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The Creative Arts Group announces the winners for the 11th Annual Scarecrow Festival

The Creative Arts Group 2022 Scarecrow Festival is pleased to announce the winners for Most Popular Business and Most Popular Residential entries.

In the Business Category, first place - Merry Maids "Merry" second place - The Only Place in Town "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," third place - DPP Real Estate "Long Live the Queen," and honorable mention - The Buccaneer Lounge "Anne Bonney's Ghost"

In the Residential Category, first place - "Monkey D Luffy," (#102) second place - "Buzz Lightyear," (#115), third place - "The Legend of Charlotte Green," (#116), and honorable mention - WistaRapunzel (#69)

This year's Festival, coordinated by Chair Jennifer Shamlian, celebrates the creativity of all participants.



This year, scarecrows were entered by 35 local businesses almost 90 residents and represented a wonderful diversity of themes and styles

"We look forward to Scarecrow season all year long," remarked Creative Arts Group Executive Director Gwen Robertson. "The enthusiasm and imagination everyone puts into their creations is inspiring. Thank you to all who participated."

All winners were selected by the community through votes entered on Facebook and submitted paper ballots. Each will receive a commemorative award from Creative Arts Group.

The Creative Arts Group Scarecrow Festival is made possible through the support of its sponsors: Arnold's Frontier Hardware, Mountain Views News and the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce.

CHAMBER VOTES NO ON HR

Sierra Madre Chamber Votes NO ON MEASURE HR

At its quarterly Board Meeting the Sierra Madre Chamber voted overwhelmingly not to endorse the controversial Measure HR. Measure HR was also opposed unanimously by the entire city council.

Says President Luther Tsinoglou, "The Chamber's mission is to support those things that we believe are in the best interest of the businesses and residents of Sierra Madre. The majority of our board, after reviewing and discussing both the pros and cons of Measure HR, have reached the conclusion that a NO vote will best serve everyone in town."

The Chamber, along with the Sierra Madre Woman's Club held an election forum earlier in the month where City Council candidates and speakers for and against Measure HR presented their arguments to the public. The Chamber does not endorse candidates.

The overall position was that Measure HR would cause more harm than good to the town and local businesses.

This is not the first time that the group has taken a position on controversial local ballot measures. The group supported the UUT which brought much needed dollars to police and fire; they, opposed Measure V which put restrictions on downtown development. They have also been advocates for the business community on the Ban on Smoking, K Rails in Kersting Court, and more.

It is their hope that Sierra Madre will retain its small town charm and continue to support the businesses in town.

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EXPOSING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE'S COLOSSAL FAILURE

By Glenn Lambdin

As we all have come to know, Sierra Madre's residential areas, elementary schools, and the downtown area have become California's hotspot for bear activity and the most dangerous city in California for bear attacks, suffering more bear attacks on humans in the last few years than any other city in California. Daily bear encounters in Sierra Madre are, according to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), now considered "routine."

Consider for a moment, according to a search of California Department of Fish and Game records, during the 20 year period between 1975 and 1995, the entire State of California reported 7 bear attacks. That's 7 attacks in a 20 year period over an area of 164,000 square miles. Now contrast that with the last 6 years in Sierra Madre's 3 square miles that has suffered 4 bear attacks and bear encounters greater than the CDFW's ability or willingness to control them. Additionally, according to reports by both CBS Sacramento and CNN, in 2021, California experienced two home break-ins. Sierra Madre Canyon often sees more than that in a single day so either both CNN and CBS are not doing their homework or someone is not giving accurate data to the public.

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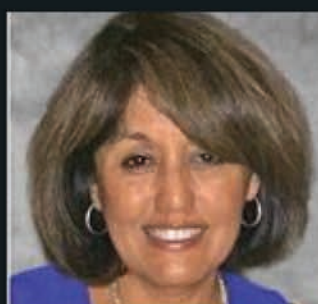
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Fr. Mike Higgins, C.P.
The Passionists of
Holy Cross Province

"Measure HR will make it nearly impossible for our ministries to grow so we can serve future generations. After nearly 100 years in Sierra Madre serving our beloved community, we are devastated that we would be targeted through Measure HR.

"We have always known Sierra Madre to be a welcoming, kind, and caring place. Measure HR is contrary to all those values that make Sierra Madre so special.

"Please help us stop this injustice to Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center and the people we serve. We urge you to vote NO on Measure HR."

It's clear:

Community Leaders Oppose Measure HR



City of Sierra Madre Mayor & City Council

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The park and trails of Bailey Canyon will be impacted, and over 100 old
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Voting YES on HR will limit development to the levels the rest of
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SAY VOTE **YES ON MEASURE HR**

SANTA MONICA DEVELOPER NEW URBAN WEST SAYS VOTE NO ON MEASURE HR

**WHO DO YOU THINK IS LOOKING OUT FOR SIERRA MADRE RESIDENTS TO STOP
OVERDEVELOPMENT??**

VOTE **YES ON MEASURE HR!!**

KNOW THE FACTS AND VOTE YES ON MEASURE HR

Despite ongoing efforts and tens of thousands of dollars aggressively being spent by the out-of-town developer, New Urban West, to confuse and misinform us, there are many Sierra Madre residents who want to know the truth so they can vote in the best interests of the community they love.

Rather than let the facts speak for themselves and let the light shine on the Meadows tract housing development - so we can actually see what it looks like - Sierra Madre is being bombarded with multiple, costly mailers designed to confuse voters and muck up a sincere effort for residents to learn the truth and vote accordingly.

When you don't have the facts on your side and hide behind shiny mailings, it looks like you are too ashamed to show the community what your project looks like and instead try to divert their attention by flooding their homes with slick graphics, falsehoods and improbable outcomes. New Urban West thinks it best to hide behind a veiled smokescreen of marketing designed to trick and fool you into believing that tract housing is best for us. Let's take a breather from all this nonsense and restate the facts about what is allowed and what is not allowed under Measure HR.

Measure HR is simple. It changes the present zoning for the 35-acre Monastery parcel from Institutional to Hillside Residential. It means that institutional development, i.e., schools, retirement centers, hospitals, etc., is no longer permitted; residential homes on two acres each is permitted. Now, to dispel some of the gross misrepresentations pushed by the developer:

FACT ONE: Under Measure HR, nobody can build 68 mansions on the Monastery parcel. Measure HR allows for one home up to 6500 square feet on a two acre lot. This means that in place of the 42 tract homes to be built under the Specific Plan, just 7 homes could be built on these 17 acres. If the entire 35 Acres was sold, only 15 to 16 houses of a maximum size of 6,500 square feet could be built under Hillside zoning. Under the current Institutional zoning, a developer can build a 270,000 square-foot institution such as a school or residential housing unit in addition to "The Meadows" project of 42 houses. If the city were to grant them a new specific plan in addition to the one that has already been approved for the bottom tract, a developer could build an additional 82 houses. There have been all kinds of extreme hypotheticals bandied about to spread confusion, including crazed lot-splitting and ADUs run amok; but, realistically, we're talking about the prospect

of the developer's 124 tract houses under their Specific Plan versus 15 or 16 houses on the 35-acre parcel under Hillside Residential zoning.

FACT TWO: Ads and flyers paid for by the developer state that, under Hillside zoning, the Passionists will be prevented from continuing their mission. This is totally false. The Passionists are protected by the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLIUPA) as well as Section 17.60.030 (A) of our municipal code that clearly states "Churches, temples and other places of worship" are uses that are permitted in the Hillside Management Zone. As a result, there is no restriction on the Passionists' mission. Just like everybody else in town, they will need a building permit if they want to make additions or build new buildings—that's all. The only difference under Hillside zoning is that the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center will be designated as a non-conforming use, which means they will need a different type of permit. There is no reason on God's green Earth that the city of Sierra Madre would not grant them that permit.

FACT THREE: The developer falsely claims that Hillside zoning circumvents Sierra Madre's existing checks and balances. Nothing could be further from the truth.....from a developer whose Specific Plan disregards our carefully written General Plan and zoning ordinances. If we citizens allow them to get away with it, their houses will be up to 80% larger on a given lot size than the city's General Plan and building codes allow. The bottom line is, other property owners—the people who actually live here—like you and me, can't build oversized houses on little lots even if we want to, but New Urban West of Santa Monica can and will if we don't stop them, setting a dangerous precedent for future projects.

Don't be fooled by the endless stream of confusing, misguided, inaccurate, false information coming your way. The real citizen groups opposed to this project don't have the \$143,000 that the developer has funneled so far into pushing this project. The real citizen groups have only the facts on their side and would like to issue the following simple challenge to the developer:

If you stop telling lies about the project, we'll stop telling the truth about the project. Vote YES On Measure HR

YES LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SEEMS LIKE GROUNDHOG DAY

One must wonder what is in it for the City Council to not only approve the Meadows project but also each member display a No on Measure HR sign on their property. Several Planning Commissioners are also displaying the No sign. We would think this would at the very least be poor judgment on their part. We know that the Meadows project is not yet a fait accompli. The zoning change was approved in two hastily scheduled meetings of the Council, within a one-week period, in order to accomplish this. The Environmental Impact Report was also approved, without any probing questions. But, there are several loose ends that the Planning Commission and the City Council will have to rule on - New Urban West Developer promised to reveal which houses will go on which plot of land once the Meadows is approved. There are no pictures, and the actual pictures of their huge crammed together developments in other cities have been taken down from their website.

One of the other loose ends is that pesky (to NUW) matter of the widening of the narrow, sidewalk-less Carter Avenue. There is still no plan to get County approval to widen the street, or to cut down the projected 17 trees in Bailey Canyon to do so. What is truly frightening is that both the Planning Commission and City Council have made their intentions absolutely clear before even discussing these issues that will affect all of us.

Meanwhile, the developer New Urban West has now spent over \$150,000 just in the last three months to try to confuse the resi-

dents. They are saying that to stop the mansionization of the Monastery property you must vote No on Measure HR, when just the opposite is true. Measure HR will allow only 7 large homes on two acres of land. Even with a lot split - now one acre, and 14 large homes, it still is vastly different from 42 homes on 17 acres, set 10 feet apart, smaller setbacks than our zoning codes allow. We've mentioned in several articles - this is Measure V all over again. The building industry spent over \$180,000 telling us of the dire consequences if we allow our downtown to prohibit three story condo units.

The difference, though, is that there is a Memorandum of Understanding between the developer and the City Manager Gabe Engeland, approved by City Council, in the height of the pandemic - "Indemnification. The Applicant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City and its agents, officers and employees from and against all claims, costs, penalties, causes of action, demands, losses and liability of any nature, whatsoever, caused by or arising out of or related to any alleged negligent act omission of the City, its officers or employees or any other agent acting pursuant to the City's control arising from, related to, or regarding this MOU or the Project."

In other words, if we residents want to sue, the developer will use even more of its deep pockets to defend any lawsuits. They, on the other hand, have threatened over and over to sue - just like those who lost the Measure V fight, and the One Carter developer.

Deb Sheridan, Citizens For Truth



SIERRA MADRE Neighbors for Fairness

MEASURE HR Q&A

Is Measure HR the Meadows project?

Measure HR is an initiative by three neighbors to rezone the entire Monastery property to the Hillside Residential zone, making the existing Retreat Center and Stations of the Cross non-conforming uses. HR states that its intent is to allow continued operation "without expansion, significant physical alteration, or change in use." The Hillside Residential zone allows up to 68 units on the entire property, and some number of mansions up to 6,500 sq. ft.

The Meadows project, which was recommended by the planning commission and unanimously approved by the City Council, is a plan to build 42 homes averaging 3500 sq. ft. on the southern half of the property. It includes a \$5 million 3-acre park, 40 hillside acres in conservancy, almost \$1 million to offset water use, and \$250,000 for public safety infrastructure.

What does it mean to vote Yes or No on Measure HR?

A yes vote on HR will rezone the entire property to the Hillside Residential zone, which would stop the Meadows project but allow larger homes to be built with none of the concessions like the 3-acre, etc. It would turn the existing structures into non-conforming uses likely leading to a lawsuit against the city. A no vote on HR would allow the Meadows project to be built as approved by the city council.

What do the Passionists want?

The Passionists, who have owned the property for 100 years, are intent on selling some of the property for development. Their preferred solution is the Meadows project. The Passionists have stated that if Measure HR turns their Retreat Center and the Stations of the Cross into a non-conforming uses they will pursue legal options to restore their rights under the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. If the property is rezoned Hillside Residential, the Passionists' headquarters in Chicago could also decide to sell the entire property to a developer of mansions and leave Sierra Madre.

What was the lawsuit against the city about?

In the argument against Measure HR the city council used the phrase "a developer" from the city attorney's report. Since it would take more than "one" developer to build the 68 units the judge removed that phrase. The petitioner requested that the number of units be reduced from 68 to 34, but the judge refused since 68 units could be built if HR passes.

Who is funding each side?

Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness has partnered with the developer to protect the rights of the Passionists. We have not been promoting the Meadows project other than as an approved project being the best way to protect the rights of the Passionists. The Yes on HR side is funded by a GoFundMe campaign and there is also a dark pool PAC called Citizens for Better Government out of Norwalk that is actively promoting yes on HR. No one has claimed responsibility for this group so it is unknown if it is a developer hoping to build mansions under the Hillside Residential zone or someone with unknown intentions.

What type of homes can be built?

Under Measure HR there is minimal design oversight as long as it fits within the objective zoning standards and within the 6,500 sq. ft. limit. The Meadows project homes will be a mix of single and two stories averaging 3,500 sq. ft. with four different styles: craftsman, farmhouse, Spanish, and modern. No two homes will be the same on any given street. Renderings are available at: www.sierramadreneighborsforfairness.org

NO LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STILL CONFUSED? HR WILL CHANGE THE ENTIRE MATER DOLOROSA PROPERTY ZONE FROM INSTITUTIONAL TO HILLSIDE RESIDENTIAL INCLUDING WHERE THE RETREAT CENTER IS LOCATED:

The City Council unanimously voted NO on HR. After open public meetings and consultation with the City Attorney, the City council determined that Measure HR is against the best interest of the entire City of Sierra Madre.

The Passionists are 100% against HR. Measure HR places the Retreat Center and Stations of the Cross into a non-conforming use. This prevents them from expansion or change in use. It prevents them, as a landowner from applying for a change in zoning through the legal City process.

No on HR will protect the Monastery grounds. Measure HR takes away the Institutional Zoning of the property and places it into Hillside Residential, thus negating any other religious activity.

No on HR will create a 3 acre park. Mater Dolorosa has contributed 3 acres of their property to be developed into a City Park. Measure HR will prohibit those 3 acres to be used as a park.

No on HR will place 40 hillside acres in conservancy. Measure HR will take away the proposed 40 acres conservancy that is currently approved by the Planning Commission and City Council.

HR LEADS TO BAD OUTCOMES

I am an author and retired litigator and have been a homeowner and HOA Board member in Sierra Madre since 2009. I am also a member of Sierra Madre CERT. I am voting NO on HR and want to share a couple of reasons why I oppose the initiative.

The initiative seeks to outlaw any institutional expansion of the Monastery property ever, and to restrict residential development to large parcels. Some HR backers believe that the restrictions would make development impossible and that the Passionists would simply comply with the restrictions on their use of the property. Under HR they believe that the status quo would become permanent. That is one view, however misguided.

Other proponents of HR, such as the former developer who lives near the property and the drafters of the initiative, know that is not true. They know that under HR as many as 68 units, many of which are 6500 square foot mansions, could eventually be built on the property. This fact has been litigated and confirmed by a Judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

What would happen if HR passes? Maybe the Passionists would simply comply, as painful and humiliating as that would be for them.

Or maybe they would sell the entire property and let the chips fall where they may. We could get up

No on HR will stop 6,500 sq. ft. Mansions

Hillside Residential will allow up to 6,500 sq. ft. mansions to be built plus the proponents of HR have neglected to acknowledge that State mandates will allow lot splits, ADUs (Granny Flats) and residential add-ons to existing houses.

No on HR protects the integrity of the Planning Commission. The City Planning Commission after many public meetings and discussions and hours of study has recommended the zone change, and general plan change for the proposed development applied for by the Passionists. Measure HR questions the integrity of the City to make such a decision.

Leading members of the community urge you to Vote NO on HR

Former Mayors and Council Members, Past Commission Members, Volunteers, Members of the General Plan Sub-Committees, Volunteer Fire Fighters, and a vast number of prominent Sierra Madre Citizens all are against Measure HR and what it stands for - taking away the rights of an individual property owner. They are voting No on HR

Pat Alcorn, No on HR

to 68 houses, many of them huge mansions, all with minimal city oversight. I'm curious whether there are some interests associated with HR such as developers, financiers and others who might find that outcome an attractive opportunity. Or maybe a government entity like the State of California would get involved and require high-density low-income housing.

Or, if HR passes, the Passionists, as pointed out by the City Attorney, could choose to sue the city for violation of their 1st Amendment right to practice their religion as codified under the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. The Passionists would claim they are being singled out to prevent expansion of their ministries and discriminated against. They have been mocked and belittled by more than a few of the initiative supporters. The record of Measure HR is filled with evidence of invective and of the hatred and enmity many of the initiative proponents harbor toward the Passionists. This evidence already supports a finding of malice and has the potential to result in a runaway verdict.

As a former litigator for 41 years, which included civil rights and land use litigation, I suggest this path exposes the city's taxpayers to unnecessary risk and terrible outcomes. Please reject the HR scheme.

John Doyle, Sierra Madre

I'LL TRY TO KEEP THIS SHORT

I have lived in Sierra Madre since 1957--longer than many who are arguing about the Meadows project. I recall then a patchwork of houses and empty lots. Family homes gradually filled in the plots of bare dirt, adding to the heart of a wonderful town.

Over the years, the Passionists of Mater Dolorosa had a popular Annual Fiesta to raise funds, and their lower acreage was filled with cars. As times changed and families sought other entertainment, the Fiesta and a need for parking eventually ended. Had it not been for the necessity to retain this land solely for such use, family homes would have completed the area long ago, continuing to knit the fabric of our community.

The time for that to happen has now come. The Passionists have done Everything possible to assure that the project is a beneficial, well-planned one. Years of reviews, meetings and proper approvals have taken place. The homes fit in well with the sizes

of adjacent properties.

A small group of citizens, however, have seen this vacant land for so long that they will do anything to stop that from changing. They have twisted simple facts into convoluted knots to sow confusion and achieve their aim. They have written long, complicated articles that are laced with false and hateful assumptions. They used these tactics to convince residents to sign their petition, and that is why we are now faced with Measure HR. This Measure is so ill-conceived that it won't even achieve what they claim, but instead will be harmful on many levels in the future. Please vote NO on this misguided deception.

Finally, as the opponents find things aren't going their way, they are now trying to collect signatures to overturn the City Council's decisions. This stoops to a sad new low by essentially saying that ALL of the qualified, elected and dedicated Council members are wrong. Please just send the petition people away when they desperately try and get you to sign. William Cosso

SIERRA MADRE MEASURE HR IS ON THE BALLOT AS A REFERRAL IN SIERRA MADRE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022.

A "yes" vote supports changing the land use designation of the Mater Dolorosa Property from 'Institutional' to 'Hillside Management.'

A "no" vote opposes changing the land use designation of the Mater Dolorosa Property from 'Institutional' to 'Hillside Management.'

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 1, THE RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AMENDMENT, legislatively referred constitutional amendment.

A "yes" vote supports amending the state constitution to prohibit the state from interfering with or denying an individual's reproductive freedom, which is defined to include a right to an abortion and a right to contraceptives.

A "no" vote opposes this amendment providing a right to reproductive freedom in the state constitution.

PROP 26 LEGALIZES SPORTS BETTING AT AMERICAN INDIAN GAMING CASINOS AND LICENSED TRACKS IN CALIFORNIA A combined initiated constitutional amendment and state statute.

A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to (i) legalize sports betting at American Indian gaming casinos and licensed racetracks in California; (ii) tax profits derived from sports betting at racetracks at 10%; and (iii) legalize roulette and dice games, such as craps, at tribal casinos.

A "no" vote opposes this ballot initiative, thus continuing to prohibit sports betting in California and roulette and dice games at tribal casinos.

What would Proposition 26 change?

Proposition 26 would legalize sports betting at American Indian gaming casinos and licensed racetracks in California.[1]

The ballot measure would define sports betting as wagering on the results of professional, college, or amateur sport and athletic events, with the exception of high school sports and events featuring a California college team. Individuals would need to be 21 years of age to engage in legal sports betting.[1]

The ballot measure would enact a tax of 10 percent on profits derived from sports betting at racetracks. The state government would be required to distribute the revenue as follows: (a) 15 percent to the California Department of Health for researching, developing, and implementing programs for problem gambling prevention and mental health and providing grants to local governments to address problem gambling and mental health; (b) 15 percent to the Bureau of Gambling Control for enforcing and implementing sports wagering and other forms of gaming within the state; and (c) 70 percent to the General Fund.[1]

The ballot measure would also legalize roulette and dice games, such as craps, at tribal casinos; however, tribal-state compacts would need to be amended before these games can be offered.[1]

Who is behind the campaigns surrounding Proposition 26?

PROP 27 LEGALIZES MOBILE SPORTS BETTING AND DEDICATES REVENUE TO CA. SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT ACCOUNT AND THE TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT

A "yes" vote supports legalizing online and mobile sports betting for persons 21 years of age or older, establishing regulations for the mobile sports betting industry, imposing a 10% tax on sports betting revenues and licensing fees, and allocating tax revenue to an account for homelessness programs and an account for tribes not operating sports betting.

A "no" vote opposes this ballot initiative, thus continuing to prohibit sports betting in California. What would Proposition 27 do?

Proposition 27 proposes a constitutional amendment and statute to authorize a gaming tribe, an online sports betting platform with an operating agreement with a gaming tribe, or a qualified gaming company with a market access agreement with a gaming tribe may operate online sports betting for individuals 21 years of age or older in the state but outside of Indian lands. The amendment would prohibit online sports betting on youth sports. The proposed law would create the Division of Online Sports Betting Control within the Department of Justice. The initiative would give the division authority to regulate the online sports betting industry and investigate illegal sports betting activities. The amendment would take effect on January 1, 2023.[1]

The proposed law would establish the California Online Sports Betting Trust Fund. The revenue from licensing fees, renewals, and the sports wagering tax would be deposited into the fund. After deducting regulatory costs, 85% of the fund's revenues would be allocated to California Solutions to Homelessness and Mental Health Support Account for permanent and interim housing and 15% of revenues to the Tribal Economic Development Account, which would be established by the initiative to provide funds to Indian tribes for expanding tribal government, public health, education, infrastructure, and economic development.[1]

Currently, mobile and in-person sports betting is illegal in California.

PROP 28 REQUIRES FUNDING FOR K-12 ART AND MUSIC EDUCATION

A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to:

- require an annual source of funding for K-12 public schools for arts and music education equal to, at minimum, 1% of the total state and local revenues that local education agencies receive under Proposition 98;
- distribute a portion of the additional funding based on a local education agency's share of economically disadvantaged students; and
- require schools with 500 or more students to use 80% of the funding for employing teachers and 20% to training and materials.

A "no" vote opposes requiring an annual source of funding for K-12 public schools for arts and music education equal to, at minimum, 1% of the total state and local revenues that local education agencies receive under Proposition 98.

Proposition 28 would require a minimum source of annual funding for K-12 public schools, including charter schools, to fund arts education programs. The annual minimum amount established by the law would be equal to, at minimum, 1% of the total state and local revenues that local education agencies received under Proposition 98 (1988) during the prior fiscal year. The minimum under the proposed law would be in addition to the funding required by Proposition 98. According to the Legislative Analyst's Office, the ballot initiative would likely result in increased spending of \$800 million to \$1 billion each fiscal year.[2]

How does Proposition 98 relate to school funding?

See also: California Proposition 98, Mandatory Education Spending Initiative (1988)

In 1988, Californians approved Proposition 98 by a margin of 50.7% to 49.3%. Proposition 98 amended the state constitution to require a minimum percentage of the state budget to be spent on K-14 education (kindergarten through two-year community college), which is referred to as the minimum guarantee. Proposition 98 established two formulas or tests to determine the minimum guarantee, which is the highest funding level produced by Test 1 or Test 2. Test 1 links the minimum guarantee to about 40% of the state General Fund, which is equal to California's 1986-87 funding level of public education. Test 2 calculates the minimum guarantee by adjusting the prior year's minimum guarantee by student attendance and changes in the cost of living.[3]

PROP 29 HEALTHCARE ENACTS STAFFING, REPORTIIG REQUIREMENTS AND OWNERHIP DISCLOSURE FOR DIALYSIS CLINICS

A "yes" vote supports this ballot initiative to require dialysis clinics to have at least one physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant while patients are being treated; report data on dialysis-related infections; and not discriminate against patients based on the source of payment for care.

A "no" vote opposes this ballot initiative to require dialysis clinics to have at least one physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant while patients are being treated; report data on dialysis-related infections; and not discriminate against patients based on the source of payment for care.

Proposition 29 would enact staffing requirements, reporting requirements, ownership disclosure, and closing requirements for chronic dialysis clinics, including:[1]

- requiring clinics to have at least one physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant - with at least six months of experience with end-stage renal disease care - onsite during patient treatments;
- requiring clinics to report dialysis-related infections to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH);
- requiring clinics to provide patients with a list of physicians with an ownership interest of 5% or more in the clinic;

- requiring clinics to provide the CDPH with a list of persons with ownership interest of 5% or more in the clinic; and
 - requiring clinics to obtain the CDPH's written consent before closing or substantially reducing services to patients.
- The ballot initiative would also prohibit clinics from refusing to care for a patient based on the patient's form of payment, whether the patient is an individual payer, the patient's health insurer, Medi-Cal, Medicaid, or Medicare.[1]

In 2020, 63.4% of voters rejected Proposition 23, which was also sponsored by SEIU-UHW. Proposition 23 would have required chronic dialysis clinics to: have an on-site physician while patients are being treated; report data on dialysis-related infections; obtain consent from the state health department before closing a clinic; and not discriminate against patients based on the source of payment for care.[2]

In 2018, SEIU-UHW also sponsored Proposition 8, which was defeated with 59.9% of voters rejecting it. Proposition 8 would have required dialysis clinics to issue refunds to patients or patients' payers for revenue above 115% of the costs of direct patient care and healthcare improvements.[3]

PROP 30 TAXES AND TRANSPORTATION INCREASES TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME ABOVE \$2MILLION BY 1.75% AND REVENUE TO ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE PROJECTS AND WILDLIFE PREVENTION

A "yes" vote supports increasing the tax on personal income above \$2 million by 1.75% and dedicating the revenue to zero-emission vehicle subsidies; zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, such as electric vehicle charging stations; and wildfire suppression and prevention programs.

A "no" vote opposes increasing the tax on personal income above \$2 million by 1.75% and dedicating the revenue to zero-emission vehicle subsidies; zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, such as electric vehicle charging stations; and wildfire suppression and prevention programs.

Proposition 30 would increase the income tax by an additional 1.75% on income above \$2 million for individuals. Currently, income above \$2 million for individuals is taxed at a rate of 13.3% in California. The additional tax would take effect on January 1, 2023. The initiative provides that the tax would end on the earliest of the following dates:[1]

- January 1, 2043, or
- January 1 after three consecutive calendar years after January 1, 2030, of statewide emissions reduced by 80% of 1990 levels.

Revenue from the increased income tax would be appropriated into the Clean Cars and Clean Air Trust Fund (CCCATF). It would then be allocated to the following three sub-funds: Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Investment Plan Sub-Fund (35% of revenue), Zero-Emission Vehicle and Clean Mobility Sub-Fund (45% of revenue), and Wildfire Green House Gas Emissions Reduction Sub-Fund (20% of revenue). The sub-funds would fund zero-emission vehicles, charging stations, and infrastructure, as well as hiring and training firefighters.[1]

PROPOSITION 31 TOBACCO BAN ON FLAVORED TOBACCO SALES

A "yes" vote is to uphold the contested legislation, Senate Bill 793 (SB 793), which would ban the sale of flavored tobacco products.

A "no" vote is to repeal the contested legislation, Senate Bill 793 (SB 793), thus keeping the sale of flavored tobacco legal in the state.

Opponents of Proposition 31 seek to overturn Senate Bill 793 (SB 793), which was signed into law on August 28, 2020. SB 793 was designed to ban the sale of flavored tobacco products and tobacco product flavor enhancers, with exceptions for hookah tobacco, loose leaf tobacco, and premium cigars. Retailers would be fined \$250 for each sale violating the law.[1]

The California State Legislature passed SB 793 in August 2020. The legislation received support from most legislative Democrats (84 of 89) and a quarter of legislative Republicans (8 of 30). One legislator voted against the bill, and the remaining legislators were absent or abstained. State Sen. Jerry Hill (D-13), the legislative sponsor of SB 793, said, "Using candy, fruit and other alluring flavors, the tobacco industry weaponized its tactics to beguile a new generation into nicotine addiction while keeping longtime users hooked. SB 793 breaks Big Tobacco's death grip." [2]

The California Fuels & Convenience Alliance, which opposed SB 793, described the flavored tobacco ban as "misguided policy that will do more harm than good" and "hurt small businesses, eliminate necessary tax revenue, and perpetuate dangerous and avoidable police interactions in our communities." [3]

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEASURE C IS ON THE BALLOT AS A REFERRAL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022.

A "yes" vote supports enacting taxes on marijuana businesses in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, including \$10 per square foot for cultivation; a 6% tax on gross retail receipts; a 2% tax on testing facilities gross receipts; a 3% tax on gross distribution receipts; and a 4% tax on the gross receipts of manufacturing and other marijuana business facilities.

A "no" vote opposes enacting taxes on marijuana businesses in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEASURE A IS ON THE BALLOT AS A REFERRAL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022.

A "yes" vote supports allowing the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, by a four-fifths vote, to remove the sheriff from office for cause, which is defined to include: violation of laws related to the sheriff's duties; repeated neglect of the sheriff's duties; misuse of public funds or properties; willful falsification of documents; or obstruction of an investigation into the department's conduct.

A "no" vote opposes allowing the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, by a four-fifths vote, to remove the sheriff from office for cause.

Overview

Measure A would allow the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to vote to remove the elected sheriff from office for cause. The vote requirement to remove the sheriff would be four-fifths. As of 2022, the County Board of Supervisors included five members, meaning an affirmative vote of four members would be needed. Measure A would define cause to include:[1]

- violation of laws related to the sheriff's duties;
- repeated neglect of the sheriff's duties;
- misuse of public funds or properties;
- willful falsification of documents; or
- obstruction of an investigation into the department's conduct

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEASURE PCC IS ON THE BALLOT AS A REFERRAL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022.

A "yes" vote supports authorizing the Pasadena Area Community College to issue \$565 million dollars in bonds with bond revenue going to fund school facilities and requiring an estimated property tax levy of \$20 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

A "no" vote opposes authorizing the Pasadena Area Community College to issue \$565 million dollars in bonds with bond revenue going to fund school facilities and requiring an estimated property tax levy of \$20 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

- A 55% vote is required for the approval of Measure PCC.



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Theresa moved to her other love, Sierra Madre, in the late 1950's with her family. Though there would be many houses in many places she would come to know, there was only one place where the wistaria meets the mountains that felt like home.

In lieu of flowers, please support a local Sierra Madre business, coffee shop, or restaurant, or consider a donation in her honor to the Sierra Madre Volunteer Search and Rescue Team <https://smsr.org/>.

An open house wake will be held on Saturday, November 12th at the Klimas Family home and internment plans are being made at Pioneer Cemetery in Sierra Madre, CA. Please contact Frances at ftmklimas@gmail.com for more information.



WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

“Shadows of a thousand years rise again unseen, voices whisper in the trees.”

“Tonight is Halloween!”

“When witches go riding and black cats are seen, the moon laughs and whispers, ‘tis near Halloween.”

“Silent phantoms of the night in their robes of ghostly white, they are always to be seen on the night of Halloween.”

All Hallows Eve...Be Afraid...Be Very Afraid!

All Hallows Eve.... is coming,
A deadly.... dreadly night...
When ghouls and ghosts and creepies,
And other awful blights,
Are free to roam and wander,
Anywhere they might.

Creating scary terror everywhere they can,

And scream inducing, faint-producing,
hair-raising, bone-melting,
What's that right there behind me...
Quivery, shivery...Fright!!

They creep out of their crypts and graves,
These creatures of the night.
They haunt the roads and byways,
Run rampant through the park.
They hide between the bushes,
And everywhere it's dark.

All Hallows Eve.... is coming,
A deadly.... dreadly night....
When ghouls and ghosts and creepies,
And other awful blights,
Are free to roam and wander,
Anywhere they might.

Up and down the streets of town,
They race in search of plunder,
These ghouls and ghosts and monsters,
About three feet tall or under!
They shriek for treats and threaten tricks,
But are satisfied with candy.
These creatures rule the darkness,
As long as Mom and Dad are handy.

All Hallows Eve.... is coming,
A deadly...dreadly night....
With ghouls and ghosts and monsters,
And other awful sights,
Dancing through the shadows,
Into circles of street lights.

Beware...take care,
Who knows what's waiting,
Just around the bend.
Could be Jack the Ripper, come to call again,
Or Dracula or Frankenstein, the undead walk tonight.
Maybe just stay safe inside...and turn off that porch light.

A fun Halloween fact for you as you're stocking up on candy: Costco says Americans spend approximately \$6 billion annually on Halloween, making it the second largest commercial holiday in the U.S., after Christmas, of course. Go ahead, buy the good stuff. You know you want a few of those little Milky Ways and Snickers for yourself!

I really want a piece of pumpkin cheesecake and I've only had one pumpkin spice latte so far this season. My sister is watching all the black and white horror films from the 70s and 80s and gorging on candy corn. Crissy and I went to see the new George Clooney-Julia Roberts movie, “Ticket to Paradise” and enjoyed it thoroughly. It's a fun movie and there were no language issues. Just everyone having a great time in Bali. Incredible scenery.

Have a great week and if you haven't bought your little ghoul a costume, don't wait too long!

This witch flying through Sierra Madre consented to a photo op with Leah Davis. Happy Halloween my friends. Tootsie Rolls go great with Chardonnay, in case you didn't know.

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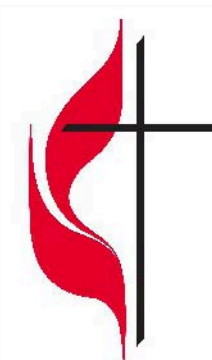
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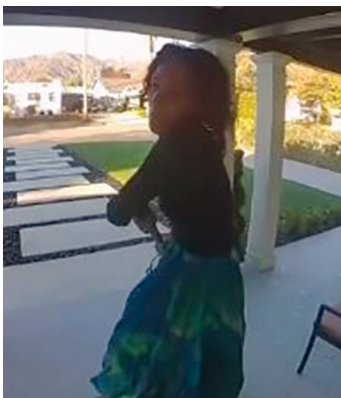


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News From Your Community For Your Community

Woman Attacks Home with a Pickaxe

The attack happened with sleeping baby inside.



A Pasadena woman is now facing felony vandalism charges after smashing multiple windows out of a Pasadena home Monday, with a pickaxe, including a window just feet from where a baby had been sleeping. The whole incident was caught on the family's home surveillance system.

As of press time, the home in the 1700 block of Asbury Drive had the front windows boarded up. Video shows a neighbor identified as 65-year-old Beverly Baker, returning several times with the pickaxe over her shoulder. At one point she states, "I'll be back. Get out,"

Police arrested Baker, after a 30 minute standoff, at her home just two blocks away in the 1600 block of Casa Grande St. At the time police found her, Baker had the pickaxe in her hand.

The homeowners said they think they were targeted in the attack because they are Armenian.

It was unclear if Baker knew there had been a baby next to the window during the attack.

The homeowner Arman Tchoukadarian said his daughter had been taken out of a bassinet just seconds before the attack that left shards of glass in the carrier. He said his mother-in-law had been babysitting at the time.

Baker may have been suffering from a mental health crisis police said. Before the attack, neighbors said Baker had been acting odd, including screaming and what appeared to be fighting with someone in her front yard, although no one was there.

Tchoukadarian said his home has an estimated \$20,000 in damages. The family planned to stay with relatives.

He said Barker needed to be helped, but that it was no excuse to attack someone's family and attack someone's newborn baby, ruining their dream home, life and sanity.

Baker's ex-husband lives across the street from the home neighbors said.

Baker failed to appear in court Wednesday but was expected to appear Friday now under warrant.



Paseo Colorado Sold on Defaulted Loan

The iconic Paseo Colorado in Pasadena has new owners after being sold Monday to Vancouver-based developer Onni Group for \$103 million after CAPREF Paseo LLC defaulted on a loan.

According to reports, the Terraces at Paseo Colorado apartments were not affected by the sale.

CAPREF had owed \$118 million on the 457,000-square-foot mixed use property as of late September. According to records filed with L.A. County, they defaulted on the loan in June.

Records show that CAPREF had paid \$135 million for the Paseo in 2016. After

acquiring the open-air mall, they rebranded it The Paseo, dropping "Colorado."

CAPREF demolished Macy's at East Colorado Blvd. and Los Robles Ave. to build the newly opened Hyatt Place hotel now facing Green Street. The project had been delayed for years.

Clothing retailer H&M was brought in by CAPREF, along with a number of restaurants to boost patrons.

The Paseo is still anchored by ArcLight Cinemas with its own set of problems, including being sold by Pacific Theatres to AMC. Pacific Theatres had permanently shut the theater down in 2021 before AMC reopened the 14-screen

multiplex.

Moving forward, Onni Group has not announced any plans for the Paseo, including the Paseo's Annual Tree Lighting Celebration or the Annual Pasadena Chalk Festival Father's Day weekend that bring thousands of people to the mall.

City Hosts Halloween Block Party

The free event runs from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today

Join the City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCS) for a howling good time during its newest event, Giggles & Screams, on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 3-8 p.m. at La Pintaresca Park, 45 E. Washington Blvd. This event is free and open to the public.

Roam through the haunted house, ride the trackless train of fright, and prow through the trunk-or-treat area! Enjoy carnival games and FANG-tastic song hits played by the DJ. Whether you're looking for giggles or screams, there's something for the whole family to enjoy.

The "Giggles" hours, 3-5 p.m., are designed for the little ones to enjoy and include a costume contest, trunk-or-treat goodies, trackless train rides, "little goblins" play zone, and lights-on tours through the haunted house from 4-5 p.m.

The "Screams" hours begin at sunset. Test your fright factor between 5-8 p.m. at the haunted house (ages 12 and older) and creepy clown train ride (all ages).

Attendees will also enjoy family-friendly game booths, face painting, a photo area, and more! Food will be available for purchase.

Pasadena Public Health Department staff will be on site from 3-6 p.m. offering COVID-19 vaccine boosters and flu vaccine to everyone age 6 months and older. Minors attending the vaccine clinic must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.

Tournament Names 2023 Rose Queen Bella Ballard



(From left to right: Salia Baligh, Sahanna Rajinanthan, Bella Ballard, Zoë Denancourt, Michelle Cortez-Peralta, Uma Wittenberg and Adrian Crick)

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses named Bella Ballard as the 104th Rose Queen at the Announcement and Coronation ceremony Tuesday night on the front steps of Tournament House. The event was hosted by Lu Parker, anchor at KTLA5. The announcement was made by Tournament President Amy Wainscott and follows a month-long selection process with students from 30 Pasadena area schools participating in interviews.

The Royal Court was selected based upon a combination of qualities, including public speaking ability, academic achievement, youth leadership, and community and school involvement.

Bella Ballard is a senior at The Ogburn School, a distance learning school, and lives in Altadena. She is currently a volunteer with Ronald McDonald House Charities, a volunteer soccer coach with Chelsea Football Club, a soccer player at Santa Clarita Blue Heat Football Club and West Coast Football Club, a street soccer player at Venice Beach Football Club and a tennis player at The Arroyo Seco and Flint Canyon Tennis Clubs. Bella enjoys reading, calligraphy, collecting vinyl records, playing chess and learning about astronomy and astrophysics. She will be attending Yale in the fall and is interested in studying economics, law and astrophysics. Bella is the daughter of Joseph and Angela Ballard and has a sister, Samantha.

The history of the Rose Queen goes back to 1905 when Hallie Woods was selected to ride in a horse-drawn carriage down Colorado Blvd. Since then, Rose Queens have had a wide range of success. From May Sutton, queen in 1908, the first American player to win the singles title at Wimbledon, to the 2000 queen, Sophia Bush, an actor nominated for a People's Choice award for her role on "Chicago P.D."

Today, the 1940 Rose Queen, Margaret Huntley Main, is the longest living queen at 101 years old. From Northern California, she watched Bella Ballard be crowned live on the Tournament of Roses YouTube channel.

During the coronation ceremony, President Wainscott presented Rose Queen Bella Ballard with a Mikimoto crown featuring more than 600 cultured pearls and six carats of diamonds.

The 2023 Rose Queen Bella Ballard and the 2023 Royal Court will attend numerous community and media functions, serving as ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses, the Pasadena community, and the greater Los Angeles area. Each Royal Court member will receive a \$7,500 educational scholarship from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses.

The Tournament will host the 134th Rose Parade, themed in studying economics, law and astrophysics. Bella is the daughter of Joseph and Angela Ballard and has a sister, Samantha.

South Pasadena Brace & Bolt Program Now Open

Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) helps South Pasadena homeowners lessen the potential for damage during an earthquake by offering qualified homeowners a grant for up to \$3,000 toward a building code-compliant earthquake retrofit. EBB is also offering a Supplemental Grant to homeowners with a household annual income of \$72,080 or less as funding permits. An EBB retrofit is specifically for homes with a crawl space beneath the first floor.

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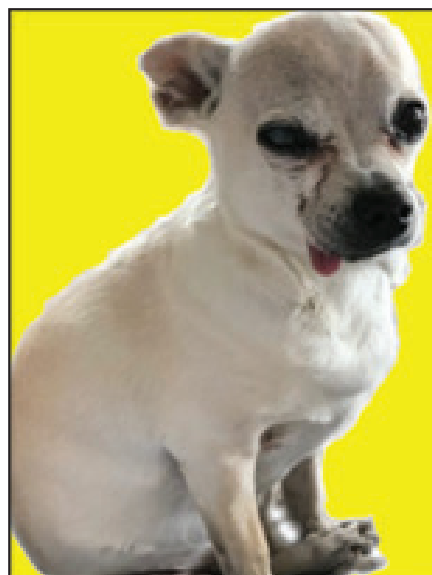
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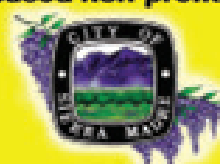
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The Chef Knows By Peter Dills

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PASADENA SANDWICH CO.

I hope you know that we are just a few days away from National Sandwich Day (November 3). Do Foodie's look at this as our Christmas? With a beautiful package all wrapped and ready for eating. As a little kid I marked my calendar! Last week I visited Connal's on E. Washington and this past week I visited an old friend. You know it's always my intention to give you the best of the best. There are so many restaurants in the area. I stumble upon a few and you my readers e-mail me some from time to time and I even scour Facebook to probe the internet for terrestrial treasures.

Is a Sandwich Shop worth an actual review? I believe so, I know many enjoy making one at home, but I have found it tough to review most of those homespun delights. So, where do I like to go for a good sandwich? Two of my favorite places are in East Pasadena. One is Whole Foods. Yes, they make a great sandwich, and you can direct the maestro to fix it any way you like. The sandwiches run about \$9.50+.

The second spot I like is The Pasadena Sandwich Shop. You can sit down or go right to the deli case. I usually go directly to the case. This family run business has not missed a beat in the past three years, The Pasadena Sandwich Shop has done what Jerry's Deli and Ben's Deli weren't able to do. Stay in business. The restaurant itself is small; in fact it is located in a small office building, wedged between a dry cleaners and a vacant real estate office.

The prices range between \$9 and \$14. I have yet to finish an entire sandwich. Take the challenge yourself! Here are a few of my recent lunches: The Big PCS "B" Roast Beef - cheddar, lettuce, tomato with Russian dressing on a French Roll; The "Chicago" Corned Beef - Pastrami, Swiss, cole slaw (it's triple decker on rye); and again, good luck in finishing one!!! The Shepherd - Corned Beef, Pastrami, Turkey, Salami, Swiss - It's a triple-decker on Rye.

You can mix and match meats and breads or you can "Trust The Cook," (\$16) whatever the cook feels as a fancy for the day. My suggestion, bring a friend to share.

Platters are available, and the restaurant offers chips and soda. Dine in or take out is available. Peter's Condiment Tip: They have spicy beaver mustard, a must!!

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LA OPERA CONDUCTOR SET TO LEAD PASADENA SYMPHONY

The Pasadena Symphony continues its 95th season with Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5 on Saturday, November 12, at Ambassador Auditorium with both matinee and evening performances at 2:00pm and 8:00pm. Newly appointed LA Opera Resident Conductor, Lina González-Granados will lead the orchestra as the second Artistic Partner of the season. Hailing from Cali, Colombia, González-Granados won the 2021 Sphinx Medal of Excellence and Solti Award, and has made quite a splash in Los Angeles this season with her Hollywood Bowl debut described as "a show of raw power, an aural force to glue you to your seat" (Los Angeles Times).

The Composers Showcase opens the program with Valerie Coleman's Seven O'Clock Shout, inspired by the bravery and sacrifice of the frontline works of the Covid-19 pandemic and the heartwarming ritual of evening serenades that sprung up to honor their heroism. International Tchaikovsky Competition winner Alexandra Conunova will then take center stage to paint the Romantic soundscape of Sibelius' Violin Concerto with her impressive range of color. The program culminates with González-Granados taking the audience on a Romantic journey through a world of destiny, fate and shocking climaxes for a performance of Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony that will have everyone talking.

The Pasadena Public Health Department recommends all guests either be fully vaccinated or obtain a negative COVID-19 test prior to entry to Ambassador Auditorium, but it is not required. Masks are strongly recommended but not required. As conditions in the community evolve, the Pasadena Symphony reserves the right to update policies with a focus on public safety. For the most up to date venue safety protocols, visit pasadenasympphony-pops.org/symphony-covid-safety/.

The Pasadena Symphony provides a vibrant experience specially designed for the music lover, the social butterfly or a date night out. Guests can arrive early to enjoy the outdoor, tented Symphony Lounge, which opens 2 hours prior to show time. A posh setting along Ambassador Auditorium's beautiful outdoor plaza, the Symphony Lounge offers small bites, coffee, cocktails and fine wines from The Michero Family, before the concert and during intermission.

All concerts are held at Ambassador Auditorium, 131 South St. John Ave, Pasadena, CA. Subscription packages start at as low as \$99, with single tickets starting at \$40. Both may be purchased online at www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org or by calling (626) 793-7172.



EDUCATION & YOUTH

Jim Osterling Says:
VOTE YES ON MEASURE PCC FOR AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING

For 100 years, Pasadena City College (PCC) has provided high-quality, affordable college education and career training for residents of all ages, including thousands of graduates from our local schools.

With the rising cost of four-year college, many students are turning to community college for higher education at a fraction of the cost of Cal State, University of California (UC) and private universities.

Each year thousands of local high school graduates from Sierra Madre and throughout the West San Gabriel Valley rely on PCC for affordable access to higher education and job training. PCC delivers the highest transfer rate to Cal State and UC among all community colleges in California. The College's satellite campuses bring these benefits to residents throughout our region.

Continuing to provide affordable access to higher education and job training requires up-to-date classrooms, labs and technology to meet the growing demand. This November there is an important measure on the ballot to support PCC which is aptly named Measure PCC.

Measure PCC is a community college facilities improvement bond measure on the November 8, 2022 ballot that will provide locally controlled funding for Pasadena City College to upgrade aging classrooms, labs and job training facilities to maintain affordable, high-quality education for local students.

Most of PCC's facilities were built over 50 years ago and need repairs and upgrades. There is a clear need to upgrade classrooms, instructional technology and career training facilities to better prepare students for in-demand jobs in science, healthcare, nursing, engineering and skilled trades. A portion of the funds will be used to replace a red tagged building (The Sarafian Science building) and upgrade 4 yellow tagged buildings that have outdated structural and building systems.

Voting Yes on Measure PCC ensures local students, including lower and middle-income students who can't afford expensive university tuition, can access affordable higher education and job training in our area.

Voting YES on Measure PCC allows PCC to continue training and educating the nurses and healthcare professionals that serve our medical needs, the firefighters, paramedics, law enforcement officers and first responders that keep us safe, and the skilled workers who fuel our economy.

Voting YES on Measure PCC will:

- Replace leaky roofs, rusty plumbing and faulty electrical systems
- Keep computer systems and instructional technology up to date
- Provide modern science labs and career training facilities to prepare students for in demand careers
- Bring buildings to current health and safety codes
- Improve access for students with disabilities
- Remove asbestos, lead pipes and hazardous materials
- Improve student safety and campus security by upgrading lighting, intruder protection and emergency communication systems, smoke detectors and fire alarms

Measure PCC requires a clear system of fiscal accountability, including a detailed project list showing exactly how the funds must be used. An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent audits ensure the funds are spent as promised. Public disclosure of all spending is mandatory. Every penny raised must be spent locally to improve our local community college facilities. No funds from Measure PCC may be used for administrator salaries or benefits.

Measure PCC is supported by PCC students, teachers, the PCC Foundation and the entire Board of Trustees. Respected current and past local elected leaders including Congressman Adam Schiff, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Senator Anthony Portantino, Assemblymember Chris Holden, County Supervisor Kathryn Barger and former Senator Carol Liu all support Measure PCC. Please refer to the website for more endorsements and information. <https://www.yesonpcc.org/>

Please join me in voting YES on PCC on or before November 8 to maintain affordable access to higher education and job training.

Jim Osterling represents Altadena, NE Pasadena and Sierra Madre on the Board of Trustees for Pasadena City College. For more than ten years, Mr. Osterling was an Associate Adjunct Professor at the Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California (USC). He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and former CFO in the real estate industry and now owns a real estate development and advisory company. He and his wife, Scarlett, have lived in the PCC district area for over 30 years. He can be reached at jaosterling@pasadena.edu.

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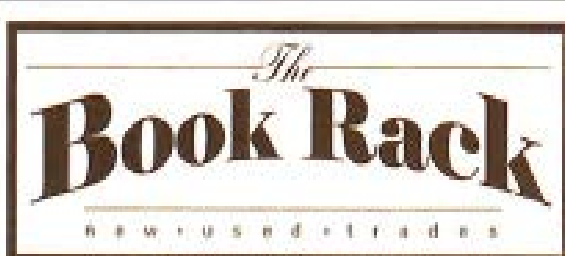
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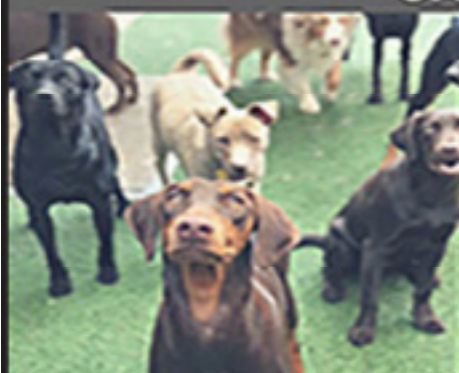
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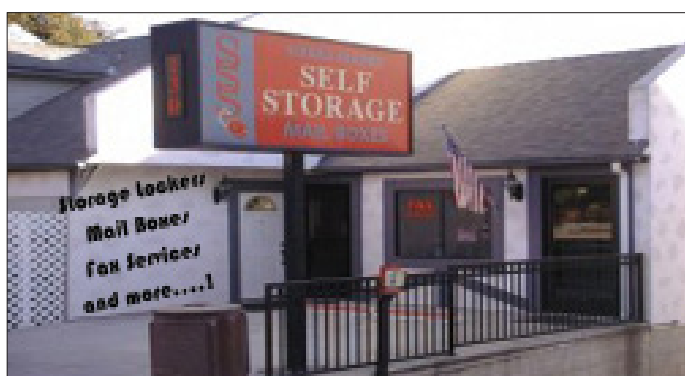
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CHRISTOPHER Nyergeres



[Nyergeres is the author of “Til Death Do Us Part?”, of which this is an excerpt, selected for this time of the year. The book is available as an e-book, or hard copy, from Amazon, or from www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com].

In 2010 I went to Mexico’s Yucatan peninsula to learn about the Maya culture and spirituality under the tutelage of Miguel Angel Vergara Calleros. Among other things, I was told that Vergara does “readings” with people based upon Mayan beliefs. I didn’t know precisely what a “reading” was, but I was urged me to take advantage of this opportunity. I had to give Vergara’s assistant my birthday the day before in order for Vergara to prepare. I was also asked to determine my personal goal, and to come up with pertinent questions. I decided that my goal was to find peace with my wife who had died two years earlier. I still talked to her daily, and I still missed her very much. Another goal was to live my destiny. Thus, my question was: “what are my steps to living more fully my life goal?” I felt that I could, and should, be able to determine these things on my own, but I still wanted the feedback from Vergara. After lunch, I met with Vergara in his Campeche, his office, a table by the window in the hotel Tucan Siho-Playa. He prepared a document based on my birthdate. He pointed to the symbols on his black and white image as he explained each. Plus, he had a small stack of cards and upon each was drawn a Mayan symbol. He went into great detail about my character and personality, details which I share in my book, “On the Road to 2012.” Then, after his reading, I ask, “How do I find peace with Dolores? How do I fulfill my life’s destiny?” His answer was to point to the Mayan symbols, one by one, and to create the answer by their entirety. He first points to a symbol, Ok, which he says represents “prints,” which refers to when I walk, footprints. Next, he point to a symbol, Kan, which represents wisdom and knowledge. Next, Ix, which refers to coming and doing ceremonies with Mother Earth.

Then, Eb, which means that is the way.
And finally, Akbal, which means to reconnect with your pure essence and be in peace inside you. He smiles, and tells me that my answer is there. It is very obvious, really. It is the answer to everything. To be who I am, or who I am to be, and to fulfill my dharma or destiny, I walk with wisdom, or seeking wisdom, and join in the ceremonies that connect me with my self. I will know that this is the way, and this will help me to reconnect with my own higher Self, and be at peace. Yes.
Vergara smiled, and nodded. “Yes,” he said, “go up higher, like the eagle, to see the spiritual geometry of the problem. See the way in, and the way out. Then, let your jaguar essence go down and find the way out with calmness and without emotional attachment.”

Next he tells me how to perform a special ceremony to find peace with Dolores. Vergara tells me to dig a hole, around 3 feet wide, maybe 2 feet deep, in a special place. I do this by myself, but if I choose to do so later, I can do it again and invite others to join.
I needed to obtain the following items as offerings: Honey, Seeds, Oils, Bread, Chocolate, Incense.
I was to put all of these items around the hole, and then talk to Dolores. I ask for healing. I say words to the effect of: “Heart of Earth, I am doing this ceremony in your name. Please heal my heart and mind from my painful memories.” I was told to say whatever else I feel is appropriate. When done, I would put all the items in the hole and bury them. Then I was to be at peace, let Dolores be with me, and honor her. “But you need to remember that you are incarnated,” said Vergara. “Go and teach and share and honor, and devote these things to Dolores.” ... He told me that I could consult with him in the weeks that followed if I had questions.

We hugged when it was done, and when I returned home, I was determined to do these ceremonies. I did grow roses and keep roses in water in my room some of the time.
But it wasn’t until the following November – November of 2011 – that I finally dug the hole and did the ceremony he described.
I did the ceremony as Vergara prescribed. There were no psychic appearances and no special clouds or winds that spoke to me. However, within the next three days, I felt a feeling of calm and peace settle upon me, as if the ceremony had in deed done its job to free each of us to continue on our needed path. I thanked Dolores for the life we had, and I thanked Vergara for his guidance.





FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

HOW AN ESTATE PLAN CAN PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS & FAMILY

If you’re a small business owner, you’ve most likely dedicated significant time and energy to creating – and executing - a vision for your business, and even writing up a detailed business plan for the growth of your business. Yet far fewer business owners put the same effort into planning for their company’s continued success following their retirement, incapacity, or death.

However, not planning for the future of your business once you are no longer around to run the company could have disastrous consequences for you, your team, your clients/customers, and your family. And of all the potential risks facing your business, the two that are impossible to avoid are your incapacity and death.

Given this fact, creating an estate plan for the continued success of your business should you become incapacitated or when you die is just as critical as any other planning you do for your business, if not more so. The best part is that when you create an estate plan for your business, or a succession plan, it makes your company more resilient, less dependent on you overall, and can greatly improve your ability to take vacations, and have the freedom from your business you probably desire.

WHAT IS A BUSINESS SUCCESSION PLAN?

A business succession plan is the term for an estate plan for your business. And that plan will include several strategies, such as life insurance for liquidity, a buy-sell agreement (covering the buyout of partners or other shareholders), and it may also include a trust to spell out the future management of your business and to avoid the totally unnecessary court process called probate, which could interrupt your company’s continued operation and even cause the loss of everything you’ve worked so hard to build.

A WILL ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH.

When it comes to creating an estate plan, most people typically think of a will. While it’s possible to leave your company to someone in your will, it’s far from the ideal option. That’s because, upon your death, all assets passed through a will must first go through probate. And the cost, time, and complexity involved when the court makes decisions about your business assets is completely unnecessary.

During probate, the court oversees your will’s administration to ensure your assets (including your business) are distributed according to your wishes. But probate can take years to complete, and it is quite expensive, which can seriously disrupt your cash flow and your company’s operation. What’s more, probate is a public process, potentially leaving your business affairs open to your competitors.

Furthermore, a will only goes into effect upon your death, so it would do nothing to protect your business should you become incapacitated by illness or injury before your eventual death. In fact, if you only have a will in place (or have no estate plan at all), in the event of your incapacity, your family will have to petition the court for guardianship in order to manage your business as well as your other personal and financial affairs.

Like probate, the court process associated with guardianship in the event of your incapacity can be long and costly. And in the end, whether it’s a family member or professional guardian agency, there’s no guarantee the individual the court ultimately names as guardian would be the best person to run your company.

YOU NEED A COMPREHENSIVE SUCCESSION PLAN.


Given the drawbacks associated with a stand-alone-will, a much better way to ensure your business’ continued success is through a comprehensive business succession plan. This can be a part of your own personal estate plan, or it can be a completely separate plan, which closely coordinates with your personal plan so as to provide the maximum protection for your business and your family.

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Pet of the Week



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TOP FINANCIAL SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS TODAY

Dear Savvy Senior:

What are the most common scams today that target elderly seniors? My 75-year-old mother has been swindled several times over the past year, so I'm being extra cautious. Paranoid Patty



Dear Patty:

Great question! While many scams today are universal, there are certain types of fraud that specifically target older adults or affects them disproportionately. And unfortunately, these senior targeted scams are on the rise.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in 2021 there were 92,371 older victims of fraud resulting in \$1.7 billion in losses. This was a 74 percent increase in losses compared to 2020.

Here are five of the most common senior scams that were reported last year, that both you and your mom should be aware of.

Government imposter scams: These are fraudulent telephone calls from people claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration or Medicare. These scammers may falsely tell you that you have unpaid taxes and threaten arrest or deportation if you don't pay up immediately. Or they may say your Social Security or Medicare benefits are in danger of being cut off if you don't provide personal identifying information. They may even "spoof" your caller ID to make it look like the government is actually calling.

Sweepstakes and lottery scams: These scams may contact you by phone, mail or email. They tell you that you've won or have the potential to win a jackpot. But you need to pay a fee, or cover taxes and processing fees to receive your prize, perhaps by prepaid debit card, wire transfer, money order or cash. Scammers may even impersonate well-known sweepstakes organizations, like Publishers Clearing House, to fool you.

Robocalls and phone scam: Robocalls take advantage of sophisticated, automated phone technology to carry out a variety of scams on trusting older adults who answer the phone. Some robocalls may claim that a warranty is expiring on their car or electronic device, and payment is needed to renew it. These scammers may also "spoof" the number to make the call look authentic.

One common robocall is the "Can you hear me?" call. When the older person says "yes," the scammer records their voice and hangs up. The criminal then has a voice signature to authorize unwanted charges on items like stolen credit cards.

Computer tech support scams: These scams prey on senior's lack of knowledge about computers and cybersecurity. A pop-up message or blank screen usually appears on a computer or phone, telling you that your device is compromised and needs fixing. When you call the support number for help, the scammer may either request remote access to your computer and/or that you pay a fee to have it repaired.

Grandparent scam: The grandparent scam has been around for several years now. A scammer will call and say something along the lines of: "Hi Grandma, do you know who this is?" When the unsuspecting grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the scammer most sounds like, the scammer has established a fake identity.

The fake grandchild will then ask for money to solve some unexpected financial problem (legal trouble, overdue rent, car repairs, etc.), to be paid via gift cards or money transfers, which don't always require identification to collect.

Other Scams
Some other popular scams targeting older adults right now are romance scams through social media and online dating sites, COVID-19 scams, investment scams, Medicare and health insurance scams, and Internet and email fraud.

For more information on the different types senior scams to watch out for, along with tips to help your mom protect herself, visit the National Council on Aging website at NCOA.org, and type in "the top 5 financial scams targeting older adults" in the search bar.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit Savvy-Senior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS*

Janda Ferris, Darlene Traxler, Margit Johnson, Sole Krieg, Dick Anderson, Eva Poet, Mary Jane Baker, Dixie Coutant, Jill Franks, Cathleen Cremins, Darlene Crook, Susan Gallagher, Maggie Ellis, Gloria Giersbach, Ellen O'Leary, Jenny Piangenti, Anita Thompson, Linda Boehm and Angela Stella * To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required

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
ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S 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).
ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S 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

I DIDN'T DO IT MY WAY



I don't think I've learned very much during my life. I just bounce from day to day and take what comes.

The one thing I did learn as I look back is, for the most part, I didn't do it my way.

Remember Frank Sinatra and his song, "I Did It My Way?" I would have liked to ask him, how's that been working for you?

Whenever we do everything our way, there is a consequence.

You know what they say that for every action, there is a consequence. By the time the consequence hits you in the face, it's too late to make any changes.

When I ever did something "my way," it never really worked out.

The other day as I was meditating on this, I thought of how smart I was when I was a teenager. I knew everything; all you had to do was ask me. Sometimes you didn't even have to ask. I was ready to give my opinion at any time.

If only I were a smart as I thought I was when I was a teenager, everything would be gloriously wonderful. The problem is, I'm not.

I have learned that I don't have to have everything my way. That was the first thing I learned as a husband. If I get everything my way, somebody in the house is not happy.

As long as I have been with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, she is the only one I know that gets things done her way. Not in a bullying manner, she just seems to know the right thing to do at the right time.

I, on the other hand, cannot even tell time.

Thinking along this line, a memory flashed back. I remember rushing my wife to the hospital to deliver our first baby. I'm not sure who was more nervous, the mother or the expected father.

We got there, and she was escorted back to the delivery room where they would deliver the baby. I paced the lobby, not knowing exactly what I should be doing.

Several hours went by, and I heard nothing concerning the birth of our baby. If I only had my way, I would go back there and see for myself.

Just then, the nurse that took my wife back into the delivery room came out, and I approached her and said, "Can I go and see my wife and baby now?"

After all, I was the father, and I was paying the bill for this baby.

The nurse, who looked like she had just gone through World War II, glared at me and, with a very rough voice, said, "No, you're not go-

ing back there. After all, you're the one that's responsible for all of this."

I did not know what she meant or what she was talking about?

There was not anything I could do but continue waiting. As I sat in the waiting room, I thought, she ought to be very, very, very glad that I was not doing it my way. My way would have been very nasty and ugly for her.

I let that nurse do it her way because she was not significant in my life. For me to let her have it her way did not in any way harm me. I just had to wait a little longer.

Finally, I had the opportunity to go back and see my wife and our first baby. That took away all my memories, at the time, of that nasty nurse who wanted to do everything her way.

I was glad I didn't do it my way.

On many occasions, I have wanted to give people a piece of my mind to do it my way. Unfortunately, I have run out of pieces of mind. For all things considered, it has turned out to be a good thing.

Many times through life, I allowed the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage to have it her way. Most of the time, her way was the right way. If I would've stepped in to do it my way, we would be in a lot of trouble today.

There have been some very wonderful times when her way did not work, and if I would have had my way, things might not have turned out better. But I chose the high road and let her have her way.

Only a few times in my life have I been right, and she has been wrong. I choose not to identify those times for various reasons.

Every once in a while, I sit back and think about a few times when I have been right but did not step up to interfere in the situation. That always causes me to chuckle.

The other night I was chuckling as I was thinking of one in particular, which I cannot disclose, when my wife said, "What are you chuckling about?"

"Oh," I said, "I was just thinking about a joke."

"And, what joke was that," she asked?

"Why was 6 afraid of 7? Because 7, 8, 9."

As I sat back in my chair, a verse of Scripture came to mind. "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:21).

Some of my happiest times in life are when I'm not doing anything my way. Giving someone else the privilege of doing it their way is a very satisfying thing.



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PUT THE LIGHTS ON
DON'T BE SCARED - EMBRACE THE
FEAR AND ACT

First, don't try to tell me that there is nothing to be afraid of. Open your eyes and look around. The Pandemic won't go away and keeps mutating into other scary variants. Every morning, as soon as we make the mistake of turning on the morning news or, worse yet, Democracy Now, we learn of shootings and bombings and the number of deaths since yesterday. Corruption is reported everywhere and it feels like there is no one left to trust, even Dr. Fauci. Each day my phone messages demand contributions to causes and candidates as the frightening midterm elections approach like horsebacked Cossacks coming to pull us from our homes with the intent of torturing us.

This last image of approaching Cossacks comes from, "My Life By Golda Meir", the book I was reading as I fell asleep. As an eight year old child, newly arrived from Kiev, Golda and her family attended their first American parade and were horrified by the sight of uniformed men on horseback. I immediately they thought of the Cossacks and the pogroms that caused them to leave the Ukraine. The Golda Meir book reminded me of some other frightening, inevitable occurrence—CHANGE. Soon after their arrival the father who barely knows his eight year old daughter warns her on page 41,"It doesn't pay to be too clever. Men don't like smart girls." In these intervening years I believe things have changed, sort of. It is impossible not to recognize that change has occurred but my double negative is a reminder of how difficult the changes have been and how so many of us do not want to recognize these inevitable changes and are frightened by them.

I realize that many of my own attitudes, recognized or not, are based upon a fear of Change. The big question in Sierra Madre today concerns referendums allowing the beloved monastery to be sold to developers and fears of future development. I want the whole thing to go away. I want no change period and I know this will not be the case. I want things to stay the same with the world needing to adapt to me rather than me adapting to the world. This attitude is much like that of Holden Caulfield, the hero of J. D. Salinger's novel the Catcher in the Rye. Reviews of the novel describe Holden as permanently immature and unwilling and unable to adapt to changes. Nonetheless, I completely identify and sympathize with him notwithstanding that by the end of the book it is clear that he has been institutionalized.

A couple of years ago I went to a local bookstore to see about another writing by Salinger. I asked the worker to look into books by J.D. Salinger. The clerk said if you don't know the author's first name "I can't help you." I do need help as was made even more obvious when in connection with my desire to have a book of my articles to be published in the hope that my granddaughter might be interested in it at some future time when she can actually read more than the letter "J" (remember she is only three years old). Anyway, I had some vague recollection of the poem "Ozymandias" by Percy Bysshe Shelley which dealt with the human wish to be remembered. I went to a local library (not Sierra Madre) and approached THE RESEARCH LIBRARIAN asking her to direct me to the section where I could find poetry by Shelley and she actually said, "Shelley who?" Her lack of information greatly disappointed me and was reflected in my expression. The RESEARCH LIBRARIAN condescendingly explained that literature that was current in my era was probably not remembered today. I asked if she was familiar with Frankenstein which of course was written by Shelley's wife. That the librarian knew about that.

Speaking of Frankenstein that brings me to the plethora of frightening Halloween displays all over town. Frankly I have never understood the great desire to be frightened or to frighten. Recently, after her swimming lesson, a large costumed monster-like creature appeared at the poolside to entertain the 3-5 year old kids. My granddaughter was at first very frightened and clung to my wife for support and safety. Almost immediately she announced that she raised her arms to indicate she was now "big and strong" and attempted to follow the creature up the stairs.

This is my final point about fear and fear of change. They are both constancies within our lives that do not go away. "The more things change the more they remain the same." But as FDR (I hope you know who he was) reminded the nation eighty years ago, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Fear must be recognized but it cannot be allowed to paralyze us into denial and inaction and Holden-like despair. Sorry, you MAGA fans the America that never was cannot be retrieved. Fearing the future and longing for the past, imagined or not, is never a solution. I believe that it is necessary to stay informed, recognize the truth, face our fears, and take appropriate individual action. Don't despair! There are at least two-sides to everything. Start by voting (for the candidates of my choice-that's what Holden would want.) I have not completely changed.

HERITAGE MONTH: THE ALL-BROTHERS BASEBALL TEAM



Back then, girls didn't play baseball, so Pop's five daughters rooted from the sidelines along with the family dog "Pitch." Neighbors couldn't remember a time when the brothers weren't out in their yard playing catch or hitting fungos to each other.

The age difference between oldest brother, Anthony, to the youngest, Louis Jr. was 25 years. While being scouted by major league teams, their playing ages were as young as 17 and as old as 40. For 22 consecutive years, the Long Branch High School baseball team fielded an Acerra brother.

Officially formed in 1938, the team played throughout the East Coast for 14 years. In 1948, the sibling squad challenged the New York Yankees to an exhibition game, an offer the Bronx Bombers rejected.

During World War II, the team temporarily disbanded. Defending America's freedom was more important than baseball. At different times, six brothers enlisted; when they all returned, the team resumed playing. The brothers turned down college scholarships and offers to play professional baseball.

Alfred, the catcher, continued to play after losing sight in one eye. Attempting to bunt, the ball bounced off Alfred's bat, and struck him directly in the eye. Within months, Alfred was back behind the plate. Brother Freddie said: "He was a pretty good catcher for a guy with one eye."

In 1946, the Acerras joined the Long Branch City (New Jersey) Twilight Baseball League, and during the next six years, won the championship four times. When the Acerras played, the stands were always packed with fans.

Along their road to success, the Acerras became the talk of the town. In 1947, Life and Look magazines and Ripley's Believe it or Not ran features on the brothers. The Acerras also appeared on the popular "Once in a Lifetime" nightly radio program.

By 1952, the brothers had married and were raising children. The team's playing days were over. But 45 years after their last game, the seven still-living brothers accepted the Hall of Fame's invitation to participate in its annual ceremony. James M. Accera, pitcher Jimmy's son, donated his Dad's uniform and glove which now are in the same museum with the artifacts of the lives of Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb and Willie Mays.

Acerra said, "This just touches the surface of a family that stayed a family, behind all the baseball and athletic achievements. A family that never allowed sibling rivalry and infighting or success to tear them apart. Their team was a reflection of something greater, something that 14 years, many hardships, the lure of professional contracts, and even a World War could not destroy."

Acerra's loving memory stands as a reminder that the team's accomplishments were more about family values than baseball, and how the national pastime unified them in brotherly love.

Joe Guzzardi is a Society for American Baseball Research and Internet Baseball Writers' Association member. Contact him at guzzjoe@yahoo.com.

RICH & FAMOUS
VOTE YES ON NO!



"You can lead a man to Congress, but you can't make him think." Milton Berle

"We would all like to vote for the best man, but he is never a candidate." Kin Hubbard

"He is going around the country stirring up apathy." William Whitelaw

"I do have certain feelings. My feeling is that whoever is in charge, I want him out." Lewis Black

Years back on election day in Chicago, you were encouraged to vote early...and vote often. Ahhh, the good old days when Chicago election corruption was legendary. Lol!

And did you happen to know voting in Australia (and around 30 other country's) is mandatory? If you don't vote you are breaking the law. The fine is \$20. If you don't respond to the Australian government's request for a doctor's note or other legitimate excuse, (no, a note from your mom won't cut it) the fine jumps to \$50 plus the cost of tracking you down.

Let's take a lighter side look at the world of politicians. I'll start with a dramatic hard line stand taken by the first President Bush. He said (with a sense of executive authority):

"I do not like broccoli...I'm President of the United States and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli." George H. W. Bush

How about a few campaign slogans and bumper stickers from 1960s comedian Pat Paulsen:

"If elected, I will win."
"I can't stand Pat... Paulsen for President."
"We've upped our standards. Up yours."

"Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge where there is no river." Nikita Khrushchev, premier of Russia in the 1960s.

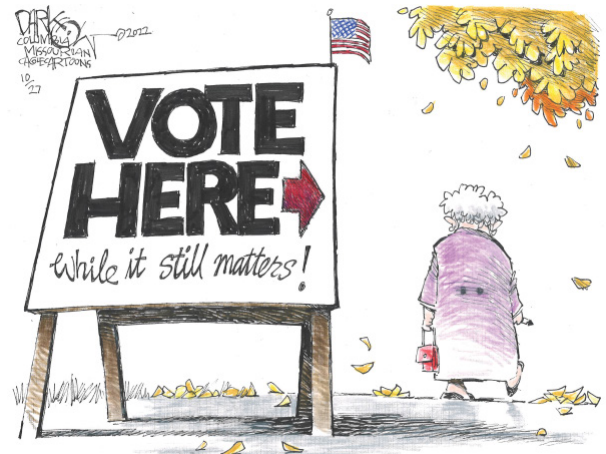
"Recession is when your neighbor loses his job. Depression is when you lose yours. And recovery is when Jimmy Carter loses his." Ronald Reagan (on the campaign trail in 1980)

A cornucopia of campaign slogans are regularly generated during high school campaigns. Here are a few:

"Vote for Rich. He's Not Popular and He's Not Handsome. So He Has Time for Student Government."
"Just Do It. Vote for Rich."
"Pardon Me. Can You Spare a Vote? Vote for Rich."
"Thank Rich It's Friday."
"Victoria's Real Secret. She Votes for Rich."
"Vote for Rich. We've All Done Something Stupid."

Finally, I'll end with a compelling, deep, insightful, probing question. How come, in our society, we have to choose from just 2 people in most elections, and yet, we choose from 50 for Miss America?

Be sure and do your homework and go out and vote!



City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: HISTORIC CULTURAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION
Applicant: Malcolm and Suzanne Edwards
Project Location: 500 N. Michillinda Avenue, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a request to designate the Pickard-Hoover Residence, located at 500 N. Michillinda Ave., as a Historic Cultural Landmark in the City's Register of Historic Resources. The Pickard-Hoover Residence is a Spanish Colonial Revival home, design and workmanship retained since its original construction. The property is also associated with the productive life of Herbert Charles Hoover, son of the 31st President of the United States, and chairman of the Sierra Madre Boy Scouts. Pursuant to Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.82.050, a property may be designated a historic landmark if it meets prescribed historic or architectural criteria.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING City of Sierra Madre Planning Commission Thursday, November 17, 2022 (Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)	PLACE OF HEARING City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA
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All interested persons may attend this meeting and the Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The request for designation qualifies for a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15331 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it involves no expansion of an existing structure and pertains to preservation of a historic resource.

APPEAL: The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-business-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning & Community Preservation at (626) 355-7138.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DAVID C. LIEVSAY CASE NO. 22STPB09723

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of DAVID C. LIEVSAY.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARJORIE W. LIEVSAY in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARJORIE W. LIEVSAY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The lost WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 11/03/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. 22AHCPO0388

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GEORGE EVAN GEYER AKA GEORGE E. GEYER CASE NO. 22STPB09704

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GEORGE EVAN GEYER AKA GEORGE E. GEYER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KATHRYN SUE BRAY in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KATHRYN SUE BRAY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 11/07/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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FINDINGS OF AN EMERGENCY FOR THE ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY

On September 25, 2022, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) confirmed that two oriental fruit flies (OFFs), **Bactrocera dorsalis** (Hendel) group, were trapped in the City of Beverly Hills in Los Angeles County. These detections indicate that a breeding population exists in the area. Unless emergency action is taken, then there is high potential for sudden future detections in Los Angeles County. The OFF is a devastating pest of a wide variety of important fruit, vegetables, and native plants.

In order to determine the extent of the infestation, and to define an appropriate response area, an additional survey took place, centered on the detection site. Based on the survey data, and findings and recommendations from the CDFA **Bactrocera** Science Advisory Panel (BacSAP), the Primary State Entomologist, the CDFA's "Action Plan for Methyl Eugenol Attracted Fruit Flies including Oriental Fruit Fly **Bactrocera dorsalis** (Hendel)," and County Agricultural Commissioner representatives who are knowledgeable on OFF, I have determined that OFF poses a statewide imminent danger to the environment and economy.

The results of the additional survey also indicated that the local infestation is amenable to CDFA's OFF response strategies, which include chemical treatments and removal of host fruit. These options were selected based upon minimal impacts to the natural environment, biological effectiveness, minimal public intrusiveness, and cost.

The OFF is an exotic insect originating in Asia, and has been accidentally introduced into a number of Pacific Islands, including Hawaii. It is a member of a closely related group of species, known as the OFF group, which are difficult to distinguish based on individual specimens. Several of the group species are major fruit and vegetable pests, and collectively members of the OFF group are known to attack over 230 types of fruits and vegetables. Important California crops at risk include pome and stone fruits, citrus, dates, avocados, and many vegetables, particularly tomatoes and peppers. Damage occurs when the female lays eggs in the fruit. These eggs hatch into larvae, which tunnel through the flesh of the fruit, making it unfit for consumption.

A life cycle is an estimate of insect phenology based on a heat degree day temperature driven model. Warmer temperatures lead to faster lifecycles, while colder temperatures slow lifecycle development. Daily minimum and maximum temperatures are collected from nearby regional data stations and used to calculate estimated temperature value curves. These temperature curves are used to project the length of fly lifecycles against established models specific to the Oriental Fruit Fly. Because the third (F3) life cycle of the OFF detected on September 25, 2022 is not projected to be complete until April 27, 2023, it is likely that there are additional flies in the environment that will lead to sudden future detections.

This pest presents a significant and imminent threat to the natural environment, agriculture and economy of California. Exotic fruit flies are internal feeders of fruit, and their presence therefore makes the fruit unfit for consumption. There is a loss of marketability and ability to ship food to other states and nations. The combined 2020 gross production value of host commercial commodities potentially affected by OFF was over \$19.33 billion. The permanent establishment and spread of this pest would result in increased production and postharvest costs to safeguard commercial fruit from infestation, increased pesticide applications on both production agriculture and residential properties to mitigate damage, and lost economic activity and jobs from trade restrictions imposed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and foreign trade partners.

This decision to proceed with treatment is based upon a realistic evaluation that it will be possible to eliminate OFF from this area and prevent its spread using currently available technology in a manner that is based on an action plan developed in consultation with the Pest Prevention Committee of the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, the USDA, and scientists on the BacSAP. Due to the size of the infested area and the number of flies detected, historical data indicates that eradication is possible. The first California OFF detections occurred in Orange and Santa Barbara counties in 1960, and since that time, multiple re-introductions have been delimited and successfully eradicated.

The CDFA has evaluated possible treatment methods in accordance with integrated pest management (IPM) principles. As part of these principles, I have considered the following treatments for control of OFF: 1) physical controls; 2) cultural controls; 3) biological controls; and 4) chemical controls. Upon careful evaluation of each these options, I have determined that it will be possible to address the imminent threat posed by OFF using currently available technology in a manner that is recommended by the BacSAP.

Based upon input from the BacSAP, the Primary State Entomologist, USDA experts on OFF, and County Agricultural Commissioner representatives who are knowledgeable on OFF, I find there are no cultural or biological control methods that are both effective against OFF and allow CDFA to meet its statutory obligations and therefore it is necessary to conduct physical and chemical control methods to abate this threat. As a result, I am ordering that male attractant treatments, consisting of methyl eugenol, a pesticide (spinosad), and a time-release matrix be applied to utility poles and street trees to eliminate this infestation. Additionally, in the event of evidence of a breeding population on a property, foliar bait spray treatments will be applied to host trees using ground-based equipment and host fruit removal will occur.

Sensitive Areas

CDFA has consulted with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's California Natural Diversity Database for threatened or endangered species, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife when rare and endangered species are located within the treatment area. Mitigation measures for rare and endangered species will be implemented. The CDFA shall not apply pesticides to bodies of water or undeveloped areas of native vegetation.

Work Plan

The proposed treatment area encompasses those portions of Los Angeles County which fall within a 1.5-mile radius around each property on which an OFF has been detected and any subsequent detection sites within the program boundaries. The Proclamation of Emergency Program is valid until April 27, 2023, which is the amount of time necessary to carry out the treatment plan across three life cycles of OFF as required by the treatment protocol for OFF. A map of the project boundaries is attached. The work plan consists of the following elements:

1.

Delimitation. Traps will be placed in a 4.5-mile radius from each detection site to delimit the infestation and to monitor post-treatment OFF populations. The cardboard Jackson sticky trap is baited with the attractant methyl eugenol mixed with the pesticide naled (Dibrom® 8 Emulsive), and the McPhail trap is an invaginated glass flask baited with Torula yeast and borax in water. The Jackson trap is strongly attractive to sexually maturing males, while the McPhail trap is attractive to both sexes of the fly. Jackson traps and McPhail traps will each be placed at a density of 25 per square mile within a 0.5-mile radius of each detection site, and Jackson traps will be placed at a density of five per square mile in the remaining delimitation area going out to 4.5 miles from each detection site. Additional traps may be added to further delimit the infestation and to monitor the efficacy of treatments. These traps will be serviced on a regular schedule for a period equal to three OFF generations beyond the date of the last OFF detected. In addition, host fruit may be sampled for the presence of eggs and larvae in a 200-meter radius around each detection property.
2.

Treatment. Any OFF detections within the original and/or expanded eradication area(s) will be treated according to the following protocol.
- The male attractant technique (MAT) will be used to eliminate all sexually-mature male OFFs. MAT applies small bait stations using STATIC™ Spinosad ME, which is a pre-mixed solution containing the attractant methyl eugenol and an organically registered pesticide spinosad, mixed into a waxy time-release matrix (SPLAT®). The methyl eugenol lures male flies to the bait stations, where the flies ingest the insecticide as they feed. The flies are killed when they feed at the stations. In each square mile within the eradication boundary, a targeted density of 600 evenly spaced five- to ten-milliliter bait stations are applied to utility poles, street trees, and other unpaired surfaces using pressurized tree marking guns mounted on specially modified trucks. The bait stations are placed six to eight feet above the ground. The size of the eradication area is defined as that area within 1.5 miles of each detection site, squared off to create a nine-square mile block, and adjusted to use existing features as boundaries, such as roads. Applications are repeated every two weeks for one life cycle if no quarantine is triggered (typically two to three months), and for two life cycles if a quarantine is triggered (typically four to six months). Life cycle durations are dependent on temperature.

If evidence that a breeding population exists on a property (i.e., immature stages, mated female, or multiple adults are detected), foliar bait treatments will be used within 200 meters of each detection site in order to mitigate the spread of OFF by eliminating those adult life stages not directly affected by MAT (i.e., females and sexually-immature males). The foliage of host trees and shrubs within 200 meters of each detection site will be treated with an organic formulation of spinosad bait spray (GF-120 NF Naturalyte® Fruit Fly Bait) using hand spray or hydraulic spray equipment. Treatments are repeated every seven to 14 days for one life cycle of the fly (typically two to three months, dependent on temperature).

If evidence that a breeding population exists on a property (i.e., immature stages, mated female, or multiple adults are detected), all host fruit from each detection site and all properties within a minimum of 100 meters of each detection site will be removed and disposed of in a landfill in accordance with regulatory protocols. Fruit removal will occur at the beginning of the project, but may be repeated if additional flies are detected.
- Public Information
- For MAT applications in public areas, notification is given to the general public via mass media outlets such as newspapers or press releases.
- Residents whose property will be treated via foliar bait sprays or host fruit removal will be notified in writing at least 48 hours in advance of any treatment, in accordance with the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) sections 5771-5779 and 5421-5436. Following the treatment, completion notices are left with the residents detailing precautions to take and post-harvest intervals applicable to any fruit on the property.
- Treatment information is posted at http://cdfa.ca.gov/plant/PDEP/treatment/oriental_ff.html. Press releases, if issued, are prepared by the CDFA information officer and the county agricultural commissioner, in close coordination with the project leader responsible for treatment. Either the county agricultural commissioner or the public information officer serves as the primary contact to the media.
- Information concerning the OFF project shall be conveyed directly to local and State political representatives and authorities via letters, emails, and/or faxes.
- For any questions related to this program, please contact the CDFA toll-free telephone number at 800-491-1899 for assistance. This telephone number is also listed on all treatment notices.
- Findings
- Due to the detection of OFF, there exists a significant, clear, and imminent threat to California's natural environment, agriculture, public and private property, and its economy.
- Unless emergency action is taken during the life cycles of recently detected OFFs, there is high potential for sudden future detections in Los Angeles County.
- The work plan involving physical and chemical control of this pest is necessary to prevent loss and damage to California's natural environment, fruit and vegetable industry, native wild-life, private and public property, and food supplies.
- Therefore, I am invoking Public Resources Code Section 21080(b) (4) to carry out immediate emergency action to prevent this loss and damage.
- My decision to adopt findings and take action is based on Sections 24.5, 401, 401.5, 403, 407, 408, 5401-5405, and 5761-5764 of the Food and Agricultural Code, and title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 5388.
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MAT Treatment Boundary
Possible Foliar Treatment Area
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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS

Editor's Note: Long-time syndicated humor columnist Tom Purcell has just launched a new, second weekly column, called Thurber's Tail. It features pet advice, humorous pet videos and stories about his beloved pup, Thurber the yellow Lab.

I love Halloween and all the fun and the silliness it entails.

However, as a new dog dad — my lovable Labrador, Thurber, is in his 22nd month — I'm learning that our beloved pets face no small number of Halloween risks that we must protect them from.

Beware Halloween Treats

Many Halloween treats are dangerous to our furry friends. Most pet lovers know that chocolate is toxic to both cats and dogs.

But did you know that candies and gum may have artificial sweeteners that are also toxic to pets?

According to The American Kennel Club, an ingredient called xylitol is in many sugar-free confections, but

it is also found in items such as toothpaste and peanut butter — beware of your neighbor's home-baked cookies.

Gum and hard candies may also be difficult for pets to digest. Large quantities of either — which is the only quantity Thurber eats if he is able to get at a full bowl of treats — can “clump up in the stomach and cause a risk of obstruction,” says the AKC.

Raisins, which are sometimes given out as Halloween treats, are great for humans, but did you know they can cause renal failure in dogs?

Candy wrappers, too, pose considerable risk to our pets, as they “can become lodged in your pet's throat or intestinal tract, requiring surgery to remove,” says the AKC.

Prepare Your Pet for the Startling Sounds of the Season

Thurber goes berserk every time someone knocks on the door, so you can imagine Halloween night is going to be challenging for him.

If you're planning on handing out candy this year, American Humane recommends training sessions to help desensitize your furry friend to door knocking and the commotion of multiple visitors by creating positive associations with these sounds.

“Have someone knock on the door and then give your pet a treat,” says American Humane. “With enough repetitions, your pet will start to associate treats every time someone is at the door.”

If your pet is especially shy or fearful, however — or, like Thurber, still too much in the puppy phase to be trained to chill when the door knocks — it may be best to relocate him or her to a safe quiet room.

My plan is to place Thurber in the family room downstairs, where I will turn up the TV volume as he watches his favorite show — he loves “Life Below Zero,” in which his fellow canines often run and playing in the Alaskan bush.

He also loves The Allman Brothers on the stereo, so that will be my plan B if the TV doesn't do the job.

Make Sure Pet Halloween Costumes Are Safe

AKC says the trend of dressing dogs in costumes has increased over the years, but safety considerations are important.

Is the costume comfortable? Does it allow your pet to move freely without constraint? Could a tie or band cause your pet to choke or trip?

AKC says that it is fairly easy to locate and purchase costumes online created specifically for pets, however, that does not necessarily ensure their safety.

“Beads, snaps, buttons, ribbons, elastic and fabric can all be intestinal hazards,” says AKC. “Never purchase costumes for pets that have dangling parts or pieces that can be chewed off.”

AKC further warns that costumes can result in “overheating, impaired vision and even difficulty breathing, if it covers the face or is too restrictive around the pet's neck or chest.”

One last note on pet costumes: Some pet lovers think the act of dressing up our furry family members in silly costumes can be embarrassing at best and humiliating at worst.

Thurber certainly refuses to dress up for Halloween and he explains why — did I mention Thurber is a talking dog? — in a series of humorous Halloween videos posted at ThurbersTail.com.

Happy Halloween!

Our furry family members should participate in family events as much as any other member of the family, but we need to take extra precautions to be sure they stay safe, happy and healthy.

Let's conclude my first ThurbersTail.com humor and pet-advice column with this canine-inspired Halloween joke:

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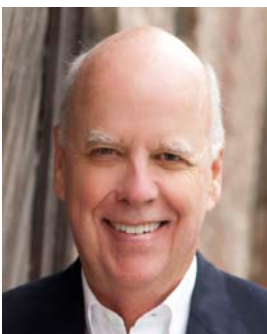
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