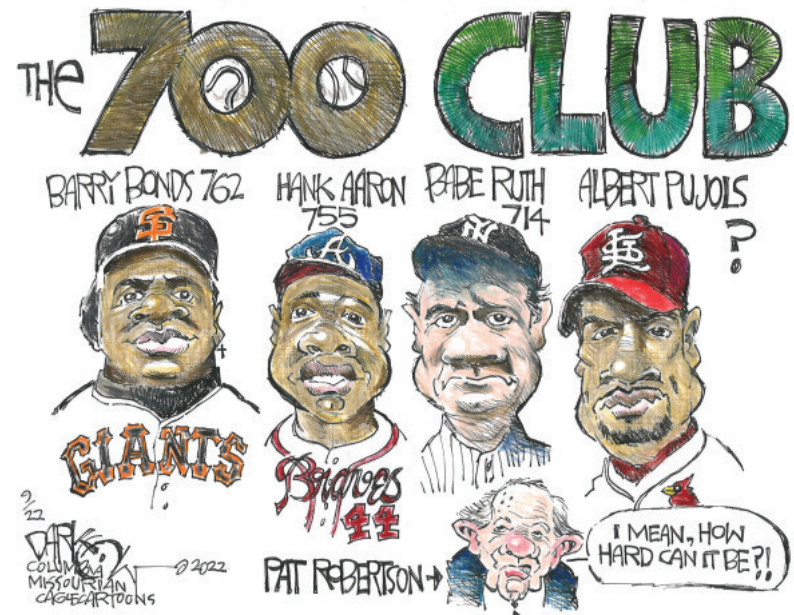
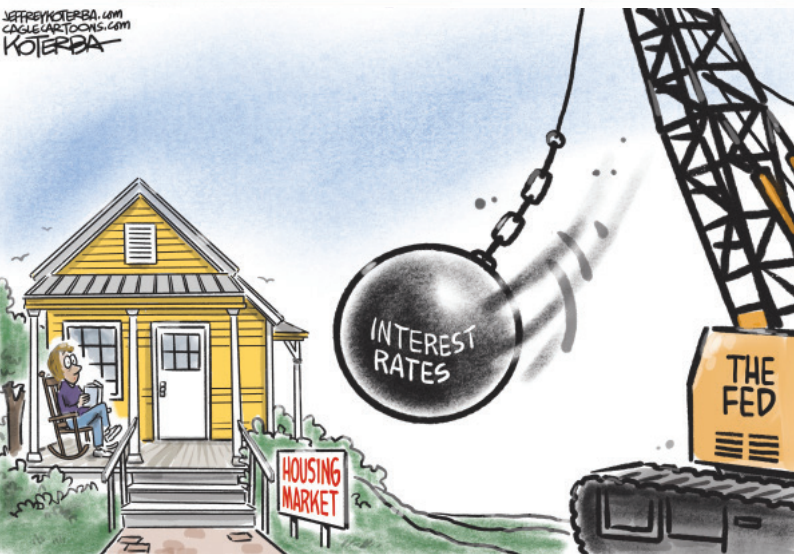
Eric was discovered by local Sierra Madre resident and business owner, Tom Brady. Tom and his bride, Julie stopped in at Beantown where Eric & his Brazilian flavored band members were performing. Tom was designing websites for Fortune 500 companies and asked Eric to create music for his client, American Express. (That bit of business afforded Eric the ability to purchase his first townhome.)

Since then Eric has been scoring music for Disney, RCA Columbia and other companies movie and television trailers. Majoring in studio guitar, Eric received a scholarship from the USC School of Music. Later, Eric earned a degree in Sound Engineering.

He teaches beginning, intermediate, and advanced guitar lessons in Pop, Rock, Folk, Brazilian Jazz, and Praise and Worship. You can reach Eric at (818) 321-1533. Or ericbyak@gmail.com. Or his website: ericbyakmusic.com.

All ages welcome! In-studio, in-home or on-line!

-Rich





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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AC-COSTA HEATING & AIR, 12914 S FRAILEY AVE, COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAIME ACOSTA RUIZ, 12914 S FRAILEY AVE, COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAIME ACOSTA RUIZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 17, 24 OCT 01, 08, 2022

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CERVANTES ELATINGRO, 7448 LOS ANGELES, CA 90033. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEXIS CERVANTES, 2733 WABASH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90033. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALEXIS CERVANTES/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/08/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 17, 24 OCT 01, 08, 2022

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CONSTRUYENDO, 7444 FLORENCE AVE SUITE B, DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MINERVA MARTINEZ JIMENEZ, 7444 FLORENCE AVE SUITE B, DOWNEY, CA 90240. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MINERVA MARTINEZ JIMENEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 17, 24 OCT 01, 08, 2022

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GENESIS CLEANING, 208 SAN BENITO AVE APT 3, SAN BRUNO, CA 94066. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GENESIS DIAMOND LLC, 208 SAN BENITO AVE APT 3, SAN BRUNO, CA 94066. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: KENDY ELIZABETH CASTILLO/MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/26/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 17, 24 OCT 01, 08, 2022

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GREAT WALL TRAVEL, 147 W CHESTNUT AVE, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GWTEAT (U.S.A) ENTERPRISES INC., 147 W CHESTNUT AVE, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: KEVIN XU/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 17, 24 OCT 01, 08, 2022

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LETY'S ELOTES, 2733 WABASH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90033. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LETICIA FERNANDEZ PARADA, 2733 WABASH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90033. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LETICIA FERNANDEZ PARADA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/08/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 17, 24 OCT 01, 08, 2022

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REFINISHING FURNITURE, 1222 GERHART AVE, COMMERCE, CA 90022. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OSCAR BELLO AGUILAR, 2225 NORTHSIDE DR, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OSCAR BELLO AGUILAR/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/02/2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 17, 24 OCT 01, 08, 2022

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE UPS STORE 6603, 17128 COLIMA RD, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DHRUT CORP., 17128 COLIMA RD, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: SARTHII SHAILESH PATEL/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 17, 24 OCT 01, 08, 2022

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNITY ATM, 14612 LIBLEN AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) UNITY ATM LLC, 14612 LIBLEN AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: BRANDY ROBERSON/MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/07/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/02/2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 17, 24 OCT 01, 08, 2022

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VALUE TOURS, 21720 BIRCH HILL DR, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ELAINE CAO, 21720 BIRCH HILL DR, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELAINE CAO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/02/2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 17, 24 OCT 01, 08, 2022

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VASQUEZS WINDOW COVERING INSTALLATION, 6475 ATLANTIC AVENUE SPC 617, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MAURICIO VASQUEZ, 6475 ATLANTIC AVE 617, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MAURICIO VASQUEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/06/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/02/2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 17, 24 OCT 01, 08, 2022

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LA YALALTEQUITA MARKET, 8681 VENICE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA. 90034. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LA YALALTEQUITA, INC., 1529 CRENSHAW BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90009. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: LA YALALTEQUITA, INC. SINECIO MECINAS, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/13/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 17, 24 OCT 01, 08, 2022

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CLASSIC AUTOWORKS, 12039 RUNNYMEADE ST, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA, 91605. CLASSIC AUTO WORKS, 10658 OXNARD ST., LOS ANGELES, CA. 91066. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HUGO ESCAMILLA, 12039 RUNNYMEADE ST, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA, 91605. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HUGO ESCAMILLA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/01/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2016. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 17, 24 OCT 01, 08, 2022

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-193742

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BELLA EYEBROW THREADING AND BEAUTY SALON, 4433 S. ALEMADA ST. A-24, VERNON, CA 90058. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JYOTI RAI, 4433 S ALEMADA ST A-24, VERNON, CA 90058. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JYOTI RAI/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/31/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-173445

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: COACHING SOLUTIONS, 6533 COLMAR AVE, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LIVIER B ALVAREZ SANCHEZ, 6533 COLMAR AVE, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SANCHEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/04/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-172236

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DANNY'S APPAREL, 799 TOWNE AVE UNIT 329, LOS ANGELES, CA 90021. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA R MORALES HERNANDEZ DE PASTOR, 799 TOWNE AVE UNIT 329, LOS ANGELES, CA 90021. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIA R MORALES HERNANDEZ DE PASTOR/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/03/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-191055

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DAVID'S DESIGNS, 4918 W ADAMS BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90004. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DAVID AGUAYO, 4918 W ADAMS BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DAVID AGUAYO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/29/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-194771

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ESENADA'S SURF N TURF GRILL, 15619 CRENSHAW BLVD, GARDENA, CA 90249. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GARDENA BAJA SURF & TURF, 15619 CRENSHAW BLVD, GARDENA, CA 90249. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MARTIN VAZQUEZ/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/01/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-193807

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FREEDOM SERVICE, 3220 SOUTH CENTRAL AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN RAMON RANGEL, 5864 BRENTWOOD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUAN RAMON RANGEL/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/31/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-193809

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FREEDOM SERVICE, 3206 P SOUTH CENTRAL AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN RAMON RANGEL, 5864 BRENTWOOD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUAN RAMON RANGEL/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/31/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-192244

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FRUTERIA LA BENDICION, 14717 PIONEER BLVD APT 16, NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUDITH GALVAN, 14717 PIONEER BLVD APT 16, NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUDITH GALVAN/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/30/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-185842

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GUERRERO'S LANDSCAPING, 3057 ADRIATIC AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90810. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARCELO MARCHIANO, 8720 VENICE BLVD SUITE 204, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARCELO MARCHIANO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/22/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-194797

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HASTA LA VISTA MATTRESS, 8720 VENICE BLVD, STANFORD, CA 94304. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARCELO MARCHIANO, 8720 VENICE BLVD SUITE 204, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARCELO MARCHIANO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/01/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-192698

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MANY LANDSCAPE, 5638 CORBETT ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MANUEL TRUJILLO BALLARTA, 5638 CORBETT ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MANUEL TRUJILLO BALLARTA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/30/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-191213

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MARI'S CORNER MARKET, 801 N MARIANNA AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90063. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) V&L HOLDINGS LLC, 801 N MARIANNA AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90063. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: JORGE LUIS LEON-BARRANCA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/29/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-191288

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PICK A POKE, 3642 SOUTH NOGALES STREET, WEST COVINA, CA 91792. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JUNEI MARTINEZ/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/29/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: SEPT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-194163

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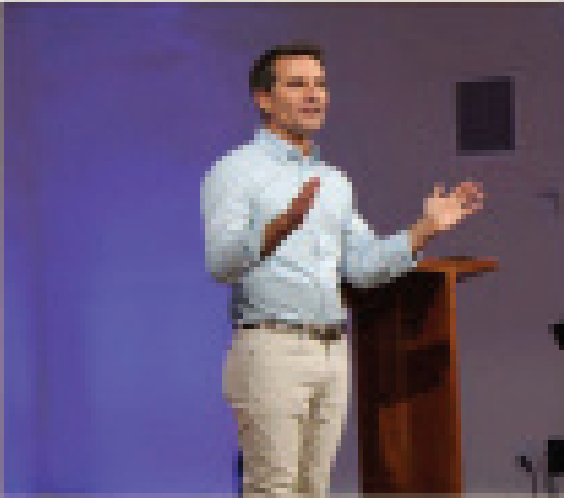
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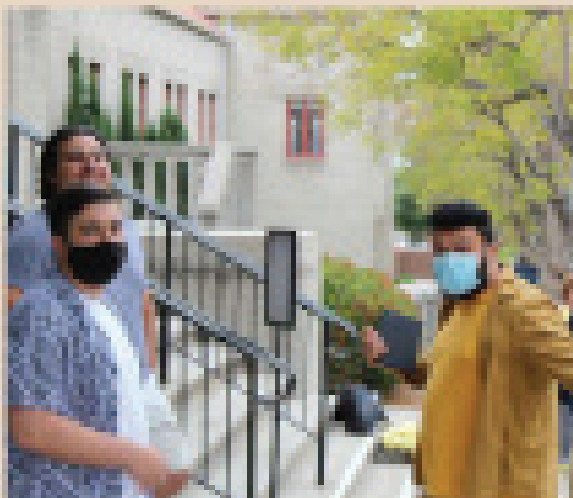



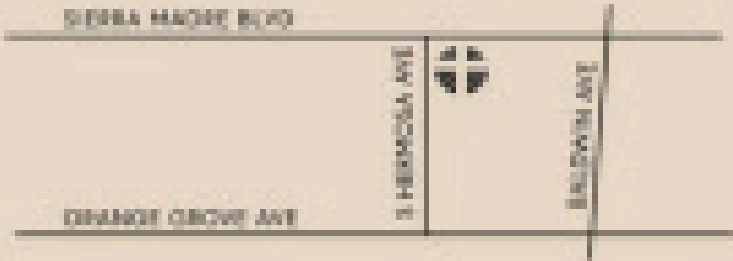
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