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SIERRA MADRE LOSES TWO GREAT CIVIC LEADERS

Dr. William E. White

~ A Sierra Madre Treasure Remembered ~

On the evening of October 7th, Dr. William E. White passed away at the age of 86. He died peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family.

Dr. White was born on March 1, 1936 in St. Helena, CA. Shortly after, his family moved to Maryland, where he spent his childhood. In 1958 Dr. White attended Loma Linda University Medical School, which was founded by his great grandmother, Ellen G. White. He then completed his medical residency at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, named in her honor.

In 1963 Dr. White began his medical practice in Sierra Madre and cared for his patients in the local community for 54 years, retiring at age 80. He was the physician for the Sierra Madre British Home retirement center for many decades and had the great honor to be introduced to Queen Elizabeth II as the 'Eminent Dr. White' during her visit in 1983. Dr. White served as Chief of Staff at Arcadia Methodist Hospital and at Sierra Madre Community Hospital. In 2003 Dr. White was named "Physician of the Year" by the Alpha Auxiliary of the Methodist Hospital Foundation and honored by state and local governments.

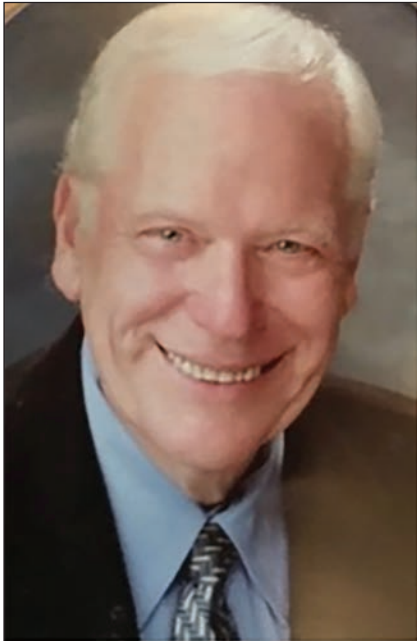
Dr. White met the love of his life (Patti) in 1968 and they were married for 53 years. Their lives together were filled with love and adventure and they were truly "best friends". They had two sons, Jeff and Greg.

The mark that Dr. White left on the Sierra Madre community is indelible. His service included working with the: Rotary Club of Sierra Madre, Sierra Madre Historical Society, Wisteria Festival, Mount Wilson Trail Race Committee and he was an honorary member of the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team. Most Saturday mornings you could find Dr. White talking about Sierra Madre mountain history at Lizzie's Trail Inn, at the base of Mt. Wilson, or having coffee with his friends at Bean Town. For many years he led the local annual "Hikes into History", which he founded. Although a resident of Arcadia, he was proud to be officially named an "Honorary Citizen of Sierra Madre" in 1998.

Dr. White led a life of adventure! He had a passion for boating, most notably owning the racing sailboat "Ragtime". It was first to finish in many races including the famous Transpacific Yacht Race in 1975 from Long Beach to Honolulu. Additionally, Dr. White loved to water-ski and snow-ski and continued participating in these sports into his mid 80's. The last 15 years of life, he became an enthusiastic hiker. Many weekends he spent time hiking Mt. Wilson Trail and even competed in the Mt. Wilson Trail Race- nine of the past ten years.

Dr. White touched many lives in our local community and beyond. He was a treasure to all who met him and dedicated his life to serving others. He had a great zest for life and will be dearly missed by his family and community. He is preceded by his son Jeff, and survived by his wife Patti, son Greg, daughter-in-law Annette, and four grandchildren.

For those who desire to contribute to Dr. White's legacy, donations for the maintenance of the Mt. Wilson Trail can be provided to: "Fletcher Fund - c/o SMCF". P.O. Box 716, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. www.sierramadrefoundation.org PayPal QR code:



Mrs. Louise Calaway

~ 2021 Co-Recipient George Maurer Lifetime Achievement Award ~

We are saddened to announce that on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, accompanied by her immediate family, Louise Calaway peacefully passed away at the age of 83.

Born Louise Meredith, she originally arrived in Southern California from Chicago shortly after marrying Ward Calaway, her high school sweetheart, in August of 1959. She delayed her education during those first years to lovingly support Ward as he was earning his Bachelors, then Masters degrees at CalTech. After his graduation, she continued her own education, first obtaining her Bachelors in Accounting from Cal State Los Angeles, then earning her CPA in 1972. This was no easy feat, as by that time she was already a devoted mother to their two children, Chuck (born in 1963) and Laura (1970).

Shortly thereafter in 1972, she helped form the CPA firm of Enyedi, Leigh and Calaway. She was a partner there until they merged with Maginnis, Knechtel & McIntyre in 1982. She continued working in this and other partnerships through 2020. She was a diligent, conscientious and loyal CPA; she had clients who stayed with her throughout her entire 50-year career. Only in her retirement did she reluctantly part with them.

Interested in the history of her family, she began an avid foray into genealogy in the late 1970s; after just a few years pursuing this, she was able to trace her lineage back to The Mayflower. She later volunteered a significant amount of her time to help the Southern California Genealogical Society with some of its projects, including a reconstruction of the Los Angeles 1890 Census report, which had been destroyed by fire.

She loved solving puzzles with her son and taking trips to Disneyland with her daughter. As family was so important to her, she also looked forward, and she made it a point to save a number of her children's toys so her grandchildren could play with them.

Louise fell in love with Sierra Madre soon after moving there with Ward in 1962, and she made it her lifelong home. Early in her fifties, she vowed to give back to the community, and she spent the next 25 years tirelessly volunteering for the Sierra Madre Playhouse, the Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery, and the Rotary. Her energy knew no bounds, reflecting the work ethic she learned as the daughter of an industrious farmer who worked hard during World War II.

Her time and work were appreciated by all, and in January 2022, the City presented her and Ward its George Maurer Lifetime Service Award in recognition for that work.

Louise was uncommonly generous, and she will be missed by more people than she could have imagined. She is survived by Ward (her husband of 63 years), son Chuck, daughter Laura, and four grandchildren. A memorial service will be held in her honor at the Sierra Madre Playhouse at a later date.



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HELP SAVE BEAN TOWN -A SIERRA MADRE LANDMARK



Bean Town after re-opening in 2021

Bean Town, a true Sierra Madre treasure used to be 'the spot'. Located at 45 N. Baldwin in Sierra Madre, it was the place for great coffee, food, ice cream and had a real sense of 'community'. It was the place to stop and 'take a load off', run into your friends, learn what was going on in town. And then the Pandemic hit. For months, the doors were closed as

was the case with all restaurants and businesses in town. Then, in August of 2020, the restrictions were moderately lifted and the Bean Town was able to re-open with the LA County Health restrictions. It wasn't back to business as usual, but it was better than having the doors closed. However, things did not get better - they got worse. An unfortunate car accident caused the business to shut down completely. The car ran into

the front of the building and the damage made the building unsafe. So for the second time in 2020, Bean Town had to close its doors.

The renovation of the building and reopening took almost a year. Finally, in June 2021, the beloved eatery reopened. By then, however, the whole world had changed. Recovering from the impact of the pandemic and the accident, getting back to 'normal' just didn't happen. The customer base shifted. Staffing shortages also plagued Bean Town as it has most businesses trying to survive today.

After struggling to make ends meet, Dave and Joanna Bremer and their son Matt Krantz, who have operated Bean Town since 2010, came to the realization that it was impossible to 'catch up' financially. A decision was made last week to close Bean Town's doors.

But...in true Sierra Madre fashion, the minute the word spread around town, residents were upset. They convinced Matt that they would work with them to keep

the doors open and so far, they've been true to their word. "We've launched a fundraiser to allow us to make changes requested by customers and increase our standards. Your donations will go to paying some outstanding daily expenses and supporting daily operations by hiring more staff and improving our current food and coffee offerings. To do this, we need funds to keep the doors open. We need you, our Bean Town Family, to come in and sit a spell. Buy a coffee and a treat.", says Krantz. "From the entire Bean Town Staff, thank you for your generous support."

And, for now, the doors will stay open on a limited basis. CAFE HOURS 6 am — 2 pm Monday-Friday 6 am — 5 pm Saturday-Sunday.

By the way, Bean Town is also looking for talented staff including managers and a Baker. Stop by if you are interested.

To contribute to the Keep The Doors Open effort, go to: <https://gofund.me/bb331c2c>.

Read More about Bean Town on page 15.

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Which is better for Sierra Madre?



The Meadows



Measure HR

Houses Allowed		42	68
Trees		490	110
Endorsed by the Passionists		✓	✗
Recommended by Planning Commission		✓	✗
Approved by Sierra Madre City Council		✓	✗
Full Design Discretion		✓	✗
Protects Religious Rights		✓	✗
\$250,000 Public Safety Infrastructure		✓	✗
\$983,500 Net-Zero Water Offset		✓	✗
3-Acre Public Park		✓	✗
40-Acre Conservancy		✓	✗
Onsite Water Capture		✓	✗
Homes Capped at 3,775 SF		✓	✗
Mansions up to 6,500 SF		✗	✓
Makes the 100-Year Retreat Center Non-Conforming on its Own Property		✗	✓

The facts are clear.
Vote NO on HR.



Based on the Meadows Specific Plan, Development Agreement, and the City Attorney's 9212 Report, July 2022
Read the report here: SierraMadreNeighborsforFairness.org/transparency

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

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It's your choice. The meadow or "The Meadows"



The meadow just south of the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center is the last open hillside space on the west side of Sierra Madre. It acts as a firebreak for surrounding neighborhoods and is home to a thriving deer herd, owls, bobcats, bats and the occasional rattlesnake and mountain lion, as well as 100 mature trees, including some protected species.



"The Meadows at Bailey Canyon" is what's in store for the lower Mater Dolorosa property. The developer, New Urban West (NUW), won't show us what the proposed 42-tract-house project will look like. But we know it will mostly contain large, two-story tract houses 10 feet apart—something like this photo, which shows NUW's work in Huntington Beach.

Vote YES on Measure HR

A **YES** vote changes the zoning of the Monastery property to Hillside Residential, which means it stops overdevelopment. It greatly reduces the number of houses that can be built on that property, and no giant institutional building can be built. Your YES vote is our best shot at making sure a massive tract housing project (and the associated increased fire danger, water waste, traffic, and environmental destruction) won't happen to a lovely piece of Sierra Madre. Not on our watch.



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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. As we have done in the past, we have profiled the candidates and given the opportunity to introduce themselves to our readers.

This week the paper will also review the pros and cons of Measure HR. Next week we will review the county and statewide measures and candidates for the State Assembly and Senate and the US House of Representatives and US Senate. The remaining schedule will be as follows:

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

REMEMBRANCE

HARRIET HAAKE PLUNKETT

Mom passed away a few days short of her 92nd birthday at the age of 91 in San Marino. She was born in Los Angeles to Mildred and Harry Haake. She attended Polytechnic and graduated from Westridge School in Pasadena then graduated from The University of Colorado Boulder.

At the early age of 12 Mom became a member San Marino Community Church and continued being an active member until her passing. Mom was President of the Seeder and Weeders Garden Club, Co-Chair of the annual Pasadena Guild of Children Hospital Treasures and Trivia sale and perpetual Linen section matriarch. Member of the Pasadena Town Club and assisted with the annual Christmas holiday decorating.

But, most of all Mom truly loved her family, home, and garden.

She will be missed by her daughter and son-in-law Patricia and Rudy Colonello, son William Plunkett, grandson Connor Plunkett, and the family dog Lacy. A private family service was held. Memorial

Donations may be made to The Pasadena Guild of Children's Hospital Los Angeles. P.O. Box 51101 Pasadena, CA 91115

From the family of Harriet Haake Plunkett





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SIERRA MADRE CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - MEASURE HR

Shall the general plan land use designation change from "Institutional" to "Hillside" and the zoning designation change from "Institutional" to "Hillside Management" for the Mater Dolorosa Property?

<p>CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE HR</p> <p>Measure HR would amend the City of Sierra Madre General Plan land use map and zoning map designations for the Mater Dolorosa Property, thereby changing its development potential.</p> <p>The Congregation of the Passion, Mater Dolorosa Community (“Congregation”), is a California charitable corporation. The Congregation operates the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center (“Retreat Center”) and owns the parcels located at 700 North Sunnyside Avenue in Sierra Madre (APN: 5761-002-008). The property is commonly known as “the Monastery” or “the Mater Dolorosa Property.”</p> <p>Any development at the Mater Dolorosa Property is governed by the City of Sierra Madre’s General Plan and Zoning Code. The General Plan is a comprehensive, long-term plan for development. The Zoning Code is a detailed set of land use regulations that must be consistent with the General Plan. Both the General Plan and</p>	<p>the Zoning Code have associated maps that assign a land use or zoning designation to each parcel in the City.</p> <p>Currently, the Mater Dolorosa Property has a General Plan land use and zoning designation of “Institutional.” Residential uses are limited in the Institutional Zone. Single-family homes are prohibited. Communal residential facilities are allowed with a conditional use permit and master plan amendment approved by the City’s Planning Commission after a public hearing.</p> <p>Measure HR would change the Mater Dolorosa Property’s General Plan land use designation to “Residential Low Density – Hillside” and zoning designation to “Hillside Management.” Residential uses are permitted in the Hillside Management Zone. Under state law, single-family homes, duplexes, and accessory dwelling units are allowed with a permit approved ministerially and without a public hearing by the Director of Planning and Community Preservation.</p> <p>Measure HR does not amend the General Plan land use or zoning designation for any other property owner in the City. Only the Mater Dolorosa Property, and any sub</p>	<p>divisions of the Mater Dolorosa Property created after January 25, 2022, would be affected. The existing Retreat Center would be converted into a non-conforming use. As such, it may be maintained and repaired, but under the Zoning Code, it is unclear whether the Retreat Center could be altered or enlarged. To develop a new religious use, the Congregation would need to apply for a Hillside Development Permit. Based on these facts, Measure HR may be vulnerable to a legal challenge under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.</p> <p>Measure HR was placed on the ballot by initiative petition that was signed by a legally sufficient number of registered voters of the City. To be adopted, Measure HR must be approved by a simple majority of the ballots cast in this election. A “yes” vote on Measure HR approves the Measure. A “no” vote on Measure HR opposes the Measure.</p> <p>ALEKS R. GIRAGOSIAN City Attorney</p>
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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE HR (YES)

Sierra Madre has spent decades refining our General Plan and Ordinances, to protect the character of our small town. Our Open Space and Hillside Ordinances protect sensitive ecosystems in parcels near the San Gabriel Mountains, all areas within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

EVERY LARGE PARCEL IN SIERRA MADRE ABUTTING THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS IS PROTECTED BY EITHER OUR HILLSIDE OR OPEN SPACE ORDINANCES - WITH ONE EXCEPTION -THE PARCEL OWNED BY MATER DOLOROSA.

Because that parcel was never included in our protective ordinances, Mater Dolorosa is now applying to build,with special rules for ONLY their property. Their proposed Specific Plan would allow larger single family homes than are allowed on similarly sized lots under our ordinances and would remove over 100 mature trees including protected species.

Our Initiative will rezone the property to Hillside, to include the same protections that Sierra Madre has already put on the many rezoned parcels abutting and near the mountains.

Our Hillside Ordinance allows building, including for religious purposes. But all development would be according to the standards of Sierra Madre's Hillside ordinance.

IF the Meadows housing project was built, the remaining 27 acres would stay zoned institutional. If the Illinois Diocese that owns the parcel chooses to sell that land, an institutional building, a school, hospital or retirement facility, could be built on the site.

Under our code, that building could be 25-33 feet high and up to 70 percent of the site could be developed. That large facility would be IN ADDITION to the 42 large houses of the Meadows.

We believe that the citizens of Sierra Madre know best what is right for their City and will vote to protect that property, as others have been protected, by being rezoned to Hillside Zone.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE HR

BARBARA VELLTURO
Steering Committee PAC

ALEXANDER ARRIETA
Steering Committee PAC

GARY BACIO
Steering Committee PAC

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE HR (NO)

Vote "No" on HR. This ill-conceived initiative is a potential disaster for our town. Do we want 6,500 square foot mansions smack dab in the middle of a residential neighborhood of three-to-four-bedroom single family homes?

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.

Is this what we consider the "look and character" of our Village of the Foothills? The initiative would bypass what the people proposed in the General Plan. It would circumvent the zoning recognized by the City Council, reflecting the will of the people.

The initiative would re-designate the ENTIRE 38 acres, including the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, as "nonconforming" and restrict any modifications, additions, or changes to the Center. Is it our intent to limit what private owners can do to their own property?

The initiative identifies property of ONE sole owner. Does that not target one private property owner?

At a time when our city is fiscally healthy and master plans are in motion to improve infrastructure, sidewalks,community services, public safety, and the library - does it make sense to expose the city to uncertain and possibly significant financial consequences of potential legal action?

Are the proponents of the initiative the informed voice of the people? Is it possible they themselves were not aware of the potential consequences of this initiative as they rushed to collect signatures on the petition?

It's unanimous. All five of your elected representatives on the Sierra Madre City Council believe the responsible thing to do is to vote "No" on this poorly designed Measure HR. We want what's best for the people in our community, what's best for property owners, and what's best for Sierra Madre.

Mayor Gene Goss and Council Member Rachelle Arizmendi

GENE GOSS
Mayor

RACHELLE ARIZMENDI
City Council Member

EDWARD T. GARCIA
Mayor Pro Tempore

KELLY KRIEBS
City Council Member

ROBERT PARKHURST
City Council Member

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE HR

Measure HR is misleading and misguided. Its proponents would lead you to believe that a change in the zoning to Hillside Zoning would preserve the property as open space. It's a stunt that we, as residents, will not fall for. Many Sierra Madreans would prefer the Meadows property remain open space. But the measure, if passed, does NOT prevent the private property owners from building. In fact, developers can build immense MANSIONsized homes that do not fit the character of Sierra Madre, and THEN allow homeowners to split the lots - resulting in as many as 68 units! Passing the measure would be absurd and irresponsible. Under the current institutional zoning designation, Mater Dolorosa, owners of this private property, could have built a large hospital, or a massive retirement facility, but they have stated publicly that such development would not fit the Residential Zoning in the neighborhoods surrounding all sides of the property. Would the construction of 6,500 square foot - sized homes be compatible with those neighborhoods? The answer is obvious: NO. The measure unfairly restricts the owner's private property rights. It would be incredibly foolish to put our City in a legal predicament that could cost us for years down the road. Our "Village of the Foothills" is the jewel of the San Gabriel Valley, a town in which its citizens take tremendous pride. Don't let this Measure take that away from us.

ALL FIVE ELECTED MEMBERS OF YOUR CITY COUNCIL URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON MEASURE HR.

RACHELLE ARIZMENDI
City Council Member

ROBERT PARKHURST
City Council Member

GENE GOSS
Mayor

KELLY KRIEBS
City Council Member

EDWARD T. GARCIA
Mayor Pro Tem

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE HR

VOTE YES ON MEASURE HR!
Don't let the City Council scare you or fool you: this initiative gives you, the voters, the power to decide what happens at Mater Dolorosa and block their 42-unit special plan that doesn't follow the same rules that apply to other hillside properties.

The 68 units they threaten is a lie. Only a homeowner who agrees to live in a home for three years can even apply for an SB9 lot split. Without an SB9 lot split, only 34 homes on two acre lots could be built - on the entire parcel. And that would still require the City to approve a subdivision request. No developer can build 68 units with limited review. Don't be fooled.

Any buildings must comply with Sierra Madre's zoning ordinances which have strict requirements for Hillside zones. These laws have significant protections and restrictions.

Measure HR takes the only large parcel abutting the mountains that is not zoned Hillside or Open Space and makes it follow the same rules that other Hillside properties do. By targeting the one property, the Initiative makes our city's zoning consistent.

The Planning Commission, City Council, and citizens have always supported the Hillside Ordinance and its values in our General Plan and Ordinances. Measure HR reflects those values of preserving and protecting our hillside lands.

Measure HR allows Mater Dolorosa to continue operating and make necessary changes, while protecting our hillsides in the event of future development.

Don't let fear and misleading arguments deter you from voting the right way.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE HR!

BARBARA VELLTURO

ALEXANDER ARRIETA

GARY BACIO



FOLLOW THE MONEY --- AGAIN

Public comment at the City Council meeting last Tuesday night was very interesting and revealing. One Preserve member, speaking as a member of the public, said: “There are many residents who are highly disturbed by the bias that has been shown in favor of the developer who has already paid \$50,000 to the

Neighbors for Fairness group and donated \$250,000 to the City”.

A member of the Fairness group responded and said these comments were completely false and inappropriate. He further stated that his group “would love to have that kind of money”, its “not happening that way” and “its all self”... the “money we put from ourselves”. “New Urban West (the developer of the 42 unit tract housing project called the ‘Meadows’) is not involved in our process”. It is important to take this opportunity - since a member of the Fairness Steering Committee brought it up - to point out that every ad, mailer, flyer, and doorknocker has stated clearly, as required, “Major funding from New Urban West”.

It is startling (and hard to believe) that the Fairness Steering Committee members are unaware of the tens of thousands of dollars that fund their pictures in the paper and the incessant marketing needed to try and convince the residents of Sierra Madre that this ill-conceived housing project is good for us. In fact, the total the developer NUW has contributed to the Fairness group after a recent donation of \$70,000 now totals \$120,000!! In three months!!

We have written in the past about the similarities of “The Meadows” housing project with Measure V. At that time, the building industry spent \$180,000 on ads and mailers with the goal of confusing us into believe all kinds of dire problems would occur if it passed. Sound familiar? Did it work...NO!! Of course not! The residents of Sierra Madre are too smart to be misled by marketing schemes, scare tactics and false promises.

The same thing is happening again- you can see the same effort and funds being spent by another developer to try and convince/confuse us into supporting a housing project that does not meet any of the standards of Sierra Madre. Once again, dire consequences are predicted - and the truth is ignored. The reality is that on the lower parcel, there will be 7 houses under the “Vote Yes on Measure HR”, as opposed to 42 houses if it doesn't pass.

Vote Yes on Measure HR to:

- Stop high-density housing in a high-severity fire zone
- Require minimum lot sizes of two acres
- Reduce the number of houses; reducing potential water use and fire
- Stop the possibility of development of a 270,000 square-foot institution on the upper 18 acres of the property
- Keep the peace, quiet and small-town charm that drew us to Sierra Madre in the first place

What makes stopping this overdevelopment even more critical at this time is that the 91 acre Stonehouse property is again up for sale. The same property that went into the Hillside Management Zone after the developer tried to build Meadows type houses. There is no doubt that the purchaser will use the Meadows project as a precedent if Measure HR does not pass.

An awful lot of money is being spent by an out-of-town developer to convince us that a 42-unit tract housing development that destroys a beautiful part of our community is in our best interests.

Don't be fooled or bought off - follow the money - \$120,000 and \$250,000 - and the money train will continue. It is easy to predict that New Urban West will continue its campaign of misinformation and confusion to further its goal of building a housing project that does not belong here.

If you are reading this on Saturday, please attend the Forum in City Hall at 4 pm, and get the facts for yourself about this life-changing development. There will be a representative from YES on Measure HR to answer your questions and clear up any confusion you may have.

CITIZENS FOR TRUTH

Deception, Misrepresentation, and Distortion

It does get tedious correcting the misinformation discussed in the Neighbors for Fairness columns, plus the additional letters by those same “Neighbors.” What is “fairness?” According to Webster, fairness is “impartial just treatment or behavior without favoritism or discrimination.” It is not deception, distortion, and misrepresentation.

Who does this Fairness apply to? The developer New Urban West (NUW) has muddled the issue of building 42 large stack and pack homes, with promises of a 3-acre park, thus cramming the extra-large homes on even smaller lots. Who wants the park? No resident that I've spoken to. Is it fair to the actual neighbors, who surround this ill planned development?

Representative Jonathan Frankel has said over and over that he cannot predict exactly where the two-story houses will be, which will block the views of the existing neighbors. Recent plans put the few one-story houses on the street in front of the Retreat Center, so that the priests will still enjoy their view.

More mud (literally and figuratively) - NUW has “offered” \$250,000 to help with the building of the new police station, or to help with fire department improvements. That's fair, you might think. \$250,000 is a drop in the bucket for a developer who stands to sell these homes for more than \$4 million. Will it be fair to these same neighbors who will have to deal with the construction for more than two years - dust, pollution, noise - and that is just for the construction. What about the increased traffic?

Now we get to the crux of the “Fairness” issue. Hundreds of residents, business owners, City staff, Commissions, and the City Council spent five years updating our General Plan, called The Constitution of the City. Just think of how unfair that is to all those hard workers when the NUW Specific Plan takes effect - a Specific Plan that will take precedence over our own zoning laws.

Not only are the “Neighbors” (who have ties to NUW), but also so are the Mater Dolorosa Fathers spreading lies about the alternative to the ill-designed Meadows project. Measure HR would result in a total of 7 homes on two acre lots each.

Here are the facts: These can result in a lot split, so that at most there would be 4 housing units on two acre lots, but they must follow our zoning laws, not those of a special interest. How in the world do they end up with a total of 68 houses, without mentioning that under the Meadows Specific Plan there could be up to 360 housing units in the same area?

The homeowner, not the developer, could conceivably add an additional dwelling unit (ADU) to their home. But that particular homeowner then must reside in the home for three years. If you are paying \$4-\$8 million for a house, would you put more dwelling units your property?

The City attorney misrepresented this argument about 68 possible units on the ballot. A lawsuit was filed on this one issue alone, and here is what the Judge said about this scare tactic. “This statement is not just imprecise, it is false. No matter whether a commercial entity or an individual, no single person can develop the property's 35 acres into 68 units. Neither SB 9 nor the City's SB 9 ordinance would permit it. While it is conceivable that this could happen, it would need to be over the entire 35 acres, taking place over decades and decades, through many buyers and sellers.” Gee, that would also mean, in order to get the entire 35 acres, the good fathers would have to tear down their existing Retreat Center, wouldn't they?

Our City attorney is unfair to those who rely on his expertise to explain the law correctly, not erroneously as is the case here.

We hope dear reader that you attend the last Candidate Forum on Saturday and hear the facts for yourself. .

SIERRA MADRE

Neighbors for Fairness

SIMPLY BAD FOR SIERRA MADRE

With just a few weeks left prior to the election, many folks have been reaching out to Neighbors for Fairness to ask about Measure HR. Mostly, people are confused.

So, let's step back and provide some basics.

Existing City laws allow the Monastery (Mater Dolorosa) to operate a retreat center and minis-try on their property. They have done so for nearly 100 years. Measure HR changes these laws to make the retreat center “non-conforming”, which is just technical jargon for illegal.

The new zoning imposed by Measure HR does not allow retreat centers and churches. Because of some technicalities in the law, the Retreat Center cannot be forced to close because it is already operating. But make no mistake, Measure HR makes it virtually impossible for the Monastery to expand their ministry or adapt to the future needs of their retreat participants.

How would you feel if your neighbors got together and decided to force a public vote to strip you, and only you, of your property rights?

Worse yet, backers of Measure HR have chosen a new zone for the Monastery property that allows up to 68 arcadia-style mansions to be built with virtually no City oversight. They concede that massive 6,500 square foot homes can be built under Measure HR. They say that's a good thing.

We don't think huge water guzzling mansions are consistent with Sierra Madre's character as a village in the foothills. We think most in our community agree.

Further, we elect representatives, and rely on professional City staff, to make these complicated zoning decisions. They carefully study all the facts and make informed decisions. Measure HR boosters decided it would be better to circumvent our City Council and experienced planning commissioners by gathering signatures to place Measure HR on the ballot. In the process, they have routinely attacked our dedicated City leaders.

Measure HR was foisted upon Sierra Madre voters because three - yes just three people - who live right next to the now approved Meadows project at the Monastery insist that Sierra Madre will be utterly destroyed if we welcome 42 new families to town.

Wait, you say. These people put Measure HR on the ballot because they oppose the Meadows project, which includes 42 homes? But doesn't Measure HR allow 68 mansions? Indeed, it does. This is the ultimate irony of Measure HR. This why our City Council, in writing a ballot argument in opposition to Measure HR ask, “Were proponents even aware?”

Clearly not. They simply didn't know what they were doing.

Even more disturbing, when gathering signatures from Sierra Madre voters to place Measure HR on the ballot, they told us that it would “Save the Meadow”. Our City Attorney has made clear this is patently false. It does the exact opposite. These reasons and many others are why our mayor and City Council unanimously oppose Measure HR. We hope you follow suit. Measure HR is simply bad for Sierra Madre. Vote NO on Measure HR!

GRASSROOTS GROUP KICKS OFF WITH ARTISAN HAND-PRINTED SIGNS

In the true spirit of Sierra Madre, the new “NO on HR” committee kicked off their campaign against Measure HR by hand-printing their own yard signs. These are Artisan, limited-edition, numbered signs and are guaranteed to have the unique character of Sierra Madre with no two signs being identical.

This grassroots effort was kicked off by Pat Alcorn, chair of the committee. Volunteering for the greater-good of Sierra Madre is nothing new to this group, who have served over the decades as 4th of July committee members, Scout leaders, Sierra Madre Civic Club, Parks and Recreation commission, Community Services Commission, Friends of the Library, CERT members, Little League coaches, Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery board members, Rose Float volunteers, local Election boards, Older Americans of the Year, Citizens of the Year, VFW, Kiwanis, and many others.

“NO on HR” opposes Measure HR which will rezone the Passionists' property to a residential zone, turning them into a nonconforming use thus taking away their current Institutional Zoning. This may substantially burden their religious rights, and put the city at risk of being sued in federal court. To get one of these limited number of signs for your yard, email your name and address to signs@noonhr.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE BENEFITS OF THE MEADOWS PROJECT

In an editorial last week it was asked how the Meadows project would benefit Sierra Madre. It's hard to believe anyone who has paid attention to the conversation over the last year doesn't already know this. As the oldest neighbor to the Monastery (I grew up right at the entrance) I have a lot to say, and not only about stopping the dust and dirt blowing off the “meadow” in the fall.

The number one benefit is obviously more housing. Sierra Madre is made up of over 4400 residences. Housing is the heart of Sierra Madre because it is the best place to live. When possible, we should also allow others the opportunity to live here. Suggesting that housing is not a benefit would be like saying your own house, or any homes, are not a benefit to the city.

The other benefits come in the form of the concessions from the developer, New Urban West. The three acre turn-key park with water-capture is worth many millions. The value of the land alone if they chose to build 10 more homes would be at least \$5 million. Then there is the almost \$1 million for net zero water offsets so the city isn't responsible for procuring the additional 1.5% of water. The 40 acres of hillsides placed in conservancy are also beneficial to the city because it protects them in perpetuity. The Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy has spent millions of dollars protecting open space north of the city. In addition, New Urban West offered \$250,000 to help pay for public safety infrastructure.

The alternative is that something else is built and we don't get any of these benefits. I'm glad the project was approved because I much prefer a park and nice single-family homes to a big assisted living project or another high school or 7,300 sq. ft. Arcadia-style mansions. In the editorial the analogy to Measure V was an odd case to make. It PROHIBITED large buildings downtown without a vote, whereas Measure HR ALLOWS mansions to be built twice the size of the Meadows project, all without a vote. A vote for HR is a vote for mansions. Who wants that in Sierra Madre? I know I don't.

There is one other benefit to the city and that is the benefit to the Passionists who have been good neighbors for 100 years. They provide many important services to those in need in our community. The fact that their headquarters are in Chicago is irrelevant. OUR Passionists are here in Sierra Madre. Anything that helps them helps make Sierra Madre a better place. The Passionists are lucky to have New Urban West as a partner who is looking out for their best interests.

It was suggested that the city council should not have voted on the Meadows project until after the election. Why is that? Measure HR is not about the Meadows project. It is about rezoning the Passionists' property to Residential and turning them into a nonconforming use. That will happen whether homes are built or not. The Passionists have a right to due process and to have their project considered in a timely manner. Was the almost 20 meetings not enough for you? The City Council did the right thing.

The other side of the “benefits” coin was the claim that “for Sierra Madre, there's only significant, permanent, irreversible costs.” Did you notice it wasn't actually said what those costs were? I noticed. How about backing up that claim? The EIR concluded there were no significant impacts. End of story

Dave Link, neighbor to the Monastery. Vote NO on HR




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SIDEWALK PROBLEMS AND SMOKING BAN CITY COUNCIL DISCUSS ISSUES OF HEALTH AND SAFETY AT TUESDAY'S MEETING

By Kevin McGuire

City Council met to discuss several topics that directly affect the health, well-being, and safety of the residents of Sierra Madre. A small group was in attendance during the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11th. Here are the highlights.

Sidewalk Assessment

The City is looking to create a four-year sidewalk lift repair program and authorization for the City Manager to enter into a contract with Precision Concrete that does not exceed \$242,000. There would be a new assessment in the program's fourth year to measure progress and further repair needs.

City Council received a brief presentation of the Assessment from Chris Cimino, Director of Public Works.

Over the past seven years, 24,000 square feet of sidewalk and 168 curb ramps were improved to meet new Americans with Disabilities Act standards. In 2021, Precision Concrete found that 2,535 areas in Sierra Madre had deficiencies, displacements, or hazards. That totals to a whopping 81,552 square feet in need of repairs. These areas have ¼" to 2.5" sidewalk lifts. It was also discovered that 319 lifts >2.5" had excessive deterioration and would

need to be replaced entirely. Trees are the main culprits of most of the extreme sidewalk damage in the city.

Damaged sidewalks, of course, can also lead to tripping hazards, serious injury, and potential lawsuits against the City.

The funds for sidewalk repairs would come from Metro Funds Measure M and Measure R, some of which are also used for street repairs.

City Council received and filed the Assessment and will review the contract proposal at a future session.

Smoking Ban

The last time the City Council met on the issue of prohibiting smoking in multi-unit residences and common areas was on May 10, 2022, when two amendments to Ordinance 1457 were recommended to City Attorney Aleks Giragosian.

The City Attorney made the following requested changes to the Ordinance.

- Reduce the threshold from multi-unit residences of 5 or more units to 4 or more units, and
- Remove the exemption from the Ordinance for designated smoking areas.

Though City Council Members voiced concern about the legalities of enforcing a smoking ban in owner-occupied multi-unit residences, in condominiums, for example, it was found that there is "no constitutional right to smoke"

and that the City may exercise its rights to protect the health and safety of their residents.

On September 14, 2021, Alisha Lopez, Director of Tobacco Programs from Day One of Pasadena, spoke before the City Council on the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. Studies have shown that second-hand smoke can seep through vents and other areas of units and into other units affecting those with infants and children and underlying conditions such as asthma.

As of April 1, 2022, 74 municipalities in California have enacted 100% smoke-free multi-unit housing.

The Ordinance, as it reads now, suggests a date of notification of the landlords by January 1, 2023, and an implementation date of March 1, 2023.

City Council introduced the first reading of Ordinance 1457 by title only and requested an amendment to change the noticing date to landlords to March 1, 2023, and implementation of the law to September 1, 2023, as Council Members felt the original notification date was too close to the holiday season.

Building and Fire Codes

On January 1, 2023, the updated California Building Code and Fire Codes will become effective statewide. City Council was presented with introductions to Ordinances for new Building and Fire Codes by title only, and the staff was directed to conduct the first reading.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

*"Fifteen men on the dead man's chest—
...Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!
Drink and the devil had done for the rest—
...Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!
But one man of her crew alive,
What put to sea with seventy-five."*

*"Fifteen men of 'em good and true—
Every man jack could ha' sailed with Old Pew—
There was chest on chest full of Spanish gold,
With a ton of plate in the middle hold,
And the cabins riot of stuff untold,
And they lay there,
That had took the plum,
With sightless glare
And their lips struck dumb,
While we shared all by the rule of thumb—
Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum!"*

This fearsome pirate bidding his time outside the Buccaneer brought to mind those fifteen men on the dead man's chest, right out of Robert Louis Stevenson's immortal tale, "Treasure Island." The second poem, part of a piece, "The Derelict" written by Young Ewing Allison in 1900, was based upon Stevenson's story. It's a bloody poem about sailors abandoned on the barren island by their infamous captain, Blackbeard, who left them only a barrel of rum.

That one man of the pirate crew left alive is haunting Sierra Madre, keeping watch outside the Buc during the day but, oh my friends, at night, when the moon dodges behind the clouds and the ghostly goblins come out to play, this pirate stalks the streets searching for the treasure. Up and down our quiet town he wanders, frightening cats and coyotes, bothering bears and making sleeping dogs howl. He's lost his map, you see; the one where X marks the spot.

All this conjecture about pirates and their history made me think of one of the best pirates ever,

Sir Henry Morgan (1635 - 1688). Morgan was a Welsh privateer who fought for the English against the Spanish in the Caribbean during the 1660s and 1670s. He is remembered as the greatest of the privateers, amassing huge fleets, attacking prominent targets, and being the worst enemy of the Spanish since Sir Francis Drake. Although he made numerous raids all along the Spanish Main, his three most famous exploits were the 1668 sack of Portobello, the 1669 raid on Maracaibo, and the 1671 attack on Panama. Morgan was knighted by King Charles II of England and died in Jamaica a rich man. A privateer, in case you didn't know, was a pirate with a license to loot!

Our Buccaneer pirate could very well have sailed with Morgan through the Caribbean and buried chest on chest of Spanish gold. Unlike our Sierra Madre pirate, Morgan continues to be quite a celebrity with some lovely places named for him, such as Morgan's Valley in Jamaica and Morgan's Cave on San Andres Island.

Of course, the most important part of this whole story is the fact that his dashing face and figure are on the label of Captain Morgan's spiced rum, which is the major ingredient of the Mai Tai. You can find one of those right inside the Buccaneer. Just walk past the pirate, saluting him for his past endeavors on the Caribbean seas and order yourself a Mai Tai. Or a rum punch. And imagine yourself on a beautiful hotel veranda in Jamaica with the ocean in front of you and a tropical scented breeze blowing gently around you as you watch the sun slowly sink into the ocean. Maybe today you'll see the green flash. Jimmy Buffett also comes to mind... "A Pirate Looks at 40"

*"Mother, mother ocean, I have heard you call
Wanted to sail upon your waters since I was three feet tall
You've seen it all, you've seen it all
Watched the men who rode you switch from sails to steam
And in your belly, you hold the treasures few have ever seen
Most of 'em dream, most of 'em dream.
Yes I am a pirate, two hundred years too late
The cannons don't thunder, there's nothin' to plunder
I'm an over-forty victim of fate
Arriving too late, arriving too late."*

There are so many great scarecrows around town. There's a fabulous witch on her broomstick, wearing a flowing purple cape at the corner of Grandview and Mountain Trail. Another marvelous witch by The Secret Bookers, holding a flowered parasol is celebrating 200 books at the NE corner of Lima and Grandview. Across the street on the SE corner of Lima and Grandview is a hideous haunted tree and a headless, bloody handed person in long pink underwear! Get out there, friends and neighbors, and check out all these marvelous creations by our talented townsfolk.

Keep watching for scarecrows. See what flights of fancy they bring out in you. You're certainly reading all of mine this month.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
Where you'll find "Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope"
And "A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter"
Both of these books are stuffed with hope and a good recipe or two.
All five of the Emma Gainsworth pumpkin adventures are available on Amazon.com
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Driven by the Rotary International vision that "together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves" and believing that the citizens of the small, tight knit community of Sierra Madre embodied these values, a group of business and civic leaders came together 25-years ago to form the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre. The Club was chartered on June 27, 1997.

Since its beginning, the members of the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre have sought to promote the spirit of the Rotary motto Service Above Self by working with and for the community of Sierra Madre and partnering with the City to share ideas and promote goodwill. Some of the many community service projects of the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre have included the donation of the Town Clock at Kerstings Court, donations and service to the Sierra Madre Library for the renovation and construction of the Library's Children's Room, on-going beautification work at Goldberg Park, services to the students and staff at the Sierra Madre Elementary and Middle Schools, holiday decorating of the City, community youth programs including Team Leadership Camp, Youth Leadership Awards and the Dan Stover Music Contest and many more!

Thirty-six Rotarians and guests, including charter members Steve Garrett, Jennie Jacobsen-Huse, Kris Poulsen, Pete Siberell and Rob Stockly gathered together on Wednesday, October 5th at the Memorial Park Hart House to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the charter of the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre. While savoring spectacular wine and charcuterie, attendees enjoyed a video which included photos and memories of Club members and events over the past twenty-five years. A lovely gourmet meal featuring

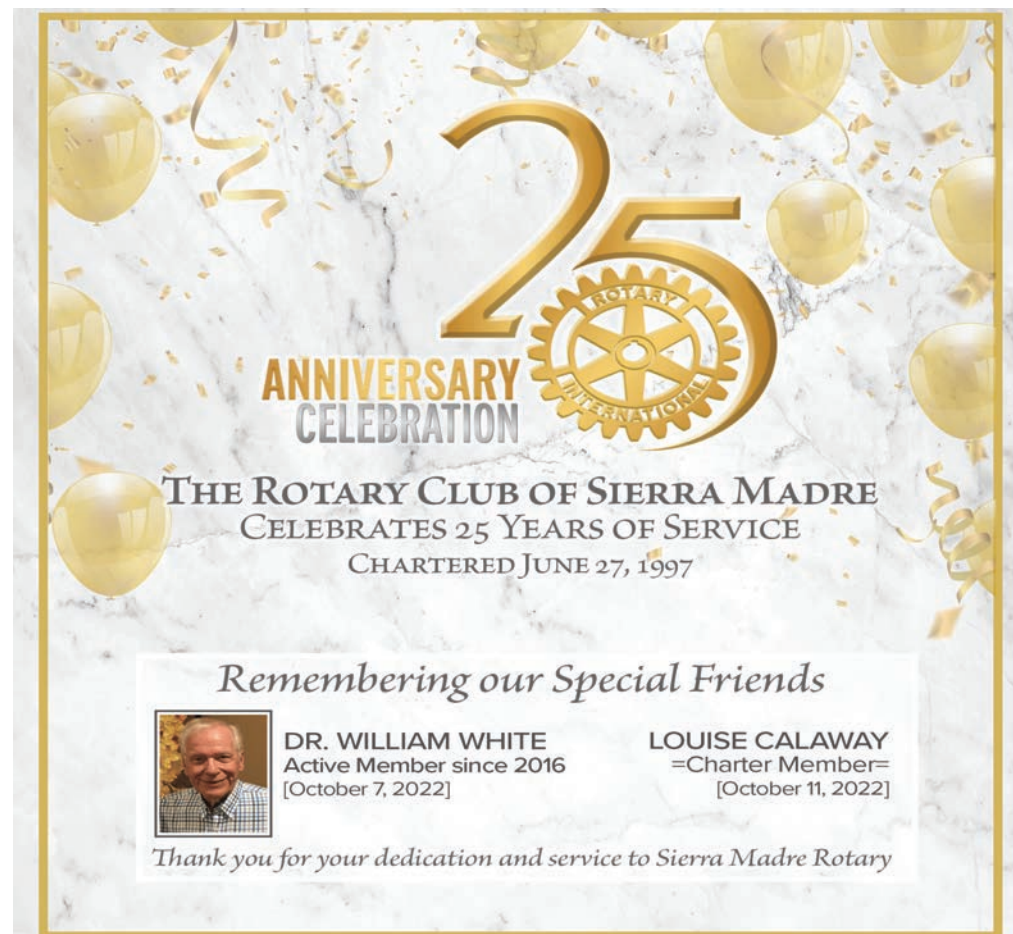
salmon caught by member-spouse Mike Swisher was served after which President Julia Brady welcomed everyone for the evening program.

Master of Ceremonies, Dan Alle opened the program by introducing the charter members and past presidents in attendance. The Club presented a tribute to deceased charter member Ron Hutson and past member Frank Hall, both of whom were instrumental in the organization and growth of the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre. Edda Hutson, spouse of Ron Hutson and Patricia Hall, spouse of Frank Hall were in attendance and recognized. Charter member Rob Stockly, currently the Club's vice-president, shared some of the Club's chartering history and entertained attendees with a game of Rotary Club Jeopardy. Charter and current member Kris Poulsen talked about notable past projects.

Tom Hale and Susan Nunnery, both charter members, were unable to attend the event but sent videos of congratulations. Past presidents Susanne & Rudy Hayek gave a reflection and benediction. President Julia Brady gave a presentation about current projects and events of the Club.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow Award by past presidents Marilyn Diaz and Jeff Porter to member-spouse Mike Swisher in recognition of his many contributions to the Club. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary in 1905 and this award was established in his name to recognize, encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to Rotary.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre visit our website at www.sierramadrerotary.org or contact us at sierramadrerotaryclub@gmail.com



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Police warn of Candy Colored Fentanyl



Just weeks before Halloween, Pasadena Police are again cautioning parents about the dangers of candy-colored fentanyl pills after a narcotics investigation found the deadly drug being sold in the Pasadena area.

According to investigators from the Department's Major Narcotics/Special Investigations Section, they seized approximately 328,000 fentanyl pills, 2 kilos of cocaine, and a ghost gun, September 24, during an ongoing narcotics investigation. Within the seized contraband, investigators located several packages of candy-colored fentanyl pills. This candy-colored fentanyl, dubbed "rainbow fentanyl" in the media, appears to be a new method used by drug cartels to sell highly addictive and potentially deadly fentanyl to children and young people.

"Rainbow fentanyl—fentanyl pills and powder that come in a variety of bright colors, shapes, and sizes—is a deliberate effort by drug traffickers to drive addiction amongst kids and young adults," said DEA Administrator Anne Milgram.

The investigation came after the death of three overdose victims. Maria Bolanos-Hernandez was arrested, in connection to the case, and found guilty to Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances. Bolanos-Hernandez was sentenced to 15 years in Federal prison police said.

The Pasadena Police Department urges community members to call 911 immediately if they encounter fentanyl in any form, and urge parents to be especially careful with the candy their children bring home during Halloween festivities.

Mail Theft Suspects Steal Millions

California Attorney General Rob Bonta announced last week in Pasadena the arrests of 56 individuals involved in a scheme resulting in the theft of nearly \$5 million from hundreds of people in a widespread mail theft and postal fraud operation.

The suspects—who operated out of multiple counties across California, including Los Angeles County and San Bernardino County—allegedly altered stolen checks, deposited them into bank accounts, then quickly withdrew money from ATMs before the banks discovered the checks were forged.

The suspects are facing charges of Aggravated White Collar Crime in Excess of \$500,000, Aggravated White Collar Crime in Excess of \$100,000, Conspiracy to Commit Grand Theft by False Pretenses, Forgery Relating to an Item Exceeding \$950, Money Laundering, and Grand Theft by False Pretense.

The names of the suspects were not given.



Giffords to be Rose Parade Grand Marshal

Tournament of Roses President Amy Wainscott announced Thursday that former Arizona Congresswoman Gabby Giffords will be the 2023 Rose Parade Grand Marshal.

Wainscott said that Giffords' remarkable recovery from traumatic injuries epitomizes the 2023 parade theme, "Turning the Corner."

"Almost all of us have the luxury to face our challenges in private and many of us also have the freedom to overcome or heal on our own timeline," Wainscott said "But when one has no choice but to be both vulnerable and strong in public, with the whole nation watching, that calls for a special brand of bravery and that is why Gabby Giffords is the perfect example of how to turn the corner."

The announcement was made on the front steps of Tournament House in Pasadena, 80 days before the Rose Bowl Game and Rose Parade both on January 2, 2023.

"It's a tremendous honor to serve as the Grand Marshal of the 134th Rose Parade. I love the theme of 'turning the corner'—the idea that we all can make a conscious decision to go in a different direction, towards something better," Giffords said. "This philosophy of moving ahead is one that I've tried to embody both in my personal journey of recovery since being shot in 2011 and in the fight for gun violence prevention that has become my life's work."

Throughout her life, Gabby

has sought to improve her community and country by using her extraordinary ability to bring people together to focus on how we can make things better. This trait has made her a powerful public figure in this moment and inspires people every day to take actions of their own to make a difference. Gabby served her home state as a member of the Arizona legislature and then as a Member of Congress. As the youngest woman ever elected to the Arizona State Senate and a trailblazer in other offices, Gabby represented her community in the Arizona legislature from 2000 to 2005, and then in Congress from 2006 to 2012.

On January 8, 2011, at a "Congress On Your Corner" constituent event in Tucson, Gabby was shot in the head by a gunman who killed six people and injured 12 others. Gabby stepped down from Congress in January 2012 to focus on her recovery. As the nation's eyes were upon her, Gabby embarked on a path to regain her ability to speak and walk, inspiring the country with her resilience and optimistic spirit.

In 2013, after the tragic mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, Gabby co-founded the organization today known as Giffords. Over the past several years, the organization has been a leader in the national gun safety movement, making gun safety

a kitchen table issue for voters. Giffords has helped gun safety champions win up and down the ballot in local, state, and federal races and worked hard to pass lifesaving legislation in states across the country and at the federal level. This summer, Gabby was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. Gabby Giffords Won't Back Down, a documentary from the filmmakers behind RBG, premiered this year and is now available to stream at home on demand.

Gabby will ride in the 134th Rose Parade themed "Turning the Corner" and join in the pre-game celebration of the 109th Rose Bowl Game both are held on January 2, 2023.

Free Talk Life & Work of Artist Frida Kahlo

Pasadena Public Library will host a multimedia lecture on the life and work of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, presented by Dr. Gloria Arjona, today at 3 p.m. at the Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 South Altadena Dr. Join with art and culture enthusiasts in celebrating Latino Heritage Month and the legendary Frida Kahlo.

Dr. Arjona brings alive the iconic artist Frida Kahlo through live music, images, and words. This immersive educational experience is suitable for ages nine and up. Attendees will learn about Kahlo's life, the symbolism she incorporated in her art, the traditional music she loved and the songs she quoted in some of her most famous self-portraits.

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

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net/library

Pasadena Mayor Pens Letter Condemns L.A. City Council Members

Since Pasadena Mayor Victor Grodo's Letter Tuesday, Nury Martinez has resigned from the L.A. City Council, Gil Cedillo, and Kevin De Leon have not.



Gordo wrote:

There is absolutely no place for the racist and bigoted comments made by L.A. City Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Gil Cedillo, and Kevin De Leon, and President of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Ron Herrera. Appropriately, their remarks have been widely denounced and condemned, as they should be for all who believe in equality, respect, and compassion. While Mr. Herrera has resigned his position as head of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, and Nury Martinez has announced a leave of absence after stepping down as President of the City Council, this is not enough. Nury Martinez, Gil Cedillo, and Kevin De Leon must immediately resign their positions on the L.A. City Council.

As the Mayor of Pasadena, and a Latino public official, I am also calling on all elected officials to uphold a commitment to equality and fairness, and if they cannot, they have no place in elected office.

On a personal level, however you identify, these remarks are not tolerable. All leaders, no matter their race, should agree that those comments are abhorrent.

The Los Angeles Times had it correct: the views and words expressed by Councilmembers Martinez, Cedillo, and De Leon undermine faith in the governance of our cities, our state, and our nation at every level.

As elected officials, we must hold ourselves to higher standards.

As General Counsel and Secretary-Treasurer of Laborers Local 777, I believe Mr. Herrera's comments undermine our collective commitment to fairly represent all members and run contrary to the solidarity we need to

protect working families. Mr. Herrera was correct to resign. However, this cannot end with merely resignations.

The reprehensible remarks heard on the audio recording impact all current and future Latino leaders and undermines our ability to govern at all levels and to represent people of all backgrounds. Latino politicians who may share similar hateful and painful thoughts about others should know that there are many Latino elected officials who believe that we represent everyone, from every walk of life, from every race, ethnicity, religion, and socioeconomic status. We are strong, and we are growing, and we will not relent in our pursuit of respect, equality, and inclusivity.

This moment calls for introspection, leadership, and a commitment on the part of all to ensure that we do our part to maintain faith and confidence in our government. That can only happen when we uphold not just our oaths of office but the basic human principle of treating everyone with the respect and decency they deserve.

It is my hope that Nury Martinez, Gil Cedillo, Kevin De Leon, and Ron Herrera come to understand the gravity of this moment and re-evaluate and change their views and opinions as I hope any elected official with similar views does.

The City of Pasadena will continue its ongoing work to build trust and open lines of communication in our community, and as Mayor I will continue to denounce ignorance, hate, bias, and systemic racism wherever it exists.

Pasadena Libraries to Take Part In Great ShakeOut

Millions of people worldwide will practice how to Drop, Cover and Hold On during the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill on October 20 at 10:20 a.m.

Each year the City of Pasadena participates in the drill so that residents know what to do when an earthquake hits.

For those visiting any of Pasadena libraries who wish to participate, this is an opportunity to practice your earthquake survival skills. This is an optional exercise. We encourage you to do so but you do not have to if you do not wish to.

These kinds of drills train us to act quickly – to DROP, COVER and HOLD ON immediately to minimize injury so that we will be prepared when the next earthquake happens. For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net/library.

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San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest (All ages)
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 17 and Tuesday, October 18 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.

Health and Wellness Talk: Dementia
Wednesday, October 19 at 1 PM, Barth Community Room
Bhavesht Trikamji, MD specializes in neurology, neuromuscular medicine, and electromyography at the UCR Health Multispecialty Center. He is also a Health Sciences Clinical Assistant Professor of neuroscience at the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine. Join us to learn about dementia and how to best manage it. Registration is not required.

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.

Shop 'till You Drop Holiday Shopping Shuttle to Fashion Island
Tuesday, November 8 from 10 AM – 3 PM
Cost: R: \$8 / NR: \$10
Time to get all your holiday shopping out of the way! Active adults ages 55 and up are invited to join us for a daytime shopping trip. Transportation and a promotional card with exclusive offers are provided. Reserve your spot by October 25!

Fire Department
San Marino Fire Department personnel conducted an annual Target Hazard inspection of Valentine Elementary and Huntington Middle Schools on October 7. While conducting the inspection, the firefighters observed the flawless execution of a fire drill by the staff and students of Valentine Elementary.

San Marino firefighters participated in fire ground survival training at the Alhambra training tower. The fire ground survival training program was funded by the International Association of Firefighters to ensure that training for Mayday prevention and Mayday operations are consistent between all firefighters, company officers, and chief officers. The program instructs firefighters on how to perform potentially life-saving actions if they become lost, disoriented, injured, low on air, or trapped.

Project Work on Sierra Madre Boulevard
All American Asphalt, the City's contractor for the City's Annual Street Rehabilitation Project, has continued the concrete and curb and gutter removal portion of their project on various City streets. For the next 1-2 weeks, the project work will occur on Sierra Madre Boulevard north of Huntington Drive in both the north and south bound directions. This will also include temporary lane closures in both directions, with traffic being reduced to one lane at various points. Residents should be aware of these traffic control measures and potential delays on Sierra Madre Boulevard. Working hours are 7 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday.

Sandbag Self-fill Location
With the rainy season approaching, the Parks and Public Works Department is providing a sandbag self-fill location in the Stoneman parking lot that is available to residents. Sand and bags are available at the location, and residents are welcome to fill up to six bags to help protect their home from potential flooding. A limited supply of additional bags is also available in the Public Works yard at City Hall, and can be picked up by appointment, if necessary. For any questions, please contact the Parks and Public Works Department at 626-300-0765 or [publicworks@cityofsanmarino.org](#).

Meetings
Public Safety Commission Meeting
Monday, October 17 at 6 PM; Teleconference and Barth Room at Crowell Public Library
Design Review Committee
Wednesday, October 19 at 6 PM; Teleconference and Barth Room at Crowell Public Library
For more information visit: [cityofsanmarino.org](#).

JPL's Venus Aerial Robotic Balloon Aces Test Flights



Prototype aerial robotic balloon Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

A scaled-down version of the aerobot that could one day take to the Venusian skies successfully completed two Nevada test flights, marking a milestone for the project.

The intense pressure, heat, and corrosive gases of Venus' surface are enough to disable even the most robust spacecraft in a matter of hours. But a few dozen miles overhead, the thick atmosphere is far more hospitable to robotic exploration.

One concept envisions pairing a balloon with a Venus orbiter, the two working in tandem to study Earth's sister planet. While the orbiter would remain far above the atmosphere, taking science measurements and serving as a communication relay, an aerial robotic balloon, or aerobot, about 40 feet (12 meters) in diameter would travel into it.

To test this concept, a team of scientists and engineers from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California and the Near Space Corporation in Tillamook, Oregon, recently carried out two successful flights of a prototype balloon that's about a third of that size.

The shimmering silver balloon ascended more than 4,000 feet (1 kilometer) over Nevada's Black Rock Desert to a region of Earth's atmosphere that approximates the temperature and density the aerobot would experience about 180,000 feet (55 kilometers) above Venus. Coordinated by Near Space, these tests represent a milestone in proving the concept's suitability for accessing a region of Venus' atmosphere too low for orbiters to reach, but where a balloon mission could operate for weeks or even months.

"We're extremely happy with the performance of the prototype. It was launched, demonstrated controlled-altitude maneuvers, and was recovered in good condition after both flights," said robotics technologist Jacob Izraelevitz, who leads the balloon development as the JPL principal investigator of the flight tests. "We've recorded a mountain of data from

these flights and are looking forward to using it to improve our simulation models before exploring our sister planet."

The only balloon-borne exploration of Venus' atmosphere to date was a part of the twin Soviet Vega 1 and 2 missions that arrived at the planet in 1985. The two balloons (which were about 11.5 feet, or 3.6 meters, in diameter when filled with helium) lasted a little over 46 hours before their instruments' batteries ran out. Their short time in the Venusian atmosphere provided a tantalizing hint of the science that could be achieved by a larger, longer-duration balloon platform floating within the planet's atmosphere.

'Roving' the Skies
The ultimate goal of the aerobot would be to travel on the Venusian winds, floating from east to west, circumnavigating the planet for at least 100 days. The aerobot would serve as a platform for a range of science investigations, from monitoring the atmosphere for acoustic waves generated by venusquakes to analyzing the chemical composition of the clouds. The accompanying orbiter would receive data from the aerobot and relay it to Earth while providing a global view of the planet.

Much like a Mars rover is commanded to drive to an interesting rock or other feature, the aerobot can be directed to raise and lower its altitude – something the Vega balloons couldn't do – to conduct science between about 171,000 and 203,000 feet (52 and 62 kilometers) within Venus' atmosphere.

The prototype balloon was fabricated using Near Space's techniques for performance aerospace inflatables. Designed as a "balloon within a balloon," it has a rigid inner reservoir filled with helium under high pressure and an encapsulating outer helium balloon that can expand and contract. To increase altitude, helium vents from the inner reservoir into the outer balloon, which expands to give the aerobot additional buoyancy. When it's time to reduce altitude, helium is pumped back into the reservoir, causing the outer balloon to shrink and decrease the aerobot's buoyancy.

"The success of these test flights is a huge deal for us: We've successfully demonstrated the technology we'll need for investigating the clouds of Venus," said Paul Byrne, an associate professor at Washington University in St. Louis and aerobot science collaborator. "These tests form the foundation for how we can achieve long-term robotic exploration high above Venus' hellish surface."

No Picnic in the Clouds
While this region of Venus' atmosphere is more forgiving than its lower reaches, long-duration flights in the rocky planet's clouds, which contain sulfuric acid and other corrosive chemicals, would be no picnic. So the multilayered material developed for the aerobot's outer balloon includes an acid-proof coating, a metallization layer to reduce solar heating, and a structural inner layer that keeps it strong enough to carry the science instruments below. New techniques have also been developed to ensure a long-duration acid-proof seal with minimal helium leakage from the seams.

"The materials being used for Venus survivability are challenging to fabricate with, and the robustness of handling we've demonstrated in the Nevada launch and recovery gives us confidence for balloon's reliability on Venus," said co-investigator Tim Lachenmeier, chief executive officer of Near Space.

While the recent Nevada tests were a milestone for a future concept designed with Venus in mind, the researchers say the technology could also be used by high-altitude science balloons that need to control their altitude in Earth's skies.

False Reporting Of Active Shooter Incident – San Marino High School

On Thursday, at approximately 11:43 a.m., an unknown male subject called San Marino Police dispatch and reported several students at San Marino High School were shot in Room #101. The reporting party described the shooter as a male Hispanic wearing dark colored clothing and carrying an AR-15 style rifle. The dispatcher asked for additional information but the reporting party ended the call. All available patrol and detective bureau personnel responded to the call for service. The dispatcher attempted to callback the reporting party multiple times but there was no answer and it went to a voicemail. The dispatcher quickly contacted high school staff, who advised that no shooting had occurred, no gunshots were heard, and confirmed that the school does not have a Room #101. The officers quickly determined that no shooting had occurred and that this incident was a hoax. This type of call is commonly referred to as a "swatting" incident. A swatting incident is an anonymous caller reporting a high-risk incident to cause a specific response from law enforcement.

Our personnel are well trained and familiar with these types of incidents, and quickly responded to the high school in a safe and expedient manner. The first officers were on scene within two minutes. The officers immediately met with high school staff and began searching the school within two minutes of arriving. After a well-organized and systematic search of the school grounds, San Marino Police Officers and school staff were confident that the incident was falsely reported or a hoax. In an abundance of caution, and to ensure there were no additional threats, San Marino Police Officers contacted staff from schools in the district and walked each campus. Staff members from the private schools in the area were also contacted. When this type of call is received by law enforcement, it is not uncommon for other local agencies to have similar hoax calls. The San Marino Police Department shared our incident with other agencies in Los Angeles County. A similar incident was reported to another local agency, which was also determined to be falsely reported. San Marino Police and the San Marino School District have developed a close working relationship. As a result, the students and community were well informed and this incident ended quickly and safely. This information was shared with our regional intelligence center.

This is an ongoing investigation and if anyone has additional information, they should contact Detective Hernandez at (626) 300-0728. Information may also be provided as an anonymous tip via [www.lacrimestoppers.com](#) or (800) 222-8477.

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](#)

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,


is a volunteer docent at Eaton Canyon Natural Area and a past docent naturalist at California Botanic Garden, Claremont.

South Pasadena Beautiful is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to planting a sustainable future in our community through such projects as the low-water landscape project at the South Pasadena Post Office. This event is SPB's annual meeting. For more information about South Pasadena Beautiful, visit: [southpasbeautiful.org](#).


The Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation established in 1950. Its mission is to raise money and public awareness in the community to support the services and programs of the Library. For more information about The Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, visit: [friendsofsopalibrary.org](#).

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


Upon request made no later than four (4) business days before the event, the City will provide a reasonable accommodation for a qualified person with a disability to have equal access to the event. Please call (626) 403-7312 or fill out the City's request form available here and email the form to [HumanResources@HR@southpasadenaca.gov](#).



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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

The Chef Knows *By Peter Dills*

YES I WENT BACK !

• Dickey's BBQ is at a small strip mall on the corner of Sierra Madre and Colorado, right behind the Plate 38, now to be called BBQ you must well.... Have a BBQ Pit, the menu says that all meats are smoked on site daily and due to this some items might sell out early, I get that, many of the true BBQ places I have visited in the Dallas area also give you fair warning, now if I drove fifty miles for some great Q I certainly would be disappointed. Since Dickey's has several locations through out the Los Angeles area you might not have to drive far. The real questions is should you?

My buddy Charter Cable's TV Food Star Mike Bingley and I visited Dickey's for lunch, Mike and I have visited the stars of the Pasadena BBQ scene (now closed) ala Robins, Gus' and Bonnie B's. So we are pretty well versed on the art of BBQ and what to look for , wanting to try a little of everything I ordered the 3 meat plate (\$19.50) you can choose from Pulled Pork, Beef Brisket, Turkey, Chicken, Ham Sausage and polish sausage. I opted for the brisket, chicken and fall off the bone pork ribs, the owner/franchisee told me that they were St. Louis style Pork Ribs not Baby Back. Spoiler alert, the spare ribs don't fall of the bone, maybe it was bad shipment, but there wasn't enough meat to fall off the bones, however the Beef Brisket was above average and the chicken was good as well. Sides included Fried Okra and Mac and Cheese, Mike liked the Mac and Cheese but said his Mothers was still the best. Sandwiches are available using your choice of meats. Prices are from \$9 to \$22 with sodas and plenty of refillable sweet tea.

What to like , the refillable sweet tea is a plus, the Brisket is fantastic. You even get a small self serve ice cream.

What to consider, BBQ ain't cheap, and although Dickey's website mentions value their prices are in line with their competitors, the Spare ribs are small, much like you'd get a Chinese Buffett. I might have to give the spare ribs a second chance but then again why. If you are thinking about feeding the lunch crew, they have a few options, but avoid the noon time rush, it is s mall restaurant. Corner of Sierra Madre and Colorado



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TOURNAMENT OF ROSES NAMES ROYAL COURT



Photo caption 2023 Royal Court: left to right: Salia Baligh, Sahanna Rajinikanthan, Bella Ballard, Zoë Denoncourt, Michelle Cortez-Peralta, Uma Wittenberg and Adrian Crick.

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses announced Monday the seven members of the 2023 Royal Court. The 28 finalists were joined by friends, family and Tournament of Roses Members during this the time-honored tradition brings nearly 200 people together to celebrate this iconic event, complete with the Pasadena City College Lancer Band.

Members of the 2023 Royal Court will serve as ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses, the Pasadena community and the greater Los Angeles area, and will each receive a \$7,500 educational scholarship. The selected young ladies exemplify character, service and leadership modeled through their commitment to family, school and community.

Applicants from 30 Pasadena area schools participated in the interview process, and volunteer members of the Tournament of Roses' Queen and Court Committee selected the Royal Court based on several criteria, including public speaking ability, academic achievement, youth leadership, and community and school involvement.

The Announcement and Coronation of the 104th Rose Queen and presentation of the 2023 Royal Court will be held on Tuesday, October 25 on the front lawn of Tournament House.

The Rose Queen and Royal Court are iconic traditions, steeped in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses' history and continue as a treasured legacy. 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.

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.

“Guitar... is your dream... Make the dream come true!” And Eric Byak certainly has done that.

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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I love everything about pumpkins: from baking them into my favorite pies and muffins, to setting them on window sills to decorate, to carving spooky Jack O'Lantern faces in them and lighting them!

What do you know about pumpkins? Read the clues to fill in my pumpkin puzzle:

Pumpkins:

- are 90% _____
- are a _____, not a vegetable
- are healthful, with lots of potassium and _____ A
- are used in _____: soups, pies, breads, dips, coffee and spices
- may be turned gently while growing so they will have a nice _____ shape
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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges MEET JANE FULLER: Singer and Guitarist



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Jane Fuller likes to support local business by performing at the local business and bringing people in. "I have done Corfu for many years, and I am now working at the Saltnr Wine Bar in old town Monrovia. They have wine and cicchetti, a place where the owner loves it when the people sit and talk to each other," explains Fuller. Owner, Julie Kalicki, is bubbly like champagne. She is effervescent and greets every person who comes in the door. She's always positive. She wishes people would put cell phones away and enjoy just talking to each other.

"I like that Julie had a vision and a philosophy, a mission, and you can see that in what she does," says Fuller. "She treats the musicians well! I perform there usually the second and fourth Saturday of every month."

Fuller's next date is Saturday October 22, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at 108 E. Colorado Blvd. in Monrovia. You should call them at (626) 775-4025 to reserve a spot.

"My band is called Club Coincidents," says Fuller, "because a lot of incidents happen at the same time. My bandmate, Mike Gallegos, and I are each our own little incident, our own club." Gallegos plays guitar, and Fuller both sings and plays guitar.

"We have a plan to open up an on-line music club called, 'Club Coincidents,'" explains Fuller. "We started doing online gigs during covid. We do jazz, pop, originals, and for upcoming shows in October and November, we will feature autumn-themed and Halloween songs."

Fuller adds, "We like to pair music's greatest genres with the wine flavors that result in perfect harmony."

MORE ON FULLER

Fuller wrote a song called "Fool" for local producer/writer, Lisa Mayo's film, The First Knowing, about a young woman who walks away from an abusive relationship. The film was meant to bring awareness of domestic violence which increased dramatically during the COVID shutdown in 2020. At an international film festival, the film won in the "best original song" category. It is up on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l455RHwU09w>. She also scored a remake of a Twilight Zone episode, "Nick of Time," where the main character believes a fortune telling machine can determine his fate. "I put in music tracks, added piano parts, sing all the songs on the jukebox in the video, and perform the song at the end, 'Crazy,' made famous by Patsy Cline." This video can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPwQs7yr8mc&t=669s> and currently has over 76,000 views. Her most recent film scoring project is a remake of Hitchcock's, "Lamb to the Slaughter," about a woman who commits a murder and gets away with it. Fuller wrote and performed the final track, "Right Under My Nose," about the detective who couldn't find the murder weapon. You can see it on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89VhYbSLVGg&t=302s>.

Fuller has produced four CDs; Her music can be purchased online via Apple Music and Spotify. Fuller began to play the guitar at age 10, when the folk music trend invaded the Catholic Church and Masses included guitars. "One of the girls at school showed me a few chords, and I had to learn quickly," she says. Fuller explains that she had a strict nun in 5th grade who pushed her into leadership positions in stage, and in organizing the music for Mass. "I had to deliver for God," she says with a laugh. "I had to learn the new songs for church, and this drove me to improve my guitar playing."

Fuller went to Alverno High School, and took classes at Pasadena City College. "I studied under the famous Bobby Bradford at PCC and learned a lot about blues and jazz. I really learned a lot from him," she emphasizes.



She earned a Bachelors Degree in Creative Writing and Literature at UC Santa Cruz, and a degree in theatre arts from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. She currently teaches Elementary Theatre Arts in Los Angeles Unified School District.

For more information, see www.janefuller.com

Katnip News!



TOBY

Meet TOBY! Those eyes, those cheeks! How can anyone resist those soulful eyes and those cute, chubby cheeks! Toby, age 1, looks worried in these pictures probably because he had just been

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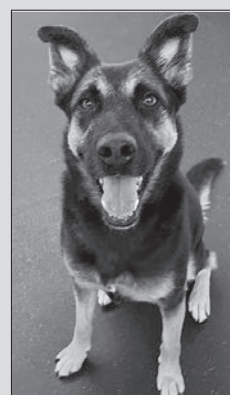
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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

5 SMART WAYS TO PAY FOR YOUR FUNERAL THAT WON'T LEAVE YOUR FAMILY TO FOOT THE BILL

With the cost of a funeral averaging between \$7,000 and \$12,000 and steadily increasing each year, at the very least your estate plan should include enough money to cover this final expense. And if you are thinking of simply setting aside money in your will to cover your funeral expenses, you should seriously reconsider, as paying for your funeral through your will can create unnecessary burdens for your loved ones.

Although you can leave money in your will to pay for your funeral expenses, your family won't be able to access those funds until your estate goes through the court process of probate, which can last years. And since most funeral providers require full payment upfront, your family will likely have to cover your funeral costs out of pocket. Moreover, your loved ones will have to deal with all of this while grieving your death.

If you want to avoid burdening your family with such a hefty bill and the stress that comes with it, you need to use estate planning strategies that do not require probate. While you should meet with an experienced estate planning attorney to find the solution best suited for your unique situation, the following 5 options are among the most used methods for covering funeral expenses without the necessity for probate.

1. TRADITIONAL INSURANCE. You can purchase a new life insurance policy or add extra coverage to your existing policy to cover funeral expenses. Unlike money left in your will, an insurance policy does not go through probate, and it will pay the death benefit to the named beneficiary as soon as your death certificate is filed with the insurance company.

2. BURIAL INSURANCE. In addition to traditional insurance, you can also purchase burial insurance, which is specifically designed to cover funeral expenses. Also known as "final expense," "memorial" and "preneed" insurance, such policies do not require a medical exam. However, you'll often pay far more in premiums than what the policy actually pays out.

In fact, due to the hefty premiums and the fact such policies are sold mostly to the poor and uneducated, consumer advocate groups like the Consumer Federation of America consider burial insurance a bad idea and even predatory in some cases.

One final point about using insurance to pay for your funeral: If you have any type of insurance to cover your funeral, it's crucial that your family knows about it. Far too often, insurance policies are never cashed in because the family didn't know they existed. Don't let this happen to you—make sure your family knows about any insurance policies you have as well as how to locate the necessary paperwork.

3. PREPAID FUNERAL PLANS. Many funeral homes let you pay for your funeral services in advance, either in a single lump sum or through installments. Also known as pre-need plans, the funeral provider typically puts your money in a trust that pays out upon your death, or buys a burial insurance policy, with itself as the beneficiary.

While prepaid plans may seem like a convenient way to cover your funeral expenses, these plans can have serious drawbacks. Most states have inadequate laws protecting funds in such plans, putting your money at risk if the funeral provider closes or is bought out by another company.

In fact, these plans are considered so risky, the Funeral Consumers Alliance (FCA), a nonprofit industry watchdog group, advises against purchasing such plans. The only instance where prepaid plans are a good idea, according to the FCA, is if you are facing a Medicaid

spend down before going into a nursing home. This is because prepaid funeral plans funded through irrevocable trusts are not considered a countable asset for Medicaid eligibility purposes.

That said, if you're looking to buy a prepaid funeral plan to qualify for Medicaid, be sure to consult with your attorney first, as not all pre-paid funeral plans are actually Medicaid compliant, even if the funeral home says they are. Moreover, if the irrevocable trust is not set up correctly, it may violate Medicaid's look-back period, which can delay your eligibility for benefits.

4. PAYABLE-ON-DEATH ACCOUNTS. Many banks offer payable-on-death (POD) accounts, sometimes called Totten Trusts, that you can set up to fund your funeral expenses. The account's named beneficiary can only access the money upon your death, but you can deposit or withdraw money at any time.

A POD account does not go through probate, so the beneficiary can access the money once your death certificate is issued. POD accounts are FDIC-insured, but such accounts are treated as countable assets by Medicaid, and the interest is subject to income tax.

Another option is to simply open a joint savings account with the person handling your funeral expenses and give them rights of survivorship. However, this gives the person access to your money while you're alive too, which can put your money at risk if the person goes into debt or gets sued and their creditors come after your account to pay the other person's debt.

Given this risk, we recommend you consider other options that will allow you to pay your funeral expenses, without leaving your finances vulnerable to another person's mistakes or poor money management.

5. LIVING TRUSTS. If you work with an attorney to make a revocable living trust, you don't need to buy a pre-built trust from a funeral provider. Instead, you can create a customized living trust that allows you to control the funds until your death and name a successor trustee, who is legally bound to use the trust funds to pay for your funeral expenses exactly as the trust terms stipulate.

Furthermore, you can change the terms of your living trust at any time, and you can even dissolve the trust if you need the money for other purposes. Alternatively, if you need an irrevocable trust to help qualify for Medicaid, a qualified attorney can create that type of trust as well, while ensuring the trust stays totally compliant with all of Medicaid's requirements, so you don't run afoul of the program's many complex requirements.

USE ESTATE PLANNING TO AVOID BURDENING YOUR FAMILY

Although thinking about your eventual death is never easy, with the proper planning, you can make dealing with the aftermath of your death significantly easier for the loved ones you leave behind. To avoid needlessly burdening your family with the expense and stress of planning and paying for your funeral, make sure your estate plan includes the necessary funds to cover this expense, and be sure to use an estate planning strategy that will allow your family to access these funds as quickly and easily as possible—ideally by using an option that avoids probate.

With so many different options to choose from, it is important to find an estate planning vehicle that is best suited for your particular situation. With professional guidance and support, you should be able to develop a planning strategy that includes adequate funding to ensure your funeral services are handled in the exact manner you desire—and your family won't be forced to foot the bill. Best,

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HOME SHARING: A GROWING TREND AMONG BABY BOOMERS

Dear Savvy Senior: I saw a news segment on television a few months ago about home sharing programs for seniors and would like to learn more. I'm 68, divorced, and am interested in renting out a room in my house to help make ends meet. What can you tell me? Interested Boomer



Dear Boomer:

Because of inflation and rising housing costs a growing number of baby boomers are opting to rent out a spare room in their house as a way to generate some extra income, and for some, increase companionship. To find a good fit, older homeowners often turn to “home sharing programs” that will match an empty nester with someone needing affordable housing.

But be aware that home sharing isn’t for everyone. You need to carefully consider the pros and cons of renting out a spare room in your house and make a list of what you want and don’t want in a housemate/renter.

To help you figure all this out, a good resource is SharingHousing.com, a website dedicated to understanding the home sharing concept. They offer various articles, online lessons and resource books that can help you determine if this is a good option for you, and if so, how to find and choose a good housemate.

Home Sharing Tools

If you decide to proceed in finding a housemate/renter, a good first step is to seek out a home sharing program in your area.

Home sharing programs, usually nonprofits, screen both homeowners and renters. They check references, handle background checks and consider lifestyle criteria when making matches. They can also help you with the leasing agreement that the renter would sign that covers detailed issues like smoking, pets, chores, overnight guests, use of common rooms, quiet hours, etc.

Most home sharing programs are free to use or request a small donation. Others, however, may charge the homeowner and potential renter a fee for this service. To look for a home sharing program in your area visit the National Shared Housing Resource Center website at NationalShared-Housing.org.

If you don’t find a program that serves your area, you can also search for housemates through an online home sharing service like Silvernest.com. Or, if you’d rather have a younger housemate that can help out with some household chores, consider Nesterly.com. This is an online home sharing agency, available in a few select communities, that matches young renters with older adults looking to supplement their incomes and share their space.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS*

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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). Wednesday, 10/26 – Beginning at 1:00pm **THE BIRDS** PG 1h 59m

SPECIAL MEDICARE PRESENTATION NEW DATE! Thursday 10/20, 9:00 am-10:00 am Hart Park House Please join Duarte Councilmember Vihn for a Medicare presentation. Pastries and coffee will be served during this informative presentation. Space is limited, call Lawren to reserve your spot.



OUT TO PASTOR
A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder
HOW MUCH COFFEE IS TOO MUCH COFFEE?

I will be the first to confess that I love my coffee, especially in the morning. When anybody asks how much coffee is enough, I usually say, “Just one more cup.”

My day cannot get started until I’ve had a sufficient amount of coffee. If I don’t have enough coffee when I meet somebody, they will look at me and say, “Have you had your coffee today?” I respond by saying, “Well, not enough.”

I haven’t always been a fan of coffee. If I am obsessed with coffee, I will have to blame The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage for this. She is the one that introduced me to coffee, and here I am.

When I was young, I hated the coffee my parents had. I tried tasting it a couple of times, and it really was awful, almost like mud. How they were able to drink that coffee is beyond me. It was not until I married The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage that I understood what the problem was.

When I was young, my parents used “instant coffee.” I’m not sure why they drank that, but I did not like it. I thought, at the time, coffee was for idiots. I never said it out loud because I feared who might hear me saying it. But I believe it and have a good reason for believing it. After we were married, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage bought something I never saw before, which was a coffee pot. I thought my father was a coffee pot at the time. I did not know what it was for, but when you’re first married, you don’t create any ambience of negativity. It was then I understood what real coffee was all about. The coffee pot made real coffee. I had never had real coffee before and fell in love with coffee after one gentle sip.

So, you see, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is responsible for my addiction to coffee. Since then, I’ve enjoyed many a cup of coffee, particularly from her coffee pot in the kitchen. I began understanding the difference between “instant coffee” and “real coffee.” I’m surprised my parents didn’t know the difference.

After being married for over 50 years, I have never been tempted to get a cup of instant coffee, what a tragedy of taste that would be.

Since I’ve been drinking coffee, my days have never been better. But, of course, there are those few days when I don’t have a chance to grab my coffee because of oversleeping or something. Those have been brought down to very few, I assure you.

My day starts perfectly after that first coffee in the morning.

Recently, in the afternoon, I was drinking

some coffee; the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage entered the room and, looking at me, said, “Haven’t you had enough coffee for the day?”

I looked at her, smiled, and cheerfully said, “That animal doesn’t exist.” Then I went back to sipping my heavenly cup of coffee.

My morning cup of coffee enables me to start the day rather cheerful. I know when I start each day, there’s going to be something that’s going to give me a problem. A day without problems is a day I haven’t gotten out of bed. A great solution to these problems is a hot cup of coffee in the morning. Not just “a” cup of coffee but a series of cups of coffee. I’m a serial coffee drinker.

“Drinking too much coffee,” The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage warned me, “is not very good for your health.”

I looked at her with a mischievous smile and said, “Would you like to deal with me without my cup of coffee in the morning?”

Laughing, she looked back and said, “No, there probably isn’t enough coffee for that.” One year, a report says coffee is not good for you. It’s bad for your health, so they say. So the next year, there’s another report that says drinking coffee is good for your health. Who in the world am I going to believe?

Well, I tell you what, I’m not going to believe any reports I hear from the news media. I will take this subject up with my cup of Joe in the morning and get his opinion.

There is one thing that makes a cup of coffee magnificent in the morning. That one thing is an Apple Fritter. I believe these two were made for each other, and there is nothing more delicious than the combination of these two delicacies.

I can get away with my coffee with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, but it’s hard for me to get away with the Apple Fritter. I try, but I am not very successful with that as yet.

I’ve been working for years on ways in which to trick her into believing that Apple Fritters are healthy for you. But to date, I’ve not been very successful, but I haven’t stopped trying. I will work on it, and in the meantime, I will indulge in my coffee.

Everybody has a taste for something. I was reminded of what the Bible said along this line. “O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him” (Psalm 34:8). When it comes to my spiritual taste, I need to focus on God. My experience with God makes my life the joy that it is.

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DINAH CHONG WATKINS

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND

CELEBRITY SIGHTINGS



here within the heartbeat of Hollywood, hasn’t everyone been touched by a Star? You’re the most envied person at your Midwest high school reunion, little do they know that driving on the 101 or worse, the 405 is a mighty high price to spot a celebrity in their natural habitat. Still, who would pass on an impromptu encounter at Amazon Fresh, reaching for the same butternut squash as Brad Pitt!

Fame tricks the mind and ties the tongue. Suddenly, there’s a disconnect between your brain and body. My first encounter with a celebrity was when I was five. We were driving down to Chinatown to get our weekly fix of BBQ pork when from the backseat of our station wagon I saw the car beside us was being driven by Mr. Dress-up! He was our Canadian version of Mr. Rogers only even more polite if that was actually possible. Every weekday afternoon I would watch him on TV with Casey, his wooden eyed sidekick and the unfortunately named Tickle Trunk.

I don’t use the word “agog” lightly, but I was agog. Totally transfixed, I pasted my face to the window, babbling like a one year old. I tried to roll down the window to wave at Mr. Dress-up but I forgot how to. Then he took the next exit and sped away. Mr. Dress-up can drive a car! He was just like us.

But we don’t really want them to be just like us. No, we want to be like them. Fame, adoring fans, wealth, VIP treatment, mingling with other celebrities, we want to be like the top shelf Scotch, not the Two Buck Chuck.

For a fleeting afternoon I once experienced fame. My fans shouted out my name with glee. They ran up to me and hugged me with unbridled enthusiasm and yes - love.

As a side hustle, I did children’s parties. At that time, Barney the Purple Dino-saur dominated the Pampers Pull-Ups set like a tyrannosaurus on crack. Being halfway across the world, I didn’t worry about trademark infringement and had a Barney costume made. Coincidentally, Halloween was just a few days after the costume arrived. I suited up and my husband accompanied me, business cards at the ready for all those Hermes bag-carrying moms. The kids rushed at me as if I were a loose hundred dollar bill. “Barney! I love you!” they squealed. Their adoration was addicting, but after half an hour, the sweaty suit was not. Later, I hired a high school freshman to jump around in the Barney suit at my parties, I paid her the equivalent of babysitting wages and signed it off as community service hours so we both came out ahead.

Being a celebrity, it must get annoying to have to put on the full armor of make-up or adjust that toupee just to get a espresso at the corner cafe, otherwise you’d find an unflattering photo of yourself on the tabloid pages of “Celebrities - They’re Just Like Us!” Maybe, the best way to be a celebrity is in full costume like Rampage, the LA Rams mascot; but how to down that half shot, light on the oat milk, no foam latte?

PUT THE LIGHTS ON

MANKIND, WOMANKIND, BE KIND

During the last week I have been traveling to wonderful places. Going to a wedding and visiting friends. Right now I am attempting to compose this article in the remarkably beautiful city of Brewster in Cape Cod. We have just returned from breakfast at a place called Grumpy’s so comfortable and unusual that I bought a T-Shirt which displays the name. Cape Cod is a beautiful spot known as a kind of retirement resort. But one thing that bothered me was the almost complete absence of men in the restaurant. Eventually, to the discomfort of my wife and her friend, I turned to the table behind us at which were seated ten grey-haired women. “What happened to the men” I politely asked. “Oh, we

are all widows”was the surprisingly jolly reply.

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BEAN TOWN - BACK IN THE DAY



Sierra Madre is a great town for meeting new people and making new friends. Beantown played an important role in a friendship I made with my friend George Maurer who would have celebrated his 100th birthday on October 5th. When I heard of the possibility of Beantown closing, my thoughts immediately went to the many, many memories that Beantown created for me and my friend.

For many years George ran the hot lead printing press for the local paper. He loved his family and was a kind soul. In a stationwagon he provided George started and ran for 17 years the ambulance service for Sierra Madre Fire Department. George was a good friend to everyone and always ready to help anyone who needed a hand. George and I sat on a committee discussing the pros and cons of having paramedic service in SM, we were on opposing sides and had a few exhausting meetings, we always walked out still friends that could agree to disagree.

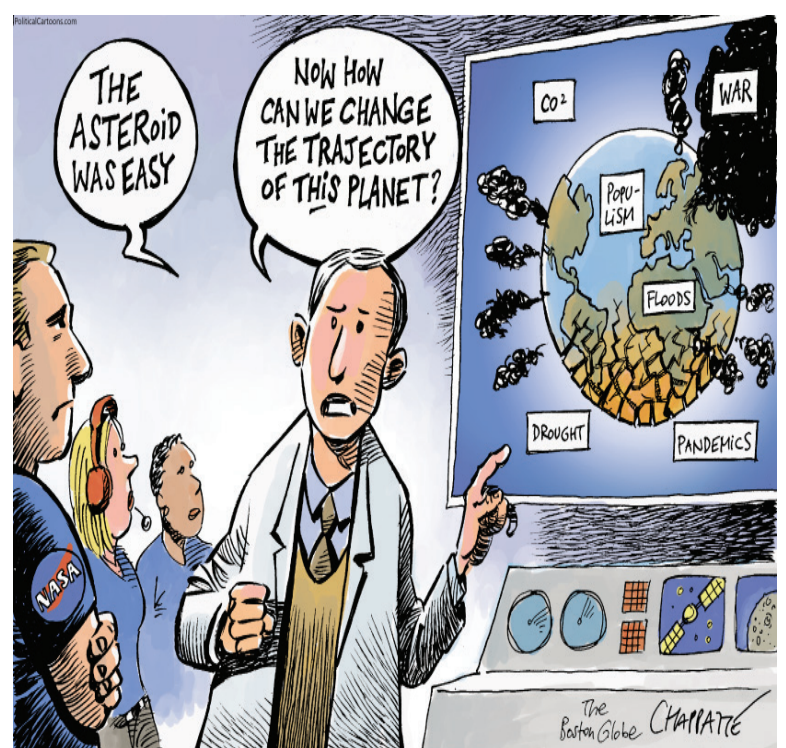
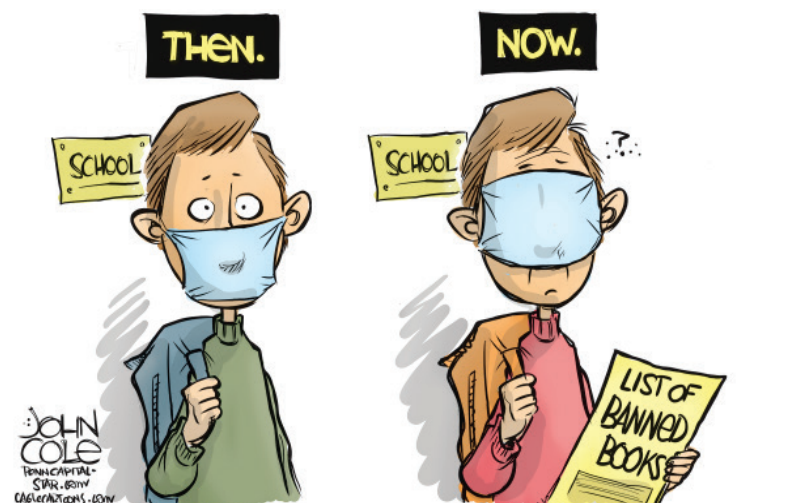
One day, George invited me to coffee at Bean Town and what an experience that was. George introduced me to an interesting group of men. They consisted of Later on I found out the group was called the Liar’s Club for a good reason. Imagine sitting at a table with the likes of George Maurer, Doug Berkshire retired city treasurer, Gordon Caldwell who owned GEM Plumbing and was in the Navy during WWII. There was Dr. Paul Neiby, a surgeon, who George loved to taunt, Paul Duncan a retired LAPD motor officer, Maury Whittaker retired JPL employee I think, and Jessie, a Gardner with the Huntington Library. That group had an opinion about everything, especially whatever was going on in Sierra Madre.

The Bean Town Liars table was always full of laughs, Matt and Dave occasionally would come over and stand or sit with us and join in on the story telling. This went on for over 10 years, who knows how long before I joined. Family members would drop in just to see what drew the old men out of the house 5 days a week. Wives with grown children visited and laughed along with us all. Millie Duncan would visit with her daughter Criss sometimes. One day Millie told us she wanted a new car but Paul didn’t, and that was it? Poor Paul couldn’t buy her a car quick enough to get us off his back! Susan Henderson was even know to visit on occasion only to have George start taunting her, he really enjoyed her giving it right back at him. The political views were always clashing.

Joe Pergola, a cabinet maker and wood working craftsman would visit sometimes but was always hurrying off to finish a job.

Bean Town provided a second home too many over the years. The bakery and breakfast was always delicious and enjoyed by many. I know if the Liars Club was still around today they wouldn’t let Bean Town close the doors, they would find a way to keep the Bean Town tradition going. Gary Hood, Sierra Madre

MASK MANDATES...





12 YEAR OLD PALOMA MOON RECORDS TRIPLE PLAY AS SOFTBALL LEAGUE EXPANDS

8U Division:

SMGSA's 8U Red Wrecking Balls (RBW) faced stiff opposition from La Cañada, but jumped to an early first-inning lead with a 2 RBI single to center field by Amia Macias, scoring lead-off batter Alyssa Schulman and Maddie Arias. Addison Arnerich then drove in Macias with a single, before taking the mound to try to hold back La Canada's hand-selected all-star lineup. Gloria Brusseau carried on the same valiant effort in the 3rd inning, backed by shining defensive moments in the field to keep La Canada in check. Macias and Emilia Turnquist stopped multiple hard shots, while outfielder Bella Frayeh made strong throws, and Piper Hendrich and Hannah Skinner also turned in impressive gems.



10 U Division:

The 10U Select team won a doubleheader against San Marino's "Prestige" teams, including a combined NO-hitter thrown by Raqui Pagan and Maddie Lencioni, and dominant offense led by Lydia Gotlieb's home run.

SMGSA 12U Team "Chaos: secured a solid win against a visiting Monterey Park Select team. First-time catcher Jadyn Shaver (pictured in green) was a force behind the plate, blocking pitches and connecting with Christina Koroghlian (3B) to catch a runner trying to steal. Coach Shaver was proud to see the girls learning to work together and try new positions—all while having fun!

Also in 12U action, the Poison Apples got a bit smashed by the Pink Fury, with Paloma Moon with putting up the defensive gem of the weekend, a TRIPLE PLAY that opened when she stabbed a hard line drive at short, tagged the runner passing her from second base, and then alertly tossing to third before June Meek could get back. If that's not amazing enough, Moon came in to close the game in dominant fashion on the mound!

Finally, the 12U Selects were also one of the Madre teams battling in San Dimas. No surprise, Layla Loya and Havana Pagan were among the hitters doing serious damage, with Zoe Parisi pictured sliding into home after one of those big hits.

14 U Division:

Up at the 14U division, the Cactus Coolers battled hard against the Madre Dodgers, with great pitching by Abby Withers, backed by amazing defense by Carthan and Brynn Connolly. Withers and Abby Mathess also contributed key hits, complementing a huge night at the plate by Roxanne Wilkins 2 for 3 (pictured in red hitting a triple).

Finally, with a smooth stroke of her bat, Gemma Converse nearly hit it out to center field at Heasley, short hopping the wall one of her two triples that helped her team nearly beat one of Monterey Park's visiting Select teams. Brenna Henley delivered her always trusty pitching on the mound, along with great hits, to keep things close against the "hand-selected" visitor lineup.

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