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ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRIS HOLDEN SHARES HIS LEGISLATIVE 'TO DO' LIST WITH CITY COUNCIL

By Kevin McGuire

Riding on the positive vibes of a huge grant to the Sierra Madre Library, Assemblymember Chris Holden (41st District) came before his constituents to provide legislative updates during the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 27th.

Earlier in the afternoon, Assemblymember Holden headlined a Library Grant Ceremony to present a very big check for \$10 million for improvements and repairs to Sierra Madre Library, a top goal of the community for several years.

"I want to bring special consideration and thought and thank you to the Friends of the Library, volunteers in this community who have been second to none in their dedication to making sure quality libraries exist in the city of Sierra Madre," Holden said.

In March of this year, Mayor Gene Goss reached out to Assemblymember Holden to advocate for state funding for repairs to the library at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, which was built in 1955.

The improvements requested included long-term building accessibility, seismic concerns, and increased space that consists of an outdoor community area.

On July 1, 2022, it was announced that a grant for \$10 million was approved. Holden said he was "shocked" he could also secure that amount. "...for no better cause than preserving libraries in our cities, state, and nation."

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Assemblymember Holden noted that this year has been challenging, as the recovery from the pandemic is still ongoing. However, the state has still passed important bills and legislature to improve infrastructure, schools, broadband, and cleaner transportation.

The state has an approved budget of \$47 billion to enhance the state's infrastructure to help improve the public transportation system, promote energy innovation and reliability, advance statewide housing goals, support K-12 higher education, and make the state more resilient to climate change, according to Holden.

In addition, \$17 billion has been approved in relief funds for millions of Californians to help offset rising costs and increase the minimum wage to \$15.50 per hour in 2023. There will be a refund of up to \$1,050 in 2023 to be sent out based on income level and size of the household, increased grants for low-income families, and additional funding for food banks.



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Pictured above with Assemblyman Holden are (l to r) Mayor Gene Goss, Sierra Madre Librarian Leila Regan and City Manager Jose Reynoso. Photo Courtesy City of Sierra Madre

Essential workers in the fast-food sector will "have a seat at the table" after Assemblymember Holden's bill AB257 was signed this past Labor Day. This is the first bill of this type in the nation to bring stakeholders together to address workplace standards.

A package to boost local economies enacted in February helped small businesses by restoring the use of business tax credits and net operating losses one year earlier and plan to continue to invest in companies that fuel the recovery. It also extended exempted amounts received for Restaurant Revitalization funds and Shuttered Venue Operators Grant programs from state income tax allowing normal deductibility in the grants. The program also granted small businesses a one-time \$150 million in COVID relief.

Holden noted that the budget also includes money to address homelessness, make neighborhoods safer, and help with the impacts of wildfires and drought. Governor Gavin Newsom approved \$6.6 billion toward energy innovation and reliability projects to address climate change and greenhouse gas emissions.

California received a C- grade on infrastructure by the American Society of Civil Engineers after decades of neglect. "The historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will make life better for millions of California

residents," Holden said. "It's exactly what our country needs right now to create jobs and fix our transportation and water systems."

Assemblymember Holden also hinted that these funds might help the Gold Line extension to Claremont and Montclair. "Extending the Gold Line has been a top priority for me and many of my colleagues," the Assemblymember noted. "The extension will connect two large counties by bringing much-needed relief to one of the busiest commute corridors in the country."

Holden's Bill AB1604, also signed by Newsom, establishes the Upward Mobility Act of 2022. According to Holden, the bill modifies state civil service examinations and appointment practices to increase the diversity of the applicant's pool and employment list, determine areas of compliance for non-merit-related audits, and promote the achievement of underrepresented state employees.

Holden is also pushing for more access to dual enrollment programs for higher education, clean energy power, and cleaner air and water.

Holden thanked City Council for their efforts and hopes he can work with them again in the future to assist with additional Sierra Madre projects.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED



Photo courtesy SMCF

Sierra Madre resident and Pasadena HS student Abbott Fluckey wanted to make a difference in his community. So, he decided that the Basketball Court near Heasley Field in Sierra Madre would be a good place to start.

Fluckey was just 14 years old when he began the process of planning for remodeling the court.

In an interview for the Mountain Views News by Avery Bogue, Fluckey said, "I wanted to do something to give back to my community and Heasley is somewhere I frequent to play basketball. At first, we thought, Let's fix the hoop, then we just got carried away and ended up fixing the whole court."

He went on to raise over \$5,000.00 for his project as a part of his Eagle Project.

Last month when the finishing touches were done, he even assisted with the hoop installation and with preparation for the bench placement.

Congratulations and Thanks Mr. Fluckey!

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ELECTION COVERAGE



On November 8, 2022, voters in Sierra Madre will go to the polls and select three people from a field of five to sit on the City Council. They will also vote on Measure HR (Hillside Residential) a citizens initiative to stop The Meadows at Bailey Canyon project. The Mountain Views News will provide our readers with comprehensive coverage of this election. Each week, as we have done in the past, we will profile the candidates and give each of the candidates 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.) This paper will also review the pros and cons of Measure HR, and review the county and statewide measures and candidates for the State Assembly and Senate and the US House of Representatives and US Senate..

The schedule will be as follows:

October 1, 2022	Candidates Kris Lowe, Christine Moran and Colin Barr
October 8, 2022	Candidates Gene Goss and Edward Garcia
October 15, 2022	Ballot Arguments Pro and Con - Measure HR
October 22, 2022	County and Statewide Ballot Measures
October 29, 2022	State and National Offices

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.

Susan Henderson, Publisher and Editor

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE KRIS LOWE

1. Why are you running for office?

As a fifth-generation Sierra Madrean, I love Sierra Madre and I have served in many leadership positions in our town. Since I was a child I have been active here, and I feel I serve in one of the most distinguished capacities. I do believe people trust me and believe me to be a fair and diplomatic leader. I have always tried to be a good neighbor and give more back to the community that has given me so much!

I believe I can be an integral part of assuring Sierra Madre thrives for generations to come. I want our town to continue to grow and maintain sustainability economically and environmentally. I want to assure our infrastructure can handle the changing needs we currently face and in the future. I believe I can lead our town and accomplish these tasks while still maintaining the small-town charm we want to protect.

2. What are you going to do for the constituents you will represent?

I believe that as Council members we must serve selflessly. I will always listen and be conscious of what the people of Sierra Madre seek; it is vital that their voices are heard. I am firm about this aspect of leadership. The constituents are who I represent and for whom I will work. I believe in collaboration and teamwork rather than leading in solitude. This is how I hope consensus can be made about what's best for Sierra Madre.

And 3. How do you plan on accomplishing your goals?

It is important to know the history behind how our City has maintained our reserves during times of



drought, and fiscal hardships. Our City Council predecessors and City employees have implemented systems and made plans to maintain resources for our thriving community. I will always do my due diligence and fully research all options placed before me.

We are a small town, but I want to make sure our 11,000 citizens have the resources and services that they deserve. We have amazing people working for our City that we want to retain. The citizens need to know they are safe and their well-being is part of the priority. We do have to be creative on how we maintain and improve infrastructure, public safety, and address the growing needs we face now and in the future.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE CHRISTINE MORAN

1. Why are you running for city council:

I believe action at the local level can change the world. I am raising my family in Sierra Madre and want to build a better future for them, right here in our community. That means building upon Sierra Madre's legacy of charm to create a city that is even more walkable, bikeable, climate friendly, family friendly, and equitable.

2. What are you going to do for the constituents you will represent?

As a council member I will focus on infrastructure and transportation with an eye toward net positive actions that increase the charm of our city and decrease its climate footprint. I will focus on housing policies that benefit everyone in the community: renters, landlords, workers, businesses, and homeowners. I will focus on public safety and wellness: everyone has a right to feel safe.

3. How do you plan on accomplishing your goals

I am an engineer, manager, and scientist. I previously co-managed a federal agency program with a \$45 million dollar budget. I have the knowledge and expertise to collaborate politically to balance a budget and build a prosperous future.

In addition to my work as an engineering manager, I am a mother of two young children, aged two and four, and a parent teacher at the Sierra Madre



Community Nursery School. My perspective—personally and professionally—provides a needed voice on the council. I am endorsed by the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, Run for Something, the Foothill Community Democrats, and the National Women's Political Caucus - Greater Pasadena Area. I would be honored to serve you and the community as your council member. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Please visit ChristineMoranForCouncil.com to learn more. I respectfully ask for your vote.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE COLIN BARR

Sierra Madre is a special place for all who call it home. As a 23-year resident, I'm dedicated to listening to the community and maintaining the unique character of our foothill village. This means development consistent with our General Plan- the community-based document that reflects our values and vision of Sierra Madre going forward.

As a public agency attorney, I have represented cities, schools, and water districts for 25 years. I have advised these agencies on important development, construction, environmental, regulatory and wage issues. With this background, I will see issues as a City council member from a valuable perspective as both a resident and experienced attorney. I will work with my fellow council members to build consensus and make decisions that are in the best interests of the community.

I recently succeeded in reversing the City's approval of a project that sought to nearly triple the size of a house. During the process, it became clear to me residents are often consulted late in the process when projects are too far down the road. I found there needs to be more transparency in the decision making process. I will work to ensure residents have an equal seat at the table on important issues that affect our community. This experience motivated me to seek office so I can be a voice for our residents.

I believe community input needs to come first - always. As a result, I am committed to the following priorities:

1. Development that maintains the special character of our foothill village.
2. Promoting our business district and local businesses.
3. Supporting our City staff and police and fire departments.
4. Continuing to upgrade our roads and infrastructure.

I will accomplish these results by listening to the community and fostering an open dialogue between residents, business leaders, and key officials. I will always advocate for our shared values and have an open door to hear your concerns. I will be proud to deliver the public service our community deserves and am eager to give back to the city I love. Please go to www.barrforcity-council.com for more information on my background and candidacy.



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FOR SIERRA MADRE
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City of Sierra Madre

SUMMARY NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: ORDINANCE NO. 1458 RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL AMEND CHAPTER 17.88 (TEMPORARY USE PERMITS) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

On September 29, 2022, the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre introduced for second reading recommending adoption of Ordinance 1458, amending to Chapter 17.88 (Temporary Use Permits) of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The purpose of the Municipal Code Text Amendment (MCTA) is to address community concerns that Temporary Use Permits ("TUPs") are being used to convert certain residential uses into commercial uses. The MCTA seeks to protect residents' enjoyment of their property and ensure that the allowance of TUPs do not overshadow the primary use. The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 22-12 on April 21, 2022 recommending the City Council amend Chapter 17.83 (Temporary Use Permits).

This summary is published pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(c)(1) and a full and complete certified copy of the text of Ordinance 1439 is available at the Sierra Madre City Manager's Office located at City of Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA. Ordinance 1458 becomes effective on October 27, 2022. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

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

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

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VOTE NO ON MEASURE HR. DON'T SIGN THE REFERENDUM!

Dear Neighbor:

Back in the Spring, some people circulated a petition that allowed Measure HR to be placed on the ballot. In an effort to collect signatures, supporters of Measure HR said it would prevent housing from being constructed at the Monastery. **We now know that is untrue.**

According to our City Attorney, Measure HR allows up to 68 huge Arcadia-style mansions to be built at the Monastery without any community benefits and limited public oversight. This report is on the City's website, and we encourage all voters to read it.

Not surprisingly, **our entire City Council and our Mayor voted to oppose Measure HR.** Our Council has said that Measure HR is "absurd and irresponsible", "misguided and misleading", and passing the measure will be a "disaster for our town". What's more, Measure HR unjustly targets only the 100-year old Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, making it nearly impossible for the Monastery to grow its ministry. Measure HR is wrong and harmful from every angle.

Now, the same people that asked you to sign Measure HR under false pretenses will be coming to you *once again.*

This time, they will be asking you sign a referendum to call a special election to overturn the decision of our City Council to approve the Meadows at Bailey Canyon project. The project provides a new 3-acre public park, nearly \$1 million for water upgrades, protecting over 40 acres of hillside land, and over \$2.5 million dollars to support libraries, parks, and public safety in our community. To fund these benefits, 42 homes are proposed to be constructed on approximately 17 acres of vacant private property south of the retreat center, which will remain in operation.

We understand there are some who do not want any development at the Monastery. However, the Meadows at Bailey Canyon project was approved unanimously by both the Planning Commission and City Council because it provides real benefits for the whole of Sierra Madre. The project is the product of nearly 20 public meetings and over two years of careful design work. It was approved after the City completed over 1,000 pages of environmental analysis of the impacts of the project.

It isn't perfect, but it is a reasonable compromise. Especially given that current City laws allow for a huge institutional development (think: another large high school) at the Monastery. This would have far more traffic and visual impacts.

Signing this petition means we will lose all of the concessions that our Planning Commission and City Council have obtained for the public. No new 3-acre park for residents to enjoy. No hillside conservation. No funds for improvements to address our leaky water pipes that waste millions of gallons of water each year. No support for the new police headquarters. No road improvements.

We urge all Sierra Madre voters to be informed. Don't sign the referendum!

Sincerely,

De Alcorn	John Doyle	James Kelly	Dave Link	Jim Walsworth
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Neighbors for Fairness — Steering Committee

No on Measure HR: www.SierraMadreNeighborsforFairness.org

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RUSH TO JUDGMENT

No doubt many of us moved to Sierra Madre because of its charm. The open hill-sides, the quirky buildings, Kersting Court, unique town festivals, access to mountain trails, walkable neighborhoods and the famous wisteria vine, to name just a few. Incomprehensibly, Sierra Madre is under threat with little explanation from the Council who vowed to protect it and now fight the citizens with great vigor.

A vote on Measure HR is clearly the more democratic process, yet Council held two special meetings to rush the approval through before the November 8th election. Obviously believing strongly that the Meadows project is the best course for Sierra Madre as opposed to allowing for a vote of the people, we are deserving of an explanation. Particularly since this is the densest large development to ever be built in our city and one that will change the city forever. There are many smart citizens and outside experts who have studied the same public documents, yet have come to very different conclusions. There are many smart citizens and outside experts who submitted hundreds of comments that were never discussed.

Property rights have been brought up many times. However, what about the property rights of the homeowners in Sierra Madre? We have a reasonable expectation that new homes will be built in line with the city code; codes that many of us have been subjected to ourselves and that we recognize have helped to retain the wonderful characteristics that we value in our community. Approving a special Specific Plan in defiance of our General Plan and the many citizens that contributed to it requires an explanation.

Property values are important to all of us, as our homes are likely our most valuable asset. Despite the silly, unsupported argument that these homes will raise property values in Sierra Madre, they will not. The most basic economics class begins with the simple concept of supply and demand. A greater supply of homes, as with anything else, lowers the prices of homes around it. People like to live in Sierra Madre and therefore are willing to pay more to live here. Greater supply, especially ugly, dense, identical tract housing is likely to lower the prices of all the houses around it. Even a very small drop in our town's overall home prices can lower revenues to the city while lowering our standard of living. The highest housing prices are correlated with the least dense cities in California. This is very basic, yet it has never been considered and discussed.

Boosting the City's budget is another false argument. It is true that in the very short term any housing project will increase revenues to the city. The problem is that after the initial injection of funds, the Meadows project will be a cost burden to the city in many areas (police, fire & safety, utility & water, roads, traffic...) that will continue in perpetuity. There has never been a single document showing the financial figures that support Council's statements that this project would help the town financially. No doubt because no such statement exists nor is there any motivation to do one, because it will not look good.

Disturbingly -- Council collectively speaks out against Measure HR using inflammatory marketing phrases with inaccurate, false information rather than making true comparisons. Their ballot argument refers to '6500 square foot mansions being built on the Monastery property' and 'With SB9 a developer could build as many as 68 units' on the 35 acres. They failed to note that in order to do so, the Retreat Center would be torn down. They also failed to note that under SB9, a developer is forbidden from adding additional units on a lot. Only an owner who lives in the home for 3 years can do so. Interestingly, both Council and the city attorney failed to remember this important provision in SB9 when they discussed and adopted it several months ago. Even after being ordered by a Superior Court judge to remove this incorrect information from their ballot argument, it still appears on the city website and is referred to regularly by the uninformed groups that support the development. For fun, let's try something different.... an objective comparison of the two options: 9 houses on every 2 acre plot of the Meadows project versus 1 house on every 2 acre plot under Measure HR. Applying floor area ratios (FAR) for an unbiased comparison: FAR is the square footage of the house/square footage of the lot. Applying this, the Meadows project will have a maximum FAR of 50% versus a maximum FAR under Measure HR of 7.5%. Knowing this, it is hard to comprehend why Council is aggressively arguing to the public that a FAR of 7.5% is worse than 50%. Most folks can easily recognize that a house covering a little more than 5% of the lot is preferable to one that covers half of the lot. We call this too much house on too little lot.

Regarding the issue of fire safety, the Meadows Project sits in the highest fire severity zone (osfm.fire.ca.gov) as determined by the state-- the same as the City of Paradise. It is one thing for drought and fire severity to cause greater risk in existing areas; it is very different to knowingly build in these areas. One wonders if this information will be disclosed to future buyers who will assume local government did their due diligence in ensuring a safe housing community for their families.

Failing to respond to the legitimate concerns and inquiries by residents, ignoring their many written and public comments, failing to implement the provisions of our General Plan and failing to defer consideration of this project until after the November election all demand satisfactory explanation from Council members.

As this is unlikely, VOTE YES ON MEASURE HR for your voice to be heard!



It's time for a second petition to save Sierra Madre from overdevelopment

We are on a mission to save Sierra Madre from overdevelopment. "The Meadows at Bailey Canyon" is the largest housing project proposal ever in Sierra Madre and allows for oversized tract houses to be built much too close together given the project's location in a very high-severity fire zone. "The Meadows" does not conform to Sierra Madre's General Plan or building codes. In fact, as proposed, the project enables houses to be built that are up to 80% larger on a given lot size than current city ordinances allow. Nobody else can buy a small lot and build a house anywhere near as big, but this developer is asking for a whopping special privilege that the City Council was all-too willing to approve.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Wildfire Action Plan describes how to prepare one's house and property to withstand a wildfire. The key component is 100 feet of defensible space—specifically, a 100-foot perimeter around each house where "wildfire fuels" (i.e., anything flammable) must be intensively reduced or eliminated. In a new subdivision, there is NO excuse for this not being followed. But it can't be followed at "The Meadows" because the houses are packed together within just 10 feet of each other. Worse still, the developer plans to plant hundreds of trees to replace the more than one hundred mature trees that will be cut down. This is all taking place in a high-severity fire zone. Does this make sense?

Our initiative, which rezones the property to a more protective Hillside Zone, is on the ballot this November (Measure HR/Vote YES!). Each house on the parcel would be required to have a 2-acre lot, which, with a defensible perimeter, is a lot easier to defend in the event of a fire. Just ask the fire chief. For multiple reasons, including less impact to our limited water supply, much less traffic and impact on wildlife, and significantly less fire risk, Hillside zoning would be far better for nearby neighborhoods and our city as a whole.

The City Council ignored requests of Sierra Madre residents to address serious deficiencies in the final Environmental Impact Report as well as concerns raised by County of Los Angeles officials for "The Meadows" project and rushed to approve it. Despite citizens' requests to the City Council to defer a decision on "The Meadows" project until after Measure HR is voted on—a mere five weeks from now—they accelerated their approval process in efforts to preemptively nullify Measure HR even if it is passed overwhelmingly by Sierra Madre voters.

Therefore, we have no choice but to generate a NEW petition. California law allows the people to overturn a decision of a City Council through a referendum if enough local registered voters sign a petition for a referendum. We can do this in order to overturn the City Council's approval of "The Meadows" project. With the required number of signatures, the project will be stopped until the referendum takes place in a future election. Of course, the developer, New Urban West, likely will continue to spend tens of thousands of dollars spewing disinformation and outright lies about Measure HR to scare you, just as they did to scare the City Council into approving "The Meadows." As our group is all volunteers, we can't begin to compete with the deep pockets of a developer who is determined to make millions on this ill-conceived project.

Please help us if you agree that this project is wrong for Sierra Madre.

For more information on the new petition and on Measure HR, or to have us bring you a petition to sign, please contact us at sierramadrepetition@gmail.com. Also, please come out to Memorial Park on Saturday, October 8 to meet us, have us answer questions, and show your support for our efforts!

SIERRA MADRE Neighbors for Fairness

CONTEXT MATTERS

Preserve Sierra Madre (PSM) has become infamous for making bad arguments and taking information out of context. Let's look at what they said last week:

1. The developer is trying to make money. Is that a bad thing? Every business is trying to make money. Every employee is expecting to get paid by a profitable business. Let's try not to pretend we are not capitalists. The developer is also helping the Passionists, a nonprofit organization, fund the retirement of those who have served their ministry for decades.

2. Neighbors for Fairness is made up of volunteers that receive no compensation from New Urban West. Our purpose is to protect the rights of the Passionists from those who have shown they have no regard for First Amendment rights. Thirteen of our Steering Committee members live in Sierra Madre (see the link below). New Urban West is funding us because we asked them to and because we have similar goals of protecting the Passionists from discrimination. Why would we not use all the resources available to us to protect the Passionists' rights? PSM knows who most of us are, in fact, one of our Steering Committee members used to be the Chair of PSM before she became fed up with their misinformation campaign and helped form SMNFF.

3. The General Plan is a complex documents and not every part has to be internally consistent. In 2019 the Third District Court of Appeal upheld the following statement: "The City, in its sole discretion, shall determine a proposed project's consistency with the City's General Plan. Consistency is achieved if a project will further the overall objectives and policies of the General Plan and not obstruct their attainment, recognizing that a proposed project may be consistent with the overall objectives of the General Plan, but not with each and every policy thereof." It is ironic that PSM is arguing over a project not looking like any other part of town while also arguing that a neighborhood of 6,500 sq. ft. mansions is perfectly fine.

4. The Hillside Residential zone does not equally apply to the Passionists' Institutional property. That is why the City Council in 2006, and the update in 2009, chose to not include the property in the HRZ. The Meadows project area is on the same slope as the R-1 homes to the west and the south. PSM also failed to mention that under SB9 four times as many units can be built.

5. If Measure HR passes then the Passionists' property can be developed with 68 units on the developable property because all of it will be zoned residential, incentivizing the Passionists to leave Sierra Madre. STOP Housing Project, in the next column over, was arguing to vote yes because it allows the Passionists to sell all the land to

build houses. If you are supporting HR you should at least know the talking points. Mansions are good... this week. When a litigant suing the city tried to get the wording for the number of units reduced to 34 the judge ordered that the statement say: "With the recent change in state law, SB 9, as many as 68 units ultimately could be built with limited design approval by the City." FYI, 34 Arcadia-style mansions are still too many!

6. PSM admits that the Retreat Center will become a nonconforming building and that it cannot be enlarged. We will give them credit for that one, but they seem to have missed the fact that Section 11 of Measure HR will become a new law and it states that any existing laws that would allow for expansion, significant physical alteration, or change in use must be repealed. This is where the religious discrimination comes in.

7. The City Attorney's amended report states, "The Initiative constrains the Passionists' alternatives to develop their property for religious purposes." Apparently what the initiative proponents intended and what the initiative actually does are two separate things.

8. Only one plan, the Meadows project, is offering almost \$1 million for net-zero water offsets. The Passionists are intent on selling a portion of their land. The property will be developed and using water, whether it is the Meadows project, or a large institution like five Kensingtons or another High School, or a whole bunch of Mansions up to 7,300 sq. ft. under Measure HR.

9. Whatever is built will add more traffic. The Meadows project will add one additional car every two minutes and that is spread out between two streets. As the EIR said, the traffic impact is less than significant. Consider the increased traffic from a high school that could be built under the current Institutional zoning. You think Grand View Ave is bad in the mornings right now?

PSM closes by saying they are not about blocking progress. That's for sure. They are supporting Measure HR which will allow up to 68 units with a bunch of Arcadia-style mansions with ADUs that can be 7,300 sq. ft. in size. This is despite their website still saying they oppose a development free-for-all like Arcadia has with mansionization. We don't think PSM is made of bad people, but clearly they have lost sight of what Sierra Madre is about if they support the mansionization of an entire neighborhood.

Your Planning Commission and City Council have done the hard work of evaluating the Meadows project and both unanimously approved the project because of the benefits it provides to the city.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE HR

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ABUSE OF POWER

As US citizens we have a lot of power, but just because one can wield power doesn't necessarily mean one should.

Take the power of speech. A few weeks ago the city council had their first discussion on the Meadows project. The mayor made it clear that public comment time was for the Meadows project only, and not to discuss Measure HR. Despite that, a lady opposing the Meadows project demanded to speak on Measure HR. Embarrassingly, the mayor had to clear the chamber while this lady continued her rant.

Just because there is a right to free speech doesn't give you the right to say anything you want any time you want. Legislative bodies in California are governed by the Brown Act which sets reasonable constraints and time limits on public comment. The alternative is that we just let people talk ad nauseam and meetings never end. Those who don't follow decorum are now trying to play the martyr. This is a manipulative abuse of power.

Another power is the ability to create laws through initiatives. Just because that power exist doesn't mean you can pass any law you want. The clas-

sic example was the discriminatory Proposition 8 which removed the existing right to same-sex marriage. California was sued and Prop 8 was overturned for violating the rights of same-sex couples. In the same regard, the Passionists have federally protected rights under RLUIPA that allow them to do reasonable religious development. Measure HR will take away that right by turning the Retreat Center into a nonconforming use and forcing any existing ordinances that allow expansion to be repealed. Go read the initiative if you don't believe me.

Another power is the power of a referendum. In the next few days you will hear about a referendum to overturn the city council's approval of the Meadows project. If they get enough signatures (less than 8% of the city's population) they will try to get a court injunction to stop the meadows project until there can be an election... maybe in two years.

This is another abuse of power. The Passionists have a right to due process and have followed all the rules for a zoning change. The planning commission and city council have done the hard work of evaluating the

Meadows project and have found it to be, in Mayor Goss' words, "reasonable." The proponents of HR are playing every card they can to try and stop the Meadows project while engaging in a disinformation campaign. Enough is enough. We need to stop allowing a small group of people to force their will on everyone else. Every move they make costs us, the taxpayers, more money and delays the inevitable.

What is the end-game here? Something is going to be developed on the property. Is the goal to allow a big institutional development instead of a reasonable housing project with a three acre park? Or are they trying to get those 6,500 sq. ft. Arcadia-style mansions built instead? Who wants any of that? I know I don't. People seem to be afraid of change, but change is coming. It is time to accept it. Support the rights of the Passionists. Do not participate in the plan to override the city council's reasoned decision. Do not sign the referendum. **Vote no on Measure HR.**

Robert Gjerde

DEAR EDITOR:

There's one argument (question) we've yet to hear from proponents of the Meadows project: How would this benefit Sierra Madre? In the years I've been here, proposals both major and minor are subjected to a cost vs benefit analysis. This one's unique in that no "benefit" of a 42-home development is offered, only threats of "cost" should we not cave to the developer. (No, "You let us have 17 acres and we'll let you have a park" doesn't cut it.)

At City Hall, elected officials supporting a measure (such as approving a Specific Plan) would invariably argue, "This project would be good for the community because..." They haven't done so here, because they can't. Instead, there's a recital of the developer's threats. It seems halfhearted – arguing a position so at odds with prior commitments against excessive development and for respecting the will of the voters; commitments made while campaigning for our votes in the first place.

Perhaps self-awareness accounts for their rushing this through without waiting the few weeks for constituents' voices to be heard in November. Maybe they're hoping that by the time the earthmovers and backhoes head up the hill we'd have forgotten about it – and too late to do anything about it, anyway.

"Do you want to see 6500 sq ft mansions?" from the opponents of Measure HR (which would bring the development under our Hillside zoning restrictions) is this year's version of "Do you want to see a CVS on the site of Howe's (Taylor's) Market?" from opponents of Measure V (requiring voter approval for devel-

opment beyond certain limits.) Fifteen years after passage of Measure V, we still have our village market and no CVS. There was never really any proposal for a CVS then, just as there are no proposals for "6500 sq ft mansions" now. (Ironically, opponents of Measure V who then warned of a CVS were considering 71 residential units and a 55-unit skilled nursing facility for the site.)

There are benefits from this project for a Chicago-based religious order and a Santa Monica-based developer. But for Sierra Madre, there's only significant, permanent, irreversible costs.

For New Urban West, the substantial cost of spreading threats is worth the benefit of defeating Measure HR and proceeding with their development. For those of us living here, whatever cost in time and effort gathering signatures (over 1,300 before – looks like another round of signature-gathering to come) and spreading the word about Measure HR is more than worth the benefit of protecting Sierra Madre.

For both Measures V and HR, our Mayors (Glenn Lambdin then, Gene Goss now) acquiesced to the developers, assuming concerns of constituents would somehow fade away. It didn't happen then and it's not happening now.

Shortly after Measure V's passage, then-Councilman Kurt Zimmerman told the Pasadena Star-News it "will serve to empower and inspire other communities that are fighting to preserve their character and heritage." Were passage of Measure HR to achieve the same, it would be a benefit well-worth the cost of seeing it through.

Howard Hays, Sierra Madre

TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION

Only four doors up from us is the Stonehouse property which is similar to the "Meadow" in that it is also blessed with native trees and many deer and other wildlife. So many deer come to our neighborhood that the City put "Deer Crossing" signs near us on Grandview Ave.

Development was already planned for Stonehouse but was delayed due to bankruptcy and the recent death of the owner. Nobody wants to have a large development of houses with more traffic and water usage, but it is privately owned land and that's the way it is. When the time comes for development, we'll be in the front row cheering our city leaders along to make sure it is the best development it can be for Sierra Madre.

Change is inevitable and we accept that, but others seem to be stuck in denial and have no problem muddling the discussion with misinformation.

Stop Housing Project (STOP) loves to characterize the homes as "cookie-cutter." The Planning Commission made sure that is not the case. No two homes will be the same on any given street. It should be noted that other developments in the city copied home designs, like Jameson Ct. and Liliano Dr., with many copies right by each other. Nobody notices today.

STOP says they will protect more than 100 trees, but nothing in the Hillside zone will do that. 90% of the trees are non-native and almost half are invasive elms. The Hillside Residential zone prohibits the planting of "non-native, invasive plant species."

STOP says the Retreat Center can be expanded, with city approval. What they mean is with an expensive city-wide vote. Measure HR says the Passionists can *(continued page 5)*

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ORDINANCE NO. 1461

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, (1) APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT; (2) APPROVING A SPECIFIC PLAN; AND (3) APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE MEADOWS AT BAILEY CANYON PROJECT LOCATED AT 700 NORTH SUNNYSIDE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA

RECITALS

WHEREAS, The Congregation of the Passion, Mater Dolorosa Community ("Applicant") owns the property located at 700 North Sunnyside Avenue, Sierra Madre, California 91024, Assessor's Identification No. 5761-002-008, consisting of approximately 65 acres ("Property");

WHEREAS, NUWI Sierra Madre, LLC ("Developer"), in concert with the Applicant, desires to develop a portion of the Property containing approximately 17.3 acres ("Development Parcel") with up to 42 single-family detached residential units, public rights-of-way, and public park ("Project");

WHEREAS, the Project is commonly referred to as "The Meadows at Bailey Canyon";

WHEREAS, the Congregation has applied to the City to:

- (1) amend the general plan land use map to change the designation of the Development Parcel from Institutional to Residential Low Density ("General Plan Land Use Map Amendment");
- (2) adopt a Specific Plan setting forth development and architectural standards to facilitate the development of the Project ("Specific Plan Amendment");
- (3) amend the zoning map to change the designation of the Development Parcel from Institutional to R-1 Single Family Residential with a Specific Plan Overlay ("Zoning Map Amendment");
- (4) approve a lot line adjustment to change the boundaries of the Development Parcel and consolidate two lots ("Lot Line Adjustment");
- (5) approve a development agreement with the Applicant and the Developer ("Development Agreement"); and
- (6) certify an environmental impact report and approve a mitigation monitoring and reporting program ("EIR");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Sections 65353, 65856, and 65867, and Sierra Madre Municipal Code ("SMMC") Sections 17.64.040, the Planning Commission held a properly noticed public hearing on April 7, 2022, May 5, 2022, June 2, 2022, July 7, 2022, August 4, 2022 and August 18, 2022 and adopted Resolution No. 22-11 recommending approval of this Ordinance to the City Council, included herein as EXHIBIT 1;

WHEREAS, the City provided notice of the public hearings listed above pursuant to Government Code Sections 65090, 65091, and 65094, including publication in the Mountain Views News on March 19, 2022, posting at the City Hall and project site and mailings to the Applicant, affected local agencies, and every residence within the City's boundaries on March 21, 2022;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Sections 65355, 65854, and 65867, and SMMC Section 17.64.040, the City Council held a properly noticed public hearing on September 15, 2022 and September 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City provided notice of the public hearing listed above pursuant to Government Code Sections 65090, 65091, and 65094, including publication in the Mountain Views News on September 3 and September 17, 2022, posting at the City Hall and project site, and mailings to the Applicant, affected local agencies, and every residence within 300-foot radius from the project site on August 29, 2022.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The Recitals above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. Specific Plan Amendment. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 65453(a) and 65454 and SMMC Section 17.64.050(B), the City Council approves the Specific Plan, as depicted in EXHIBIT 2, finding that the Specific Plan Amendment: a. Necessitates the public interest, convenience, and necessity because adoption of the Specific Plan ensures the development is consistent with the size and character of surrounding development and the topography, flora, and fauna of the surrounding environment. b. Is consistent and compatible with the General Plan, as amended, including its goals, objectives, policies and implementation programs. A detailed analysis of the Project's consistency and compatibility with General Plan goals and policies is provided in Table 4.11-1, Project's Consistency with the City of Sierra Madre's General Plan Goal and Policies, of the Project EIR, incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3. Zoning Map Amendment. Pursuant to Government Code section 65857 and Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.64.050(B), the Planning Commission hereby recommends approval of the Zoning Map Amendment, as depicted in EXHIBIT 2, finding that the Zoning Map Amendment:

a. Necessitates the public interest, convenience, and necessity because the zone change from "Institutional" to "One Family Residential R-1" allows the development of the proposed Project, which is consistent with the land use designations of surrounding properties, provides benefits to the City as enumerated in the Development Agreement, and ensures the Property is developed consistent with the standards articulated in the Specific Plan.

b. Is consistent and compatible with the General Plan, as amended, including its goals, objectives, policies and implementation programs. A detailed analysis of the Project's consistency and compatibility with General Plan goals and policies is provided in Table 4.11-1, Project's Consistency with the City of Sierra Madre's General Plan Goal and Policies, of the Project EIR, incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 4. Development Agreement. Pursuant to California Government Code, section 65867.5(b), the City Council approves the Development Agreement, included herein as EXHIBIT 2, Attachment E, finding that it is compatible with the Specific Plan and the objectives, policies, and land use programs specified in the General Plan, as amended. A detailed analysis of the Project's consistency and compatibility with General Plan goals and policies is provided in Table 4.11-1, Project's Consistency with the City of Sierra Madre's General Plan Goal and Policies, of the Project EIR, incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 5. CEQA. The relevant CEQA finding is made in Resolution No. 22-58, which was adopted in conjunction with the first reading of this Ordinance, on September 20, 2022.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or any part hereof or exhibit hereto is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof or exhibit thereto. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that anyone or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraph, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 7. Recording. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65868.5, within 10 days of the effective date of the Development Agreement, the City Clerk must record a copy of the Development Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder.

SECTION 8. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published or posted in accordance with California Government Code Section 36933. She shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and her certification, together with proof of the publication, will be entered in the book of Ordinances of the City Council.

SECTION 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its adoption pursuant to California Government Code Section 36937.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 27th day of September, by the City Council of Sierra Madre, California, at a regular meeting held on the 27th day of September 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Edward Garcia, Council Member Kelly Kriebes, and Council Member Robert Parkhurst
 ABSENT: Council Member Rachelle Arizmendi (excused)

LETTER: TRUTH *continued*

Pgcontinue "without expansion, significant physical alteration, or change in use, as a nonconforming use." The key word is "without." Only a city-wide vote can change that. STOP repeatedly spins the number of units that can be built. The courts recently reiterated that 68 units can be built under Measure HR. End of story. That is 68 separate buildings. It will allow at least 34 mansions up to 7,300 square feet if they add on an ADU. We say: Not in Sierra Madre! To STOP's recognition, in last week's article, they conceded some key points. They admit that a school or other large institutional project could be built on the site and that Measure HR will stop institutional development. The problem is that the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center is an institutional development that gets stopped. They admit the Passionists can sell the en-

tire property for residential development. This is an incentive for the Passionists to leave the city. Oddly enough, they are trying to stop a reasonable low-density residential project by allowing even bigger houses across more area. Incredibly, allowing Arcadia-style Mansions to be built across the entire property is apparently now a selling point for Measure HR. We think it is a PR disaster! These are the same people whose website says, "Don't allow Mountain Mansions to spoil the treasure that is Sierra Madre!" Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE HR and NO ON THE REFERENDUM to protect property and religious rights of the Passionists and to allow the best development for Sierra Madre.

De and Pat Alcorn

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We've had our summer evenings. Now for October eves!" Humbert Wolfe

"I am so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." Anne of Green Gables

"October: When the earth repays with golden sheaves, the labors of the plough, and ripening fruits and forest leaves all brighten on the bough. What pensive beauty Autumn shows, before she hears the sound, of winter rushing in to close the emblematic round." Wordsworth

OCTOBER

O...Oh please, oh please, let it cool off. Let us feel chilled, shiver, reach for a sweater.
 C...Cider. Hot apple cider, with a cinnamon stick in it. In a hot steamy mug. Fragrant, delicious.
 T...Time to watch for scarecrows, think of goblins, imagine witches flying across the moon.
 O...Out! Go out and find pumpkins to carve and create awesomely awful faces.
 B...Be outrageous and try the Pumpkin Wine or Pumpkin ale with a cinnamon sugar rim.
 E...Explore all over town and see how many scarecrows you can find. Even better, stuff your own and make it scary or cute or an alien being.
 R...Read a scary story: "Something Wicked This Way Comes," by Ray Bradbury or take your pick from the thousands available on Amazon.

Celebrating October and entrepreneurship, the young lady seen in our picture today (courtesy of Leah Davis, the Monarch Butterfly whisperer) has set up shop in front of City Hall. She is holding an absolutely exquisite pie. This pie, possibly containing four and twenty blackbirds, is just not all that easy to make. Seriously, friends and neighbors, practically anybody can whip up a pumpkin, cherry or apple pie, but blackbirds? You'll recall the rhyme from Mother Goose:

Sing a song of sixpence,
 A pocket full of rye,
 Four and twenty blackbirds
 Baked in a pie.

When the pie was opened
 The birds began to sing—
 Wasn't that a dainty dish
 To set before the king?

The king was in the counting-house
 Counting out his money,
 The queen was in the parlor
 Eating bread and honey,

The maid was in the garden
 Hanging out the clothes,
 Along came a blackbird
 And snipped off her nose.

So, to begin with, she had to find all these blackbirds which are often seen on cattails, on telephone wires and along boggy roadsides. As Sierra Madre is not loaded with those sorts of habitats, except the telephone wires, of course, she had to jump in her truck, armed with nets, cages and a bag of enticing treats, such as tasty bugs, sunflower seeds and maybe some pistachios. Then she had to drive to Huntington Beach and visit one of the wetland centers there.

Whistling enticingly, she cajoled her four and twenty blackbirds off the cattails and into the four and twenty pockets in her apron. She then succeeded in slipping past all the security people around the wetlands pro-



tecting blackbirds and got back to her truck. By then she had been giving all her blackbirds little treats from her bag of goodies and had become rather fond of them. She did put them into the cages in her truck and, as they serenaded her all the way back to Sierra Madre, the last thing she could imagine doing with them is baking them into a pie. As you can see, they are on her shoulder, by her feet, sampling her pie, which is cherry, by the way, and just generally enjoying her company. In her heart of hearts, our young entrepreneur knew perfectly well that there was no way she could compete with Mother Moo, who is the queen of pies in Sierra Madre, no matter what she put between the crusts.

October always makes me think of Charles Schulz and his immortal comic strip, "Peanuts." Linus is probably already out there in his pumpkin patch, hoping that this year the Great Pumpkin will decide that Linus has, indeed, created the most sincere pumpkin patch, and will rise up and scatter presents all over the place. Charlie Brown will be kind but disbelieving, Lucy will be scornful, but Linus will always believe.

"Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you know."

Our young lady entrepreneur believed that she had something special to bring so when you see her out in front of City Hall, give her an encouraging wave. Who knows what she'll think of next!

October is here, it's officially Fall and you might find a scarecrow around town that sends your imagination flying!

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"
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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 11, 2022 5:30pm

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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

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Pasadena's Fall ArtNight set to Return

The City of Pasadena's highly anticipated free ArtNight returns Friday, Oct. 14, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., at Pasadena's most prominent arts and cultural institutions. Over 20 venues will showcase diverse works of art, theatre, music and dance by the best the city's creative community has to offer. Enjoy hands-on, interactive activities for all ages and interests. Visit City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., to enjoy live music and create a festive pumpkin succulent planter.

Additional ArtNight offerings include The Pennington Dance Group at A Room to Create; improv lessons at Pasadena Playhouse taught by Impro Theatre artists—no acting or improv experience needed; self-guided tours of The Gamble House; a preview of "Chilling Classic Tales!" a live radio-style performance by Parson's Nose Theatre; readings by award-winning authors and family-friendly literary games at Red Hen Press; and an exploration of Jackie Robinson's legacy and impact on African American culture in Pasadena through historical images and artifacts at Jackie Robinson Community Center. Participating arts and cultural institutions include:

- A Room to Create
- Alkebu-Lan Cultural Center
- Armory Center for the Arts
- Art Center College of Design
- artWORKS Teen Center
- Boston Court Pasadena
- City of Pasadena City Hall
- Jackie Robinson Community Center
- Lineage Performing Arts Center
- Parson's Nose Theater
- Pasadena City College
- Pasadena Conservatory of Music
- Pasadena Museum of History
- Pasadena Playhouse
- Pasadena Public Library
- Red Hen Press
- Remainders Creative Reuse
- The Gamble House
- USC Pacific Asia Museum

Free shuttle service will be available throughout the evening, with stops at each venue. Food trucks will be on site at City Hall, Alkebu-Lan Cultural Center and Pasadena Museum of History offering tasty food items and beverages for purchase.

Visit: artnightpasadena.org for additional details and the complete list of art and cultural offerings. ArtNight is produced by the Cultural Affairs Division of the Pasadena Planning & Community Development Department, in collaboration with participating arts and cultural institutions. For accessibility information and assistance, call (626) 744-7062.



Finalists for the 2023 TofR Royal Court

The 28 finalists for the 2023 Royal Court took a group photo Tuesday on the front steps of Tournament House. Applicants from 33 Pasadena area schools participated in the interview process and seven of the finalists will be named to the 2023 Royal Court on Monday.

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

Royal Court members experience countless benefits; becoming part of an organization dedicated to hands-on volunteerism, discovering opportunities to connect with and give back to the local community, developing public speaking skills and growing self-confidence.

Volunteer Members of the Tournament of Roses' Queen and Court Committee made its selections based on a number of criteria including academic achievement community and school involvement, public speaking ability and youth leadership.

The 2023 Royal Court will ride down Colorado Blvd. on the Royal Court float in the 134th Rose Parade and attend the 109th Rose Bowl Game, both on Monday, January 2, 2023.

The 28 Royal Court Finalists, photographed in numeric order: First row, from left: (#6) Eva Domenghini, Alverno Heights Academy; (#12) Michelle Cortez-Peralta,

Pasadena High School; (#14) Kaitlyn Huang, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy; (#19) Uma Wittenberg, La Canada High School; (#24) Navya Kannan, Arcadia High School; (#37) Sydney Yee, Arcadia High School; (#41) Alexis Kim, Polytechnic School; (#56) Rachel Towner, Mayfield Senior School; (#57) Sahanna Rajinikanthan, Arcadia High School; (#67) Zoe Denoncourt, John Marshall Fundamental High School; (#76) Lucia Colwell, Polytechnic School; (#90) Faith Perez, Temple City High School.

Second row, from left: (#99) Isabelle Whetsel, South Pasadena High School; (#100) Clementine Anzalone, Polytechnic School; (#109) Noel Johnson-Montoya, John Muir High School; (#125) Lyric Woo, Westridge School; (#132) Marisa Sanders, Maranatha High School; (#134) Bella Ballard, Other: The Ogburn Online School; (#255) Gianna Repetti, Other: George Washington University Online High School; (#258) Arienne Rising, Mayfield Senior School; (#276) Kianna Le, Temple City High School.

Top row, from left: (#289) Molly Kirschenbaum, Westridge School; (#292) Katherine Shaw, La Canada High School; (#299) Rachel Noonan, South Pasadena High School; (#300) Grace Nelson, Westridge School; (#320) Natalie Vandergriff, Pasadena City College; (#332) Adrian Crick, Sequoyah High School;

(#351) Salia Baligh, Alverno Heights Academy.

The announcement will be live-streamed on the Tournament of Roses YouTube channel beginning at 9 a.m.

For more information visit: tournamentofroses.com.

Medicare Resource Fair at the Senior Center

A free Medicare resource fair Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., will help clarify health care plan options and upcoming changes for 2023 for Medicare, the federal health insurance program for adults 65 and older.

The annual nationwide open enrollment period for Medicare is Oct. 15 to Dec. 7 and is the opportunity to join, switch or drop a Medicare plan or Medigap plan (supplemental insurance for medical costs not covered by Medicare). Any changes older adults make during the open enrollment period will go into effect Jan. 1, 2023. Participants also will have the option to make no changes and keep the plans they currently have.

During the resource fair, health plan representatives will provide information and answer questions about Medicare plans and services as well as Medigap choices, and help everyone understand their options for the coming year. There also will be a presentation about these options and upcoming changes for 2023, resource information and more.

"Reassessing health care needs each year, as well as programs that can help keep costs down while maximizing benefits, is essential for aging well," said Akila Gibbs, executive director of the Pasadena Senior Center.

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a landmark amendment to the Social Security Act in 1965 that gave life to the Medicare program and changed the landscape of health care in the U.S. Prior to 1965, fewer than half of all Americans 65 and older had health insurance, compared to 96 percent today.

To register for the Medicare resource fair, visit: pasadenaseniocenter.org and click on Activities & Events, then Special Events or call 626-795-4331.

Proof of COVID vaccination is required for everyone who uses the fitness center or attends onsite activities indoors. Masks are optional.

City Observes Disability Employment Awareness Month

In October, the City of Pasadena will observe National Disability Employment Awareness Month, which aims to educate the public about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's theme is "Disability: Part of the Equity Equation."

The Pasadena City Council will proclaim the month of October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month at their Oct. 3 meeting. Mayor Victor Gordo will join Pasadena Civitan, a local service group whose mission includes increasing employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, to present an award to local employers of people with disabilities.

National Disability Employment Awareness

Month traces back to 1945 when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

"The City of Pasadena is proud to be part of this year's National Disability Employment Awareness Month," said Brenda Harvey-Williams, director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. "We want to share the important message that we value all perspectives in the workplace, including those of individuals with disabilities."

To learn more about how to participate in National Disability Employment Awareness Month visit: dol.gov/NDEAM.

In Memory of John Kennedy May 7, 1961 – July 21, 2022



Before John Kennedy was a Councilmember, he served on the board of Community Health Alliance of Pasadena, now ChapCare, with two of those years as Chair of the Board of Directors.

First elected in 2013, Councilmember Kennedy proudly and tirelessly served Pasadena's District 3. During his tenure on City Council, he chaired the Public Safety Committee, served on the Finance Committee, and was one of three City representatives to the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority. He served on a variety of local boards – including the Community Health Alliance of Pasadena, the Pasadena Police Foundation, and the Tom Bradley Legacy Foundation at UCLA. He served on the University of Notre Dame, School of Architecture's Commission on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion. He was an ardent supporter of affordable housing, livable wages, and local hiring.

In 2014, Pasadena's Mayor asked Councilmember Kennedy to lead a Sister Cities delegation to China and Taiwan on his behalf. Such an assignment was familiar and welcomed as Councilmember Kennedy had been a People-to-People Student Ambassador to several cities in Europe and participated in goodwill missions to a number of countries in Africa. Several years ago, he led a delegation from Pasadena to Dakar-Plateau, Senegal, which is now Pasadena's newest Sister City.

Always focused on the overwhelming need for housing in the community, Councilmember Kennedy was a tenacious advocate for the building of quality affordable housing in District 3 and throughout the city.

Over the years, John earned a reputation as a principled, persistent and pragmatic policymaker who focused on some of the most important issues confronting District 3 and the City of Pasadena. He emerged as a strong advocate for fiscal integrity; public safety; parks; affordable housing; local hiring, contracting, and supplies; and progressive social justice issues, such as the environment.

Throughout his career, John consistently demonstrated caring and innovative leadership. Results-oriented, he exhibited initiative and an entrepreneurial spirit in

accomplishing tasks and achieving goals. Knowledge and awareness of domestic and international governmental practices and procedures, enhanced by broad travel experience and political exposure, helped him achieve consensus on scores of public issues. He was a consummate team player.

John was the former Vice Mayor of Pasadena and very recently was re-elected to the Pasadena City Council, District 3, for a third term.

He is survived by sisters Geraldine, Sharon, Rosalinda, Lena, Elizabeth, brother Malcom, brother-in-law Redell Ellis, sister-in-law Faye Kennedy, sister-in-law Marvell Kennedy, dozens of nieces and nephews, four grandchildren, numerous mentees, friends and relatives. He is also survived by his dear friend and companion Dr. Roseline Dauphin. John was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Leola Sudduth Kennedy; brother Michael; and sisters Gladys and Glenda.

The Kennedy Family is devastated and heartbroken over the tragic passing of our beloved youngest brother John. He was bigger than life. John was a beautiful human being who loved life, loved people, and loved his community. His passing creates an unbearable, unimaginable, unfillable void in our hearts and in our city. We ask that the community work with us to fill the void and uplift our city in John's honor.

At the request of Councilmember Kennedy's family, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the LEOLA SUDDUTH AND THOMAS FOSTER KENNEDY SCHOLARSHIP FUND - Pasadena Community Foundation online zt: bit.ly/PCFKennedyFund. Checks payable to PCF with an indication of Kennedy Fund in the memo can be mailed to 301 E. Colorado Blvd., Suite 810, Pasadena, CA 91101. All donations are tax deductible.

Cards of condolence may be sent to PO Box 40371, Pasadena CA 91114. Funeral arrangements will be forthcoming.

The Kennedy Family appreciates your love, condolences and prayers. Any questions or information regarding Councilmember John J. Kennedy will be handled by Joann Forte, 818- 434-4140, joforte7@hotmail.com.
The Kennedy Family

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San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest (All ages)
Saturday, Today through Sunday, October 23

Our spookiest literary pumpkin creations are back! Kids, teens, and adults are invited to submit a decorated pumpkin inspired by a book character to win a gift card to Vroman's. Winners will be announced on Monday, October 31. Please visit CityofSanMarino.org/Pumpkin for more details and official rules.

Brain Aerobics & Lip Reading

Monday, October 3 and Tuesday, October 4 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, October 4 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. Registration is not required. Please watch our social media for cancellations.

Halloween Trunk or Treat & Movie Night

Friday, October 28 from 6 – 10 PM, Lacy Park

Cost: Pre-sale: R: \$5 / NR: \$10

Gate Price: R / NR: \$15

Join your friends, neighbors, and family for a spooktacular time!

There will be trunk or treating, food trucks, music, games, crafts, costume contests, and more! Then, when the ghouls go to sleep, a special screening of Hotel Transylvania will be shown on the lawn. Pre-order your wristbands between October 3 - 27 online. Pre-sale wristbands must be picked up at the Stoneman Building (1560 Pasqualito Drive) by October 28 at 11 AM. Wristbands will also be sold at Lacy Park on the day of the event. Wristband sales are non-refundable.

October Town Hall Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, the October Town Hall is canceled. Visit: cityofsanmarino.org for recordings of previous town halls and learn more about current City projects and priorities, recent changes to City processes or ordinances, and other useful information.

Puppy Love Dog PAW-ty a Resounding Success!

The Community Services Department hosted its second annual Puppy Love Dog PAW-ty at Lacy Park on September 17. There were approximately 650 two-legged friends in attendance with 170 four-legged pals accompanying them. There was great music, free giveaways, obstacle courses, swimming pools, plenty of doggy treats, and contests. Thanks to all who came out for a fun morning!

San Marino Center Ground Breaking Ceremony

On Thursday, the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the San Marino Center took place to kick-off the center's renovations. Mayor Jakubowski, Vice Mayor Talt, Council Member Ken Ude, City staff, and San Marino Task Force Members were present for this ceremonial groundbreaking.

Fire Department

Last week, the Fire Department received multiple visits by members of the San Marino community. On Tuesday, September 20, a local mommy and toddler group visited the station to meet the firefighters. While on Friday, September 23, the San Marino Fire Department conducted a station tour for the Valentine School Daisy Troop. Firefighters helped the troops earn a community service badge by teaching the group why following rules can help save lives and keep people safe.

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

Parks & Public Works Recent Happenings

This past week, Parks and Public Works staff repainted several different speed limit legends and other striping on City streets, which will help improve driver and pedestrian safety. City staff as completed tasks such as removing fallen tree branches and other debris from the public right-of-way, replacing streetlight bulbs and street signs, repairing pavement, and completing minor repairs at different City facilities. 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.

City Meetings

Design Review Committee

Wednesday, October 5 at 6 PM; Teleconference and Barth Room at Crowell Public Library

Recreation Commission Meeting

Monday, October 10 at 6 PM; Teleconference and Barth Room at Crowell Public Library

For more information visit: cityofsanmarino.org.

NASA, USGS Map Minerals to Understand Climate Change



These new observations can be used to identify the presence of a wide variety of minerals as well as mineral weathering or alteration.

NASA and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) announced Friday a plan to map portions of the southwest United States for critical minerals using advanced airborne imaging.

Hyperspectral data from hundreds of wavelengths of reflected light can provide new information about Earth's surface and atmosphere to help scientists understand Earth's geology and biology, as well as the effects of climate change.

The research project, called the Geological Earth Mapping Experiment (GEMx), will use NASA's Airborne Visible/Infrared Imaging Spectrometer (AVIRIS) and Hyperspectral Thermal Emission Spectrometer (HyTES) instruments flown on NASA's ER-2 and Gulfstream V aircraft to collect the measurements over the country's arid and semi-arid regions, including parts of California, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico.

"This exciting new project is just one example of the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to a clean energy future," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. "NASA has a long history of Earth observation that shows us how the planet is responding to climate change. This project builds on our 60-year legacy, and can show us where to look for the resources that support our transition to a clean energy economy. With our partners at USGS, NASA has led the way in developing these Earth observation systems to gather information to measure and monitor the environment and climate change."

These new observations record the spectroscopic fingerprints of surface minerals across hundreds of wavelength bands. In other words, these are

measurements not only of visible light our eyes can see but also of wavelengths of light beyond the visible into the infrared. The data can be used to identify the presence of a wide variety of minerals including primary rock-forming minerals as well as mineral weathering or alteration.

This project will complement data from NASA's newest instrument on the International Space Station, the Earth Surface Mineral Dust Source Investigation (EMIT). EMIT is focused on mapping the mineral dust source composition of Earth's arid regions to better understand how mineral dust affects heating and cooling of the planet. The instrument also makes spectroscopic measurements of the hundreds of wavelengths of light reflected from materials on Earth. The mission provided its first view of Earth on July 27 and is expected to become fully operational next month.

The \$16 million GEMx research project will last five years and is funded by the USGS Earth Mapping Resources Initiative, through investments from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The initiative will capitalize on both the technology developed by NASA for spectroscopic imaging as well as the expertise in analyzing the datasets and extracting critical mineral information from them. Beyond providing additional detail over the mineral maps made by EMIT, GEMx will provide NASA with critical high-resolution data at regional scales to support development of the Surface Biology and Geology mission, part of NASA's new Earth System Observatory. The Surface Biology and Geology mission will answer questions about the fluxes of carbon, water, nutrients, and energy within and between ecosystems and the atmosphere, the ocean, and Earth.

"This exciting scientific effort is made possible through the President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law investments and will enable NASA and the USGS to leverage our unique capabilities toward a common goal," said USGS Director David Applegate. "The data we're collecting will be foundational for not only critical minerals research but also for a wide range of other scientific applications, from natural hazards mitigation to ecosystem restoration."

In 1979, NASA started developing spectral imaging systems at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The first system, the Airborne Imaging Spectrometer, led to the development of AVIRIS. NASA and USGS have a long history of collaborating on collecting and analyzing spectroscopic data, including the 17-year Earth Observing-1 mission, which carried the first Earth orbiting instrument spanning the AVIRIS spectral range, Hyperion. This type of spectroscopic imaging has a long history of use in mineral research. These data are also useful for understanding a variety of other Earth science, ecological, and biological issues including geological acid mine drainage, debris flows, agriculture, wildfires, and biodiversity.

For more information about NASA's Earth science programs, visit: nasa.gov/earth.

Newsom signs Holden's, AB 2723 Animals: microchips and AB 676 Franchises

This week, Governor Newsom signed Assemblymember Chris Holden's bill, AB 2723 Animals: microchips and AB 676 Franchises.

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

"We need pet ownership to be clear for a number of reasons, the bond over time makes them members of our family and we need them to be protected and safe," said Assemblymember Chris Holden.

The next bill that was signed is AB 676, which helps prohibit franchisors from influencing where a franchisee can purchase a franchise based on a protected class, such as race.



This has been the subject of ongoing lawsuits against McDonalds by African American franchisees. This bill would create a more fair process where both parties have a say to determine the amount franchisee's owe when an agreement is being terminated. It also prevents franchisors from transferring all liability burden onto franchisees in exchange for financial help during a state of emergency.

"As a former franchisee, it was incumbent on me to bring forth solutions that work for franchisees and their employees. AB 676 helps to rectify the unbalanced relationship between franchisee and franchisors," said Holden. For more information visit: asmdc.org.

Get to Know South Pasadena Bees with a Local Naturalist

South Pasadena Beautiful and the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library invite the community to come socialize with us and learn about nature's best socializers: bees!

The free event, presented in partnership with the South Pasadena Public Library, will take place Wednesday, October 19, at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.) at the Library Community Room, 1115 El Centro Street. The program features fascinating presentations by local beekeeper Michael Pusateri and native bee expert Hartmut Wisch.

Pusateri is a longtime South Pasadena resident, television engineer, and person with many hobbies. He took up beekeeping in 2018 and has been keeping bees in his backyard, learning a lot of lessons and getting a few stings and a little honey along the way. Pusateri will be speaking about the basics of bees, their lifecycle, and his experience as a local beekeeper.

Wisch is a retired naturalist-guide. After leading European visitors through natural areas of the U.S. and Canadian West for 35 years, he discovered a love for macro photography. His principal interests are insects, mostly our native bees. He has taken several bee-identification classes with the late Robbin Thorp, is a member of the Lorquin Entomological Society, Pacific Coast Entomological Society, and a contributing editor at Bugguide.net (hosted by Iowa State University Entomology). He has contributed photos to numerous books and journals, has given talks on native bees,

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: pasadenaseniorcenter.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.

To register or for more information, visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.org






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Visit SouthPasadenaCA.gov/Events for more Open House information

ATTORNEY GENERAL ALLOWS LAWSUIT OVER CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO PROCEED

California Attorney General Rob Bonta has granted the application of HQH Chinese American Equalization Association and Arcadia Voters Rights Group leave to pursue a lawsuit challenging the appointment of Arcadia City Council Member Michael Danielson.

In granting authority to sue, the Attorney General found that the prospective Plaintiffs raised a question of law, and that litigation resolving the question either in favor of HQH or Council Member Danielson would serve the public interest.

This ruling is an initial procedural step in resolving the validity of the Council Member's appointment. The proposed Plaintiffs may now pursue a challenge to the appointment in Superior Court.

"While I am disappointed, the Attorney General's decision here is not entirely unexpected, since the Attorney General frequently grants authority to sue in similar circumstances," said Arcadia Mayor Tom Beck. "The City strongly disputes the allegation that the appointment violates the Arcadia City Charter. Pointless lawsuits like this are a waste of taxpayer's money," he said.

Council Member Danielson was appointed unanimously by the City Council on March 29, 2022, to fill the Council District 5 vacancy resulting from the death of Council Member Roger Chandler. His term expires upon the certification of the results of the November 8, 2022, election.

The prospective Plaintiffs seek to remove Council Member Danielson and conduct a special election to fill the seat. With just 43 days until the November elections, and with ballots due to be distributed starting in just two weeks, it is not possible to hold a special election at this point. Arcadia City Attorney Stephen P. Deitsch noted, "According to State Law, special elections to fill a vacancy must be called at least 114 days before the election is held." If the Plaintiffs were successful, the result would either be a new appointment by the City Council under the Charter or District 5 remaining unrepresented until the individual elected in November is sworn in.

MONROVIA'S GREEN CARE DAY SUCCESS!



Food ED, a local Monrovia nonprofit, hosted its first Green Care Day on Saturday morning, September 24 at six schools and the community garden in Monrovia. Sites included Monroe Elementary, Plymouth Elementary, Mayflower Elementary, Wild Rose Elementary, Monrovia High School, Santa Fe Computer Science Magnet Middle School, and Monrovia Community Garden.

Almost 300 people gave their time and energy to beautify gardens, mix new soil, clean up campuses, stain picnic tables, and make their outdoor learning spaces hospitable to students and our pollinator friends for the new school year.

Volunteers were welcomed by Mayor Becky Shevlin who generously thanked everyone for their efforts and MUSD School Board President Selene Lockerbie who explained these gardens do more than just grow food. "They teach kids about career pathways and healthy eating. What Food ED is doing is educating our students about creating a sustainable future." Volunteers joined community partners like Amigos de los Rios, Pack 66, Girl Scouts, Starbucks, and other service groups for a successful day.

Kristin Ritzau, Executive Director for Food ED, said, "It was amazing to see so many great people come out to help the gardens and schools. Monrovia truly has a special spirit and we are grateful for the energy everyone brought today."

More About Food ED

Food ED is a 501c3 nonprofit that runs garden and food science programs for Monrovia Unified School District in grades K-12. They help run Monrovia Community Garden and the community's compost program. They run free community workshops and have regular volunteer opportunities as well. To learn more about their work, visit explorefooded.org or email volunteer@explorefooded.org. Follow them on Instagram and Facebook as well @explorefooded.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of September 18, 2022 – September 24, 2022.

September 18, 2022

- **Robbery (Attempted Car Jacking):**
1303 Highland Avenue. On September 18, 2022 at 2:15 PM the victim was at the location delivering an uber eats delivery, when the customer "Jamiya" (male black adult, 20 years old, 5'08", 140 lbs., wearing a green hoodie and dark blue pants) who made the order approached him and demanded the vehicle keys, while simultaneously reaching for his waist band, simulating he had a firearm. Fearing for his safety, the victim ran away heading north. As the victim ran away, he noticed the suspect run into 1235 Highland Avenue. Suspect outstanding, no surveillance video available.

- **Robbery (Strong Arm):**
1302 Huntington Drive (Carl's Jr.). On September 18, 2022 at 11:00 PM the victim was walking by the location when he was approached from behind by a known local transient a male black adult (Jordan Edwards). The suspect forcibly took the victims necklace from about his neck and walked away. The victim demanded his necklace back, however the suspect continued to walk away. Suspect outstanding, no surveillance video available.

- **Aggravated Assault (Domestic Violence):**
Bloomdale Street / Brycedale Avenue. On September 18, 2022 at 12:41 AM the victim and suspect who are in a dating relationship were in the suspect's vehicle when they began to argue. The suspect became angry and began to drive erratically so the victim asked to be let out. Without warning, the suspect punched the victim once in the face and then pushed her so hard the door opened, and she fell out of the vehicle. The suspect fled the area. Suspect outstanding, no surveillance video available.

September 19, 2022

- **Grand Theft (Attempt):**
1980 Broach Avenue. On September 19, 2022 at 9:15 PM the victim's neighbor was outside when he heard the sound of a saw underneath his neighbor's car, a tan 2006 Toyota Sequoia. The neighbor approached the vehicle and observed a male Hispanic adult wearing all black clothing under the vehicle. The neighbor hunched down and attempted to pull the suspect from underneath the car. The suspect fled from the opposite side of the vehicle and entered the passenger side door of an awaiting vehicle, a white chevy Avalanche with a partial license plate # of 1777. Damage was approximately \$1,000.

- **Grand Theft Auto:**
1400 Block of Buena Vista Street. On September 19, 2022 between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's parked vehicle a white 1994 Acura Integra. Vehicle recovered by La Habra Police. No surveillance video available.

September 20, 2022

- No significant activity.

September 21, 2022

- No significant activity.

September 22, 2022

- No significant activity.

September 23, 2022

- **Grand Theft:**
Highland Avenue / Central Avenue. Between September 22, 2022 3:00 PM and September 23, 2022 4:30 AM suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's catalytic converter to her vehicle a silver 2013 Toyota Prius. Loss was approximately \$2,000.

- **Grand Theft:**
1900 Block of Chesson Street. Between September 22, 2022 10:00 AM and September 23, 2022 9:00 AM suspect suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's catalytic converter to his vehicle a gray 2010 Toyota Prius. Loss was approximately \$2,000.

- **Grand Theft:**
1400 Block of 3rd Street. Between September 22, 2022 9:30 PM and September 23, 2022 6:39 AM suspect suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's catalytic converter to his vehicle a gray 2011 Toyota Prius. Loss was approximately \$2,500.

- **Grand Theft:**
2100 Block of Maynard Drive. On September 23, 2022 at 4:03 AM suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's catalytic converter to her vehicle a gray 2015 Toyota Prius. Loss was approximately \$2,500.

- **Grand Theft (Attempt):**
1300 block of Elmhurst Avenue. On September 23, 2022 at 4:03 AM the victim's roommate was outside when she heard the sound of a saw underneath her roommate's car, a white 2011 Toyota Prius. The roommate yelled at an unknown male Hispanic adult wearing all black clothing under the vehicle. The suspect put something in the trunk of an awaiting dark colored vehicle and entered the passenger side door, where it fled the area. Damage was approximately \$3,000.

- **Grand Theft:**
1100 Block of Highland Avenue. On September 23, 2022 at 4:15 AM suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's catalytic converter to her vehicle a silver 2005 Toyota Prius. Loss was approximately \$1,500.

- **Grand Theft (Attempt):**
800 Block of Juniper Drive. On September 23, 2022 at 4:25 AM the victim was outside when she heard the sound of a saw near her car, a gray 2010 Toyota Prius. She ran towards her vehicle and observed three unknown male Hispanics adults, 2 wearing all black clothing and one wearing a orange hoodie standing by her vehicle while a 4th suspect was underneath cutting her catalytic converter. The 4 suspects entered an awaiting dark colored vehicle and fled the area. Damage was approximately \$3,000.

September 24, 2022

- **Burglary (Vehicle):**
1800 Block of 2nd Street. On September 24, 2022 at 1:10 PM suspect(s) unknown shattered the passenger side window to a US postal vehicle that was left unattended and stole a tray containing approximately 500 pieces of US mail. No surveillance video available.

AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

PROGRAM ENCOURAGES SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SCHOOLS, NON-PROFITS TO INVEST IN WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS

By Marc Cota-Robles

SIERRA MADRE, Calif. (KABC) --

The San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District has a program designed to encourage water-saving projects. At the Sierra Madre Community Nursery School, the kids are learning from a young age about being water wise. Sarah Healy Pyrzak, coordinator of the school garden, says when she arrived at the school about five years ago things were outdated.

"We took out all the sprinklers, we put in the drip system, we put in an all new manifold that wasn't leaking everywhere. We made everything very water tight, water efficient," said Pyrzak.

All that work was thanks to an OWL grant: Opportunities for Water Leadership. Started in 2017, the program allows schools and nonprofits in Alhambra, Azusa, Monterey Park and Sierra Madre to apply for funding to create new water-wise projects.

"These are long-term savings. They're not savings that are just going to be for the next couple of days or next couple of weeks. These kinds of savings will last for years and years," said Thomas Wong of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

Bob Spears of the Sierra Madre Community Foundation said they are making progress in re-landscaping the post office.

"I looked at that and said here's an opportunity for us to re-landscape and have a demonstration project for the community that will show people how to plant drought tolerant native plants using low flow irrigation," said Spears. Like the school, part of the work is funded by OWL grant money, with the hope that others in the community will want to begin to learn how to save water.

That improved irrigation at the nursery school has allowed them to use the garden daily.

"It's immeasurable because we do so much planting here now, we do so much eating here now, which is the part the kids like!" said Pyrzak.

RETIRED TEACHERS TO MEET IN-PERSON

We're back! After months of remote communications, the California Retired Teachers' Association-Division 71 (CalRTA #71) is pleased to be holding an in-person meeting on Friday, October 14, 2022. The meeting will take place at our new location: Clearman's North Woods Inn (just south of Huntington Dr.) 7247 N. Rosemead Blvd. San Gabriel, CA 91775

The restaurant opens at 11:30 am, and lunch is served at 12:15 pm, with the program to follow at 1:00 pm.

The cost of the lunch is \$25 (including tax and tip). Lunch consists of choice of 3 sandwiches, small salad, rice, and a beverage: coffee, iced tea, or soda. These are the only drinks included with the meal. The sandwich choices are Sirloin Burger, Chicken Breast, or Mahi Mahi. (The Chicken Breast and Mahi Mahi are both served open face.)

Parking is available on the north and south sides of the restaurant as well as in back.

Please mail your check payable to CalRTA Division 71 by Wednesday, October 5 to John Gera, P.O. Box 1133, Temple City, CA 91780. His telephone number is (626) 286-0714.

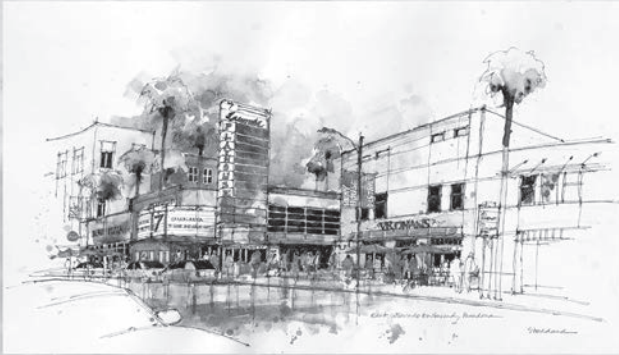
For the program, the CalRTA Board will explain the reason for the change of location and other matters. The place we usually meet, "The Los Angeles County Senior Center," is now charging to use that facility. In trying to find a new location for our CalRTA meetings, the board members have faced challenges that they will explain to the membership at our October 14 meeting. President Rosemarie Hernandez says that activities will resume. Some activities are presenting Teacher Grants to classroom teachers and collecting Books for Court and Pop Tops for donation to Ronald McDonald House.

CalRTA #71 has always been a vital, active group. Now it is time to continue in that way. Membership in the California Retired Teachers' Association is open to retired teachers, current teachers, and any others that are interested in joining. We meet five times a year, and we welcome your membership!

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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.

DO YOU KNOW JAZZ GUITARIST ERIC BYAC - TALENTED MUSICIAN AND TEACHER? YOU SHOULD!

Before this year ends, well known jazz guitarist Eric Byac will release a new album, "Tales From Hacienda de la Paz" which has deep Sierra Madre roots. You see, this album was the result of a chance encounter of Byac with local resident and business owner Tom Brady and his wife Julie who one evening decided to stop at Beantown. Playing that night were Eric Byac and his Brazilian flavored band members and the rest is history. Tom, impressed with Eric's music asked him to create music for destinations around the world for Brady's client American Express. At that time Eric was a USC School of Music major in studio guitar. And his life and music have been growing every since.

After many years in association with Tom, he asked Eric to perform at his brother (John Brady's estate) Hacienda de La Paz. The estate, a 55 million dollar extravaganza with architecture dating back to 10th century Andalusia to the present day. After Eric's performance, he realized he had an epic composition already partially composed on paper that must be titled "Hacienda de la Paz." And since 2018 Byac has been hard at work completing this album.

The album won't be Eric's first recorded work. In fact, he has quite the background. As a youngster, Eric caught the attention of actress and singer Debbie Reynolds, who invited him to perform by her side at the Burbank Starlight Bowl as solo guitarist. Debbie then referred Eric to an agent, who placed him on several major television shows: The Steve Allen Show, Rosie Grier, and Good Day LA.

After high school, Eric received a scholarship into the USC School of Music, Studio Guitar Department. It was there he met legendary studio guitarist Lee Ritenour, who was recording with everyone from Barbra Streisand to Pink Floyd. In his masterclass and workshops, Lee introduced a new phenomenon called guitar synthesis; the ability to play orchestral and keyboard sounds from a guitar and Eric jumped at this innovation. "It's pretty amazing to be able to instantly create any instrument on the spot, without hiring other musicians, and producers love the cost savings" Byac said. With this newfound ability to score music from guitar, he was contracted by executive producer Jon Barbour at RCA/ Columbia pictures, to score his first movie trailer "The karate kid 3".

Similar projects followed, including "Back to the Future", "Bird on a Wire", "Ghost Busters", "La Bamba" and the list goes on and on. He then began working on Disney projects including Duck Tails, Tailspin, Disney Adventures and an animation feature "Little Angelita", narrated by singer Gloria Estefan.

Eric Byac and his group Quantum Energy, created their latest single, "Laguna Breeze" live in front of the art crowd at the world famous "Pageant of the Masters Festival of the Arts". Featuring Grammy Award winner MB Gordy, Nathan East and Ricky Lawson are all part of the album project as well. Eric's guitar work has been described as seductive, sensuous, exotic, intertwining classic jazz, breezy funk and Brazilian rhythms.

In the LA music scene, Eric's music has made its way to the hit TV show "This is Us", "The Young and the Restless", "General Hospital" and countless other TV underscores and promos. He has been hailed as "inspiringly beautiful" (Paul Andersen, Glendale News Press) and "gorgeous...with grace [and] a bit of grittiness" (LA Jazz Scene, Myna Daniels).

And in his spare time, he offers private lessons for young and old. He is resuming his private teaching practice where he teaches guitar at Bethany Christian Church, in your home or even by Zoom.

Although the pandemic caused by COVID 19 put a stumbling block in his schedule and performances for a while, Eric is back! Click on his website and let your ears partake of what one could say is "the sweetest guitar".

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Having attended the USC School of Music and earning a degree in Sound Engineering, his guitar playing and scoring has been heard in trailers of popular film and underscores for many TV shows. He is now sharing his talents, offering private guitar instruction to a limited number of students.

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SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR PRINCESSES/AMBASSADORS

The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association is once again seeking applications for the position of Princess/Ambassador (in any combination of female/male) to represent the City at local functions and activities and to ride on our float on January 2, 2023 in the Rose Parade* presented by Honda!

This year we are searching for up to four (4) Princesses/Ambassadors who will not only have the honor of riding on the Sierra Madre float, but will have the pleasure of speaking to the Sierra Madre City Council and local service organizations and clubs. In addition, they will assist with float decorating and contribute to publicity opportunities. We will follow current Covid-19 guidelines throughout our float season. Unvaccinated candidates are requested to wear a mask. Princesses/Ambassadors will have a very exciting and educational year!

Application Guidelines and Process:

- 1) Applicants must be 15 to 18 years old, have a 3.0 grade average, and be a resident of Sierra Madre. Princesses and Ambassadors must be available to participate in the speaking engagements and during our Deco Week (December 26 – January 1).
- 2) Applications may be picked up at City Hall, the SMRFA barn on Sundays, or downloaded from the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association website: www.sierramadrosfloat.org
- 3) Applications must be received at the SMRFA post office box, OR placed in an envelope and put under the door of the Float Barn at 587 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. OR emailed to info@sierramadrosfloat.org by Friday, October 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Applications submitted later than October 28th will not be considered.
- 4) Applicants must be able to attend judging interviews on the afternoon of Sunday, October 30th. Our new Royal Court will be announced within 10 days of the judging. The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association Royal Court will be presented to the membership on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at The SMRFA Barn, located at 587 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre.

For more information or questions, please contact Gwen Robertson, 626-272-1702 or send an email to info@sierramadrosfloat.org.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE SIERRA MADRE CIVIC CLUB DOWNTOWN HALLOWEEN ART EVENT

Sierra Madre Civic Club is actively working to make the 2022 Downtown Halloween Art Event hauntingly successful! Don't miss this is all-community event designed for the fun and the enjoyment of all who will create and view Halloween-themed art displays throughout downtown Sierra Madre.

Sierra Madre Civic Club encourages all Sierra Madre households to participate in the Halloween Art Event that will be displayed on downtown merchants' windows from October 22 through November 1, 2022. All ages from a single Sierra Madre address are welcome to draw or paint any Halloween theme on paper 'canvas' delivered free to your front door. Any medium you choose is acceptable—crayons, markers, pencils, paint, ink are just a few ideas. Be creative! Sign up on-line September 17 — October 7 at sierramadrecivicclub.org. The deadline to return completed artwork is October 18.

Sierra Madre Civic Club is a not-for-profit, community service organization that was founded by a small group of women in 1944. Since that time, Civic Club has grown to over a hundred members of all ages who are committed to creating a better community. Learn more about Sierra Madre Civic Club at: www.facebook.com/sierramadrecivicclub If you have any questions about the Sierra Madre Civic Club Downtown Halloween Art Event, please contact Shannon Vandeveld, Civic Club Halloween Chair at 626-840-6384, or info@sierramadrecivicclub.com

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Later, Americans blazed trails across these lands to explore and map them!

Two of the men above led the famous _____ and _____ Expedition. They were the first to travel and map the land across the United States.

Can you find and circle the last names of the explorers above?

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6. honors and _____
7. gather _____ about the world
8. settle new _____
9. _____ lands

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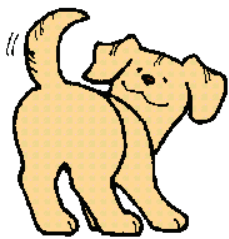
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DEER CROSSING

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



And Lots of Other Reasons to SLOW DOWN!

I'll never forget the first time I saw a deer wandering around on the property where I lived when I moved to Sierra Madre 31 years ago. I had heard there were lots of deer in the foothills, and that they often came down into the canyons and neighborhoods while foraging for food. But until that morning when I awoke early and saw one nibbling away on the greens in my yard, I had no clue as to how majestic that sight would be.

I was amazed at how peaceful they were, roaming free among us humans as we bustled about to get out of our houses and into our cars, then swiftly down the hill to the freeway and eventually to work, hopefully on time! Those deer gave me a sense of serenity. Just knowing they were there, trusting us to show them respect and bidding that we allow them to carry on with their simple daily routine. It made me realize all the more, how fortunate I was to live in this unique and special place, and how desperately delicate is our mission for cohabitation in these foothills.

Many years have passed since my first deer sighting in Sierra Madre and much has changed in our town, but one thing that has stayed the same is my looking forward to the next time I'll get to see those darling deer passing through my neighborhood. I tend to keep an eye out for them, in hopes that they will indeed come around and I will be blessed with that majestic moment of serenity that they have a way of bringing to my day.

I drive on Grand View daily. Often, when I am headed east toward Santa Anita Blvd. I'll see a family of deer grazing in the huge yard on the north side of the street. I'm pretty good about complying with the 30mph rule, even when there is an obnoxious tale-gaiter behind me. But I slow down even more when I see deer crossing because I know there may be a young straggler trying to scale the fence to cross and join the others, or perhaps one of the adults taking up the rear to ensure that everyone else made it safely across the road.

It only takes a couple of seconds to slow down - just in case - and for me it is always such a pleasure to see them. This is why I am completely mystified by the many motorists I see speeding down Grand View on a daily basis, with the pedal to the metal as if they are on a freaking freeway somewhere in LA rather than on a residential street in Sierra Madre. Again, the speed limit on Grand View is 30 miles per hour, just in case

that is not made clear enough by the signs.

One might argue that Grand View is such a wide open road, it is tempting for even a good driver to go over the limit because of the steep nature of the hill and broad range of visibility. I get it, I do. But the law is the law, and it's simple common courtesy to those who live on that street to go the speed limit. I sense that there are numerous drivers in our town who somehow feel exempt from such "petty" things as 'going the speed limit' or stopping at a stop sign. If this resonates, just let me say, you are not exempt, so get with the program! There really are reasons why those laws have been put into place. It's ok if you don't understand. Just do it.

And then there are the tiny winding roads up in the canyon where residents wish to enjoy a peaceful, quiet lifestyle and they pay dearly for it. Did you know that the speed limit on most canyon roads is 15 miles per hour? Yep, just like the signs say... FIFTEEN, not fifty! As a dog walker who often has no choice but to walk along the short shoulders of those tiny canyon roads, I know for a fact that there are far too many people who apparently do not know the speed limit up there, or again, perhaps they think they are exempt.

I just wish folks would acknowledge the speed limit in the canyon, even if 15 mph seems ridiculous. And if there happens to be a pedestrian walking on the road where there is no sidewalk, you might have to slow down enough to allow them to get to a place where they can get off the road onto someone's driveway or yard to allow you to pass by. Don't threaten them by revving your motor or pressing in so close they feel forced to climb a boulder or a tree to get out of your way. Basic common sense, right? One would think.

Then there are those who, in lieu of showing the courtesy of slowing down and allowing the pedestrian enough time to get off the road, choose to speed up even more and zoom around them with a scowl as if that person intentionally set out to conspire against their morning commute. Anyone who is in that much of a hurry might consider leaving the house earlier. Just a thought.

The other day I had to laugh when a "friend" asked me, "Why do people need to walk their dogs on the streets in the canyon?" There once was a time when I could have had a field day with that one and left him feeling like a real moron, but I just smiled on the outside and laughed real hard on the inside before backing away slowly and leaving him apparently still waiting for an answer. No, it wasn't a rhetorical question, and no, he wasn't kidding! I had to laugh.

Now I realize this little rant doesn't quite qualify as a "Happy Tail", but I do hope it may have brought on a little giggle or smile to lighten the day for those who 'get it'. Most importantly, though, I hope the message hits home with at least one reader who is ready to admit he or she needs to slow their roll. Peace and tranquility...if I remember correctly, these were top on the list of reasons why most of us moved here. Show some respect. Love and let live.

Katnip News!



HOW 'BOUT A MR. PEETS & LATTÉ?

Here are two more of our 5 "Coffee Clatch Kittens," Mr. Peets and Latte. They've now transitioned to solid food and are developing the sweetest purr-sonalities! Our website's "Very Young" page has pictures of all the siblings—2 boys and 3 girls: Joe, Mr. Peets, Ko-na, Latte, and Mocha. Please choose 2 unless you already have a playful young feline at home. We are taking applications now for delivery in October. They will already come spayed/neutered, mi-crochipped, 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. Can't adopt? Please share with someone who can. We want these babies in their forever homes asap. Thank you!



Pet of the Week

Milo is an exceptionally unique-looking Shepherd mix. Despite his stunning good looks, Milo is as shy as he is gorgeous. He is uncertain of new people, and sadly that has made people pass him by.

It's when you get to spend quality time with Milo that you can see his true personality. He recently went for a day out with one of our staff members and she found that he walked right next to her, made friends with some other dogs and thoroughly enjoyed the car ride. At home, he relaxed and even tried to help with homework!

Milo is a little over 1 1/2 years old and has playful energy. He loves treats, so once he becomes comfortable in his forever home, he'll be so much fun to train, take camping and hiking and probably be a superstar model!

The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter surgery, 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



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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

ANNE HECHHE DIES WITH CONFLICT AROUND HER WILL, LEAVING HER SONS & ESTATE IN LEGAL LIMBO

Actress Anne Heche died this August following a tragic car accident in which she plowed her vehicle into a West Los Angeles home, where it burst into flames. After being pulled from the wreckage, the Emmy Award-winning actress was hospitalized in critical condition, suffering from severe burns and smoke inhalation.

The fiery accident left Heche brain dead and comatose, but she was kept on life support for seven days in order to identify a suitable recipient for her organs, which was in line with the actress' wishes, according to a statement from her publicist. After a successful match with organ donors, Heche was removed from life support on August 14th, and she died shortly thereafter. She was 53 years old.

Heche is survived by two young sons. Her eldest, Homer Heche Laffoon, is 20 years old, and is from her marriage with ex-husband Coleman Laffoon. Her youngest son, Atlas Heche Tupper, is 13, and his father is Canadian actor James Tupper, with whom Heche had a 10-year relationship following her divorce from Laffoon. Heche is also survived by her mother, Nancy Heche.

According to a court petition filed by her eldest son Homer on August 31st, Heche died without a will, and Homer requested that he be named executor of his late mother's estate. However, on September 15th, Heche's ex-boyfriend James Tupper filed a probate petition

objecting to Homer's bid, claiming that Heche e-mailed him a copy of her will in 2011, leaving him (Tupper) in charge of her estate.

In a report by Rolling Stone, Tupper says Heche nominated him to handle her affairs, allegedly stating in her e-mail, "My wishes are that all of my assets go to the control of Mr. James Tupper to be used to raise my children and then given to the children."

Tupper requested that the court honor Heche's final wishes and deny Homer's petition, which he alleges incorrectly claimed she died intestate, the legal term for when someone dies without a will. In Tupper's petition, he questioned both Homer's ability to carry out the executor role and his motives, noting that "Homer is only 20 years of age and is unemployed, and was estranged from [Heche] at the time of her death."

While we can't know for certain whether or not Anne Heche had a will or if the will Tupper describes is valid, given that there is so much confusion surrounding her will, the late actress most likely didn't have any trusts set up either. Her failure to plan is likely to create a number of major problems for her two sons and other surviving loved ones.

I'll follow this case as it unfolds to document Heche's estate planning mistakes and how those errors will likely impact her family and assets. I'll do this so you can learn from this tragic situation and identify the steps you can take to make certain your loved ones never need to endure a similar situation.

PROBATE: A NEEDLESS ORDEAL & EXPENSE. If you die without a will, or with uncertainty around your will, as Heche did—and even if your estate plan includes a will alone—you are guaranteeing your family will have to deal with the court process of probate upon your death or incapacity. Like all court proceedings, probate can be long, costly, and traumatic for your surviving loved ones.

Until Heche's estate completes the probate process, her assets will be mostly inaccessible to her heirs. As a result, her sons, Homer and Atlas, could be left without financial support from their late mother for a significant amount of time.

It will likely take many months just to locate all of Heche's assets, and it's quite possible some of those assets will get overlooked—and may never be found. All told, there is approximately \$58 billion in unclaimed property across the United States, and this is exactly how a great deal of it ends up lost.

To ensure all her assets are located and accounted for, Heche could have created (and maintained) an inventory of her assets -- or a lawyer could have done this for her. Such an inventory not only makes creating your estate plan much easier, but most importantly, it allows your loved ones to know what you have, where it is, and how to

access it if something happens to you.

A LONG, EXPENSIVE, & PUBLIC PROCESS. What we know so far is that Heche didn't seem to have a lawyer who created an inventory of her assets, or to make sure her surviving family would stay out of court, or even out of conflict. As a result, her estate is likely to be stuck in probate for at least a year. And that assumes everything goes smoothly and there are no serious conflicts or disputes among Heche's potential heirs or creditors, which is common following celebrity death—and as we are already seeing between Homer and Tupper.

In fact, with his surviving heirs and creditors fighting over the rights to his vast fortune, it took more than six years for Prince's estate to be settled.

The unnecessarily lengthy time frame is just one of the drawbacks to probate—the unnecessary expense of a probate is a whole other issue. Before Homer and Atlas can inherit a dime, a veritable army of other people and entities—attorneys, a personal representative, a publisher, a probate referee, appraisers, accountants, various advisors, creditors, and possibly, the IRS—must all be paid, and this is likely to seriously deplete Heche's estate.

Probate costs in California average 5% or more of the total value of the estate, leaving an estimated cost to her family of approximately \$200,000 or more. Most of these fees could have been avoided with a properly established estate plan—and with a lawyer to guide her and her family throughout her life and beyond.

Last, and perhaps worst, probate is open to the public, so all of Heche's dirty laundry will be fodder for the tabloids, as it already has been for so much of her life. Given the actress' past history with mental illness and her contentious relationships with her mother, ex-husband, and Ellen DeGeneres, the tabloids are likely to dig up plenty of dirt.

Fortunately, there's a simple solution to ensuring your surviving loved ones will avoid the cost, time delay, and public nature of probate upon your eventual death or potential incapacity, and this solution is available not only to rich celebrities, but to regular folks, as well.

With a well-counseled and drafted estate plan, likely including a living trust in addition to a will (and a trusted advisor to support it all), Homer and Atlas would have been able to access their late mother's assets without the need for any court intervention whatsoever, if that's what Heche would have wanted.

Alternatively, Heche could have made it clear that she wanted Tupper controlling her affairs, and her lawyer could have confirmed that without dispute. Finally, if a trust is properly created and maintained, it will remain private, and the transfer of assets to your heirs can happen within the privacy of a law office, not a courtroom, and on your family's timeline.

This would have prevented the tabloids and other potential bad actors from getting access to the details of Heche's assets, her beneficiaries, and family conflicts, all of which will now be readily available for public consumption.

Don't let your loved ones be left with a mess like Anne Heche's family is dealing with now. Engage an experienced attorney to work with you to put in place the right combination of estate planning solutions to fit with your asset profile, family dynamics, budget, as well as your overall goals and desires.

Best,

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AUTO AIDS THAT MAKE DRIVING EASIER AND SAFER

Dear Savvy Senior:

Do you know of any car gadgets that can help older drivers? I drive a 12-year-old car and have arthritis in my neck, back and knees which limits my mobility making it more difficult to get in and out of the car and look over my shoulder to backup. Almost 80



Dear Almost:

To help keep older drivers safe and extend their driving years, there are a number of inexpensive products you can purchase that can easily be added to your vehicle to help with many different needs. Here are some popular auto aids to consider.

Entry and Exit Aids

For mobility challenged seniors who have a difficult time entering and exiting a vehicle – especially cars that are low to the ground or high vehicles such as SUV's or pickup trucks – there are a variety of support handles and special seat cushions that can help.

Some examples include the Stander (stander.com) "HandyBar" (\$40), which is a portable support grab bar that inserts into the U-shaped striker plate on the doorframe, and the "CarCaddie" (\$20), a nylon support handle that buckles around the top of the door window frame. Stander also has an "Auto Swivel Seat Cushion" (\$40), that rotates 360 degrees to help drivers and passengers pivot their body into and out of their vehicle.

Rear Vision Improvements

To help those with neck and back range of motion problems, which makes looking over the shoulder to back-up or merge into traffic difficult, there are special mirrors you can add as well as back-up cameras.

To widen rear visibility and eliminate blind spots, Verivue Mirrors (verivuemirrors.com) offers the popular "Universal 12-Inch Panoramic Rearview Mirror" (\$13) that clips on to existing rearview mirrors, along with a variety of "Blind Spot Mirrors" (\$5 for two), which are small convex mirrors that stick to the corner of the sideview mirrors.

Another helpful device is the "Auto-vox CS-2 Wireless Backup Camera Kit" (\$120, www.auto-vox.com). This comes with a night vision camera that attaches to the rear license plate, and a small monitor that mounts to the dash or windshield. When the vehicle is in reverse, it sends live images wirelessly to the monitor so you can see what's behind you.

Seat Belt Extenders

For plus-sized people or those with mobility problems, there are seat belt extension products that can make buckling up a little easier. For example, Seat Belt Extender Pros (seatbelttextenderpros.com) offers vehicle-specific "Seat Belt Extenders" (\$13 to \$26) that fit into the seat belt buckle receiver to add a few inches of length, making them easier to fasten. They also sell a "Seat Belt Grabber Handle" (\$8), which is a rubber extension handle that attaches to the seat belt strap to make it easier to reach.

Gripping Devices

If you have hand arthritis that makes gripping difficult or painful, consider the "SEG Direct Steering Wheel Cover" (\$17) that fits over the steering wheel to make it larger, softer and easier to grip. And for help twisting open tight gas caps, the "Gas Cap & Oil Cap Opener by Gascapoff" (\$17) is a long-handled tool that works like a wrench to loosen and tighten gas caps.

Many of these products can be found in your local auto supply stores or online at the manufacturer's website or at Amazon.com. Just type the product name in the search bar to find them.

Professional Help

If you need more assistance, consider contacting a driver rehabilitation specialist who are trained to evaluate elderly drivers and provide safety and driving equipment suggestions.

In addition to the types of aids mentioned in this column, there's also a range of adaptive driving equipment that can be professionally installed on a vehicle – like swing-out swivel seats, pedal extenders, hand controls and more – to help people with various disabilities. To locate a driver rehabilitation specialist in your area, visit ADED.net or MyAOTA.aota.org/driver_search.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS



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

DOMINOES TRAIN GAME 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 11:00 am— 12:30 pm Hart Park House The object of the game is for a player to play all the tiles from their hand onto one or more trains, emanating from a central hub or "station". Call Lawren with questions that you may have.

PAINT PALS

Thursday, 10/13 10:30 am—Hart Park House If you enjoy painting, sketching, water color, or making some other form of artistic creation please join our new program, PAINT PALS!!! Bring a project that you are working on to the HPH and enjoy some quality art time with other artists looking to paint with a new pal.

TEA AND TALK SENIOR BOOK CLUB Tuesday Oct. 12 and Oct. 26 — 9:00 am Staff has launched a new book club series, Tea and Talk, which meets twice a month to discuss the fun, suspense, intrigue, love and so much more that each selection will have in store!

FIBER FRIENDS Tuesday, 10/4 and 10/18 —10:00 am If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, embroidery, needlepoint, bunka, huck, tatting or cross stitch then we have a group for you! Bring your current project, a nonalcoholic beverage, then sit and chat with likeminded fiber friends. We meet in the Hart Park House

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

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC - Tuesday, Oct. 11 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Methodist Hospital will be holding a free to seniors clinic once a month in the Hart Park House. Walk in are welcome - no pre-registration required.

LOTERIA: Oct. 20 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Come down to the HPH (Hart Park House) for a lively round of Loteria (Mexican Bingo) Prizes await!

OCTOBER CRAFT Tuesday, October 25 10:30am Hart Park House Have you ever had interest in balloon art? Well you are in luck! Join Recreation Coordinator Pardo as she instructs us on how to create a cat, bat or pumpkin balloon column. Space is limited so please call or email Lawren to reserve your spot.

SENIOR CINEMA Wednesday, 10/12— 1:00 pm Hubie Halloween PG-13 1h 43m

Good-natured but eccentric community volunteer Hubie Dubois finds himself at the center of a real murder case on Halloween night. Despite his devotion to his hometown of Salem, Massachusetts (and its legendary Halloween celebration).



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WHY GOD GAVE ME A TONGUE



One thing about getting older is that you begin to understand the old saying that you don't know what you don't know. It has been so true for me. When I think I know everything, something comes up that I never even thought about.

Sometimes The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage brings up something that I need to learn and she is a persuasive teacher.

Truth be told, I didn't really know what my tongue was all about. It's been in my mouth from before the time I was born. And yet recently, I discovered a new aspect of my tongue. The other day I snuck out of the house and went down to a restaurant, which shall be undisclosed here, to get a senior coffee and an Apple Fritter.

Apple Fritters are not permitted in our home. For some reason, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage does not allow Apple Fritters to be part of my diet. She has explained this many times, and yet I still do not know the whole reason behind it. And yet, sometimes I get a yearning for an Apple Fritter. I can only restrain that yearning for so long before I succumb to the desire to go and get one. I knew I could not bring it home, or I would be in some deep trouble, so I stayed at that unmentioned restaurant and enjoyed my coffee and Apple Fritter.

As I was enjoying my time with my coffee and Apple Fritter, I suddenly became aware of something. It is amazing how often I come up with something that I've never come up with before. I had an idea that I never thought about before.

The idea had everything to do with my tongue. How many times have I ever thought about my tongue? It's in my mouth, I assume it's doing its job, and forget it's there.

As I was munching on my Apple Fritter, I began to understand the purpose of my tongue, which had nothing to do with wagging. As I thought about it, the thought that dominated my mind was simply this, if it weren't for my tongue, I would not know how delicious this Apple Fritter really was.

For a moment, I was frozen in time, and for the first time in my life, I began to appreciate my tongue. I laid my Apple Fritter down on a napkin and just admired it for a few moments. There it was in all of its magnificent glory and delicious taste. I don't know who invented the Apple Fritter, but they deserve a Nobel Peace Prize from my point of view.

I was going to savor this moment, and I slowly picked up the Apple Fritter, took a bite, and laid it back down on the napkin. I let that piece marinate in my mouth and let my tongue do its work.

My tongue was very busy at that moment, conveying to me a most delicious aspect of that Apple Fritter. I never would've guessed that my tongue was so important to me. I mentally made a note that I would take better care of my tongue than I'd ever done before. My tongue has to become my favorite companion.

Sitting there, the waitress came up and said, "Is everything okay?" I looked at her, tossed her a wonderful smile, and said, "Yes, everything is perfect." She smiled at me and then went back to her job.

I thought of the word "perfect" and how it related to my tongue. I don't know about other days, but today my tongue was perfect in expressing the delicious nature of that Apple Fritter. I was wrestling with a little temptation at the time. I was tempted to go up to the counter and order another Apple Fritter. I remembered that hymn that says, "Yield not to temptation for yielding is sin." Oh, how I wanted to sin at that moment. I did not yield, but I did enjoy the last bite of that marvelous Apple Fritter.

Glancing at my watch, I realized I needed to finish up here and get home. It was so hard to leave behind such a delicious experience.

Leaving the restaurant, I noticed my tongue wagging back and forth in my mouth, most of the Apple Fritter I just ate.

I got home, and walked in the front door. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was there and looking at me, she said, "Where have you been? And, what's wrong with your tongue?" Smiling at her, I simply said, "My tongue is wonderful. We had a wonderful time together." Looking at me rather strangely she said, "Oh, yeah?"

I knew I could not tell her of my experience of the day, and I don't think she would've understood. Some things are better left to yourself. This was one of them. No way could she understand what I experienced with my tongue and my Apple Fritter.

In thinking about this I was reminded of a person Scripture. "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit" (Proverbs 15:4).

A tongue can either be a blessing or a curse. It just determines how you use it. I can use my tongue for good and bless people or, I can allow my tongue to be a curse. God gave me my tongue, now I need to use it for his honor and glory.

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PUT THE LIGHTS ON

HAPPY 5783



Happy New Year! As I write this article it is the second day of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah in the year 5783. Just like almost everything else I know very little about Judaism. I have lived in Sierra Madre for 42 years, but other than my children, who now live far away in Pasadena and Altadena I know no other Jews living in Sierra Madre.

Why don't I know more? Ver veyst? This is the Yiddish expression I most frequently heard as the answer to most of my questions growing up. I was primarily raised by my non-English fluent "Bubbie" as both my parents worked many hours a day in the eponymously named Stuart Food Mart. I am the "Stuart" of Stuart Food Mart and my tradition is that my mother and father worked about 12 hours per day, 6 days a week to take care of our family and never complained about it

Oh by the way, if you're still wondering about it, "ver veyst" it is the Yiddish equivalent of "Quien sabe?" which most of Southern California understands to mean "who knows?" Its meaning generally indicates a question without an answer. Additionally, you should go away and stop bothering people. I have never stopped asking people questions and in Elementary School was known as the "question box." I have always presumed I was double promoted twice and transferred from one classroom to another for the benefit of teachers. At least that's what I thought. I never learned cursive and I'm glad that today most folk have given up cursive except for their signature. Today everybody uses keyboards but I never learned to type very well so we must struggle together.

This "struggle" brings me back to Rosh Hashanah which I have always understood was intended as a time of reflection. All I knew from Rosh Hashanah was that I had to stay home from School and felt like I had done something bad. (Today some school districts treat the first day as a non-School day). I looked up the holiday on the web and read "the millennia-old holiday is an occasion for reflection and penitence" which I guess means feeling bad. As the only Jewish kid in class I had to explain to the teacher why I didn't have to go to School. I did feel bad as once the kids found out that I could miss School because I was Jewish they frequently would chase me and say "Why did you kill Christ?" I, of course, didn't understand and asked my bubbie and got a typical Ver veyst - but this time I even asked my mother who told me that, in fact Jesus Christ was Jewish and the other kids were just ignorant.

At first we lived in a pretty safe Jewish Community but times changed almost as I entered School the family moved to South Side Chicago where my father purchased a mom and pop grocery store and changed the name to Stuart Food Mart, perhaps to make me feel more comfortable. Ver veyst. But I was the only Jewish kid I knew even though I didn't know what that exactly meant.

Today I am writing about my Jewish connection as in the middle of October we have been invited to a relative's wedding in Chicago. Unfortunately, Stuart Food Mart was demolished in the Chicago riots. Last time as we viewed the rubble we were surrounded by about ten people of color who asked what we were doing there. I explained that I used to live right near there and that the store that formerly stood there was named for me. The people explained that they were from the nearby Mt. Carmel Church and just kind of watched over the property. My wife salvaged from the rubble a three inch piece of tile that I hold today as part of my individual tradition. It is my hope that my son and I will be able again to view the site. As Tevya sings in "Fiddler on the Roof" Tradition!- this is my Tradition- the tradition of a kind of permanent outsider who asks a lot of questions and still knows so few answers. Today everything is so confused and mixed-up that as I long for answers. At least I know that I am not alone. As I understand it after New Years there are ten days of reflection until Yom Kippur the "day of atonement". I don't know how much of it is our fault but as Jews and Human Beings let us all make amends and ask for common, universal forgiveness from who or what I don't know---perhaps ourselves.

DINAH CHONG WATKINS

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND

STATE FAIR



"Our State Fair is a great State Fair, don't miss it, don't even be late. It's dollars to doughnuts that our State Fair is the best State Fair in the state."

It was that old show tune and the heart pounding promise of deep fried corn dogs, Twinkies and strawberry topped funnel cakes that lured me to the "State Fair" at the Santa Anita racetrack. But unlike in the days of my youth, this Fair had no side shows. No carny barkers cajoling you to drop a half dollar to see the mysteries of the forgotten world. Back then, fantastical beings and death defying stunts waited beyond the red and white striped curtains. Now, the only bearded ladies to be found were heavy-set babushkas, antiseptic wipe at the ready while they watched over their grandchildren at the petting zoo.

I mistimed my visit, too late for the pig race and hours too early for the Human Cannonball. Which in hindsight, would make an excellent fundraiser. Imagine, the highest bidder could choose a person to stuff into the cannon, it would be a game changer for divorce lawyers everywhere.

An involuntary gurgle squeaked up my throat, it was the foot-long corn dog coming back for air, well - at least 4 inches of it. I needed some exercise and spotted The Giant Slide; when I was a kid it was my father's favorite as it cost the least amount of tickets. I must have had a senior moment as I started to climb up the Giant Slide's rickety set of steps. A brain fart that overrode my otherwise good common sense. My surprise at making it to the top without passing out only added to the giddiness I felt, the memories of my youth and possibly oxygen deprivation made me relish the moment.

The bored attendant handed me a dirt brown, worn burlap sack. How many potatoes sacrificed themselves so I could careen down this mogul-humped slide I wondered.

Awkwardly, I sat down on the scratchy sack, my feet tucked into the hand-stitched pocket, the one and only safety measure. Then, like the Calvary charging in at the last moment to save the day, my brain yelled "Stop! You're too old for this!", but gravity and generations of chubby bums transformed the metal track into a slick of ice, I hurtled unwillingly towards the bottom.

They say before you die your life flashes in front of you. During the split seconds of slow-motion terror, I took small comfort that the only thing I saw was the five story drop to my right that inconveniently had no guard rail. I hit the last mogul and was free-falling back on the hot metal slide when I finally landed onto the Astro-turf covered concrete slab, leaving me with a cheap case of rug rash.

I pulled myself up, I felt so alive! I had come through the other end of my own death-defying stunt. Waiting across the fairgrounds was my true reward - a double dipped, deep-fried Ore; my 10 milligram dose of Zestril be damned! Gingerly, I stepped around the toddler who had just rolled down the slide, "Yes," I nodded to him, my chin magnanimously tipped upright, "You can call me Hero."



RICH & FAMOUS

DIDDLY SQUAT, GOBBLEDYGOOK AND SNOLLYGOSTER



Why not expand our use of the language this week and dive into the meaning of old words we might already be using? Hmmm! Let's see what we can find.

Cattywampus: From 1830 means askew or awry, positioned diagonally. Like so many cars parked in parking lots I frequent. You know, the cars taking 2 spaces.

Diddly-squat: Not to be confused with doodly-squat. The term means minimal and inconsequential. I'll use it in a sentence: "Rich knows diddly-squat about using power tools.

Kerfuffle: A British term meaning a fuss, commotion as in, "Rich's column caused quite a kerfuffle."

Dongle: This word caused a little kerfuffle because of being reminiscent of certain coarse language used referring to human anatomy (that's all I'm saying). What's a dongle? Example: That little piece of computer hardware you connect to a computer port to make your wireless mouse work.

Snark: A mysterious, imaginary animal. Term coined by Lewis Carroll. Also used to refer to rude or sarcastic criticism. And people can be snarky. Snark-snark!

Snollygoster: From the late 1840's South a snollygoster is a "clever, unscrupulous person, like politicians (unlike our wonderful Sierra Madre council members).

Gazump: For my realtor friends gazump means "to cheat a house buyer by raising an agreed upon price at the time of contract signing. The term is also slang for a politician who takes bribes.

Widdershins: to go in a direction opposite of the usual way. (Now that could be me).

Gobbledegook: A Texas Congressman in 1944 coined the term to describe frustrating jargon used by politicians. It reminded him of the sound of turkeys gobbling. I'm sure many readers consider my contribution to the heralded newspaper as little more than gobbledegook. I know I do!

Discombobulate: A fun word to say, it means "to confuse, upset, or frustrate."

Flummox: To bewilder, confound, or confuse...wait, that's my mission statement. First used by Charles Dickens in his 1837 Pickwick Papers.

Collywobbles: "Collywobbles, intense anxiety. I have butterflies in my stomach." If you check out the 1823 edition of A Classic Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue, you will find the term.

Mugwump: It's origins in presidential politics in 1884. Any Republican who refused to support the Republican nominee for president was a mugwump. Also a person who is unable to make up his or her mind on an issue. The Mugwumps was also a 1960s folk rock band made up of John Sebastian and Zal Yanovsky of "the Lovin' Spoonful", and Mama Cass and Denny Doherty of "the Mamas and the Papas". Before they became famous

Doohickey: A gadget. One of those little items in your kitchen junk drawer. (A dongle is a doohickey).

Doodad: A gadget or object whose name the speaker cannot recall.

Bumfuzzle: To confuse or fluster. You might be experiencing bumfuzzle at this very moment.

Bum: "Bum" also refers to ones "rear end".

Canoodle: Playful public displays of affection. There are no noodles in canoodle.

Thank you for reading my column.

My greatest joy is for my columns to brighten your day and tickle your senses. I truly hope you will share little bits of trivia with others and experience the same joy I feel sharing with you. One condition: Take all the credit for any cleverness people may ascribe to you. As for me, I'd like to go canoodle but I don't have a paddle. Such is life. -Rich



FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022204587
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOS CONCHITOS GRILL & BEER 4433 S ALAMEDA ST #B4-B5 LOS ANGELES, CA. 90058. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DMLV ENTERPRISES, INC. 4433 S ALAMEDA ST #B4-B5 LOS ANGELES, CA. 90058. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: DMLV ENTERPRISES, INC., DILAN LOPEZ, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/20/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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File No. 2022199045
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MAC KINNON'S 80 W SIERRA MADRE BLVD. #354 SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KAREN HARPER 1518 BROW HWY UNIT G, LIVERMORE, CA. 94550. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KAREN HARPER, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/09/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/21/2022. 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)
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File No. 2022132493
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DARK HORSE CAMERA SUPPORT 8311 5TH STREET DOWNEY, CA. 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DORIN & SUN, INC. 8313 5TH STREET DOWNEY, CA. 90241. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: DORIN & SUN, INC., GARRETT DORIN, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/16/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/22/2022. 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)
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File No. 2022203656
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A AND C PROPERTIES 2754 ALONZO AVE. ENCINO, CA. 91316. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHRISTINE LEVEN 207 N BAY FRONT, NEWPORT BEACH, CA. 92662. ALENE DANIELS 2754 ALONZO AVE. ENCINO, CA. 91316. This Business is conducted by: COPARTNERS. Signed: DANIELS, GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/16/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/21/2022. 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)
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File No. 2022202493
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JUMANTI LA 7246 ETON AVE CANOGA PARK, CA. 91303. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DIVINE WELLNESS CENTER, INC. 7246 ETON AVE CANOGA PARK, CA. 91303. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: DIVINE WELLNESS CENTER, INC., ARMAN MNATSACANYAN, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/14/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/20/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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File No. 2022199599
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LHIA RIT ANTIQUE 3901 W 7TH ST LOS ANGELES, CA. 90005. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JANETTE VILLAFANA 3901 W 7TH ST 10 LOS ANGELES, CA. 90005. This Business is conducted by: A JOINT VENTURE. Signed: IRMA VILLAFANA, GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/09/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/20/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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File No. 2022206128
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SELVIN LANDSCAPE AND GARDEN SERVICES 14143 GILMORE ST AT A, IRMA VILLAFANA, CA. 91401. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SELVIN PEREZ GONZALEZ 14143 GILMORE ST APT 1 LOS ANGELES, CA. 91401. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GUSTAVO MONTENEGRO CARRERA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/20/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/20/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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File No. 2022195221
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: J-M JANITORIAL 4575 W 173RD ST APT A LAWNDALE, CA. 90260. Full name of registrant(s)

is (are) GUSTAVO MONTENEGRO CARRERA 4575 W 173RD ST APT A, LAWNDALE, CA. 90260. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GUSTAVO MONTENEGRO CARRERA, 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)
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File No. 2022196557
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ADVANCE TECHNOLOGY HAS 8931 MCLENNAN AVE NORTH HILLS, CA. 91343. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARCO ANTONIO GONZALEZ MARQUEZ 8931 MCLENNAN AVE NORTH HILLS, CA. 91343. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARCO ANTONIO GONZALEZ MARQUEZ, 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 09/20/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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File No. 2022195906
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)
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File No. 2022198589
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CERVANTES ELOTES, 2733 WABASH AVE, 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)
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File No. 2022198589
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CONSTRUYENDO EL FUTURO, 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)
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File No. 2022190326
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 CLEANING LLC, 208 SAN BENITO AVE APT 3, SAN BRUNO, CA. 94066. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: KENDY ELIZABETH CASTILLO OMIAN, 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)
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File No. 2022-195654
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) GWEAT (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)
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File No. 2022-198583
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)
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File No. 2022-195645
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REFRESHING FURNITURE, 1226 GERHART AV, COMPTON, 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 09/20/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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File No. 2022-195908
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ADVANCE 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: SARITH SHAIKSH 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 09/20/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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File No. 2022-198165
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 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022-195584
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) VALUE TOURS, 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 09/20/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022-196755
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VASOQUEZ WINDOW COVERING INSTALATION, 6475 ATLANTIC AVE, ARCH 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 08/26/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/20/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022174975
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LA YALATEQUITA MARKET 8681 VENICE BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90034. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LA YALATEQUITA, INC. 1529 CRENSHAW BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90019. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: LA YALATEQUITA, 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 05/20/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022195247
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CLASSIC AUTOWORX 12039 RUNNYMEADE ST NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA., 91605. CLASSIC AUTO WORX 10658 OXNARD ST. LOS ANGELES, CA. 91606. 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 08/20/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
EAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
POMONA, CA. 91766

SUMMONS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: SYLVIA WEI-TING HU aka SYLVIA HU, an individual; HI LIFE, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company; MICHAEL C. YANG, an individual, LINKAGE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., a California Corporation; HU TSENG KWANG, and DOE 11 and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

BYRON KERNS, An individual and SYLVIA KERNS, An individual, CASE NUMBER: KC069912

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

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

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

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

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso.

CASE NUMBER:
(Número del Caso):
KC069912

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):
**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
EAST DISTRICT
400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
POMONA, CA. 91766**

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

**Timothy P. Creyaufmiller
LAW OFFICES OF TIMOTHY P. CREYAUFMILLER, APC
979 S. Village Oaks Drive
Covina, CA. 91724**

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. 22AHCP00388

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
PETITIONERS YU CHIN HSU AND YU CHIAO HSU, MINORS BY AND THROUGH GAUDIANS AD LITEM TACO HSU AND YING HSIU LI HAVE FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT – NORTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT - ALHAMBRA COURTHOUSE FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name: YU CHUN HSU Proposed Name: VITO YUCHUN HSU.
Present Names: YU CHIAO Proposed Name: VITA YUCHIAO HSU.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 12/16/2022 at 8:30 A.M. in Dept. X at ALHAMBRA COURTHOUSE 150 W COMMONWEALTH AVE, ALHAMBRA, CA. 91801.

THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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TACO HSU AND YING HSIU LI
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City of Sierra Madre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: ORDINANCE 1463 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE 2022 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND THE 2022 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE UPDATES; AND ORDINANCE NO. 1464 - AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND AND ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Citywide

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct public hearings to consider Ordinance 1463 – to adopt and amend the 2022 International Fire Code and the 2022 California Fire Code; and Ordinance 1464 – Updating the Building Code to include amendments to Building, Residential, Green Building Standards, Reference Standards, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Codes and the Los Angeles Regional Uniform Code Program Technical Amendments to the 2022 California Building Code.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
(Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
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All interested



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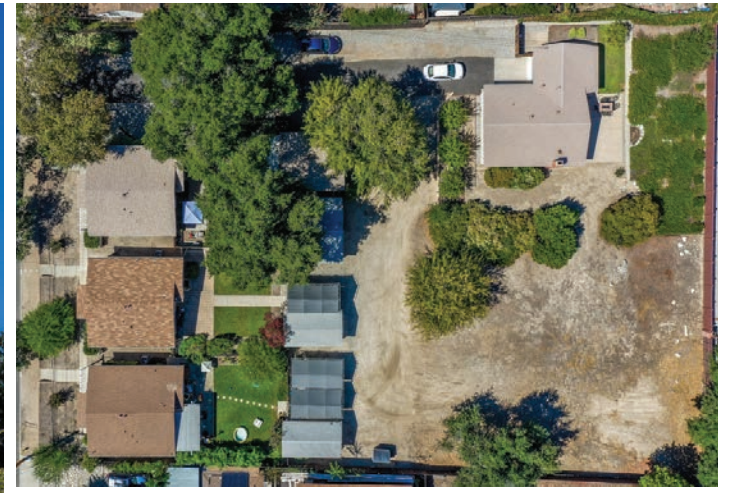
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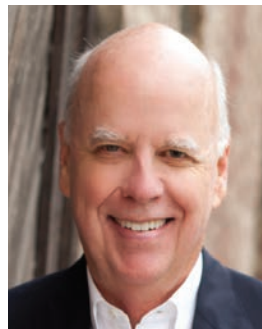
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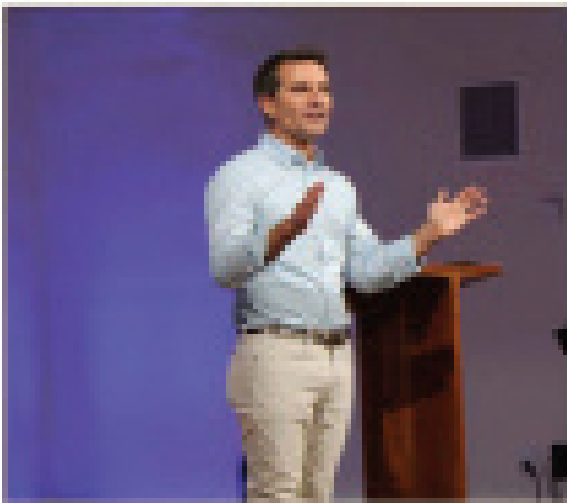
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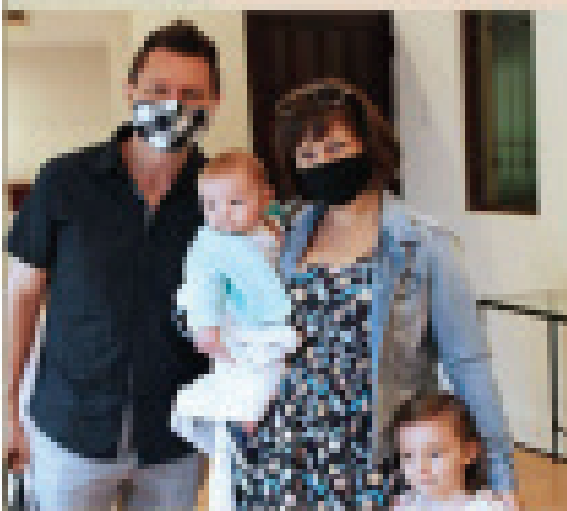


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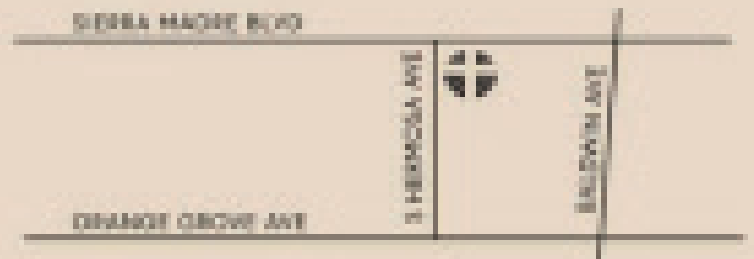


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