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IS DARK POLITICAL MONEY HELPING YES ON MEASURE HR?

In the politics of the United States, dark money refers to spending to influence elections where the source of the money is not disclosed to voters.

On October 31, 2022, an unknown group called **CITIZENS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT**, ID No. 1315443, filed a required campaign finance report with the City of Sierra Madre. The group distributed campaign literature in October, advocating a Yes on HR vote and is believed to be responsible for circulating a video advocating YES on HR on social media.

Filed in late October, and the disclosures or lack thereof were troubling. Initially, there was only a filing of the organizations' Independent Expenditures Report, and it contained normal campaign expenses such as video and media design and mailer and postage expense. There was only one donor, Sierra Madre Resident Gary Hood who on the first report donated \$8,000, not as an individual, but as an 'other'. (The contributor code choices are: Individual, Committee, Other, Political Party or Small Campaign Committee.). No other contributors were on the report.

The second report contributors included Hood who donated \$7,600 additional dollars again as an 'other' and two puzzling contributions from PAC+ with a San Francisco address. Their donations were \$5,000 and .01. (That is not a typo, the second contribution was a penny).

Several residents recently became aware of this filing and brought it to the attention of the Mountain Views News. Upon further research, it was noted that CITIZENS FOR A BETTER GOVERNMENT has an ID No. which points to an address in Norwalk.

The PAC+ ID No. has addresses in Washington, D.C. and San Francisco. The groups are both listed as recipient committees with no clear ties to Sierra Madre.

Mr. Hood spoke with the Mountain Views News and indicated that the \$15,600 was donated from his personal funds. He was not clear as to why the report listed him as 'Other' rather than 'Individual', nor was there a clear explanation of what the PAC+ connection was to Sierra Madre.

The local YES on HR PAC is registered with the city and is officially known as PROTECT SIERRA MADRE - STOP THE HOUSING PROJECT. It is organized by local residents and the contributors listed are all local.

The same amount of disclosure is true for the group opposing the measure, "NO ON HR, SIERRA MADRE NEIGHBORS FOR FAIRNESS, A COALITION OF LOCAL RESIDENTS, TAXPAYERS, AND MATER DOLO ROSA PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER; COMMITTEE MAJOR FUNDING FROM NEW URBAN WEST". That group fully discloses its officers and source of all contributions as indicated in the name of the PAC.

The origins of CFBG and their interest in Measure HR on the other hand is not clear other than the fact that as of the October filings, the only Sierra Madre connection is Hood and his \$15,600 contribution.

There has been no disclosure of where the \$5,000.01 dollars originated because upon review of PAC+ records there is nothing in their filings to date to indicate that money was actually given to CFBG or the source. PAC+ has contributions listed in a previous filing with money received from another Recipient Committee named Powerpac.org Voter Fund, a Sponsored Committee of Powerpac.org ID No. 1353459. There are no apparent Sierra Madre connections to either.

Both are categorized as recipient committees that receive contributions of \$2,000 or more per year for political purposes. This includes candidate controlled committees; committees primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures; political party committees; and other general purpose committees (generally formed to support or oppose more than one candidate or ballot measure). The lack of information regarding their contributions makes them dark.

Much has been said about the NO on HR's relationship with the Pas-

sionists and New Urban West, however their positions opposing HR are obvious. The contributors are transparent and leaves no unanswered questions. The same can be said for the YES on HR Pac, whose contributors are entirely local residents.

What is the history, identity and purpose of Citizens For Better Government, who formed it and why is Yes on Measure HR important to them? Without any information on where the money comes from, the contributions are dark and of concern to many residents of Sierra Madre.

You can confirm this information by going to the following links on the Secretary of State's website:

CITIZENS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT
<https://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Committees/Detail.aspx?id=1315443&view=expenditures>
NO CONTRIBUTIONS

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QUESTION: WHO ARE YOU?

EDITORIAL:

Measure HR: Selfishness and a Vile Campaign of Insults, False Information, and Deceit.

By Former Mayor Glenn Lambdin

I keep hearing, "Let the people decide." It is often the go-to battle cry of those that believe their own selfish desires will best serve others, regardless of who is harmed. It is also what our Founding Fathers referred to as "Tyranny of the Masses."

Tyranny of the masses is an inherent weakness to majority rule in which the majority of an electorate pursues exclusively its own, often selfish, objectives at the expense of those of the minority factions, or in this case, a single property owner, the Monastery. In other words, it's two wolves and a sheep voting on what's for dinner.

First off, let's make one thing perfectly clear, HR WILL NOT STOP HOMES FROM BEING BUILT ON THE MONASTERY PROPERTY. For those of who were told that it will, you were mislead and lied to.

For residents to make informed decisions, it is critical that they are first given accurate and truthful information. From my perspective, the level of false information being spread by the Yes on HR crowd has been rather disgusting. For example, in the televised debate between former Mayor Capoccia, (NO on HR supporter) and Susan Newhausen, (Yes Supporter) Ms. Newhausen claimed that if HR passes, the Passionists can still "do everything they want." (2:01:55 into the debate) She also claimed that they can do it via a "Conditional Use Permit." She is grossly mistaken on both accounts. First, nobody in any land use zone can do "everything they want." The claim is absurd and certainly false and misleading. And as far as a "Conditional Use Permit" (CUP) is concerned, a CUP in no way allows an applicant the ability to do whatever they want. On the contrary, a CUP is a "discretionary permit" as apposed to a "ministerial permit" which in

layman's terms means that it can be flat-out denied, have unfavorable and restrictive conditions placed on its approval, and it must also be approved by the Planning Commission, subject to an appeal to the City Council. A deceitful claim and a far cry from, "whatever they want." In their written "One-Two Punch" misinformation paper, they claim that HR "Allows Mater Dolorosa to continue their mission and expand under a 'NON-CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT' which the city will undoubtedly grant." In the first place, there is no such thing as a "non-conditional use permit!" They do not exist and never have. And to claim the City will, "undoubtedly grant" a non-existent permit process is either intentional deceit or absolute ignorance. It does speak to the lack of integrity the Yes crowd has displayed. One 86 year old woman who has lived in Sierra Madre since she was 12 informed me she was harassed and shouted at by some cowardly man in Kersting Ct. because she wouldn't sign his petition.

The truth is, if HR passes, the Passionists will lose many necessary land use rights that they have been guaranteed for decades. HR forces the re-zoning of one of Sierra Madre's oldest and most honored historical institutions and religious properties to be placed into a residential zone designation without the owner's consent. With that change will come a substantial loss of property rights and several religious freedoms guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Constitution.

If HR passes, Sierra Madre residents and taxpayers can expect to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars, possibly millions, on litigation; money that could be better used to repair our outdated water system and much needed street and sidewalk repairs. If HR wins, Sierra Madre will be sued and will be required by law to defend the suit. HR, (continued on page4)



Veterans DAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022

Take a walk through history and join
Sierra Madre Kiwanis and Sierra Madre Rotary Clubs
as we honor Sierra Madre Veterans.

This is a 'Walk and Learn Exhibit from 9am - 5pm
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THE WINNERS:

Infant - 2 years

- 1st: 203 Rocco Johnson
2nd: 200 missing
3rd: 321 Cambell Singer "Candy Fairy"

3 - 4 years old

- 1st: 323 Wyatt LeCoz
2nd: 128 Clive Nuszer
3rd: 309 Vanessa and Oliver de Bourgeos

5 - 7 years old

- 1st: 307 Esau Ruiz
2nd: 146 Brayton Simons
3rd: 107 Gigi Wilding

8 - 10 years old

- 1st: 132 Eva Anderberg-Booth
2nd: 26 Jacob Vaca
3rd: 135 Natalee Klaassen

11 - 13 years old

- 1st: 118 Melinda and Bela
2nd: 308 Emily Wojdak
3rd: 123 missing

Family Category

- 1st: 139 Candice Yu
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3rd: 109 Ryan Hunter



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potentially violates both the Fifth Amendment (Takings) and First Amendment (Freedom of Religion). While many will say “their lawyer claims otherwise,” let’s not lose sight of the fact that every courtroom proceeding has two lawyers that each claim the other lawyer is wrong. One can believe whichever lawyer they want to but in the end, Sierra Madre’s taxpayers will be the big losers, being forced to pay their hard earned tax dollars in legal fees.

Sierra Madre has a history of excessive legal fees resulting from land use and property rights violations. Only a few years ago, Sierra Madre was sued by the owners of 1 Carter for \$30 million because of land use and property rights violations. The Sierra Madre taxpayers were forced to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to defend a City Council decision only to later have the City Council reverse their own decision in order to drop the suit. Remember back several years ago Sierra Madre spent \$500,000 to defend a voter passed initiative in the landmark case Friends of Sierra Madre v. City of Sierra Madre. This case was also a land use and property rights violation. Sierra Madre just can’t afford any more of these unnecessary and costly legal battles. We have serious infrastructure repairs that are needed.

For generations the Passionists have been wonderful neighbors to all of Sierra Madre and perfect stewards of their property. They have been generous providers for many Sierra Madreans, never asking for anything in return. For decades they have provided housing for various Sierra Madre residents that may have otherwise become homeless. Their outreach programs are too numerous to mention and they never have brought attention to their generosity. They have been victims of vile, hateful, and shameful comments by HR supporters only because they need to sell a portion of their property in order to maintain their mission and purpose.

Let’s not let the selfishness of a few residents force Sierra Madre into a downward spiral of unnecessary wasteful litigation. Ask yourself, “If the yes-on HR group finds it necessary to intentionally spread false information, lie, deceive the public, and harass vulnerable senior citizens and many others, is this a group worthy of your trust and your vote?

VOTE NO on HR.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side
by Deanne Davis

“I start lighting pine-scented candles the day after Halloween!” Mary Page Keller
“A grandmother pretends she doesn’t know who you are on Halloween.” Erma Bombeck

Yes, I know Halloween is over, but it’s hard to let something so delightful go without a backward glance or two. Halloween in Sierra Madre is unique, unusual, fantastical, beyond creative, crowded, and more fun than a room full of zombies. The costume parade downtown is so cute, the window art, the scarecrows – my favorite is still the pirate in front of the Buccaneer – but Buzz Light-year and all the others that were winners are so...let’s say it again: creative!!



Tuesday morning is candy wrappers everywhere, pumpkins starting to fall in on themselves, sleepy grumpy kids heading to school and happy memories of another super Sierra Madre Halloween. Alegria, as always, was the place to be and there were so many incredible displays of pumpkin carving art. At the Parkers, their giant serpent, Cinderella’s coach and the many skeletons lounging around the lawn were more amazing than usual. The floor lamps with pumpkin shades were especially artistic. The picture today (by Ken Fong) is one especially creepy specimen. The perfect note to end the Halloween season. The Cardellas, too, had a fabulous yard full of skulls and pumpkins. Everyone went above and beyond the call of Halloween and I congratulate everyone on all they did to make a fantastic night.

We had just enough trick or treaters to make it an enjoyable time but next year I have got to buy more candy. I had given out my last three pieces of candy, turned out my lights and called it a great Halloween when the doorbell rang again. I debated: Go? Don’t Go? I went and found the cutest little girl, couldn’t have been more than three, standing on my doormat looking up with huge brown eyes. Her mom was right there with her but I had to explain that I was all out of candy. I can’t think when I last felt more horrible! The mom was very gracious and pointed out to her adorable little girl that next door looked like a lot was going on. Talk about bad moments! Next year more candy!

“Halloween was confusing. All my life my parents said, ‘Never take candy from strangers.’ Then they dressed me up and said, ‘Go beg for it!’” Rita Rudner

Now, it’s November and everyone is sick of all the political advertising and will be glad when that ends. More important, however, is the fact that Thanksgiving is less than three weeks away and Christmas is a month after that. As always, time has slipped past us and we need to start thinking about what we’re going to serve, who we’re going to invite. Will someone invite us and we won’t have to clean and cook? So many questions...so few answers. Brine the turkey? Fry the turkey? Spatchcock the turkey? Will there actually be turkeys available? Will they cost more than a new Tesla? Boggles the mind! Of course, now that Taylor’s OI’ Fashioned Meat Market has a deli, in addition to groceries, wine, the best produce anywhere and glorious cases full of beautiful steaks, chicken and fish, you might check them out.

“May your stuffing be tasty, may your turkey be plump. May your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump. May your yams be delicious and your pies take the prize, and may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off of your thighs!” Anonymous

Here are a few thoughts to start you out in a good frame of mind as the holiday season crashes down on us:

- 1. Stay active! Stay in shape. Keep moving. Exercise doesn’t take time, it makes time. And you feel better if you’re out there breathing and moving.
- 2. Take it slow, one day at a time. Don’t dwell on the past. Focus on today and what you can do to improve.
- 3. Take care with what you’re putting in your tummy! Eat healthy stuff, yes, vegetables!
- 4. Surround yourself with good friends.
- 5. Never underestimate the value of a smile.
- 6. Get outside more. It’s beautiful out there. Look at everyone’s flowers and trees.
- 7. Give thanks for what you have – health, friends and family.
- 8. Live in the moment. Spend quality time with those who matter to you.
- 9. Follow your dreams.
- 10. Laugh a lot. Life is so sweet and so enjoyable. So enjoy yours!

“The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age.” Lucille Ball

Christmas is coming, friends and neighbors!
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Bidding sheets and auction rules will be available in a Friends of the Library notebook, accessible on the check-out counter. There will be 15 items for sale; each book or magazine set will be numbered and has a corresponding numbered bid sheet in the notebook. Bidders are asked to write their bids on the bid sheets with a contact phone number. Thirty minutes before the end of the auction on the last day, Monday, November 28, 2022, the bid sheets will be removed from the notebook and placed on a table in the library for last minute bids. The bidding will close promptly at 7:00 p.m. Winning bidders will be notified the next day and will then be able to pick up their purchases at the library within the next 10 days.

This sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Public Library. All proceeds will be used to support programs, services and acquisitions for the library.

The silent auction will be at the Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. For more information, please visit us at our web site www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org., our Facebook page; or call 626-355-7186.



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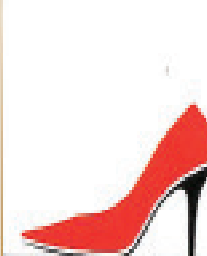
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Pasadena Veterans Day Closures



Pasadena City Hall and many city services and administrative business offices will be closed Friday, in observance of Veterans Day, a day to honor the brave men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces.

Specific Veterans Day closures and exceptions are noted below.

Pasadena residents and businesses with any power emergencies should call Pasadena's Water and Power (PWP) Department at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. PWP's Customer Service Call Center will be closed for the holiday, but customers can access their accounts and make payments by phone at (626) 744-4005 or online at: PWPweb.com.

The City's Citizen Service Center (CSC) will be closed on Friday and will return to temporary business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Monday. CSC is available via the web and by calling (626) 744-7311. Residents with City trash and recycling service will be on their regular pickup schedule for Nov. 11, including any previously scheduled pickups for bulky items.

Both Pasadena Transit and Pasadena Dial-A-Ride services will operate on their normal schedules. All parking meters will be free, and parking time limits will not be enforced; however, violations for overnight parking, red curb parking, "No Parking" zones and blocking fire hydrants will be enforced. All regular enforcement resumes Saturday.

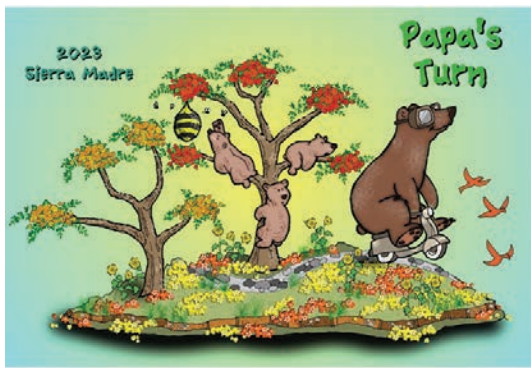
All Pasadena Public Library sites will be closed on Friday. Regular operating hours resume Saturday.

Pasadena Police and Fire Departments will be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services, but not business or administrative offices. If you see something, say something; report suspicious activity to Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241. For life-threatening emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

All parks will be open for picnics, fun and play; however, no site reservations are accepted for the holiday.

For more information about specific Veterans Day closures visit: cityofpasadena.net.

Sneak Peeks 2023 Rose Parade Floats



As the Pasadena Tournament of Roses prepares for the 134th Rose Parade, They offer Thursday the second in a series of sneak previews of floral float entries that reveal the colorful and creative spectacle that awaits streetside and to the worldwide broadcast audiences on New Year's morning.

For more than 130 years, colorful florals, thematic interpretation and creative designs have been hallmarks of Rose Parade floats, and this year's entries will continue that beautiful tradition. The theme of the 134th Rose Parade — "Turning the Corner" — is reflected in the official renderings for float participants Claremont McKenna College, Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance and Sierra Madre Rose Float Association.

The four float concepts range from whimsical to realistic to heartfelt, reflecting the range of spectacular, supersized stories that have been embraced for generations. They are among dozens of commercial, non-commercial and self-built floats that will make the 5.5 mile procession along Pasadena's historic Colorado Boulevard, entertaining millions of streetside and broadcast viewers from across the country and around the world.

The floats are: **Claremont McKenna College (pictured top left)**

Located right here in Southern California, Claremont McKenna College (CMC)'s mission is to educate students for thoughtful and productive lives and develop future generations of responsible leaders in business, government and the professions. Built by Fiesta Parade Floats, CMC's entry honors its 75th anniversary by highlighting the importance of leadership in higher education. Elements include iconic campus landmarks, the College's renowned Public Art Program, student leaders and Southern California landscaping. The key symbol of the College's book and globe highlights this private, liberal arts college's commitment to global education that is reflected in its diverse student body and epitomized by student leaders riding and walking with the float.

Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom (pictured top right)

Do you hear a crescendo of brass? Mutual of Omaha's iconic "Wild Kingdom" anthem gives rise to a float celebrating its new series, "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom Protecting the Wild," debuting in January. This float is a showcase of conservation, featuring the story of two real bear cubs released back to the wild after being injured in

a wildfire. Built-in stunning pops of color, the float raises awareness about the thousands of species on the brink of extinction. The brothers are joined by some of their endangered Pacific Northwest friends, including black-footed ferrets, beavers, wolves and a mountain lion perched near a real, flowing waterfall. Can you see the California condors soaring above the 23-foot-high Ponderosa pines? These bear cub brothers are a success, and there are more successes to be had with the vital animal, nature and habitat preservation work the new series spotlights. Riding the float is "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom Protecting the Wild" host, Peter Gros, continuing the legacy of conservation with new generations after co-hosting the original series that started it all. **San Diego Zoo Safari Park (pictured bottom left)**

The San Diego Zoo Safari Park is celebrating its 50th anniversary — 50 years of conservation and creating immersive, one-of-a-kind experiences with beautiful, often endangered wildlife. The Safari Park's 2023 float transports you to the Safari Park's African savannah habitats and depicts the Safari Park's iconic Wildlife Safari experience, bringing to life the Safari Park's ability to connect guests with wildlife and create life-changing moments. Featured on the float is a large southern white rhino and her young calf, and 9-foot-tall Mistuni, an 11-month-old giraffe, and her 15-foot parents. The young giraffe leans down for a drink of water where a pair of African crowned cranes stroll nearby. Meanwhile, Mistuni's mom and dad peek curiously into an open-air safari truck. The 10 riders include wildlife specialists, veterinarians and conservation scientists who have dedicated their lives to caring for animals at the Safari Park and around the globe. They are joined in their floral adventure by the Safari Park's executive director, expert wildlife guides and the next generation of young conservationists.

Sierra Madre Rose Float Association (pictured bottom right)

The self-built float of the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association is a whimsical portrayal of a bear family's exciting day at the park -- and it looks like while the cubs are getting into some mischief, it's Papa's Turn to get into a little mischief of his own. Two of his cubs watch from a nearby California oak tree as their Papa Bear careens his scooter past them into a flutter of scattering birds. Meanwhile, the little bears' brother gets possibly a little too curious with a busy, buzzy beehive. New tomorrows and the joy of the

outdoors are brought to life on this charming float brimming with palm bark, black caraway, sunflowers, gladiolas, birds of paradise, and a spectacular floral stream of blue and white hydrangeas. Papa Bear's scooter is covered in silver leaf, while nine rose arrangements hang from the trees, which have been spectacularly hand carved. Don't forget to look for the owl and squirrel hiding in the second tree, as they are, perhaps, a bit wary of getting in this ursine family's way.

"Join the Tournament Monday, January 2, 2023, to experience the awe and wonder of the floats, bands and equestrian units of the 134th Rose Parade presented by Honda. The Tournament of Roses has had a "Never on Sunday" tradition since 1893, the first year the Rose Parade fell on a Sunday, and the tradition remains to this day. The 2023 Parade will be the 19th time it was held on a Monday."

Pasadena's Veterans Day Ceremony

Every year on Veterans Day, Pasadena pauses to honor and remember military veterans. The Pasadena Veterans Day Committee, in collaboration with Vietnam Veterans of America Ch. 446 and American Legion Pasadena Post #13, invite the community to attend this year's commemoration on Friday, Nov. 11, at 10:30 a.m. at Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

The ceremony's featured speaker is Colonel Quintin D. Jones, commanding officer of 23d Marine Regiment in San Bruno, CA. Colonel Jones is a native of Memphis, TN, and has commanded units at every level from platoon to regiment. Mayor Victor M. Gordo will also give remarks. The Blair High School band will play the anthems of each branch of the armed forces, and Blair's Junior ROTC will provide the color guard. In a tribute to Gold Star families in attendance, Pasadena Scottish Pipes & Drums will play "Amazing Grace."

Through the generous sponsorship of Supervisor Kathryn Barger, at precisely 11:11 a.m., the Condor Squadron will do a close formation low-altitude military flyover. Other ceremony activities include a display from the California State Guard Military Museum Command, children's arts & crafts, free food, and more.

Supervisors Extend \$50K Reward in Murdered Altadena Preschooler

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion Tuesday by Supervisor Kathryn Barger to extend the \$50,000 reward offered for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for the murder of four-year-old Salvador Esparza III.

The young boy was shot while standing on the porch of a home in unincorporated Altadena on July 5, 2016.

"This shooting violently and tragically ended the life of an innocent little boy," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "Six months ago, I doubled the reward amount offered from \$25,000 to \$50,000. I am extending the reward because I have faith that someone will have the courage to do the right thing. Help us identify the perpetrator who robbed Salvador of his future and left a hole in his family's heart. Justice for the Esparza family must be served."

Pasadena Mayor Victor M. Gordo urged the community to do their part, "Chavita Esparza would be 10 years old today had he not been murdered in July of 2016," Mayor Gordo said. "I am grateful to Supervisor Barger for extending the reward to encourage the public to step up



Salvador Esparza III

and provide the information needed to help solve the horrific killing of 4 year old Chavita. Once again, I appeal to our community to step up, help identify the perpetrator of this heinous crime, and bring closure to Chavita's family."

The murder is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Homicide Division. To report a tip or provide information related to this shooting, contact Sergeant Dominick Recchia at (323) 890-5500. Spanish interpreters and interpreters who speak other languages are available. Tips can also be reported to the Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers Hotline at (800) 222-TIPS (8477) or submitted online at lacrimestoppers.org.

Traditional Thanksgiving Meal at The Senior Center

Membership for the Pasadena Senior Center is not required

Eat, drink and give thanks Thursday, Nov. 24, at noon when the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., will offer a traditional turkey feast with all the gobbling good trimmings. Members and nonmembers of all ages are welcome.

The Scott Pavilion at the center will be adorned with Thanksgiving and autumn décor. Diners will enjoy a delicious, traditional Thanksgiving meal, as well as vegetarian options, in a festive and fun atmosphere, accompanied by Larry Klug on piano.

"For most of 2020 and 2021, during the worst part of the COVID pandemic, older adults were mostly isolated at home and the Pasadena Senior Center was closed for everything except the most basic social services," said Akila Gibbs, executive director of the center. "Now we have reopened and can once again serve as a place for people to congregate for activities and events, including holiday celebrations, in an environment of safety and camaraderie."

Reservations are required no later than Monday, Nov. 21. The cost for the

Thanksgiving luncheon is only \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members of all ages. To register, visit www.pasadenaseniocenter.org and click on Activities & Events, then Special Events or call 626-795-4331.

Proof of COVID vaccination is required to attend; masks are optional.

In addition to online classes, onsite events and other activities, members and nonmembers of the Pasadena Senior Center are encouraged to visit the website regularly for a quarterly online magazine, free food delivery for older adults in need, COVID updates specifically for older adults and more.

The center is an independent, donor-supported nonprofit organization that has served older adults for more than 60 years. During the pandemic, doors are open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for social services as well as the library, Sy Graff Fitness Center, computer lab and limited occupancy for events. Rooms are sanitized after each use.

In accordance with Pasadena Public Health Department guidelines, proof of COVID vaccination is required for everyone who uses the fitness center or attends onsite activities indoors.

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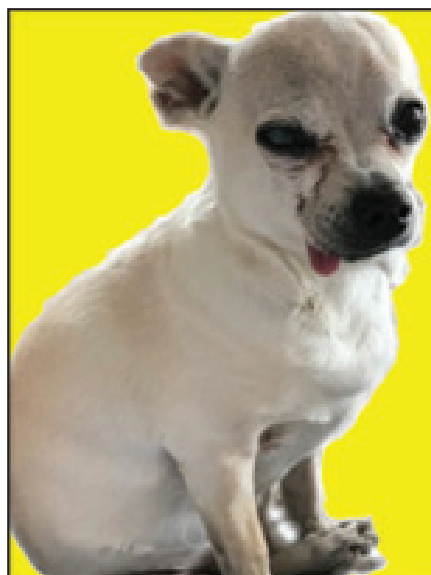
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Pasadena's PEDAL Website Launches New Info Feature

The 4th Annual Adaptive Sports Festival held Today

The site will increase transparency regarding skilled nursing and long-term care facilities.

In an ongoing effort to provide information and transparency to the community, the Pasadena Elderly and Dependent Adult Liaisons (PEDAL) website now includes a Facility Information and Complaint Resources portal. This portal provides direct access to California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) information for each Pasadena skilled nursing and long-term care facility, along with complaint resources.

The PEDAL website also includes several new critical information bulletins intended to provide operational guidance to staff at skilled nursing facilities. The critical information bulletins are produced from time to time on an ad hoc basis, and are intended to comprise an expanding collection of resource information for industry professionals and other interested persons.

Established in August 2021, the PEDAL team reaches across the breadth of City departments and integrates representation from a variety of nonprofit social service, educational and healthcare organizations to improve the quality of life for the more than 3,000 residents in over 100 skilled nursing and long-term care facilities in Pasadena.

The team includes strategic alliances with USC's Keck



School of Medicine (KSOM), Huntington Health and WISE & Healthy Aging to leverage the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to raise awareness of focused healthcare matters; resolve issues important to facility residents, their families and their healthcare professionals; and conduct community outreach, code enforcement and, if necessary, prosecution.

KSOM's participation equips the PEDAL team with the knowledge and expertise of medical doctors and clinical researchers so the team can better understand the complexities of elder mistreatment and care for the elderly and underserved. KSOM also brings grant funding to PEDAL for consultancy services of a certified public accountant/fraud examiner who will help expand the team's investigative capacity related to cases of elderly financial exploitation and educate community members and facility staff to recognize risk factors for victims and perpetrators.

Visit the PEDAL website for additional information. Questions should be directed to Neighborhood and Business Services Administrator Israel Del Toro at (626) 744-7138.

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.

You may be eligible to apply if:

You own and live in the house you would like to retrofit.

You live in one of the EBB program areas, which are designated by ZIP Code. Your house was built before 1980.

Your house has a raised foundation, or crawl space under the house.

Your house is built on level ground or a slight slope. You have not already completed a "brace and bolt" earthquake retrofit.

For more information visit: earthquakebracebolt.com or: southpasadenaca.gov.



The City of Pasadena in coordination with Triumph Foundation, a nonprofit organization working to improve the lives of people living with disabilities, will host the 4th annual Pasadena Adaptive Sports Festival on Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Brookside Park, 360 N. Arroyo Blvd.

The Adaptive Sports Festival is a free, fun-filled day of sports and fitness activities for people of all abilities. Activities offered include handcycling, wheelchair rugby, pickleball, disc golf, aquatics, tennis, bocce, adaptive archery, disc golf, boxing, power soccer, a resource fair, and more!

This event introduces the general public to adaptive sports, showcases individuals with disabilities, and helps foster a more inclusive community.

"The City of Pasadena is excited to partner with Triumph Foundation to offer this fun and exciting event," said Brenda Harvey-Williams, director of Pasadena's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. "This is the fourth of what we hope will be many Pasadena-based events promoting accessible

and inclusive sports and fitness opportunities."

"In 2021, the festival attracted close to a thousand participants and really made an impact on everyone who attended. We are so thankful for our partnership with the City of Pasadena," said Andrew Skinner, who founded Triumph Foundation in 2008, four years after suffering a spinal cord injury in a snowboarding accident. "Events like this give people with disabilities a chance to push the limits of their ability, play games with friends and family on a level playing ground, and enhance their quality of life through the benefit of exercise, sports and fitness."

Andrea Jennings, chair of Pasadena's Accessibility and Disability Commission adds, "The Pasadena Adaptive Sport Festival is a one-of-a-kind, inclusive experience where community members can interact with one another and even learn a new sport as I did by participating in archery at the 2019 festival. There were great trainers available for a variety of learning styles in a very inclusive environment."

Visit: triumph-foundation.org, for more information.

Free Nov. Movies at the Pasadena Senior Center

Friday movie matinees will be shown Nov. 4, 11 and 18 at 1 p.m. onsite at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., including an Academy Award nominee for best foreign film, a modern take on classic film noir and a film that for nearly 30 years has been a holiday comedy

favorite.

Seating will be limited and registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Each member of the Pasadena Senior Center may reserve one additional seat for a nonmember guest 50 or older.

"Children of Heaven" (1997, PG) starring Amir Farrokh Hashemian and Mohammad Amir Naji – Friday, Nov. 4, at 1 p.m. After a boy loses his sister's prized possession – a pair of pink shoes – he embarks on a series of adventures throughout South Tehran to find them. Persian with English subtitles. This film was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film.

"Grumpy Old Men" (1993, PG-13) starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau – Friday, Nov. 18, at 1 p.m. A lifelong feud between two retired next-door neighbors only gets worse during the holidays when a new neighbor (Ann-Margret) moves in across the street. The film was a runner-up for inclusion in the American Film Institute's "100 Years...100 Laughs."

To register for any or all of these movies or for more information, visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.org and click on Activities & Events, then Friday Movie Matinee or call 626-795-4331.

In addition to online classes, onsite events and other activities, members and nonmembers of the Pasadena Senior Center are encouraged to visit the website regularly for highlights of a quarterly magazine, free food delivery for older adults in need, COVID updates specifically for older adults and more.

Facts as Voters to Decide on Library Services, Measure L

Pasadena public libraries play an essential role in providing safe, accessible and 100% free educational resource centers for everyone. Individuals and families, no matter their socioeconomic status, can count on Pasadena libraries to provide them with the resources they need to succeed and the answers to important questions they can't otherwise find. In addition to their original purpose of providing information, Pasadena libraries provide early and digital literacy programs, school readiness programs, and free computer and Wi-Fi access.

"It's no surprise that the Pasadena Public Library was founded years before Pasadena was incorporated as a city. Residents came together to support the funding of the first library by purchasing shares for as little as \$5. Since then, the Pasadena community has banded together to support the Special Library Parcel Tax: in 1993 with 79.9 percent support, in 1997 with 84 percent of the vote, and in 2007 with 80.4% of the vote. On Monday, July 11, the Pasadena City Council unanimously voted to support Measure L and our public libraries," stated Mayor Victor Gordo.

After almost 15 years since its last renewal, the library revenue source will expire in February 2023 and can only be continued by a public vote. Therefore, this year, the City Council placed Measure L—the Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation Measure—on the November 8, 2022, ballot. Voters will decide whether to continue the dedicated, special revenue source for Pasadena Public Library programs and services. If approved, it will continue to generate approximately \$2.8 million annually for the next 15 years.

Pasadena Public Library serves as an important City institution that continuously delivers on equity and inclusion for Pasadena residents. The libraries play a critical role in educating our children and youth, and are contemporary establishments looking into the future with programs that include robotics, computer coding, 3-D printing, and a hands-on lab for tinkering, designing,

creating, and much more.

The parcel tax generates about 20% of the library budget. The revenue has been used to keep libraries open and well-maintained, purchase up-to-date books and materials, support library programs and services, continue to offer access to computers and Wi-Fi, and retain qualified librarians. It has enabled Pasadena Public Library to bring many technological improvements to the library, including an advanced search engine; a computerized magazine and newspaper index; a new online library catalog; and public access to the internet, with terminals at all library locations.

The operations of the Library and Information Services Department are funded primarily by the general fund and supplemented by the voter approved parcel tax. The following is a breakdown of taxes annually: Single Family \$40.86 Condominiums \$40.86 Duplexes & Larger \$26.83/unit Non-Residential \$298.99

For most taxpayers, this tax can be deducted from federal income taxes. Exemptions are provided for qualified seniors, disabled, and low-income owners.

If the existing funding through the Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation Measure (Measure L) is not maintained, the library would lose approximately \$2.8 million annually, or 20% of its budget, which may lead to the closure of neighborhood library branches, a reduction of books and collections, a reduction in library hours, the loss of qualified librarians, and cuts in other significant programs and services offered to our community.

Whether there's a family looking for a fun story time, an immigrant in need of language resources, an unemployed individual searching for job help, or a community member who needs help on their taxes, the library has something to offer.

For more information on Measure L, the Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation Measure, visit cityofpasadena.net/MeasureL.

Serve on the Altadena Library Board of Trustees

The Altadena Board of Trustees is accepting applications from anyone who would like to serve on the board for the two-year term starting in December. Applicants must be at least 18, a resident of, and registered to vote in Altadena. The chosen candidate will be sworn in at the regular December board meeting on Monday, December 19.

This unpaid, volunteer position involves budgetary and policy oversight as well as high-level strategic decision-making for the Altadena Library District. The board meets at 5:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month.

Interested parties should submit a letter of intent, resume, and completed supplemental questionnaire to the District Director by 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. The board will interview potential candidates at a Special Board Meeting to be held on Monday, November 14 at 7 p.m. Each candidate will have 3 minutes to make a statement and then will be asked to answer 3 questions, which will be provided to candidates in advance of the meeting.

If you are interested in filling the open seat on the Board, please download a copy of the Certification Qualification Questionnaire and submit it along with your accompanying materials (letter of intent, resume) to nwinslow@altadenalibrary.org as soon as possible.

You may also mail or drop off your materials in person to the Main Library at 600 E. Mariposa St., Altadena, CA 91001.

San Marino Sandbag Self-fill

With the rainy season approaching, the Parks and Public Works Department is providing a sandbag self-fill location in the Stoneman parking lot that is available to residents. Sand and bags are available at the location, and residents are welcome to fill up to six bags to help protect their home from potential flooding. A limited supply of additional bags is also available in the Public Works yard at City

Hall, and can be picked up by appointment, if necessary. For any questions, please contact the Parks and Public Works Department at 626-300-0765 or publicworks@cityofsanmarino.org.



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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

The Chef Knows *By Peter Dills*

The general life expectancy for restaurants lasting more than 5 years is about 50%, and after 10 years that number falls even lower. With that in mind, I went through my Yelp page to see how many (if any) of the restaurants featured in my 200 or so reviews were still in business.

Off I went to re-visit the Luggage Room – since it did make it to the 10-year mark, bravo!! Many of you have calendars to remind you of holidays, birthdays, and meetings. As I mentioned last week, writers have unusual calendars for National Food weeks and months. If you get on Santa's bad list, you may just get one of these peculiar calendars for Christmas. Guess what the National Food for October was? Times up... Pizza! If you got that one right, you may keep reading. If you missed that answer, you need to go back and start at the beginning of the article.

You may or may not know the owner Bob Lynn, a restaurant genius. He started Houston's Restaurant years ago and later opened the popular La Grande Orange, both in Pasadena. Here is an excerpt from a column that I did years ago, "Do you ever go to a place and have such a wonderful experience, that it reminds you of a great date that you can't get out of your mind? I am starting to believe that Central Park, in the middle of Pasadena, has some spell over me. You may be thinking, what is Peter talking about this week? Before you call for the padded car, let me explain. It happens to be that two of my favorite restaurants are both next to Central Park in Pasadena. The Luggage Room Restaurant and Le Grande Orange. This is just too good to be true!!"

The Luggage Room is an annex to the LGO Bar in the middle with an open kitchen to the east side of the room. The star is the wood fire pizza oven making pizza at a perfect 700 degrees, Yep, 700 - I asked the chef. The menu is selective, offering appetizers/salads, burgers and pizzas. I love the minimalist approach. I brought a few friends along to make sure that I had a thorough viewing of the menu. We grazed on what I feel is the highlight of the starter menu: bacon wrapped dates (\$6) and a pleasing portion of deviled eggs (\$6). We were here for the pizza and were able to sample many. Margherita Pizza (\$17), Haas Avocado Festival (\$17) brilliantly named, and truly an avocado feast!! The Mother Earth (\$17) had plenty of olives, artichokes, roasted peppers. My favorite pizza of the night was The Gladiator (\$18) made with spicy Italian sausage and molinari pepperoni. When I return, this will be my choice with a full glass of red wine. I'm glad that I brought my knowledgeable wine friends along, because they knew the wines on the menu!! Although Oktoberfest is behind us the German Bitburger beer was also a good choice. We had a great experience at the Luggage Annex at the LGO. I did notice that many customers were in no hurry to leave, enjoying their pizza and sipping their wine, with seemingly no immediate intention of departing this slice of Heaven. Check it out before a movie, or a first date. Burgers and Fish available too!

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

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. While one might question the accuracy of these reports, 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.

So what exactly has happened in the last 10 years that has resulted in the dangerous increase in the urbanized bear population that now plagues Sierra Madre and the nearby Foothill communities? In a nutshell, it is a result of gross negligence by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, The California Fish and Game Commission, the California State Legislature, and a two decade practice of failed and negligent wildlife management practices without adequate oversight.

In order to gain a better understanding, one needs to take a close look at the Department's management practices, changes in wildlife management philosophies, neglected goals, changes that were contrary to the Department's and Commission's established goals, and the results of 24 years of the their mismanagement.

In 1998, the California Department of Fish and Game identified and reported a steady increase in the black bear population and therefore published their "Black Bear Management Plan." In 2000, two years later, the Department reviewed and updated their bear policies. For the next 22 years, however, as the Department recognized a steady increase in the bear population, the Department neglected and failed to review and update their policies to address and provide solutions to manage and control the increased overpopulation of black bears in their natural habitat beyond what these habitats could provide. They also failed to implement the necessary actions to control and prohibit the urbanization of bear populations resulting from the overpopulation of the natural wild habitat. Additionally, in the absence of adequate oversight, the Department failed to implement controls and practices that prevented the overpopulation and "exponential" growth of urbanized bears in residential neighborhoods.

It's important to note that the Department is subject and bound by the laws that are established by state legislatures. Regulations are established by the Fish and Game Commission and regulations may not supersede the laws established by state legislatures. The CDFW is mandated to operate within the regulations established by the Commission. The management of bear populations, when operating correctly and in adherence to each entity's laws, missions, goals, and objectives is a bureaucratic partnership and one that cities throughout California relied on.

During the 22 years between 2000 and 2022, according to a Department Bulletin dated, February 16, 2022, the Department failed to review and update its various bear policies. It also appears that in 2013, the Department (as well as the Commission) underwent a fundamental shift in practices and philosophies. In 2013, the Department of Fish and Game changed its name to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, implying that their focus was shifting away from hunting and the stigma that might imply. It was also at that time when Sierra Madre started to experience a noticeable increase in urbanized bears, an increase that CDFW now refers to as an "exponential increase." Along with the increase and overpopulation of urbanized bears in Sierra Madre came four bear attacks on humans in Sierra Madre. An amount that exceeds anything experienced elsewhere in the entire state of California.

That same year, 2013, the Commission also prohibited using hounds for bear hunting. Since that policy took effect, the annual hunting harvests have declined significantly, further facilitating the overpopulation of bears in their natural habitats and in urban neighborhoods. Since that time, the CDFW, on numerous occasions, has also stated that the Angeles National Forest was no longer able to support the overpopulation of bears in their natural habitat that resulted as a result of their policies. This overpopulation forced bears into the urbanized neighborhoods where we now have several generations of urbanized bears that sadly, according to the CDFW, are unable to survive in their natural habitats. According to the CDFW, these bears rely solely on human food sources and are not candidates for relocation, regardless of the potential threats they pose.

At one point, in order to address the overpopulations of both wild and urbanized bears and to address public safety concerns, the Department and Commission decided to increase the total number of bears that could be taken in an annual bear-hunting season. According to CDFW biologist, Rebecca Barboza, this increase created a public outcry by the anti-hunting crowd. Reacting to the outcry, the Department and Commission decided to place a higher priority on the public outcry over public safety and reversed their decision. This decision has helped facilitate the exponential increases in the urbanized bear populations, bear encounters, and the threats that are associated with urbanized bears. With the increased bear populations, increased property damage, increased home entries and attacks, a reasonable person would assume that public safety would be a top priority by the Legislature, the Department, and the Commission. Apparently not. For a period

of time, Sierra Madreans were directed to contact the Pasadena Humane Society (PHS) to report all bear encounters and that PHS would forward the report to the CDFW. However in 2021, it was discovered by the Sierra Madre City Council that the PHS failed to contact the CDFW, putting Sierra Madre residents in increased danger. One might find it interesting that at that very same time, the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS) was involved in passing a legislative bill in California to outlaw all bear hunting in California. The HSUS, (who also funds local Humane Societies,) petitioned the Commission to ban hunting as well as supported a proposed bill, SB 252, that was submitted by California Senator Scott Wiener. After it was exposed that SB 252 contained an abundance of false statements, false data, and numerous misrepresentations, Wiener withdrew the bill.

For Sierra Madre, bear encounters and sightings are a common and potentially dangerous reality. For the most part, nothing is being done to protect the residents, especially school children. Early this week, a sow and two cubs were filmed on Sierra Madre Blvd. and then heading north on Baldwin past 3 elementary schools. This happened at the same time school children were arriving to attend class. Sierra Madre schools have not been informed on the increased dangers and have not been informed on who to call in the event of a bear encounter on campus. The Department has failed to inform our schools of the increased dangers.

Even as recent as last week, a Sierra Madre Canyon resident reported to the CDFW that a young bear was observed in a state of extreme stress and needed attention. The CDFW representative informed the resident that the CDFW had run out of tranquilizers and would not be able to respond for an additional 3 days. Considering the fact that the very same CDFW representative was contacted a week earlier notifying her that a bear was seen on St. Rita's elementary campus during regular school hours, I find it unconscionable that this level of gross negligence and reckless endangerment could even be possible. Another resident reported that last week she was chased by a bear on south Canon, just a few houses south of the middle-school. Fortunately, she said that a man in a truck pulled up, opened the door, and told her to get inside. And, signs have recently been placed at the entrances to the Sierra Madre Canyon that alert residents and guests that they are "entering wild animal territory" and that they are not to "hike, bike, or jog alone." How on earth was this allowed to happen in our residential neighborhoods?

The Department of Fish and Wildlife have made it clear that they have no intention of reducing the bear overpopulation, regardless of the increasing threats in residential neighborhoods and schools. At best, all they can offer are power-point presentations that advise reducing food sources. They also advise all pet owners to keep their pets indoors, and to lock all doors and window in your home. They only advise changes in human behaviors and take no responsibility for their negligence in performing their duties to control bear populations. Their own policies state that the Department shall, "alleviate economic losses or public health and safety problems caused by wildlife." In reality, Sierra Madre's safety has been ignored by the Department. We have exceeded and gone far beyond what bear-proof trash containers and power-point presentations can solve. Our schools are regularly put in danger by bears. Homes are regularly broken into by bears and bears are becoming noticeably more aggressive.

Unfortunately, there has been no adequate oversight of these agencies. Their rogue practices that ignore their own policies have put our neighborhoods and homes in danger. This past month, the Canyon has seen an unprecedented number of home break-ins by bears. The Department takes no responsibility for their gross negligence. They place all blame on residential neighborhoods and common human practices, like keeping food in your refrigerator. In her power-point presentation, Barboza claims that the "heart of the problem is food sources and attractants" when in reality the heart of the problem is 22 years of the Department's gross negligence regarding their own policies and a failure and refusal to control bear populations in natural habitats and urban neighborhoods.

The Commission is equally to blame. The Commission's own mission statement requires them to assure that California's wildlife will be "managed with public confidence." What could be more cruel than to do nothing to prevent bears from becoming urbanized and unable to survive in natural habitats, relying solely on human food sources? What could be more reckless than allowing urbanized bears to walk freely in residential neighborhoods, including school grounds during school hours? Considering the eminent danger that Sierra Madre and neighboring Foothill cities face, one would think at least there would have been some discussion or action taken at the Commission's regular meetings. Nothing was placed on their agendas in the entire years of 2021 and 2022. They gave more attention to butterflies and kangaroo rats than the safety of school children that are subjected to bears at school. All things considered, how could any reasonable person have any confidence in the Commission?§

Bears are majestic wild beasts that should never have been subjected and reduced to urbanization. They deserve better treatment than what the Department and the Commission have given them. It is nothing short of textbook animal cruelty what they have created and continue to facilitate. It's time for residents, Councilmembers, and City Staff to put relentless pressure on state legislatures and demand that they immediately pass bills that forces the Department and the Commission to bring safety back to our communities, end this pattern of animal cruelty, and keep bears in the natural habitats that they deserve, not on city streets digging in trash containers.

GLENN LAMBDIN

USC TROJAN AFFILIATES HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND SCHOLARSHIP DINNER NOVEMBER 17TH

USC Trojan Affiliates, a philanthropic and social women's group, of the University of Southern California invites alumni and friends to attend their upcoming Holiday Boutique and meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at the Altadena Town and Country Club, 2290 Country Club Drive, Altadena. Social no host bar and boutique runs from 4:00-7:00 p.m. with a dinner and meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Guests are welcome to attend the Holiday Boutique and/or the Scholarship Dinner Meeting. There is no charge to attend the Holiday Boutique, which will feature a variety of approximately fifteen outstanding vendors, and items for all ages. Vendors include Hazels Bags, Lavender Blue (tablecloths, napkins, and more), Pams Cookies and Cakes, Designs by Ronnelle Jewelry, Dry Divias, Essence Boutique (floral art), Peg Board Highway (apparel), Lugenia's (jewelry and accessories), Mermaid Art, Traveler's Boutique (USC Traveler horse merchandise), Sierra Madre Collective Cop-Op, USC items from Trojan Affiliates, Trojan League Associates of the Valley, and Trojan Guild of Los Angeles, and more. Sales from the boutique will help support the USC Trojan Affiliates scholars, worthy students pursuing their educational advancement at USC.


Guests will also be able to purchase tickets to win twenty-nine unique and fabulous Opportunity baskets. The basket themes include Arrowhead Weekend, Candy Basket, Catalina Trip, Charcuterie Basket, Dodger Basket, Floral Arrangement, Golf Basket, Kate Spade Basket, Martini Basket, Gift Tree Card, and more.

At the dinner, guests will meet the Trojan Affiliates Scholarship recipients as they share their experiences as USC students.

Sierra Madre resident Ann Palmer is serving in her second year as President. She encourages the community to attend the November event to become acquainted with the members of Trojan Affiliates. The members meet five times a year in the San Gabriel Valley and are addressed by various USC professors and other well versed and interesting speakers. Members also donate their time to raise greatly needed funds for scholarships for worthy USC students. Volunteer opportunities include selling USC products, volunteering at the Pasadena Showcase House, USC Day of Service in March, and more. Of course, the members also participate in a variety of social and cultural events and interface in numerous capacities with the University.

The formal purpose of this alumnae organization is to foster a spirit of friendship, loyalty, and cooperation with the University of Southern California, to develop and sustain a successful fundraising project in order to provide scholarships for USC students and contribute to the advancement of education.

For further information regarding USC Trojan Affiliates and/or to make a reservation for their November 17th dinner at \$95 per person, please contact Kandi Wopschall at wopshall@earthlink.net or (818) 790-1970 by November 11th. As there is no charge to attend the Holiday Boutique, it is not necessary to make a reservation for the boutique.



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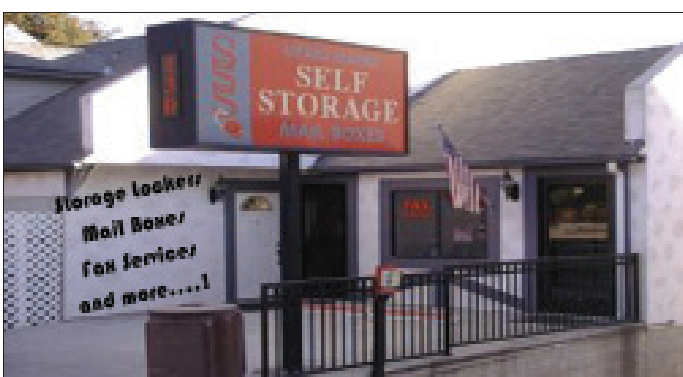
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Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



Learning from the Heart of a Horse

When I was about 12 years old, I remember begging my parents to let me have a horse. I’d been fortunate enough to have had lots of pets and small farm animals throughout my childhood, and I enjoyed spending time at the local barn with my friend’s horses, but my lifetime dream was to have a horse of my own. My father had left his job in the aerospace industry years before, to pursue his dedication as a Christian missionary, so we were living on what they called a “shoe-string” budget at that time.

When I think back on those days, growing up as the baby of seven children, it amazes me that I never realized how poor we were. It never mattered because my parents always ensured that we had everything we needed, and most importantly we were wealthy in love. My mother sewed our clothes, my father did the yard work and home improvement projects himself, and we kids were expected to perform chores to earn our weekly allowances. As far as my memory serves me, we never experienced a lack of affection or compassion in our home, so I guess we just assumed we were as “rich” as any of our friends were. In retrospect, I realize what a wonderful childhood I had.

When I was 13, my father finally gave in and bought me a pony. Unbeknownst to me, he’d been watching the classified ads in the local newspaper, hoping to find one we could afford, and finally came across a Welsh pony for sale at a nearby farm. The owner wanted \$75 for “Coco”, and even at that rock-bottom price, I know my dad was going out of his way to accommodate my desire to be a horse-owner.

Coco came with nothing more than a halter and a lead rope, so I learned very quickly to ride bareback and handle him without the force of a bit and bridle. My sister, Vicki and I had such fun doubling up on Coco and trotting around the rural parts of our area, riding on the local mountain trails and playing in the back woodlands surrounding our town. Those are some of the best memories I have from my youth and I would trade them for nothing.

When I realized how much responsibility went into owning a pony, it was a rude awakening for me. Every day after school, I had to go out and find Coco in the field, rope him and bring him back to the barn, groom him, clean out his stall, feed him, and let him rest a while before I could finally enjoy the fun of taking him out for a ride. Coco was a bit of a curmudgeon, so it was a challenge and a physical work out for me to perform the daily ritual with him at the barn.

I later learned that Welsh ponies are known to be head-strong compared to other equines. They require a lot of patience and loving discipline to help keep them in line. According to my memory, I suppose I did okay working with Coco, considering he was my first pony and I had little previous experience with horsemanship and all that went into it. I bonded with Coco immediately when I brought him home, which made it easier for me to be patient and understanding when he tried to buck or throw me.

Little by little the two of us had an understanding of what to expect and how to respect each other. Caring for Coco and learning about his way of thinking was such an important part of my life as a youngster. My folks used a good balance of encouragement and discipline in raising us kids, and I was lucky enough to have had an excellent school education, but there is nothing like working with a horse to teach a human how to live gracefully.

All these memories flooded back to me one day, after watching a documentary titled “BUCK”, a bio-pic focused on the life of a gentleman named Buck Brannaman, who inspired the story behind the film, “Horse Whisperer”. I remember seeing the film, when it first came out and being very impressed and emotionally affected by the story, but until I watched the ‘Buck’ documentary, I had no idea that “Horse Whisperer” had been based on a real life character named Buck Brannaman.

Horse Whisperer was about a man who had a unique ability to communicate with horses, and he used it to train and handle horses in a humane manner. Ultimately, the character in the film succeeds in bringing new life to not only his equine subjects, but also to the humans involved. It was such a heart-warming story for me because it validated what I always believed to be true about my relationships with the precious animals in my life. I came to realize that if we humans would be willing to take the time to understand the minds and hearts of our fellow species, we would be far more apt to succeed in living our own lives with grace and dignity.

Many important lessons can be learned while sitting in a classroom with curriculum and instruction, but some of the most important lessons in life can only be learned by spending time in a dusty field under an open sky with beautiful beasts of burden who have ages of knowledge ready to share with those of us who are willing to show due respect and listen to what they have to teach us.

I truly believe that if one has the desire to know, and the willingness to listen patiently and calmly, they’ll benefit greatly from what horses and other animal species have to offer. I don’t know about you, but I myself am on a constant quest to learn from the animals, and I believe it is best to communicate calmly and show due respect to gain age-old knowledge that can come only from the heart of a horse. Thanks to my pony, Coco, and to Buck Brannaman for the inspiration. Love and let live!

A WHISPER SPEAKS LOUDER

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Pet of the Week



Luna (A501939)

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Thurber's Tail.com



by Tom Purcell

My 23-month-old Labrador, Thurber, makes me laugh out loud at least five times every day.

As I write this column — attempt to sit at my desk and write, that is — my silly puppy keeps dropping his ball at my feet, hoping to get me to play with him.

Which makes me laugh out loud.

My Mornings Start with Dog-Induced Laughter

I knew getting a dog would change my daily routine, but I had no idea how much he would improve my life and make me feel so cheerful.

In fact, it wasn’t until he arrived 21 months ago that I realized that several days would pass in my life in which I did not laugh a whit.

A lack of laughter is bad for us, our families, our friends and our entire civilization, if you ask me.

And, I dare say, as a civilization, we are taking ourselves way too seriously right now at the expense of cheerfulness and laughter.

As we laugh less, we become more anxious, agitated and angry and our civility towards our fellow citizens suffers.

Which is why I wish everyone could experience the joy of having a dog.

Every morning, after Thurber eats breakfast and does his business, I lay back down to read the news on my phone and to ease into the morning.

And Thurber jumps up on the bed with a ball or bone in his jaws, tail wagging with mischief in his eyes, as he dares me to try to take it from him — which causes me to laugh out loud.

Dog-Induced Laughter Promotes Civility and Empathy

Thurber’s antics make me laugh so hard and so often, I can only imagine how much public civility would be improved if everyone in our country could experience the daily joy he brings me.

Civility is “the foundational virtue of citizenship,” developmental psychologist Marilyn Price-Mitchell wrote a decade ago in *Psychology Today*.

It’s behavior “that recognizes the humanity of others, allowing us to live peacefully together in neighborhoods and communities.”

She explained that the psychological elements of civility include awareness, respect, self-control and empathy — the very characteristics a professional dog trainer is currently helping me develop in Thurber.

Empathy — the ability to understand and share the feelings of another — is certainly a skill we Americans are losing in our increasingly isolated, angry, social-media-driven world.

HOW DOGS MAKE US LAUGH

But pets like my best buddy Thurber can help bring us together and help us restore our argumentative nation to a civil, well-functioning republic.

Child development specialist Denise Daniels explains in *The Washington Post* that “emotional intelligence,” or EQ, is a measure of empathy.

She points to the findings of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, which researches EQ and teaches people how to improve it, and notes that a high EQ score is the best indicator of a child’s success — as well as an adult’s.

Which brings us back to the value of pets.

Daniels writes that a variety of research in the U.S. and U.K. has shown a correlation between attachment to a pet and higher empathy scores.

I know my buddy, Thurber, has certainly improved my empathy and EQ score.

How to Promote a More Cheerful World

I didn’t realize that my emotions for my puppy would run so deep, or that I would work so hard and do so many things to give him the happiest, healthiest life he can experience.

Plus, everywhere we go — and he loves few things more than jumping into the backseat of my truck — he makes total strangers smile, laugh and converse with me.

His simple presence can bring human strangers together. He not only makes us forget the petty human world — for a little while, at least — but he reminds us that a simple but magnificent creature like him can turn the most hardened souls back into empathic, laughing, happy children.

As I work hard to train Thurber to be a great dog who exhibits compassion, self-discipline, courtesy and empathy, he is training me right back to improve all of those very same skills.

I can no longer imagine what my world would be like without my lovable Labrador enriching it for me — and everyone else who meets him every day.

As I said, I wish all of my fellow citizens could become more cheerful by inviting a furry family member into their homes.

It wouldn’t solve all of the world’s problems, but we’d certainly be more cheerful and civil as we work to solve them!

Tom Purcell is creator of ThurbersTail.com, which shares helpful pet-care tips and funny stories and videos featuring Tom’s beloved Labrador, Thurber. Email Tom at Tom@TomPurcell.com.

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Dear Savvy Senior: Can you recommend any services that can help my elderly mother with her financial chores? My dad always used to handle the bill paying and paperwork, but he passed away last year, and mom struggles to keep on top of things. And I don't live close enough to help her on a regular basis. Concerned Daughter



Dear Concerned:

It sounds like your mom could use a good daily money manager (or DMM). These are financial savvy professionals that can help older adults who have difficulty managing their own day to day personal financial affairs.

The types of services they provide typically includes paying bills, maintaining financial records, balancing checkbooks and negotiating with creditors. DMMs can also prepare checks for clients to sign, help older people organize bank and financial records, prepare and deliver bank deposits, gather and organize documents for tax returns, help decipher medical bills, and review bank statements in order to detect potential financial abuse or fraud.

Where to Find DMMs

Depending on where your mom lives, DMM services may be available through private non-profit elder assistance organizations or government agencies. These agencies often use volunteers to provide basic DMM tasks, such as bill paying at no cost. To find out if this is available in your mom's area contact her Area Aging Agency. Visit ElderCare.acl.gov or call 800-677-1116 for contact information.

In addition to the non-profit DMMs, an increasing number of individuals and private for-profit companies have started offering DMM services for a fee. Cost for these services varies by region but it often ranges between \$25 and \$100 per hour. Most clients need approximately four hours of services per month, but this too varies according to the complexity of the person's financial situation.

The best place to look for a professional DMM in your mom's area is through the American Association of Daily Money Managers (AADMM.com), which offers an online directory that lets you search by ZIP code. All the pros listed there have signed the group's code of ethics. Some have passed a certification exam to earn the designation of Certified Daily Money Manager.

Before hiring a daily money manager, however, get references from two or more of their clients and check them. Also, find out what they charge and what type of insurance coverage they have. Keep in mind that neither federal nor state governments regulate the DMM industry, so there is little oversight of these services. So before turning over your mom's bills, make certain it's someone you can trust.

One other highly rated bill-paying service you should know about that's specifically designed for older adults and caregivers is SilverBills (SilverBills.com). Available nationwide, this is a secure concierge bill management service that will manage your mom's bills and pay them on her behalf, on-time and correctly, for a flat fee of \$50 per month.

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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

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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

SEE COOKIE WILL SNEAK!

For more years than I care to remember, I have been on a diligent pursuit, and I won't stop until I reach my goal.

My quest is to find a cookie I don't like. Throughout the years, I have eaten every cookie I could find and loved them all.

My biggest obstacle in this pursuit is The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She has the crazy idea that I should limit my cookie consumption. I told her I will whenever I find a cookie that I don't like. So far, that hasn't happened.

My favorite time of the year is when the Girl Scouts are selling cookies. I love those little angels. I tell The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage that I'm just supporting these lovely young girls, and that's all.

I don't think she believes me, but I will try what I can get away with.

Recently, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has been on a baking spree. She was baking cookies for various people, of which I have no idea. My focus is not on the people she's baking for, but on the cookies she's baking.

As a faithful husband, I encourage her along these lines and congratulate her on a job well done.

One rule she has laid down is I'm not allowed to have any cookie she does not give me personally. That is a very hard rule to keep with all of the cookies in the kitchen. I try my hardest, but my hardest is not enough.

One of my favorite hymns has a line that says, "Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin."

Last Tuesday my wife planned spending the day with one of our daughters. I was supportive of her activity and encouraged her to spend as much time as possible with her daughter.

She looked at me suspiciously and said, "While I am away, I do not want you to eat any cookies in the kitchen." Then she went to the kitchen, pulled out one cookie, handed it to me, and said, "This is the only cooking you are allowed for today."

Of course, I took the cookie, smiled as she left, and told her to have a great day.

Unfortunately, I did not know what kind of day I was facing and hummed the "Yield not to temptation" hymn all morning long.

For the first couple of hours, everything went well. I was working in my office, and things were just okay.

Then in the middle of the morning, I decided to take a break and get a cup of coffee. I never have too much coffee on any day. I had forgotten the cookies that were stacked up in the kitchen.

As I entered the kitchen, the aroma of all those freshly baked cookies slapped me in the face liked I've never been slapped before. Up to this point, I was able to "Yield not to temptation." But I am afraid that the "Yield not" had just expired.

As I was fixing my coffee, I thought it would not harm me to look at and admire those freshly baked cookies. After all, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage does a wonderful job in baking cookies. I just wanted to admire them and appreciate all the excellent work behind every one of those cookies.

I thought I could handle the situation, but boy was I wrong. I've been wrong on a lot of things; I was wrong on this thing.

With a cup of coffee in my hand, I began thinking that one cookie just wouldn't hurt me. I don't think my wife would find out that I had one cookie because there were so many cookies in that kitchen.

I took one cookie very craftily and then walked back to my office, where I would drink my coffee and nibble on this delicious cookie. I thought I had solved the problem and gotten over any further thoughts I had about another cookie.

After I finished that first cookie, I just sat back in my chair and enjoyed swallowing the last crumb. How delicious it was. Of all the cookies in all the world, why did this cookie taste so delicious?

I thought it was over, but I could not get that cookie out of my head. Then, after lunch, I picked up another cookie, went to my office, and nibbled on it very slowly, enjoying every last crumb.

An hour went by, and I needed another cup of coffee, walking through the kitchen, I smelled those delicious cookies. So I decided I deserved two cookies this time because I was working so hard. After all, how will would The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage know I had two cookies?

Later that afternoon, I heard the front door open, and looking at my watch I realized it was time for my wife to come home. She entered the kitchen, and I heard her say very loudly, "How many cookies did you eat?"

It was then I knew I was in trouble, but I didn't know how much trouble I was in.

I remembered the words of Jesus in Mark 14:38, "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak."

Everybody faces temptation in some form. The real issue has to do with yielding to that temptation. It's the weakness of my flesh.

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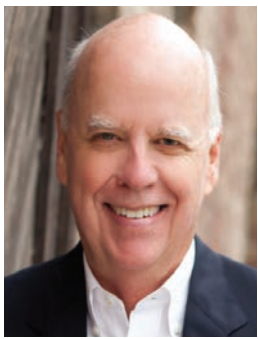


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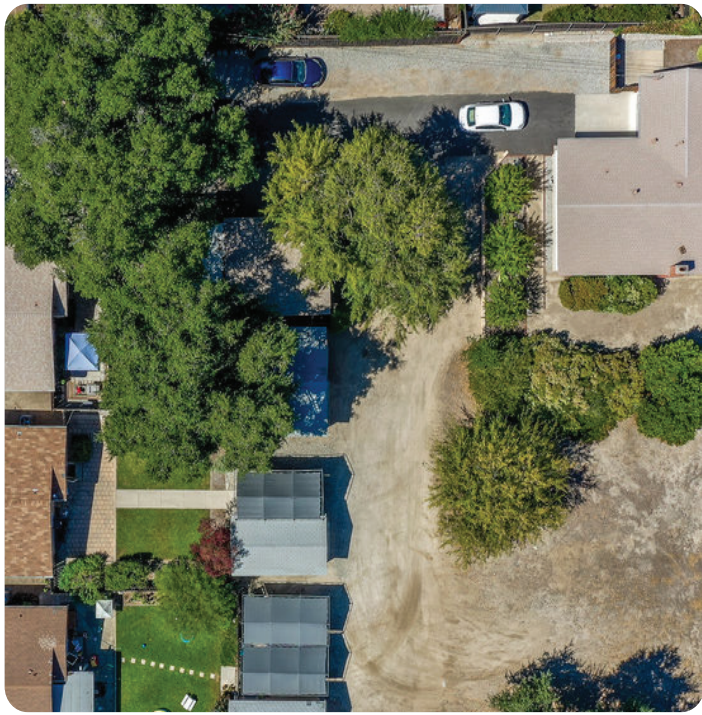
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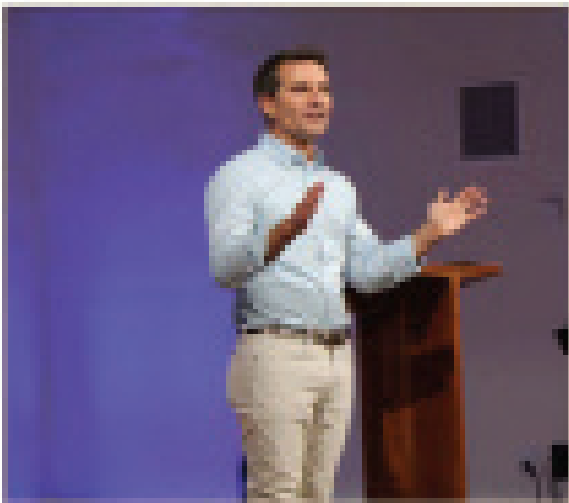


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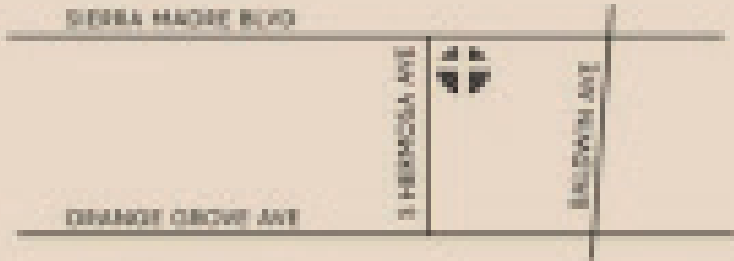
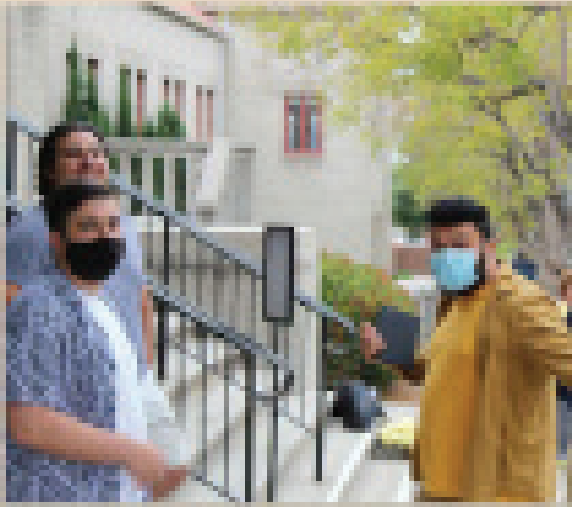
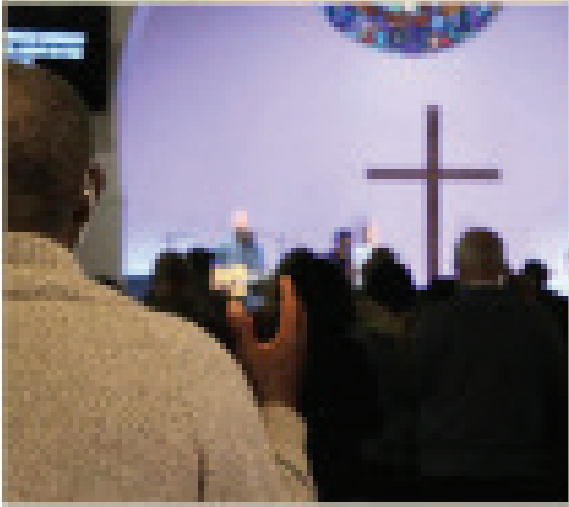


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MEASURES

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEASURE PCC
YES 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.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEASURE C
YES 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.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEASURE A
YES supports allowing the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, by a four-fifths vote, to remove the sheriff from office for cause, which 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.

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MEASURES

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

PROP 26 LEGALIZES SPORTS BETTING AT AMERICAN INDIAN GAMING CASINOS AND LICENSED TRACKS IN CALIFORNIA
NO opposes this ballot initiative, thus continuing to prohibit sports betting in California and roulette and dice games at tribal casinos.

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

NO opposes this ballot initiative, thus continuing to prohibit sports betting in California.

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

YES 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.

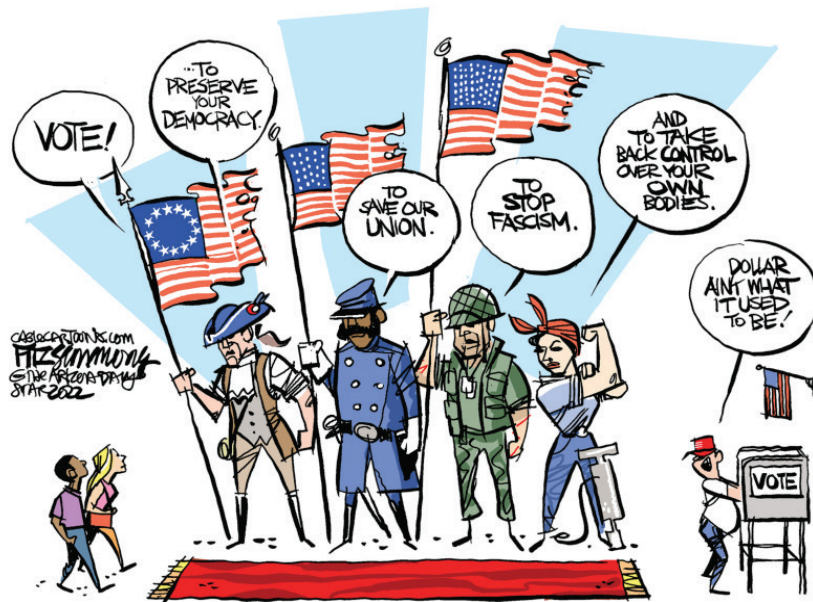
PROP 29 HEALTHCARE ENACTS STAFFING, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FOR DIALYSIS CLINICS

YES 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.

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

YES 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.

PROPOSITION 31 TOBACCO BAN ON FLAVORED TOBACCO SALES
YES will uphold the contested legislation, Senate Bill 793 (SB 793), which would ban the sale of flavored tobacco products.



TOM PURCELL



PRE-ELECTION STRESS DISORDER

I'm already anxious about the outcome.

I speak of next week's elections, and a modern malady the Mayo Clinic refers to as "Election Stress Disorder."

"We notice it in our bodies, the tension in our shoulders," says Dr. Robert Bright, a Mayo Clinic psychiatrist. "Sometimes people get GI (gastrointestinal) upset or headaches. People have trouble sleeping."

Bright says the scary negative political ads aren't helping our stress levels.

"He is the candidate who voted in favor of puppy mills and sugar rationing and making chocolate chip cookies illegal!" such ads may as well say.

Every time there's an election, we're told that it's the most important in our lifetime — that if candidate XYZ wins, the sky will collapse, Earth will become a giant sinkhole, the Sun will stop shining,...

If we let the hyperbole get to us, it's no wonder it induces such a powerful stress response.

The origin of stress goes back to the early days of humans, when many creatures didn't view us as their superiors, but as their lunch.

When a human saw a lion coming his way, he was overcome by stress. The stress brought on an adrenaline rush, and the adrenaline sent one message, loudly and clearly: RUN!

"Fight or flight" stress was an essential natural response to threats and it kept many humans from becoming another creature's dinner.

But long after a human's stress mechanism was much less needed for his survival, we continued to suffer from it in ways it was never intended to do.

We suffer stress when we see the high cost of the gasoline we must put in our cars — so we can drive to the grocery store where we are stressed by the price of food that has risen faster than you can say reckless government spending.

And now that, like it or not, politics has seeped into every moment of our waking lives, elections have become way more stressful than they once were.

No matter what happens next week, half the country will have a temporary moment of joy, if their candidate wins, and the other half will suffer — you guessed it — more stress.

Half the country will be certain this midterm election will have been the most fair and transparent in history, and the other half will be certain fraud caused their candidate to lose.

Whether happy or mad, though, one thing is for certain: many won't be able to resist the urge to go on social media and argue about politics with friends, family and neighbors, which will cause even more stress.

And rather than cool down over political matters that are largely out of our control, we'll get angrier and more vindictive and that will be the energy we carry into our holiday gatherings, where harsh and bitter words will be said that may harm relationships forever.

So what can we do to nip election stress in the bud, Dr. Bright?

We can relax, he says, and realize that all that we can control is our own vote and that it is no better or worse or more important than anybody else's.

"And that's the wonderful thing about living in a democracy," he says. "We each have an equal stake."

Besides, there's another very important reason not to stress over our elections: The real stress doesn't generally kick in until we realize we elected a bunch of buffoons.

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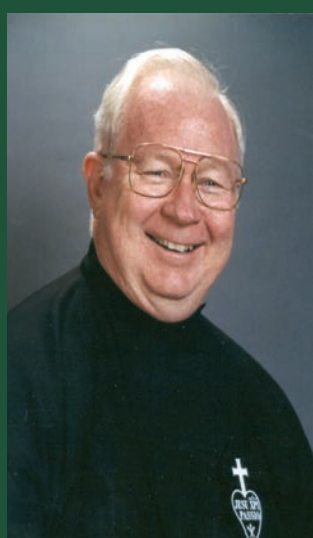
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500+ extra car trips a day will impact us forever, with much more
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The impacts left on us citizens forever. That's why the developers spent
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Voting YES on HR will limit development to the levels the rest of
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- ▶ The only candidate in favor of reasonable development
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Confused about Measure HR?

That's part of Santa Monica Developer New Urban West's strategy. They want you to believe that the tract-housing project of 42 houses is better than 7 houses under Hillside Zoning on the 17 acres.

If their densely packed tract home development goes forward, they and the Chicago property owner make millions and Sierra Madre ends up with:

- 42 McMansions (huge homes on disproportionately small lots) built in an extreme fire risk zone
- Additional stress on our already precarious water supply leading to rate increases and rationing
- Destruction of wildlife habitats
- Dangerous congestion around Bailey Park
- More than 500 additional daily traffic trips
- Destruction of over 100 mature trees
- Loss of open space

Long-time preservation groups Preserve Sierra Madre and Protect Sierra Madre are opposed to this project and say Vote Yes on Measure HR. Don't be fooled by the Santa Monica developer that is spending more than \$250,000 to defeat this homegrown initiative.

Vote YES on Measure HR

Preserve our beautiful town

Attention Sierra Madre Voters!

If you want to sign the petition for the referendum email sierramadrepetition@gmail.com. We will bring one to you. We will also be Kersting Court this Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am-2:00pm to gather signatures and share information.

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Sierra Madre's Own Ken Anhalt**

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Behind Closed Doors

The latest tally of money spent has come out by the most ironic of all named groups, the “Neighbors for Fairness”. This group is made up of Sierra Madre citizens, funded by the developer New Urban West, to the tune of nearly \$200,000 and counting. We will only know the total amount after next week’s election. The \$200,000 has been doled out to at least 10 different companies, including a law firm, numerous public affairs teams, designers, consultants, printers, delivery people, all located throughout California and New York. Their goal is to twist the stories, create fake grass-roots movements and plant their signs on the very thing we are trying to stop. They bring piles of money and considerable experience to bludgeon another small town into submission; in this case it’s our Sierra Madre. Tragically, it works and they get better at it every year. We are sitting ducks. If Sierra Madre citizens would simply look at the campaign Form 460, they would see for themselves that we are being duped. We urge you to simply go to the campaign form 460 filed by the Neighbors for Fairness and look at the amounts spent and the places the money is going... Go to their websites and read about the people being paid to change your mind. It is a treasure trove of evil intentions and expert manipulation. But wait, it gets worse. The Neighbors for Fairness are posting ads with endorsed statements from the local city council. On the one hand they claim that we need to do what they say and vote No on Measure HR because otherwise the city will be sued. On the other hand, the city council is literally supporting the Neighbors for Fairness in hiring lawyers and PR firms whose known tactics include suing cities and busting referendums when their attempts at manipulating weak city council members falls short. Let’s look at just a few examples from this Form 460 of who you will find and what they say in their own websites.

- Through last week, the developers have spent \$28,942 with the law firm of Nielsen Merskamer known for their referendum busting tactics in the town of Moraga. They were able to overturn the will of the people through a paperwork technicality. Way to go. The Neighbors for Fairness have hired this attorney whose specialty is “guiding clients through the complexities of the initiative and referendum process.” Thanks to the city council for endorsing the very group that will go after us if the developer does not get its way.
- How about the four separate public affairs teams they have hired. Each one has its own tactics on how to turn you. First, we have Southwest Strategies; on the take for \$23,118 - "We know what makes California's communities tick. We engage with residents and businesses to build stakeholder support for outreach, advocacy and education programs." If you look up one of their key employees (search Chris Wahl, San Diego Tribune) you will find him in the middle of controversy where he is alleged to have been lobbying and raising money for city officials at the same time he was engaging in mediation talks. They weren’t lying when they said they know what makes communities tick.
- The Musella Group, cashing in \$8,000, states that "Developing a robust strategy to educate elected officials and policymakers is the foundation to successful advocacy. We know how to have a positive impact on the process to achieve your business objectives."
- Laer Pearce & Associates has only made \$4,375 but it should be worth the money because “When your issue comes down to a vote of the people or an action by a regulatory board, or you simply need perceptions changed and outcomes influenced, we have unique and finely tuned skills that can help achieve your strategic objectives”.
- Atlantis Group, at \$12,000 says "We foster communication and gain active support for your project or policy from stakeholders, and from elected and appointed officials."
- They have also sent \$5,250 to a lady in Brooklyn to take the Yes on Measure HR and reshuffle graphics to confuse the citizens as to whether yes is no or no is yes. There is also \$20,000 spent on lawn signs and \$5,750 to a door hanger company. Please look all this up yourself and don’t let these developers and their hired goons do this to Sierra Madre. Please vote Yes on Measure HR before it is too late.

**CITIZENS FOR TRUTH –
OUR FREEDOM IS IN DANGER, EVEN IN SIERRA MADRE**

Anyone who has watched the news on TV or picked up a newspaper has seen the armed men clad in body armor (always men) who have no authority waiting at ballot drop boxes, with the promise that they will be at polling places as well. Yet, in the state of Georgia, a law was recently enacted to make it a crime to offer a bottle of water to someone waiting in line to cast their ballot. Obviously, intimidation is the only reason for this outrageous behavior.

It Can’t Happen Here was the title of a book written by Sinclair Lewis in the 1930s. Here’s what has happened in the last two months. The developer of the Meadows project has spent over \$193,000 trying to convince us to vote No on Measure HR (Form 460). Measure HR is on our ballot, which would place the Mater Dolorosa property (often referred to as the Monastery), including the 20 acres in question into the Hillside Management Zone, as is the case with every other large property abutting the mountains.

We’ve written about why this would be beneficial and would result in nine large houses each on one two-acre plot of land. Also reported in past articles – similar to Measure V, the developer has tried to muddy the situation, and confuse people by inferring “No means no development, yes means McMansions.” In reality a no vote would be a yes vote for the development of 42 houses, on 17 acres, outside the scope of our General Plan and zoning laws. Seventeen acres, because developer New Urban West is inexplicably throwing in a three-acre park, right next to Bailey Canyon. However, one speculation is that this would make it cheaper to build the houses, rather than give each house a little extra lot size.

Last weekend a resident who was canvassing for Yes on HR in town on a busy street, when she noticed a car very slowly going by. She was talking to a resident, when a presumably paid canvasser came up behind her to hand the resident a door hanger with No on it, stating that our member was lying, and not to listen to her.

We believe our residents and our voters have the right to know about the intimidation tactics that are being used right in our little Sierra Madre. Yes, it can happen here, and it is. What price freedom as we know it? Please don’t let your vote be purchased, \$22 per vote if we get 100% voter turnout, more likely \$44 per vote with a usual 50% turnout.

Deb Sheridan

A TRADITION OF GREAT & LIVABLE CITIES, PART 2

Over fifteen years ago, in this paper, I sent in a letter titled “A Tradition of Great & Livable Cities”. At the time we were at a crossroads. Developers were seeking to monetize our quaintness, pouring money into a jaundiced campaign to sway us. Here we are again. A key argument in support of Meadows is the city thinks it is best, so butt out. In opposition to the citizen led effort to save our town the development crowd make outrageous yet vague legal threats, shout about property rights, talk about magically creating water, of destroying a park to build a park. In fact, citizens not only have a right to speak out about how they are governed, but they have an obligation. Who are the people who have fought to save our city? They are doctors, lawyers, CPAs, finance professionals, artists, teachers, firemen, police officers, retired military who all care about this town. Here are a just a few reasons why:

- The Meadows project will be up to 7 times denser than what is allowed under Measure HR, with 5-foot property line setbacks. Look at the google maps street view of the developer’s other projects.
- Property rights are not relevant. The Meadows property was not zoned for residential and if it was, it exceeds our codes. Property owners have a right to apply for special exceptions, but not to get them.
- There are no legal grounds to sue the city. It doesn’t mean these “caring” developers won’t sue if they don’t get their way, but we have an obligation not to roll over in the face of every lawsuit rumor.
- Another rumor by the pro-development crowd is that One Carter cost the city millions in legal costs. This is not true in amount or causality. Look at the budgets. In the general budgets, legal expenses are so inconsequential as to not warrant its own line item or mention. If you analyze the One Carter debacle, among the problems was speculative money dumped into a preservation minded city during a housing bubble, approvals by an inexperienced city who cut deals and made exceptions. It was bulldozed and left as a desert for 15+ years. One Carter is in fact a poster child for not approving the Meadows project.
- The city will be further challenged by a budget deficit with the Meadows project. Ask yourself why the city has not provided analysis of the long-term financial implications from the project. An analysis of the 450+ California cities shows that higher density is associated with lower housing prices. Obviously, Nobody has grown their way to balanced budgets. The lure of increased development is a sure path to making matters worse. Most importantly, the Meadows project will be the densest development in our city’s history, a 42+ tract home development with minimal superficial exterior nuances, permanently scarring our town and hillside. Please vote YES on Measure HR. Scott Hood



WHY YOU NEED TO VOTE NO ON HR
Measure HR is attempting to circumvent years of negotiations by the planning commission and the city council to get the best deal for Sierra Madre. The Meadows project is the result: 42 homes, a \$5 million park, 40 hillside acres placed in conservancy, net-zero water offsets, and \$250,000 for public safety infrastructure. All of this will be lost if Measure HR passes.

Instead, according to a court ruling, Measure HR will allow 68 houses to be built across the entire Mater Dolorosa property. At least half of these can be Arcadia-style mansions up to 6,500 sq. ft.

Leaving the property undeveloped is not a viable option. It is going to be developed. You have a choice: No on HR allows the already-approved Meadows project to move forward, yes on HR allows a neighborhood of Arcadia-style mansions with none of the concessions.

Your planning commission recommended the Meadows project to the city council, who unanimously approved the project. The City Council also determined that Measure HR is wrong for the city and puts us at legal risk of discriminating against the religious rights of the Passionists.

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce says No in HR. The Mountain Views News says No on HR. Sierra Madre Neighbors for Fairness, a group of 13 long-time residents and city volunteers, says No on HR.

Who wants you to vote yes on HR? The three proponents who live near the Monastery and don’t want to be inconvenienced by a property owner exercising their development rights. Those promoting Measure HR have been telling voters they will “save the meadow” or that “only seven houses can be built”. Those are simply lies. The proponents of HR have been engaging in mudslinging like has never been seen in a local election, including a flashy, buy deceptive low-brow video campaign.

Your city leaders need your support. They have done the hard work of evaluating the thousands of pages relating to the Meadows project. They know the risks of Measure HR.

Sitting on the fence and not voting only empowers those who are most motivated, which are the neighbors who don’t want a project in their proverbial back yard.

Vote NO on HR

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE GENERAL PLAN – THE PLAIN TRUTH

These are the “BUZZ” words that you have heard from the Stop the Project group since the beginning. They have been telling you that the Monastery is not adhering to the General Plan. Most people don’t really know what the General Plan is but it sounds official.

This is a LIE like so many other things that the voters of our city have been told. The following is taken from our city’s general plan, “The General Plan is intended to be both a long-term and a dynamic document, and must be periodically updated to respond to changing community needs. Unlike the housing element, which is required by State law to be updated every five years, a General Plan does not expire and is not required to have a specific time frame.” There are seven mandatory elements of a general plan – land use, housing, circulation, open space, conservation, noise, and safety. (The Plan helps guide the city in these elements)

There are provisions in the General Plan that allow property owners (which the Monastery is) to apply for variances to those building/zoning codes. SECTION 1. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT Pursuant to Code Section 17.64.050, the Planning Commission may recommend approval of a general plan amendment and zone change whenever the public interest, convenience and necessity so require. The Monastery has complied with and received approval for a Specific Plan, therefore complying with our General Plan. The proponents of Measure HR have used these scare tactics and misinformation knowing full well that the Monastery is in compliance with the General Plan guidelines.

The Specific Plan affects only those 17 acres where the Meadows project is to be built. The remainder of the property will remain institutional as it is presently. The Monastery can continue the use of their property and not be stripped of their property rights. Under Measure HR, the Monastery is being stripped of their property rights because they have a group of self-serving residents surrounding their property who want to prevent them from developing the bottom 17 acres of their property. This is private property and the Monastery has the same property rights as any other property owner in our city.

Sierra Madre has at least three other Specific Plans that are welcome additions to our city:
Senior Living Facility on Esperanza
Kensington
The British Home

PLEASE SAVE OUR CITY FROM THIS DISASTROUS AND DANGEROUS MEASURE THAT IS TEARING OUR CITY APART!!!
VOTE NO ON HR

Martha Walsworth

THE IRONY OF “SAVING” MATER DOLOROSA

The proponents of Measure HR have been driving a strong disinformation campaign all year. It makes me wonder what has happened to this city.

It all started in 2013 with groups called “Save Mater Dolorosa” and “Save Monastery.” That sounds great, right? But they soon morphed into “Stop Monastery Housing Project – Preserve Mater Dolorosa,” then just “STOP Housing Project.” “Preserve Sierra Madre” also came onto the scene to fight Arcadia-style mansions in the city.

What likely started as good intentions became corrupted through leadership that lost their way. What do these people think they are fighting for today other than protecting their own lifestyle from being bothered by a neighbor exercising their development rights?

What I know is these groups no longer care about serving the city or “saving” Mater Dolorosa. Instead, they are conspiring to harm the Passionists by taking away their right to expand their Retreat Center and Stations of the Cross. This scorched-Earth policy is to do whatever it takes to stop the Meadows project, no matter what harm falls on the Passionists.

Preserve Sierra Madre sold out their Mission, which to this day still says they work hard to prevent “mansionization and to protect our historic properties and open spaces.” What exactly are they trying to preserve by now promoting a plan to allow 6,500 sq. ft. mansions with no open space?

Our city leaders spent two years putting together a great plan to develop the Passionists’ old parking lot that I see out my living room window (aka the “meadow”). It will include a 3-acre public park, 40 hillside acres in conservancy, \$1 million to offset water use, and \$250,000 for the new police station. These are good things that benefit the city. Sierra Madre gets none of these concessions if Measure HR passes. If the property is going to be developed anyway, why are we being asked to give up a \$5 million park just to allow mansions?

Enough is enough!

Along with your City Council, the Passionists, and the Chamber of Commerce, I strongly oppose Measure HR and support the Meadows project. Vote No on HR.

Dave Link, longest lasting neighbor to the Monastery

Dear Editor:
Looking back on the ads, letters, columns, postings, fliers, mailers, yard signs and door-hangers over the past several weeks from the “No” on HR side, there’s one argument I haven’t seen made: How would this “Meadows” project of 42 McMansions on 17 acres at our hillside be good for Sierra Madre? Instead, it’s been of the dire consequences and shame that would befall us should we not accept it, and intentional confusion in suggesting it’s somehow the “Yes” vote that would bring the over-development we’re against – when in fact it’s HR that would prevent it.

In developer New Urban West’s full-pager last week, Fr. Mike Higgins states, “Measure HR will make it nearly impossible for our ministries to grow”, as if continuation of their good work is dependent on imposing tract housing on a community that doesn’t want it. He’s “devastated” at being “targeted”, while any other property owner would be similarly “targeted” if insisting on such change in use from original zoning that would bring irreversible harm.

We’re urged to oppose HR because “Community Leaders . . . Mayor & City Council” tell us to. Unfortunately for them, this recommendation comes when many have diminished confidence in their leadership – feeling that if they’d done their jobs, we wouldn’t have to be enduring this conflict in the first place.

Measure HR calls for development to comply with our Hillside zoning restrictions – which are comprehensive and clear. They reflect considerable expertise (and expense) in their development, and support from our City Council in becoming part of our Municipal Code some sixteen years ago. In addition to house and lot sizes, they address fire protection, excavation, drainage, natural terrain, wildlife and habitat, flood and drought, seismic issues, sightlines, visual impact - the “identity, image and environmental quality of the city”.

Was the developer ever asked to proceed under these restrictions? Was there ever an attempt at compromise within the framework of Hillside zoning protections? Was any option considered other than the developer’s demand for their own “specific plan”? What protections were sacrificed in the process?

Alarmed by the acquiescence at City Hall, residents themselves got Measure HR on the ballot to protect Sierra Madre. Then our Council decided not to wait until votes were cast November 8, but to go ahead and approve the project, anyway.

Now residents are again coming together on a referendum to put the Council’s approval on hold, ensuring that those of us who live here and cherish Sierra Madre will ultimately have our voices heard.

It didn’t have to be this way. And maybe with fresh faces on the City Council and renewed dedication to the interests of constituents and our community, rather than those of outside developers, it won’t have to be this way again.

Howard Hays Sierra Madre

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STUART TOLCHIN



PUT THE LIGHTS ON HALLOWEEN, J. EDGAR HOOVER and THE 2024 ELECTION

As I walked around trick or treating with my granddaughter on Halloween I was amazed at how many adults were in costume and enjoying all the pretense. My granddaughter is now three and really it has been a great many decades since I walked along trick or treating and certainly I never was in costume. Actually the idea of encouraging children to go to strangers' homes begging for candy is really something to think about. In fact, thinking about Monday night's Halloween adventures as I heard Tuesday morning news lead my mind to focus on the consequences of pretense. I thought of the factors now revealed as the reasons for the release of men convicted in 1966 for the assassination of civil rights leader Malcolm X. This release based on evidence that the FBI, under the personal direction of J. Edgar Hoover withheld information disproving the convicted men's involvement in the crime. Today's newspaper stories speculate as to whether or not the FBI and Mr. Hoover actually went so far as to order the assassination of the Black Civil Rights Leader. Furthermore, you should also be aware that there are questions regarding Mr. Hoover's involvement in the assassination of Martin Luther King. It is documented that Hoover sent letters to MLK recommending his suicide to prevent release of potentially scandalous information possibly having a negative effect upon the Civil Rights movement.

J. Edgar Hoover is a man whose fantasies have had a profound influence over at least the past sixty year years and alas, are still influencing us today. I have no personal connection to Mr. Hoover other than one time a couple of decades ago when I and opposing attorneys were invited into a Judge's Chambers to discuss a pending matter (remember, this was at a time when there were already questions circulating about Mr. Hoover's behavior) nevertheless, in his chambers, the Judge, an ex-FBI agent displayed items relating to his FBI tenure and what I remember most is the way in which the Judge spoke of the FBI director as if he was speaking of royalty. Newspaper articles have repeatedly mentioned that at the height of his power in office, ex-President Trump's most favored pals spoke of him in the same way, in fact I read that he enjoyed, almost required, being called King.

What is the connection of Mr. Trump to Mr. Hoover? Both men were steeped in fantasy that they succeed in causing others to believe. J. Edgar Hoover was a five foot seven inch tall man who lived with his mother until he was in his forties. In his fantasies he imagined himself to be a super-hero protecting America from evil-doers. It is now known that his whole life was a life of denial and fantasies influential in creating a powerful imagined character which remarkably became a kind of reality. Almost single-handedly he developed an Investigative Agency which became the Bureau of Investigation and the immensely powerful Federal Bureau of Investigation. He became the holder of many secrets regarding politicians and the rich and famous and powerful. He used the possibility of revealing this information as a way to manipulate public figures. He, of course, was also subject to blackmail relating to his cross-dressing, pornography collections, and, at the time, publicly unacceptable gay lifestyle. Nevertheless, J. Edgar Hoover retained his power and remained the Director of the FBI until his death in 1972.

This information would only be of limited interest if the fantasies in fact Mr. Hoover was an honest, effective, innovative, governmental employee. That would be nice but it is also fantasy. It is documented that Mr. Hoover protected the Mafia because of his fear that the Mafia would reveal his own personal secrets. Even worse than that Mr. Hoover felt threatened by America's progressive movements. The anti-war (remember Viet Nam) and the Civil Rights movements were his enemies and he did everything he could to discredit them possibly including directing assassinations. He had many deceptions to protect and the only character trait he valued was personal loyalty to himself. Recall that despite prevailing criticism Mr. Hoover remained powerful and served as the Director of the FBI until his death in 1972. Of course, who does that remind you of? Frighteningly Donald Trump has remained popular to many millions of Americans who accept his fantasies. Despite continual revelations regarding his honesty, morality, treacherous and possibly treasonous behavior Mr. Trump remains unpunished and popular enough to be a potential 2024 Republican Presidential candidate and a possible re-elected President.

I do not believe that Halloween should be a 365 day holiday. The masks must come off and the electorate, all of us, must recognize what has happened and what is happening to our country. Most of us grew up believing in values like truth, honesty, fairness, justice and we spoke of equality of opportunity and overall humanity. It seemed as if we were headed to a better world and a better country as policies relating to racism, sexism, and discrimination were reformed. I do not believe this was a fantasy but right now one has to wonder. At the risk of offending everyone I do not believe much good comes from handing out candy to children. There is something more important to give to children which is the ability to distinguish truth from lies and fantasy.

DINAH CHONG WATKINS



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND

My Neighbor is a Communist

My neighbor is a communist. A card-carrying cadre from the CCPC, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. Actually, most of my neighbors were - communists that is, when I lived in China for 25+ years.

Now, communists make good and bad neighbors. Most keep the communal areas tidy, sort their recyclables properly, and hold the noise pollution to an agreeable level, piano lessons notably excepted. Of course, there's always the few who disregard the "poop and scoop" rule of civility, much to the shrieking curses of the guy who stepped into it. But, living in a totalitarian political system ultimately means one thing - your voice isn't heard, you have no skin in the game, you have no vote.

Now this has definite advantages if one wants to build state-of-the-art, billions dollar airports, highways, high-speed trains, subway lines and 100,000 unit housing developments within 24 months or the next Olympics - current residents (human and wildlife) in those areas be damned.

The disadvantages, though that ultra-speedy baggage carousel at the new airport is a sure winner; are lack of individual property rights, no right to protest, no free press, and government intrusion and control of public and private life at the highest levels. And the national anthem is no sing-along except by a professional chorus with a percussion-heavy orchestra.

Being in a system where you have no representation is like living in a byzantine HOA overseen by committees of molasses-paced, apathetic, under qualified bureaucrats. Mediocrity and kow-towing to the lowest common denominator is revered. Imagine "Bachelor in Paradise" only reset to "Bachelor in the DMV".

During my time in China, I had a few friends who went through the heart-breaking journey of mass eviction from their homes by the government. A nominal sum was given to them for their "transfer", far below the fair market rate and insufficient for them to relocate in the same area. Written appeals to the local and national government offices went nowhere (literally), as they, as individuals had no legal right to protest. Office holders and officials napped comfortably at their desks, secure in the knowledge that their positions were appointed not elected, and they didn't have to answer to "the people".

I've seen a nation's morale and morality break firsthand, the human spirit treads despairingly on a slow death when one has no control or input on issues that matter.

We in America are privileged in our constitutional rights, borne from the sacrifices of our armed forces, activists, suffragettes, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, and yes, our next-door neighbors.

Let's make our voices heard and vote on November 8th!

RICH & FAMOUS DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS VOTE VOTE VOTE



As we near the eve of our 2022 election cycle a rare burst of enlightenment reminded your intrepid columnist how valuable a review of our political process might prove. And what better than analysis through the eyes of brilliant humorist, politicians and hackneyed columnists.

First off, Will Rogers.
Let us look at his appraisal of Republicans first:

"With the election coming on, you are going to be fed up with a lot of hoovey about a lot of things. Naturally the Republicans are to put their best side forward. They are just trying to figure out which side is their best."

"Don't blame all the things that have happened to us lately on the Republicans - they're not smart enough to have thought 'em up."

"The Republicans built their Platform not only to stand on, but it's in such shape that they can hide behind it or run clear around it, or even crawl under it."

He didn't leave the Democrats alone either:

"The trouble with the Democrats up to now has been that they have been giving the people 'what they thought the people ought to have' instead of 'what the people wanted.'"

And possibly his most famous quote regarding the Democrats:

"I'm a member of no organized political party. I'm a Democrat."

He often picked on both:

"The more you read and observe about this Politics thing, you got to admit that each party is worse than the other."

"Both parties have their good and bad times, only they have them at different times. They are each good when they are out of office, and each bad when they are in."

"The Republican and Democratic Parties both split. The Republicans have their split right after elections, and Democrats have theirs just before an election."

Speaking specifically generally regarding politicians:

"I'm just like a politician - the less I know about anything, the more I can say."

"Politics has got so expensive that it takes lots of money to even get beat with nowadays."

How about a few runner-ups?

"No one (political) party can fool all of the people all of the time, that's why we have two parties." Bob Hope

"I have opinions of my own - strong opinions - but I don't always agree with them." George W. Bush

We can't forget Dan Quayle (Vice President under George Bush Sr.):

"The Future will be better tomorrow."

"A low voter turnout is an indication of fewer people going to the polls."

"It's time for the human race to enter the solar system."

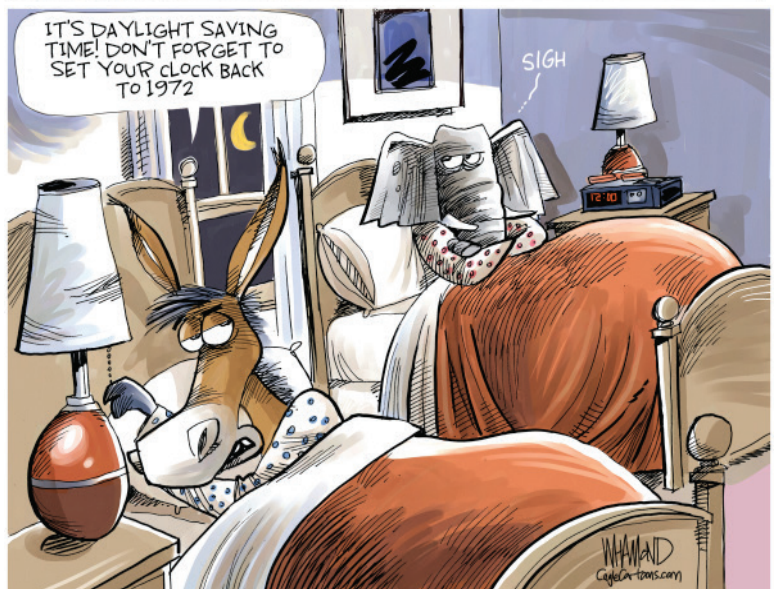
"For NASA, space is still a high priority."

"We are ready for any unforeseen event that may or may not occur."

"I stand by all the misstatements that I've made."

And finally a Dan Quayle quote I would like to get credit for saying:

"I deserve respect for the things I did not do."
Finally...
"You have my respect and admiration if you exercise your obligation to vote." *Rich Johnson*



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-201144
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JT MOBILE CAR WASH AND DETAIL, 11757 LOWER AZUSA RD, EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JESUS RAMON PALMA MORALES, 11757 LOWER AZUSA RD, EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JESUS RAMON PALMA MORALES/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/13/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 08, 15, 22, 29, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-216323
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MIRAGE RESTAURANT, 7275 MELROSE AVE UNIT B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90046. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAMRA GRILL INC, 7275 MELROSE AVE UNIT B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90046. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELIAS SAFAR/SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/04/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 08, 15, 22, 29, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-218527
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PANDESAL GRILL, 1050 E DOMINGUEZ ST UNIT J, CARSON, CA 90746. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) J316 ENTERPRISE LLC, 1050 E DOMINGUEZ ST UNIT J, CARSON, CA 90746. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: ESMERALDA JOY PABILON/ PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/06/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 08, 15, 22, 29, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-203127
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PRETTY LITTLE HONEY BEAUTY, 9141 SLAUSON AVE SUITE A, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LESLY AYLIN AYON GONZALEZ, 9321 DALEWOOD AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LESLY AYLIN AYON GONZALEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/15/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 08, 15, 22, 29, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-201153
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SBT EXPRESS, 1407 E. PACIFIC COAST HWY, WILMINGTON, CA 90744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WALTER A. SOTO, 1407 E. PACIFIC COAST HWY, WILMINGTON, CA 90744. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: WALTER A. SOTO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/13/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 08, 15, 22, 29, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-204066
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TA MERRY AND ASSOCIATES, 20687 AMAR ROAD 2-847, WALNUT, CA 91789. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KENYAKA SUN BECKLEY, 20687 AMAR ROAD 2-847, WALNUT, CA 9178. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KENYAKA SUN BECKLEY/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/03/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2007. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 08, 15, 22, 29, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-202484
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE VEIL IN DTLA, 555 SOUTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90013. Mailing address: 415 W 6TH ST, SUITE 801, LOS ANGELES, CA 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BRITTANY OSAVIOLU MEDALLA, 215 WEST 6TH STREET SUITE 801, LOS ANGELES, CA 90014. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BRITTANY OSAVIOLU MEDALLA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/14/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 08, 15, 22, 29, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-204737
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TORRANCE UPS STORE, 2102, 2930 CRENSHAW BLVD SUITE E, TORRANCE, CA 90501. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VIJAY AGGARWAL, 2027 DELASONDE DRIVE, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VIJAY AGGARWAL/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 08, 15, 22, 29, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-207432
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WATTS MAGICIANS, 2205 1/2 SOUTH CATALINA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUIS ANTONIO CLARKE, 2205 1/2 SOUTH CATALINA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUIS ANTONIO CLARKE/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/21/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 08, 15, 22, 29, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022210440
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 727 W INVERGARRY, GLENDORA, CA. 91741. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROSHANAK MOHAMMADI, 727 W INVERGARRY, GLENDORA, CA. 91741. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROSHANAK MOHAMMADI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/26/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2020. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022208405
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CYCLONE JUMP 8217 SORESEN AVE, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA. 90670. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GA ENTERPRISE, INC., 5749 HAZELTINE AVE VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: GA ENTERPRISE, INC., GEORGI HAYRAPETYAN, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/22/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022215357
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JG HANDYMAN 27212 VALDERRAMA DRIVE VALENCIA, CA. 91381. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERIAL CURIEL GOLDFINGER 27212 VALDERRAMA DRIVE VALENCIA, CA. 91381. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERIAL CURIEL GOLDFINGER, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/03/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2019. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022

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