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NEGOTIATION DETAILS RELEASED

Talks between the City of Sierra Madre, New Urban West (Developers of The Meadows at Bailey Canyon Project and Protect Sierra Madre failed to yield the desired result - withdrawal of the Referendum Petition. As a result, a special election will be held on May 9, 2023 to determine whether or not Sierra Madre Residents wish to overturn the ordinance that authorizes the Meadows Project to proceed. (See Notice of Election on page 4.)

For weeks it has been reported that only 5 of the 8 'demands' by Protect Sierra Madre, who support the Referendum had been agreed upon. However, the last offer made by the city and developer exceeded the original 8 demands. Below is a detailed listing of a total of 11 demands agreed upon by the City of Sierra Madre and the Developer.

Nevertheless, the concessions were rejected by Protect Sierra Madre and the proponent of the Referendum, Barbara Velturo, the only person who could withdraw the Referendum, failed to do so by the deadline of February 10, 2023.

DEMANDS FROM PROTECT SIERRA MADRE SUPPORTERS OF THE REFERENDUM AND CONCESSIONS MADE BY THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AND NEW URBAN WEST:

#1. Amendments to the Meadows Project construction hours, which will lessen the impact on neighbors.

- No Construction on Sunday
- Saturday construction limited to 8 AM to 3 PM
- All construction between the months of November and February shall end at sunset.

2. Removal of the direct link to Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park from the development.

- The City agreed to remove a direct link to Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park from the Meadows Development.

3. Traffic study impacts on adjacent roads.

- The City will include up to 4 additional intersections in the study
- The Traffic Study will go to bid through the City's normal RFP process
- The Traffic Study will commence after 11 units are occupied to serve as a representative sample of new traffic impacts.
- NUWI will contribute \$25,000 toward the traffic study

4. Prioritize sidewalks on one side of Lima St. from West Carter to Grandview Ave.

- The City agrees to prioritize a sidewalk program on Lima St.
- Sidewalks installation to be coordinated with the installation of new water main and street repair
- Requires approval from residents on Lima St.

5. Developer will reimburse attorney's fees -

- The reimbursement is a separate agreement between the NUWI and Protect Sierra Madre.

6. Bailey Canyon Park

- The Developer shall contribute \$25,000 towards Bailey Canyon offsite improvements to Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC) or other approved non-profit.

7. West Side Property line setback

- The total setback on the west side property line is 35 feet
- West-side property setbacks include a 20-foot no-build easement and an additional 15-foot setback.

8. Restrictions on the development of the remaining Monastery lot

- Unless the Monastery is contemplating some institutional use like dormitories, no housing can be built at the site because it is zoned Institutional. A change to a residential zone would require an application for a zoning amendment, General Plan amendment, tentative tract map, and design review permit - in addition to conducting a CEQA analysis. A Specific Plan and Development Agreement would be at the City's discretion.

9. Restrict new homes from building additions to expand the square footage.

- Homeowners at the Meadows Project will be treated like any other homeowner in the City. If they apply for an addition, Planning staff will determine whether the proposed addition will exceed the allowable square footage. If it does, in addition to a design review permit, the homeowner will have to apply for a variance under SMMC Chapter 17.60. A few points about the variance procedure: 1) state law doesn't limit the Planning Commission's discretion to deny a variance (unlike other land use entitlements), 2) residents within a 300-foot radius will receive a notice regarding a public hearing before the Planning Commission (so they will be informed before a decision is made), and 3) it is difficult to make the required findings for a variance (so the Planning Commission is inclined to deny variances).

10. Carter widening process 24 feet

- The Developer has applied for a tentative tract map and design review permit. Section 4(a)(i) of the Development Agreement states, "Completion of the offsite improvements discussed in Section 4(i) will be made a condition of any Tentative Tract Map approval." Section 4(i)(ii) of the Development Agreement states, "Acquisition of the Carter Avenue Right of Way shall be a prerequisite to the recordation of the final tract map." Therefore, if a tentative tract map is approved, the final tract map cannot be recorded, and a building permit cannot be issued until the Carter Avenue Right of Way is widened.

- The City's refusal to issue a building permit would force the Developer to renegotiate with the City to amend the Specific Plan and Development Agreement. The renegotiation would trigger a new round of public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council.

11. Protect Sierra Madre's attorney to draft the first draft of the settlement agreement.

- The City agrees as long as the attorney for Protect Sierra Madre can submit a draft to the City by noon on Monday, February 6, 2023. Otherwise, the City Attorney will begin drafting the settlement agreement and provide a copy to Protect Sierra Madre and their attorney by noon on Monday, February 6, 2023

Without the withdrawal of the referendum, the council proceeded with the Special Election on May 9th. The special election will cost the city approximately \$400,000. If the referendum passes, the developer will move forward with their alternative larger project that is protected from local interference under SB330. Should that project proceed, the city will not only lose well over a million dollars in improvements that NUW had committed to, the new park and the \$250,000 for the new Police Facility will be lost.

With Protect Sierra Madre's clear understanding of the consequences, it is unclear why the referendum was not withdrawn when their demands were met, having stated their even greater dislike of the alternative project.

S. Henderson/MVNews

CELEBRATING SIERRA MADRE'S MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE: VOLUNTEERS

Nominations Sought for Outstanding Volunteer Contributions During 2022

This year marks the 6th Annual Honors Dinner, a joint venture between the City of Sierra Madre and Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce honoring those individuals and/or organizations that work tirelessly to make Sierra Madre a wonderful place to live, work and play!

The public is asked to submit their nominees for the following honors:

SIERRA MADRE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - for resident(s) who have benefited the city during 2022 as a volunteer.

SIERRA MADRE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR - for an outstanding business existing in Sierra Madre for more than 5 years that has been an active supporter of the community.

GEORGE MAURER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - for a person/entity whose lifetime of service embodies the spirit of volunteerism.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD - For exceptional service as a city employee.

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD - for an employee/individual for protecting and maintaining safety in Sierra Madre.

COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICE AWARD - presented to youth under 18 for outstanding service and dedication to the community.

To nominate, simply go to: <https://form.jotform.com/230385162092149>. You can also email your nominee with the reasons why you feel this person or organization is deserving to either smadrece@gmail.com or HonorsDinner@cityofsierramadre.com.

Nominations must be submitted by 5:00 pm on March 8, 2023. The Awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"I wish all this football would stop interrupting the commercials!"

"Red wine pairs well with pretending to understand football."

"My idea of a Super Bowl is a large bowl of guacamole."

The opening ceremonies with Chris Stapleton singing the National Anthem, seeing tears course down the faces of some of the players, the huge flag on the field and the women's teams executing the flyover was wonderful. Moved me to tears, too.

The Chiefs won and seeing Patrick Mahomes fall, limp off the field in a lot of pain then come back to play injured and lead the Chiefs to victory was inspiring. It really was. There was a guy who just was NOT going to give up his opportunity to win a Super Bowl ring!



Did you realize that the Farmer's Dog Food spot was the most popular commercial? It followed the life of a chocolate lab and the girl who loved him through their years together and as my dear friend Roger LaRocque had a dog just like that, it was doubly meaningful. There I was, reaching for the tissues again!

The NFL's "Run With It" spot celebrating women and flag football, following the young girl and her football, eluding everyone who was trying to grab her flag, including her sneaky mother, was hilarious. As was Melissa McCarthy's Booking.com spot. Amazon's "Saving Sawyer" spot was so sweet. Like we say up there at the top...I wish all this football would stop interrupting the commercials!

And, one more thing...in case you were wondering where the iconic Budweiser Clydesdales were, if you blinked you missed them as they were there for just a second at the beginning of the Bud commercial. Bummer, dudes! Kevin Bacon? Clydesdales? I know which one I'd pick! Well, enough on the Super Bowl. The picture today is a blowup football guy I saw staked out on somebody's front yard the Monday after the game. Yes, he's a Charger, but I just loved that this person had gone to all the trouble to stake out his football guy to celebrate the day.

OK, just one more thing: On February 12th, my favorite TV chef of all time, Bobby Flay, hosted the Players Tailgate Party. Yes, celebrity studded, fabulously expensive, but here's the good part...all the surplus food that was not used was donated to a local Arizona non-profit that fights food insecurity, instead of throwing it away. Now that's really cool!

I saw a terrific article by Harvey MacKay about time a couple of weeks ago and thought I'd share a little of it:

"What would you do if someone gave you a million dollars? Most of us would protect it in some way, yet we let one of our most valuable assets slip away with little thought. Time is our most valuable possession. We are all given the same amount of time each day - 1,440 minutes. We save it, we share it, but we can't store it, speed it up or slow it down. It's the same for all of us. Every minute is precious. Cherish it. Invest it. Use it to do more, grow more, give more and be more. "The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot!" (Michael Altschuler)"

Mr. MacKay winds up by saying that time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back. So take care of those precious minutes. Time is not your enemy...it's your secret weapon. I probably spend too much time in front of the TV and not enough time out walking but now that there are tiny hints here and there of Spring breaking through, I'll do a little time management for the better. Time spent with family: Priceless.

Continuing to speak of time, we've gotten through the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day and now Ash Wednesday is next Wednesday and we find ourselves in Lent with Easter Sunday arriving on April 9th. Talk about time flying! We've barely gotten all the Christmas decorations put away!

"Lent is about becoming, doing, and changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now." Sister Joan Chittister

Thinking about lent, lots of folks think that's traditionally a time to suffer. To give up our favorite things. Well, maybe instead of giving up ice cream or coffee or chocolate chip cookies, we could concentrate on doing something positive in our world. Maybe I could donate a little more generously to one of our local food banks to help those who are having a really tough time. Our Saviour Center in El Monte or Union Rescue Mission come to mind. Ukraine, Syria, Turkey all need help.

Maybe instead of fasting from cookie dough ice cream or a caramel macchiato latte, we could concentrate on the fact that God loves us and will never stop loving us. That no matter what we do, we can't make Him love us more or less. I think He would go ahead and have the ice cream with us! Just saying.

- This Lenten season maybe we could:
- Give up complaining... focus on Gratitude
 - Give up pessimism... become an Optimist
 - Give up worry... trust Divine Providence
 - Give up bitterness... turn to Forgiveness
 - Give up hatred... return Good for evil
 - Give up negativism... be Positive
 - Give up anger... be more Patient
 - Give up pettiness... again, be more Patient
 - Give up gloom... enjoy the Beauty all around
 - Give up jealousy... pray for Trust
 - Give up gossiping... think before you Speak
 - Give up giving up... Hang in There!

Maybe I could be more patient, forgiving, and just plain kind. In a world where you can be anything you want to be...Be KIND!


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SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION SEEKING "OLDER 'SIERRA MADRE' AMERICAN OF THE YEAR" NOMINATIONS

The City of Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission is seeking nominations for Older 'Sierra Madre' American of the Year. The honor is a long-standing tradition in Sierra Madre and bestowed upon an exceptional Sierra Madran, age 60 or older, for their outstanding commitment to community service. Recommendations are now being accepted for new honorees. Please send nominations to Sierra Madre City Hall, c/o Older American Nomination, Community Services Department, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 by Thursday, March 16, 2023. Forms may be picked up and returned to the Hart Park House Senior Center: Hart Park House 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

The Senior Community Commission will discuss the selection of the Older 'Sierra Madre' American of the Year at their regularly scheduled meeting, open to the public, in City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday, April 6th at 3:00 p.m. A reception to honor the 2023 Older 'Sierra Madre' American of the Year will held on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023.

For more information, please contact the Hart Park House Senior Center (626) 355-5278 x704; or the Community Services Department at (626) 355-5278.



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NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Municipal Election will be held in the City of Sierra Madre on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 for voter consideration of one ballot Measure asking:

“Shall City Council Ordinance No. 1461 approving a zoning map amendment, a specific plan, and a development agreement for The Meadows at Bailey Canyon project located at 700 North Sunnyside Avenue in Sierra Madre be adopted?”

The deadline to submit a written argument is 5:00 pm on February 21, 2023

Pursuant to California Elections Code §9282(a): For measures placed on the ballot by petition, the persons filing an initiative petition may file a written argument in favor of the ordinance, and the legislative body may submit an argument against the ordinance.

Pursuant to California Elections Code §9287:

(a) If more than one argument for or more than one argument against any city measure is submitted to the City Elections Official within the time prescribed, he/she shall select one of the arguments in favor and one argument against the measure for printing and distribution to the voters. The order for priority is:

- (1) Legislative body (City Council);
- (2) The individual voter/bona fide association of citizens or combination who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents (proponent is Barbara Velluro)
- (3) Bona fide association of citizens, pursuant to California Elections Code §9287 (b) (1) (2) (3);
- (4) Individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure.

The deadline to submit a written argument is 5:00 pm on February 21, 2023

Please direct all and any inquires to the City Clerk's Office at CityClerk@cityofsierramadre.com

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm, on Election Day, May 9, 2023; and for 10 days prior to Election Day, at locations determined by the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office.

Posted February 17, 2023

By:

Laura Aguilar
City Clerk
Elections Official
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Dear Editor:

Mr. Hayes' editorials are always interesting to read. He starts off by suggesting that the Meadows project has no credible argument for the development. Since when do private property owners need an argument for doing something on their own property for any reason other than desiring to do it?

Those familiar with the Meadows project are aware of the many benefits for Sierra Madre other than just providing more housing, including a \$5 million park, \$1 million in net-zero water offsets, \$250,000 for public safety, and 40 hillside acres in conservancy.

He continues about Measure HR, which would have allowed 6,500 sq. ft. Arcadia-style mansions, saying that no one ever proposed building those mansions. While that's technically true, it misses the point that Measure HR did not pass so no developer had the opportunity to build the type of mansions he wanted to allow. Is there any reason to assume they would not build as big as they could on 1 acre lots?

With the referendum now threatening to overturn the Meadows project, the developer has submitted an alternative which does away with all the negotiated \$7 million in concessions and replaces them with 8 additional houses. This was possible because the referendum only seeks to overturn the Specific Plan.

The newly proposed 50-home project, referred to as the "SB 330 project", is based on several California laws that allow higher density, less design review, faster processing times, and relaxed building standards. The additional homes are allowed by providing some very low-income houses which then gives whatever waivers are necessary to meet that higher density bonus.

Mr. Hays doesn't understand how SB 330 applies despite it being explained in a 12-page letter that was available at the Feb. 7 city council meeting. Still, he still asserts that the city has done no research on the subject and only does whatever the developer tells them to do. Are we supposed to take Mr. Hayes seriously? All that matters is that the developer provides these homes according to state standards and then they get the higher density bonus. Mr. Hayes' opinion on who can afford these homes is irrelevant.

Lastly, he says the city would not continue negotiations after Feb 10th because the developer won't participate. Does he think the city can force a negotiation when the developer says they are done negotiating? The developer has been negotiating this development for over two years and they resoundingly beat Measure HR. Enough is enough.

Robert Gjerde



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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 28, 2023 5:30pm

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

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

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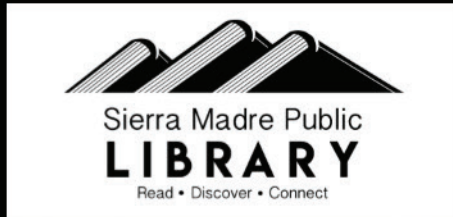
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News From Your Community For Your Community

Gordo to Host Pasadena State of the City Address



Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo is set to hold his annual State of the City address Thursday night highlighting both the challenges and accomplishments included in the City's 2022 Annual Report and providing a look ahead to the future of Pasadena. The State of the City address will also be livestreamed online at pasadenamedia.org.

The event will be held in person at 7 p.m. at the Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School Of Medicine (KPSOM), 98 S. Los Robles Avenue. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Complimentary parking is across the street at Los Robles Ave. and Green Street.

The Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine (KPSOM), first opened the doors in July 2020. The school, which has 50 students per class and has the highest number of applicants to spots in the country, is designed for active learning, collaboration and a technology advanced education and is committed to graduating outstanding physicians focused on patient-centered care, community and population health; equity, inclusion, and diversity; and health and well-being.

The City's 2022 Annual Report will be available for review online at cityofpasadena.net/city-manager/annual-reports starting February 24. The address will also include a special video presentation. The City will provide Spanish translation.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net or call the Citizen Service Center Monday through Friday during business hours at (626) 744-7311.

Friends of the Altadena Library Book Sale

Join the Friends of the Altadena Library for a huge used book sale at the Main Library on Sunday, February 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Only Friends of the Library are able to shop from 10 a.m. to noon, but you can become a member on-site for \$10. The sale is open to all from noon to 4 p.m.

Thousands of adult nonfiction, children's books, and more will be available for purchase.

For more information visit: altadenalibrary.org.



City to Discuss Colorado Street Bridge Suicide Prevention Barriers

Barrier Enhancements Mock-Ups Removed

Pasadena Public Works announced this week that they will be hosting a community meeting Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. to provide a status of the Colorado Street Bridge - Barrier Enhancements project and outline upcoming steps in the development of new concepts. The meeting will be held at La Casita del Arroyo, located at 177 South Arroyo Blvd., in Pasadena. The meeting will also be virtual.

According to Assistant City Manager Nicholas Rodriguez, Public Works staff anticipates developing design concepts later this summer/fall and seek periodic feedback from

the community along the way. Staff will then present the vetted design concepts to the City's Historic Preservation and Design commissions for their advisory review and ultimately return to City Council's Public Safety Committee by the end of 2023 for their recommendations.

According to Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works, removals of the mock-ups at the east end of the bridge began on January 31 and were completed on February 3. Removal of the mock-ups at the middle of the bridge began on February 6 and were scheduled to be completed Feb. 10.

On September 21, the Department of Public Works provided an update to the Public Safety Committee on

the status of the Colorado Street Bridge - Barrier Enhancements project. At the meeting, the Committee recommended for staff to remove the mock-ups from the bridge, restore the temporary 10-foot chain link fence at the locations where it was removed, and continue the public outreach efforts to develop new design concepts for an effective vertical barrier.

Pasadena Arts & Cultural Annual Grants

The Cultural Affairs Division of the Pasadena Planning and Community Development Department Announced this week that applications for the city's 2023-2024 Annual Grants Program are now available online. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, May 8, 2023 by 11:59 p.m.

According to Planning and Community Development Department Acting Director Jennifer Page, the Annual Grants Program supports creative life in Pasadena by providing funding to eligible local arts and culture organizations and artists for projects and programs that engage both local and regional audiences and PUSD students. Eligibility requirements for organizational applicants include a Cultural Equity and Inclusion (CEI) Statement, Plan or Policy, based on annual budget size, in alignment with the LA County's CEI Initiative.

The Cultural Affairs Division offers a series of free technical assistance workshops for potential applicants to improve grant writing skills and pose questions specifically related to the Annual Grants Program application process. All Pasadena-based arts and cultural organizations are again offered a Cultural Equity and Inclusion workshop to support their individual progress and to set future milestones. Workshops will be virtual. Attendance at a Technical Assistance/Grants Writing Workshop is mandatory for new applicants and is recommended for returning applicants.

Annual Grants Program Technical Assistance Virtual Workshop Schedule:

- Tuesday, February 28, 2023, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 16, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 13, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net/arts.

Holden Opens Nominations for Woman of the Year 2023



Assemblymember Chris Holden is seeking nominations for his annual Woman of the Year and Women of Distinction celebration.

"For over 30 years, in recognition of Women's History Month, the Legislature has honored the achievements of women throughout California during the annual Woman of the Year celebration," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "It is your chance to acknowledge a superwoman in your life and

in our community." Nominees must live, volunteer, or work in the 41st Assembly District, which stretches from La Cañada Flintridge and Pasadena in the West to Upland in the East and includes the communities of Altadena, Bradbury, Claremont, La Verne, Monrovia, Rancho Cucamonga, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, and Wrightwood.

Deadline for Nominations: Friday at 5:00 pm

Nomination forms are available at: a41.asmdc.org/woman-year-nominations

Public Invited to Playhouse Village Parking Open House

The City of Pasadena is hosting a parking open house Wednesday at 790 E. Colorado Blvd. in the ground floor conference center for community members to learn more about the proposed paid parking program in Playhouse Village and to showcase pay station options to be installed at on-street parking locations. Members of the public have the option to attend the morning open house, 9-11 a.m., or the evening open house, 4-6 p.m. City staff and parking professionals will be on site to answer questions, and pay station options will be set up for the public to interact with and provide feedback.

The goal of the paid parking program is to create more on-street parking availability for Playhouse Village customers, residents and visitors. Factors such as increased delivery services have put a strain on the on-street parking availability, while many parking spaces in off-street locations are underutilized. The paid parking program will bring balance to the parking experience in Playhouse Village, one of the last downtown areas without



paid parking. Benefits will be offered to downtown visitors, including merchant validations.

The City of Pasadena has been working closely with the Playhouse Village Association and parking consultants Dixon Resources Unlimited to conduct a paid parking study. Community feedback is a key component of the study and will be factored into the final recommendations.

For more information about the parking open house or Playhouse Village paid parking study, contact Jon Hamblen at JHamblen@CityOfPasadena.net.

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San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

City Facilities will be closed Monday, March 20 in observance of Presidents' Day. Emergency Services will still be available.

Tote Bag Decorating

Tuesday, February 21 at 3 PM, Barth Community Room
Celebrate Black History Month with a craft inspired by African American quilt artists! Teens in grades 6-12 will get creative with fabric and decorate tote bags that they can take home. All materials will be provided. Registration is not required.

Coffee, Tea, and Chat

Friday, February 24 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM, Thornton Conference Room

Connect with your neighbors to learn more about the community and its traditions. This program is presented in Mandarin by the United Charity Foundation for ages 18+. Registration is not required.

All City Track and Field Meet

Friday, March 10 at 4 PM, San Marino High School Stadium
All students born between 2008 and 2016 who are San Marino residents or attend a San Marino school are eligible to participate. Participants can sign-up for a maximum of 2 events and 1 relay. Cost is \$10 per activity. Fees are non-refundable. The last day to sign up is tomorrow!

DID YOU KNOW?

You can find free tax forms and booklets at the Crowell Public Library!

The Library has a limited supply of printed federal and state tax forms and instruction books, available in the photocopy room. If the form you need isn't available, staff can help you print out a copy from the IRS website free of charge (up to 5 pages)!

Give your input for the next City Manager!

The City Manager Recruitment Community Forums will be held for residents to attend on February 23 and March 16! Join City Staff and the City's Executive Recruiting firm, Bob Murray and Associates, for an opportunity to give your input on what the City should be looking for in the next City Manager.

Both meetings will be held from 6 PM - 7 PM in the Barth Room at Crowell Public Library and can also be attended via Zoom. For more meeting details, go to cityofsanmarino.org/calendar.

Training for Probationary Firefighters

The Fire Department continues to focus training efforts on the department's four probationary firefighters. During the month of January, 510 training hours were dedicated to probationary firefighter training. Probationary firefighters are evaluated on firefighter and EMS skills at 4-months, 8-months, and 12-months. After the 12-month evaluation, probationary firefighters are assigned a special project to be completed by the end of their 16-month probation.

Paving on Sierra Madre Boulevard

Today and February 25, All American Asphalt, the City's contractor for the Annual Street Rehabilitation Project, will be paving on Sierra Madre Boulevard, between Robles Avenue and Huntington Drive. Residents should be advised of minor construction-related traffic delays on Sierra Madre Boulevard on these dates. The Annual Street Rehabilitation Project aims to resurface 31 streets between February 6 and 25. The City appreciates resident cooperation, as the street rehabilitation program helps improve the City's infrastructure and resident safety.

Tree Pruning to Begin

Beginning on February 21, Mariposa Landscaping will begin performing grid pruning of City trees in the southeast portion of the City (south of Huntington Drive and east of Del Mar Avenue). Residents on the affected streets can expect to receive notices of work being performed near their homes from Mariposa at least 24 hours in advance. This work is part of the Council-approved tree maintenance program, and will help improve resident safety as well as further beautify the City's neighborhoods.

Meetings

Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, February 22 at 6:00 PM; Teleconference and City Hall Council Chambers

City Council Joint Meeting with Planning Commission

Friday, February 24 at 8:30 AM; Teleconference and Barth Room

City Council Meeting

Friday, February 24 at 9:30 AM; Teleconference and Barth Room

Clarinet Choir to Perform at the South Pasadena Public Library



The Los Angeles Clarinet Choir, a group of 14 professional clarinetists performing on soprano, soprano, alto, bass, contra-alto and contrabass clarinets under the direction of their conductor, Margaret Thornhill, will perform a Cherry Blossom Festival-themed concert of contemporary Japanese music for clarinet ensemble at the South Pasadena Public Library Community Room at 1115 El Centro Street in South Pasadena on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 3:00 PM. Admission is free.

Works included on the program are: Journey of Leaf by Itaru Sakai; The Gifts of Kumamoto Folksong by Kazuhiro Morita; Falling of the Seasons by Yoshio Nakahashi; Sakura Song by Yusuke Fukuda; Fujiko, a beautiful ballad for E-flat clarinet by UK jazz composer Andy Scott; The Twelfth Night by Masanori Taruya; and the United States west coast premiere of Scene of the City and the Sea by the popular Japanese clarinet artist known as Micina. Throughout Japan, recreational

clarinet ensembles are popular as community, school, and corporate musical teams, which frequently commission well-known film score composers to write original music for concerts and regional competitions. Many of these original works are published and are becoming known throughout the West. The Los Angeles Clarinet Choir, which was founded by their conductor in 2005, has a 17-year performance history, including appearances at five International Clarinet Association ClarinetFests, as well as for libraries, museums, schools, universities, senior communities, concert series, and festivals throughout California. A non-profit 501(c)3 organization, their performance is supported in part by a matching grant from the LA County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture.

The South Pasadena Public Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street. For more information visit: southpasadenaca.gov/library.

The South Pasadena Social Services Resource Guide

The City Manager's Office has launched a Social Services Resource Guide, providing a list of providers and resources available for community members. While the City of South Pasadena is not a direct Social Service provider, City staff has established a Social Services Task Force to bring together the staff and partner agencies that respond to and provide services to the community.

This document includes direct links, scannable QR codes, and contact information for social services providers that service the City of South Pasadena. The Guide includes the following resources for South Pasadena: Mental Health Services, Veterans Resources, Domestic Abuse Assistance, Educational Resources, Homeless Outreach/Services, Suicide Awareness,

Employment Resources, Renter/Tenant's Resources, Senior Resources, Social Justice Organizations, and Hotlines.

The goal of the Guide is to expand on, and maximize the resources available to the South Pasadena community. The Guide can be viewed and downloaded here, will be available at all City public counters, and also located on the City Website at: southpasadenaca.gov/i-want-to/social-services.

For questions, feedback, and to submit additions please contact Assistant to the City Manager Tamara Binns at tbinns@southpasadenaca.gov.

1920s & 1930s Egyptian Revival Talk

Historian Eleanor Schrader will provide examples of Egyptian Revival architecture and design Thursday, at 2 p.m. via Zoom, presented by the Pasadena Senior Center for anyone 50 and older. Everyone who registers for the event will receive an email link to the live presentation.

The 1922 discovery of the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamun (King Tut) in the Valley of the Kings by a team of archeologists and excavators triggered a near obsession for two decades of all things Egyptian, from interior design and fashion to architecture and art. Thousands of buildings were erected in the U.S. and Europe that were designed with motifs and imagery of ancient Egypt.

Schrader, an award-winning architectural and interior design historian, professor and consultant, lectures worldwide on the history of architecture, interiors, furniture and decorative arts. She has been named a distinguished instructor by UCLA Extension and is professor emerita of art and art history at Santa Monica College. She did graduate work in fine and decorative arts at Sotheby's Institute in London and New York and co-authored the book "Master Architects of Southern California, 1920-1940: Wallace Neff."

Registration is free for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and only \$5 for nonmembers. To register or for more information, visit www.pasadenaseniocenter.org and click on Activities and Events, then Special Events or call 626-795-4331. The event will be available to members and nonmembers of the center. Residency in Pasadena is not required.

Pasadena Reminders and Closures for Presidents Day

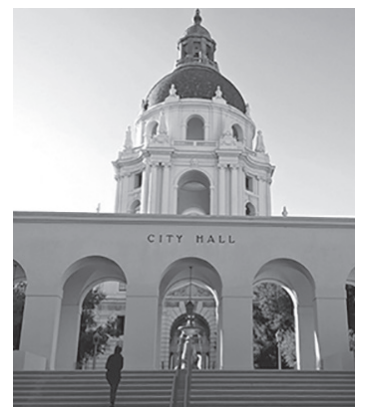
In observance of Presidents Day, City Hall and many City services will be closed Monday. Specific closures, exceptions and reminders are noted below.

The City's Citizen Service Center (CSC) will be closed Monday and will reopen Tuesday at 8 a.m. Trash, recycling and yard waste collection will occur as scheduled. There will be no delay in pickup for residents.

Pasadena residents and businesses experiencing any power emergencies should call Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. PWP's Customer Service Call Center will be closed Monday; however, customers can access their accounts through the automated phone system at (626) 744-4005 or online at PWPWeb.com.

The City's Municipal Services Payment Center and Parking Office will also be closed Monday. All parking meters will be free and parking time limits will not be enforced. Violations for overnight parking restrictions, red curb parking and blocking fire hydrants will be issued. Parking meter enforcement resumes after each. Pasadena Transit and Dial-A-Ride buses will operate on their regular schedules.

The Permit Center will be closed; however, some services will be available via Permit Center Online, where subtrade permits can be obtained and plans for commercial tenant improvements (new submittals) and accessory dwelling units



can be submitted. In-person operations will resume after the holiday.

All Pasadena Public Library branch sites will be closed Sunday and Monday and will reopen Tuesday.

All parks will be open, no site reservations are being accepted for the holidays. Community and recreation centers will also be closed to the public on Monday.

Pasadena Public Health Department's COVID-19, mpox and flu vaccine clinic will also be closed Monday. The next vaccine clinic is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 27.

City Council will not meet on Monday. The next council meeting is scheduled to take place Monday, Feb. 27.

Pasadena Fire and Police Departments will continue to provide patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services during the holidays. For life-threatening emergencies, call 9-1-1. For non-emergencies, call Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241. If you "See Something, Say Something," Report suspicious activity to the police department at (626) 744-4241.

Tournament Foundation Now Accepting Grant Applications



Applications will be accepted from now through February 23.

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2023 grant program. Since its inception in 1983, the Foundation has invested over \$4 million in more than 700 Pasadena-area organizations. The grant awards in 2022 totaled nearly \$200,000, which funded 19 organizations in the San Gabriel Valley.

The grants supported new and ongoing programs benefiting children, teens, adults and seniors. From nonprofits offering animal therapy to special needs children, to organizations providing technical skills to underserved students and dance therapy for seniors diagnosed with Parkinson's and multiple sclerosis.

The 2023 grant cycle will be structured as follows – Tier 1: a one-year grant for \$35,000, Tier 2: a one-year grant for \$15,000 and Tier 3: several one-year grants for up to \$10,000. The Foundation will also require applicants to include information on how their program will be delivered.

Eligible applicants are organizations with 501(c)(3) status, as of the submission deadline, February 23, 2023, that serves one or more of the following communities: Alhambra, Altadena, Arcadia, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, and Temple

City. As in previous years, grants will be given in the categories of Performing and Visual Arts, Sports and Recreation, and Education (Early Childhood Education, Literacy and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs.

The Tournament of Roses Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit public benefit corporation established to receive and manage contributions from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, its supporters and the public. The 17-member board of directors is comprised of community leaders and Tournament Members, appointed by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association. Organizations or individuals interested in contributing or inquiring about the grants process should contact the Foundation by calling (626) 449-4100 or visiting the Tournament of Roses website at: tournamentofroses.com/foundation.

To apply for the 2023 grant cycle, eligible organizations should visit the Tournament of Roses Foundation page: tournamentofroses.com/foundation/. The website will direct users to a welcome page with instructions on how to begin the application process.

Applications will be accepted through February 23, at 5 p.m. The Foundation's Board of Directors will make the final grant selections at its annual spring meeting, and applicants will be notified of their funding status via email in April 2023.

City of **SOUTH PASADENA**

Senior Citizen Dumpster Day

Senior citizen residents ages 62 years and older can have large and bulky items picked up from their homes for FREE the

Week of April 10-14, 2023

Senior citizens are asked to have all items collected and readily available in an OUTDOOR area near trash containers.

Items will be picked up on the same day as regular rubbish pick up the week of April 10-14, 2023.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Please call the South Pasadena Senior Center at (626) 403-7360 Monday through Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS: Thursday, April 6, 2023 by 12:00 p.m.

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- Washing machines
- Wood, pipes or branches that are bundled together
- Other large bulky items

Prohibited Items:

- Rubbish items that can be picked up with typical refuse items
- E-waste such as TVs, DVD players, cellphones, gaming consoles, computers and monitors
- Construction and roofing materials such as concrete, cement bricks, roof shingles, tiles and dry wall
- Household hazardous materials such as paint, batteries, fertilizer oil and cleaning supplies
- Materials from landscaping projects such as dirt, sand, gravel, large tree branches and stumps, bushes and railroad ties
- Automobile parts

NOTE: Delinquent Athens customers are not eligible.

All other residents can participate in the drive thru service on Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Arroyo Drive (South of Mission Street)

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, February 5th through Saturday, February 11th, the Police Department responded to 1,022 calls for service, of which 136 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, February 5:

1. At 8:22 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 200 block of South Fifth Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. Surveillance footage captured a lone suspect stealing the victim's refrigerator from their garage. The suspect entered the home by forcing open the garage door. He is described as a male of unknown race, 5'7" tall, 150 pounds, and was wearing a light colored shirt and dark colored pants.

2. At 2:41 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 00 block of West Camino Real Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. The victim discovered unknown suspect(s) smashed the rear sliding glass door, ransacked the residence, and fled. The loss is unknown as of the date of this report.

3. At 9:32 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of South Santa Anita Avenue and Alta Street regarding a battery investigation. The victim stated the suspect pushed him from behind, for no apparent reason. The suspect, a 43-year-old male from Lomita, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, February 6:

4. At 9:58 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2300 block of Sewanee Lane regarding a residential burglary investigation. Surveillance footage captured the suspects breaking the rear sliding glass door and ransacking the home. The loss has yet to be determined. Both suspects are described as being males and wearing hooded sweatshirts and sweatpants.

Tuesday, February 7:

5. At 4:30 a.m., an officer responded to Matt Denny's Ale House Restaurant, located at 145 East Huntington Drive, regarding an audible alarm activation. Surveillance footage captured a lone suspect forcing open a rear door and searching through the office. The suspect fled quickly without any property. He fled on foot. He is described as a male with a heavy build, wearing all black clothing and a black face mask.

6. At 11:41 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1500 block of Rodeo Road regarding a burglary investigation. A review of the surveillance footage revealed two suspects kicked open the door to the residence and fled empty-handed because the resident had recently moved out. They were carrying flashlights and one was carrying a cross-body bag.

7. At 9:58 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of West Palm Avenue regarding an attempted burglary investigation.

The victim stated the suspects were seen in the backyard yard before being scared off. The two suspects were wearing face coverings and hooded jackets. They fled in a white sedan.

Wednesday, February 8:

8. At 2:31 p.m., officers responded to Wing Hop Fung, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary investigation. It was determined unknown suspect(s) accessed the roof of the building and cut a hole to access the liquor storage of the restaurant. The suspect(s) fled with an undetermined amount of alcohol.

Thursday, February 9:

9. At 6:00 p.m., an officer responded to CVS Pharmacy, located at 1401 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding an attempted robbery investigation. The victim stated the suspect grabbed her and attempted to steal her purse while she was entering her car. She was able to hold onto her purse during the robbery attempt. The suspect fled in an awaiting black sedan vehicle. He is described as a Hispanic male wearing a bomber jacket.

Friday, February 10:

10. At 7:25 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of South Third Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. Sometime between 12:20 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. on Friday, February 10th, someone broke into the victim's attached garage and then entered the home. The suspect(s) ransacked the home and fled with an undetermined amount of property. It appears that the suspect(s) entered by opening a side window and removing the screen.

11. At 8:06 p.m., an officer responded to CVS Pharmacy, located at 9952 Las Tunas Drive, regarding a robbery investigation. The suspects stole property from the store. When the employee confronted them, one of the suspects pushed and punched the employee and fled with the stolen item. The suspects are described as two Hispanic females and a Hispanic male.

Saturday, February 11:

12. At 1:51 a.m., an officer responded to Mistry Pharmacy, located at 145 East Duarte Road, regarding a commercial burglary investigation. Surveillance footage captured four suspects as they smashed the front glass window and ransacked the location. They fled in a silver sedan. They were all wearing hooded jackets and had their faces covered.

13. At 4:55 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of West Norman Avenue, regarding a burglary investigation. Sometime during the previous night, someone shattered the rear glass door and ransacked the home. They fled with suit cases and wallets.

CITY OF DUARTE RECEIVES \$1.6 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE DONALD AND BERNICE WATSON GREENBELT TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



It was announced last month that after significant advocacy efforts by Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, the City of Duarte will receive \$1.6 million in federal funding for the Donald and Bernice Watson Greenbelt Trail Improvement Project as part of the 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill recently signed into law by President Biden.

Community Development Director Craig Hensley and his department have sought funding for the improvement project for several years, marking this acquisition a huge milestone. Opened in 1977 and recently renamed in memory of the first African American Mayor of Duarte, the Donald and Bernice Watson Recreation Trail is a multipurpose trail that runs from Buena Vista Avenue to Royal Oaks Park. The historic trail provides ample recreational opportunities for residents and guests alike, and its gentle slopes and shady oak trees make it one of Duarte's key attractions.

The project will provide key improvements and maintenance to this beautiful trail including reconstruction of the pathway. Following improvements, the new recreational trail will feature permeable asphalt paving and an updated storm water diversion system. There will also be several safety updates including additional lighting for increased visibility, accessibility alterations, and the installation of public health and community amenities.

"We are ecstatic to receive funding for this incredibly important project," said Hensley. "We could not have secured this funding without the immense support of Congresswoman Napolitano and her team. Her work on our behalf will allow the City to greatly enhance recreational opportunities for our residents."

Congresswoman Grace Napolitano's efforts helped secure \$48.7 million in funding for 15 community projects throughout her district including Duarte's Trail Improvement Project. The \$48.7 million will address many critical projects throughout the district including increased water supply, public transportation, and recreational opportunities.

"This project would not be possible without the dedication and determination of Duarte's Community Development Director Craig Hensley and the community development department as well as the advocacy and support of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano," said Duarte Mayor Jody Schulz. "The project is an important investment, not only in the health and wellness of our Duarte village, but in the friendships and sense of community that it cultivates. We are so grateful for the diligence of our wonderful staff and to Congresswoman Napolitano for her dedication to serving our district."

CITY OF BRADBURY LEMON AVENUE TRAIL PROJECT

The City of Bradbury is proposing to construct a walking trail along the south side of Lemon Avenue from Winston Avenue to their westerly city limits (Sombrero Road), near the eastern border between Monrovia and Bradbury. The trail construction would consist of a 5' wide decomposed granite walking surface installed adjacent to the existing curb along with a 5' high white vinyl fence installed at the back of the trail.

On Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7 p.m., the City of Bradbury City Council will hold its regular meeting in which the City will discuss the Lemon Avenue Trail project. Visit the City of Bradbury's website for more information and to access all corresponding documents related to the Lemon Avenue Trail project.

Although the project borders up to the eastern limits of the City of Monrovia, the City of Bradbury is the lead agency on the project. If you have any questions about the project or would like to voice your concerns or comments, please contact City of Bradbury City Manager Kevin Kearney at (626) 358-3218 or kkearney@cityofbradbury.org.

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MY PASTRAMI DREAMS

When my friend and superstar Personal Trainer Darrian Dalangini challenged me to find the best Pastrami in the area, I thought "easy enough, I'll check out a few places, post few notes on my Facebook site www.facebook.com/peterdills.com, and the answer will appear". I found out quickly don't argue sex, politics or who has the best pastrami sandwich in town. Before we start this argument, let's take a look at the origins of pastrami.

Like corned beef, pastrami was originally created as a way to preserve meat before modern refrigeration. For pastrami, the raw meat is brined, partly dried, seasoned with various herbs and spices, then smoked and steamed. In the United States, although beef plates are the traditional cut of meat for making pastrami, it is now common to see pastrami made from beef brisket, beef round, and turkey.

The Romanian specialty was introduced to the United States in a wave of Romanian Jewish immigration from Bessarabia and Romania in the second half of the 19th century, via the Yiddish. Early references in English used the spelling "pastrama", closer to the Romanian original. The modified "pastrami" spelling likely was introduced to sound related to the Italian salami.

Although New York's Sussman Volk is generally credited with producing the first pastrami sandwich in 1887, that claim is disputed by the founders of Katz's Deli in New York, which was founded in 1888. Volk, a kosher butcher, claimed he got the recipe from a Romanian friend in exchange for storing the friend's luggage while the friend returned to Romania. According to his descendant, Patricia Volk, Volk prepared pastrami according to the recipe and served it on sandwiches out of his butcher shop. The sandwich was so popular that Volk converted the butcher shop into a restaurant to sell pastrami sandwiches.

Romanian Jews immigrated to New York as early as 1872. Among Jewish Romanians, goose breasts were commonly made into pastrami because they were inexpensive. Beef navels were cheaper than goose meat in America, so the Romanian Jews in America adapted their recipe and began to make the cheaper beef pastrami.

Making foods to sell out of push carts in the Lower East Side of New York was one of the most popular occupations for immigrant Jews in the latter half of the 19th century. Because sandwiches were a hugely popular foodstuff in New York, it is possible Romanian Jewish immigrants were making and selling pastrami sandwiches from push carts on the streets of New York at least a decade before Sussman Volk converted his butcher shop into a restaurant.

With a little help from my friends, here are the top three choices for a pastrami sandwich in the Pasadena/Los Angeles areas. In no particular order:

THE HAT With a number of locations throughout the San Gabriel Valley, I visited the one on the corner of N. Lake and Villa in Pasadena. I ordered mine dry, and loaded up on the horseradish and spicy mustard

JOHNNIE PASTRAMI 4017 Sepulveda Blvd. Culver City. The names says it all. Although Johnnie recently passed on to the sandwich shop in the sky, visitors flock to this spot for pastrami on a buttery French roll, and ask for extra pickles.

Tied: LANGERS AND CANTERS. These two veterans probably received the most passionate support with such postings as "no need to go anywhere else".
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Dining With Dills

BARGER BRINGS TRAIN DERAILMENT PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE READINESS FOCUS TO L.A. COUNTY

In light of the recent significant train derailments in Eastern Ohio and yesterday in Michigan, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger will introduce a motion at the next Board of Supervisors meeting calling on Los Angeles County's Office of Emergency Management to assess and report on the County's level of preparedness and general disaster response readiness in the event that a similar situation were to take place in Los Angeles County.

"Freight rail plays a critical role in the delivery of goods and commodities in our region and beyond, since Los Angeles County is home to the largest port in North America," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "Our County has one of the seven Class I Rail Corridors in the nation. The Corridors are shared by commuter, intercity, and freight rail operators and are located near populated areas and residential communities, so it is important for our Board to understand how the County can and would respond to potential derailments and disasters."

Details about the motion will be released shortly. The next L.A. County Board of Supervisors meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

PORTANTINO ANNOUNCES NEW FIREARM REFORM LEGISLATION

Senator Anthony Portantino announced last week that he has introduced SB 368, a common sense gun safety measure that would expand and strengthen the 10 year prohibition of firearm ownership and put additional responsibilities on gun shops.

"Currently there is no review for people coming off the prohibited gun list and there are many offenses that clearly make someone incapable of being a responsible gun owner," Portantino said. "Implementing gun buyback programs can reduce violence and risk of suicide by compensating participants who voluntarily turn in firearms to a public agency or community-based organization, especially during a mental health crisis. SB 368 will save lives."

Currently, licensed retailers and law enforcement agencies are not required to accept and store firearms during a mental health crisis. There are also certain firearm misdemeanors that do not currently fall under the 10-year prohibition of firearms category and the Department of Justice does not have a process for evaluating individuals who may or may not need an extension of a 10-year gun prohibition. Lastly, in an attempt to attract business, some retailers hold "opportunity drawing," or raffles, for various firearms accessories, thereby increasing the demand for firearms by means of chance.

SB 368 would:
 Require that licensed firearm dealers establish a voluntary buyback program in consultation with the Department of Justice;

Require a licensed firearms dealer to accept the storage of a firearm transferred by an individual to prevent an attempted suicide; licensed



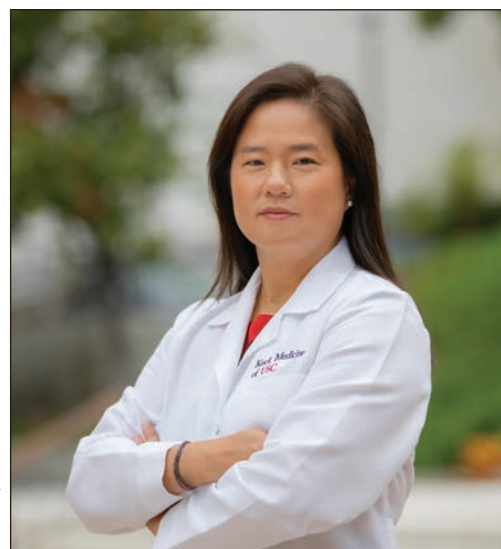
retailers may also store firearms for other lawful reasons outside of mental health crises.

Prohibits a licensed firearms dealer from offering an opportunity to win an item of inventory in a raffle and would except from this prohibition nonprofit organizations under certain circumstances;
 Adds a number of misdemeanor offenses for which a conviction results in a 10-year prohibition on possession of a firearm;

Requires the Department of Justice to create an evaluation process to determine whether an extension of a 10-year prohibition is warranted, as well as provide notice and opportunity to be heard to the person, and establish a process for the person to appeal any extension of the prohibition instituted by the department.

USC VERDUGO HILLS HOPITAL CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER TO SPEAK AT USC TROJAN AFFILIATES MEMBERSHIP COFFEE ON MARCH 2

Tarina Kang, MD, MHA, Chief Medical Officer for Verdugo Hills Hospital will speak to the USC Trojan Affiliates on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at The Verdugo Hills Hospital, Conference Room C & D, 1812 Verdugo Blvd., Glendale. The meeting will begin with hearty refreshments at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m.



Dr. Kang, an experienced care leader, previously served as medical director of quality for Keck Medical Center of USC and medical director for the Evaluation and Treatment Clinic at Keck Hospital of USC. She has continued in her role as Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at Keck Hospital of USC.

In her role of Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Kang and her leadership team ensures the highest quality of service for patients and their caregivers. USC-VHH is a 158-bed community hospital that has been serving the Foothill communities of Southern California for fifty years. It includes a 24 hour emergency room, a primary stroke center, and OB/GYN and infant services, among other services.

Dr. Kang worked extensively to develop protocol during the initial COVID-19 effort coordinating evaluation tents and the vaccine clinic. She also served as the inaugural chief of the emergency ultrasound division within the Department of Emergency at LAC+USC Medical Center. She received her medical degree from the George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Her emergency medicine residency was at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center-Harvard Affiliated Residency and is fellowship-trained in emergency ultrasound. She also has a Master of Health Administration from the USC Price School of Public Policy.

USC Trojan Affiliates, a women's organization located in the San Gabriel Valley, supports the University of Southern California and welcomes all interested women to attend its meetings and events. This meeting will focus on new member recruitment and all women parents, alumni, and friends of USC are encouraged to attend. Gentleman, are of course, welcome to attend the meeting as well. The group meets five times a year at various homes and locations within the San Gabriel Valley and hosts additional social and cultural events while raising needed scholarship funds for USC students. It currently supports ten students who attended local San Gabriel Valley high schools.

USC Trojan Affiliates is in its seventh year of contributing money to its scholarship endowment fund of \$100,000, (now well over the initial funded amount) using these dollars to support its scholars. Money is also raised from selling unique USC products ---a special line of Maria de La Luz jewelry, scarves, clothing, tablecloths, towels, handmade signs, and more. Members also volunteer at the Pasadena Showcase House to earn funds and participate in the USC Women's Conference (March 3), USC Day of Service (March 11), Swim With Mike (April 1), USC Homecoming (November 4), Town and Gown of USC Holiday Boutique, and USC Trojan Affiliates Holiday Boutique (November), and programs to support the University and its students.

If a community member has an interest in being a speaker at an upcoming Trojan Affiliates meeting, please contact Program Chairman, Jacqueline Goodman, at jtgoodman@aol.com.

Second year Trojan Affiliates President Ann Palmer of Sierra Madre, looks forward to welcoming prospective members to this Membership Coffee and meeting.

For information and reservations please contact Trojan Affiliates Membership Chairman Kandi Wopschall by February 28th at wopschall@earthlink.net or (818) 790-1970.

SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKMARK CONTEST

Youth Bookmark Contest sponsored by the Sierra Madre Public Library

Local students are invited to enter the popular annual Bookmark Contest in March 2023. This year's theme is: "Wonders of Reading".

Artwork may be designed with any tools but must be completely original work. Entries should showcase people, places, or things that depict the discovery and enjoyment of reading.

Winning entries will be displayed in the Library and winners will receive a certificate and cash prize at a ceremony in their honor.

The contest is open to children in Kindergarten through 8th grade who go to school in Sierra Madre, or live in Sierra Madre, or who have a Sierra Madre Public Library card.

Pick up your application at the Sierra Madre Public Library, on the Library website, and at schools in Sierra Madre starting March 6, 2023. Entries are due by April 13, 2023 at the Library.

For more information, contact Librarian Doreen Thomas dthomas@cityofsierramadre.com Read, Discover, Connect @ Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024, (626) 355-7186, www.cityofsierramadre.com/services/library

SIERRA MADRE WOMAN'S CLUB OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club encourages local high school seniors to apply for a financial scholarship to pay for college or university studies. The Club has been active for over 100 years and its Wisteria Shop Thrift Store and other fundraisers have been instrumental in allowing the Club to continue awarding scholarships.

The Club will offer six scholarship awards to deserving students. Past awards have been given to students from Sierra Madre, as well as students at LaSalle, Alverno Heights, Pasadena High School, Marshall Fundamental and Maranatha.

Applications are available at the Sierra Madre Library or the Sierra Madre Woman's Club website www.sierramadrewomansclub.org

Completed application packets must be received no later than Saturday, March 25, 2023 by 3pm.

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Presidents Day

At one time, England ruled 13 colonies on the eastern part of North America. Each colony had its own government and ran things its own way. To create unity and keep the peace, the Continental Congress was formed, and a few men from each colony went there to discuss things and find answers. They complained to England about many problems. But, when those problems were not fixed, fighting began between the colonies and England. Armed colonists were brought together by the Congress to form an army, the first military group serving all of the colonies. Colonel George Washington was named commander-in-chief of all the armed forces who would fight for freedom (1775). Washington also had a small Navy to stop British ships that brought supplies to America. When the war ended, so did the small, brave Navy. But, years later, as president of the new United States of America, Washington launched a permanent U.S. Navy.

Read the clues to fill in the crossword about George Washington:

- was our country's _____ president
- was born on February 22, 1732 in Westmoreland County, _____
- had no middle _____
- had 9 _____, 4 were half-brothers and sisters
- was over 6 _____ tall, which was rare
- his favorite _____ was fox hunting
- when young, worked as a surveyor – a person who _____ out the borders of land
- was married to _____ Custis in 1759
- had no _____ of his own, but helped raise his wife's two children
- was a great _____ during the American Revolution
- defeated the _____ army at the Battle of Yorktown
- was the only President not to live in the _____ House
- would not allow anyone to refer to him as any kind of royalty or _____
- was well-known for being _____
- was retired for less than 3 years when he died at age 67 of a _____ infection

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This year, our rains came, and there has been an abundance of chickweed, various mustards, mallow, and nettles this year, all very nutritious.

At several of my hiking spots, I noticed that workers have already been busy weed-whacking, cutting down this annual crop of useful foods and herbs that have sustained millennia of people, as if it was all useless trash. This is part of our culture's current schitzophrenia - we talk "green" and how we want to be healthy and save ourselves and save the earth, yet, the very plants that can save us are weed-whacked, sprayed with Roundup, and tossed into the trash cans. And then health enthusiasts go to places like Whole Foods and pay \$10 a box for the very same "medicinal weeds" that were probably growing in their own backyards.

Of course, I understand the other side - city officials don't want nettles growing around parks where children might sting themselves. Never mind that the sting can actually be a benefit to offset future arthritis --- the city doesn't want the liability. So, at this time of the year, vast acreages of nettles and other useful wild plants are cut down and unceremoniously poisoned and killed. And I can never get enough nettle.

I get allergies, especially later in the year, when I've been under and around the trees that produces lots of pollen and cottony-fluff, like willows, and cottonwoods, and cattail, and oak. I've tried numerous remedies over the years to combat the allergy, but all with limited success, but the nettle tea seems to work quite well.

Here are some of the many ways I used the nettle greens: For allergies, I make an infusion of the nettle leaves (dried or fresh), and I drink it pretty regularly in the evenings. It has helped to relieve congestion and improve my ability to breathe. It seems to work even better than my old standby, Mormon tea. I also add the fresh, dried, or frozen nettle greens into my evening soup. The soup is enjoyable and tasty. In fact, nettle is one of the tastiest wild greens out there, and widely under-rated. Sometimes I just cook nettle greens like spinach, and I even drink the water because it is so flavorful. I add it to various soups and stews, egg dishes and omelettes, and even burritos. Sometimes, if I want a quick meal, I'll make a package of ramen noodles, and add lots of diced or dried nettle and onion greens. I've also added the dried or fresh leaves of nettle to spaghetti sauce. Powdered, I've added nettles to pancake batter to increase the protein content and improve the flavor or the pancakes. I've not yet tried making pasta with nettles, but a friend of mine routinely dries and powders various wild greens, mixes it 50/50 with flour, and runs it through a pasta machine to make some unique pastas.



Years ago, I would periodically meet people who survived the hardships of World War II, and among other things, they spoke of how nettles saved their lives. Usually, they would say that nettles and cattails, two widespread common plants, had enabled them to make meals. Until recently, I thought they were exaggerating because I hadn't been aware of the versatility of nettles, and how it's really a nutritional powerhouse.

ALL ABOUT NETTLES

Stinging nettle (*Urtica dioeca*) is a fairly common plant throughout most of North America, as well most of the rest of the world. It is one of the plants that you always see on the charts of "noxious weeds" published by companies such as Ortho and others, letting you know that their product will effectively wipe out these "worthless plants" in your gardens.

The reason why so many people dislike stinging nettles is because when you brush up against it, you break off the tips of tiny hollow needles that are filled with formic acid, and you get a stinging reaction. This reaction is short-lived, and can be remedied by rubbing the skin with chickweed or curly dock, or even wild grasses.

Nutritionally, nettles is a good source of Vitamin C and A. According to the USDA's Composition of Foods, 100 grams of nettle contains 6,500 I.U. of Vitamin A, and 76 mg. of Vitamin C. This amount contains 481 mg. of calcium, 71 mg. of phosphorus, and 334 mg. of potassium. This amount also contains 5.5 grams of protein, a lot for greens, though not complete protein.

Herbalist Michael Moore, author of Medicinal Plants of the Mountain West, describes nettles as a diuretic and astringent, and he advises the tea for use in cases of internal bleeding.

In general, nettles are found growing in the wild near streams, in moist soil, in rich soil, and often near raspberries and blackberry vines. And in the urban areas, it seems to grow everywhere: along roads, in fields, backyards, gar-dens, and at the Highland Park Farmers Market, I've found it growing in the cracks of the sidewalk.

If you cannot yet recognize the wild nettle plant, most gardeners or landscapers should be able to show you one. Or go to a nursery, where nettles are often growing in their pots and soil.

DI LADY DI OPENS FEBRUARY 24 AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE

The title Di Lady Di refers of course to Lady Diana Spencer, the teenaged bride of the future monarch of the United Kingdom who would go on to become one of the most famous and admired women in the world. The narrative begins when Diana is still a girl. Her family is torn apart by divorce, and she is separated from her mother. Born into a noble family, she is accorded the title of Lady. Blonde, beautiful, and a virgin at nineteen, she attracts the attention of the Prince of Wales who, a decade her senior, is under pressure to marry and generate heirs to secure the royal line. He had been dating her older sister.



Diana marries the Prince and does her duty by birthing two sons. The Prince rewards her love with betrayal. He has a mistress.

His unfaithfulness sends her into a spiral of depression and she is ultimately granted a divorce. She refuses to remain a victim, however. She is prominent as an activist for a variety of humanitarian causes, notable among them advocacy for AIDS patients and a push for the abolition of land mines. She becomes the public's favorite Royal and regains her own agency as The People's Princess.

Even death cannot erase her personal triumph.

Di Lady Di is a musical, with a song score of twenty-three selections, with intelligent lyrics. Charlotte Munson is the show's star, and also crafted the show's book, music and lyrics. She is the recipient of a Master's Degree from University of Tennessee. Her extensive credits include roles in New York (All Kinds of People, Hedge Fun, Princes in Cyberland) and regionally (Into the Woods, South Pacific, City of Angels, so many more). In October 2022, she won the Actors Circle Award from the Short & Sweet Hollywood Festival for her performance in her play A World Apart.

Her collaborator in composing the music for Di Lady Di is her father, Dr. Richard Munson. He has performed his music with his ensemble in New York at P.S. 122, Carnegie Hall and The Mudd Club.

Di Lady Di received the award for Best Musical from the Hollywood Fringe Festival and was designated Best of the Fringe by The Tvolution.

"Munson delivers a thoroughly captivating, ultimately quite moving performance in a production ingeniously staged."---Stage Scene L.A.

"Moving and funny and comforting and yet still daring and wild in places....much like the princess."---NoHoArtsDistrict.com

"A perfect performance in a perfect production."---The Tvolution
Covid-19 safety protocols are being observed. As of this writing, this means that audience members will be required to wear masks inside the Playhouse auditorium.
Di Lady Di. A new musical. Book, lyrics and music by Charlotte Munson. Music by Richard Munson. Starring Charlotte Munson. Presented by Sierra Madre Playhouse. At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. February 24- March 5, 2023. Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00, Sundays at 2:00. Admission: \$45, Seniors (65+) \$40. Youth (21 and under) \$25. Discounts: Teen tickets (age 13-19) are available at \$5 through the TeenTix Pass program. Go to our website to learn more. Reservations: (626) 355-4318. Online ticketing: <http://sierramadreplayhouse.org>

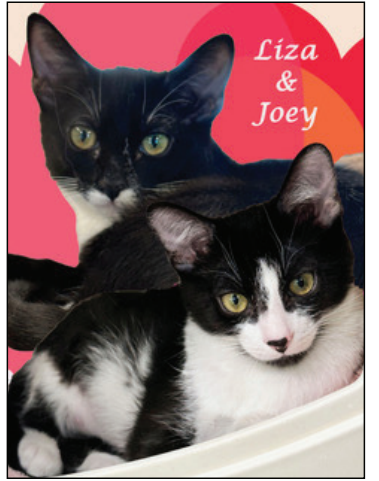
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SWEET SIBLINGS JOEY & LIZA

These darling siblings, Joey & Liza, are only 5 months old and very sweet. Liza is almost all black, with a white mustache and chin; Joey is black and white with a cute black mark around his nose and a narrow, white blaze.

Liza and Joey are playful with people they know well, but may be a little shy with someone new until they get used to them. If you already have a young kitten at home about their age, they do not have to be adopted together.



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Pet of the Week

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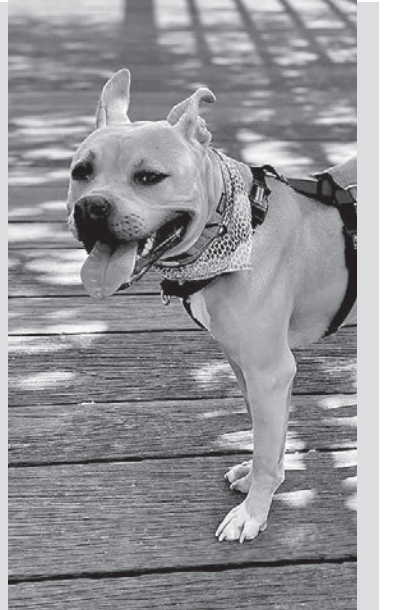
She is also very smart- she knows how to walk nicely on leash, meet other dogs appropriately and knows some of her basic commands. We're sure that this Rainbow will certainly lead to a pot of gold!

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One Book One City

Flying Free
Flying Free by Cecilia Aragon

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Join us for a Month of Programs and Events!

The Sierra Madre Public Library has announced the 2023 selection of One Book One City; Flying Free: my victory over fear to become the first Latina pilot on the US Aerobatic Team by Cecilia Aragon.

One Book One City is a community reading program that invites everyone in Sierra Madre to read and discuss the same book during February 2023 and participate in exciting programs and events.

This fabulous community program includes an Author Talk with Cecilia Aragon, a tour of the San Gabriel Valley Airport, a kids STEAM Dream Workshop with local teacher Dany Richey, a kids paper airplane competition, a movie night with the documentary Fly Like a Girl through our new streaming service Kanopy, and inspirational presentations on women in flight.

Aragon's memoir, Flying Free, shares her own journey of breaking past her own fears to become a champion aerobatic pilot. Aragon was a timid child, painfully shy and afraid of everything from heights to people. How did she become a death-defying daredevil and aerobatic pilot? In her memoir, she bares her life even though writing it "scared me more than pointing my single-seat experimental plane at the ground and opening the throttle until I was roaring earthward at 250 mph".

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1st & 3rd Wednesdays 11:00 am— 12:30 pm Hart Park House

The object of the game is for a player to play all the tiles from their hand onto one or more trains, emanating from a central hub or "station". Call Lawren with questions that you may have.

TEA AND TALK BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, 2/15 9:00 am Hart Park House

Staff has launched a new book club series, Tea and Talk, which meets twice a month to discuss the fun, suspense, intrigue, love and so much more that each selection will have in store!

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Tuesday, 1/17 10:00 am Hart Park House

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Please join in a fun and lively game of BINGO. Several rounds fun will be had with prizes for each rounds winner.

COULD YOU HAVE A THYROID PROBLEM AND NOT KNOW IT?

Dear Savvy Senior:

What are the symptoms of thyroid disease? I've been dealing with a number of health issues over the past few years, and a friend of mine recently suggested I get my thyroid checked because it might be causing my problems. Almost 66

Dear Almost:

If your thyroid is out of whack, it can cause a number of health issues that can be tricky to detect because the symptoms often resemble other age-related health problems. In fact, as many as 30 million Americans have some form of thyroid disorder, but more than half aren't aware of it.

What to Know

The thyroid is a small butterfly-shaped gland located at the base of your neck that has a huge job. It produces hormones (called T3 and T4) that help regulate the rate of many of your body's activities, from how quickly you burn calories to how fast your heart beats. It also influences the function of the brain, liver, kidneys and skin.

If the gland is underactive and doesn't produce enough thyroid hormones, it causes body systems to slow down. If it's overactive, and churns out too much thyroid, it has the opposite effect, speeding up the body's processes.

The symptoms for an underactive thyroid (also known as hypothyroidism) – the most common thyroid disorder in older adults – will vary but may include fatigue and weakness, unexplained weight gain, increased sensitivity to cold, constipation, joint pain, a puffy face, hoarseness, thinning hair, muscle stiffness, dry skin and depression. Some patients may even develop an enlarged thyroid (goiter) at the base of the neck. However, in older adults, it can cause other symptoms like memory impairment, loss of appetite, weight loss, falls or even incontinence.

And the symptoms of an overactive thyroid (or hyperthyroidism) may include a rapid heart rate, anxiety, irritability, fatigue, insomnia, increased appetite, weight loss, tremors of the hand, frequent bowel movements, sweating, as well as an enlarged thyroid gland. Too much thyroid can also cause atrial fibrillation, affect blood pressure and decrease bone density, which increases the risk of osteoporosis.



Those with the greatest risk of developing thyroid disorders are women who have a family history of the disease. Other factors that can trigger thyroid problems include: autoimmune diseases like Hashimoto's or Graves disease; thyroid surgery; radiation treatments to the neck or upper chest; and certain medications including interferon alpha and interleukin-2 cancer medications, amiodarone heart medication and lithium for bipolar disorder.

Get Tested

If you have any of the aforementioned symptoms, or if you've had previous thyroid problems or notice a lump in the base of your neck, ask your doctor to check your thyroid levels. The TSH (thyroid-stimulating hormone) blood test is used to diagnosis thyroid disorders but depending on what they find, additional blood tests may be necessary.

If you are diagnosed with a thyroid problem, it's easily treated. Standard treatment for hypothyroidism involves daily use of the synthetic thyroid hormone levothyroxine (Levothroid, Synthroid and others), which is an oral medication that restores adequate hormone levels.

And treatments for hyperthyroidism may include an anti-thyroid medication such as methimazole and propylthiouracil, which blocks the production of thyroid hormones. Another option is radioactive iodine, which is taken orally and destroys the overactive thyroid cells and causes the gland to shrink. But this can leave the thyroid unable to produce any hormone and it's likely that you'll eventually become hypothyroid and need to start taking thyroid medication.

For more information on thyroid disorders, visit the American Thyroid Association at Thyroid.org.

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

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



Will Your Estate Plan Work When Your Family Needs It?

Like most people, you likely think estate planning is just one more task to check off your life's endless "to-do" list. You can shop around and find a lawyer to create planning documents for you or create your own DIY plan using online templates. Then, you'll put those documents into a drawer, mentally check estate planning off your to-do list, and forget about them.

The problem is, estate planning is more than just a one-and-done type of deal.

It will be worthless if your plan is not updated when your assets, family situation, and laws change. Failing to update your plan can create problems which actually leave your family worse off than if you've never created a plan at all.

Ideally, an estate plan should keep your family out of court and out of conflict after your passing. But a bad plan, or one that's not updated as needed throughout your lifetime will likely not keep your family out of either.

A Game Changing Realization

Let's take the case of a divorced father who died. He'd done his estate planning—or at least thought he had. He paid a law firm roughly \$3,000 to prepare an estate plan for him, so his family wouldn't be stuck with the hassles and expense of probate court or drawn into needless conflict with his ex-wife.

And yet, after his death, that's exactly what did happen. His family was forced to go to court to claim assets that were supposed to pass directly to them. And on top of that, they had to deal with his ex-wife and her attorneys.

It's almost unfathomable. If he paid \$3,000 for an estate plan, why were his loved ones dealing with the court and his ex-wife? Well, because his planning documents were never updated, and his assets were not correctly titled.

The decedent created a Trust so that his assets would pass directly to his family when he died, and they wouldn't have to endure probate. But some of his assets had never been transferred into the name of his Trust from the beginning. And since there was no updated inventory of his assets, there was no way for his family to even confirm everything he had when he died. And anything unaccounted for wound up in the state's Department of Unclaimed Property.

Did the family at least have a malpractice claim against the law firm which prepared the estate plan? Unfortunately, no, instead of malpractice, this kind of outcome is common practice within the legal industry.

Will Your Plan Work When Your Family Needs It? We hear similar stories from our clients all the time. In fact, outside of not creating any plan, one of the most common planning mistakes we encounter is when we get called by the loved ones of someone who has become incapacitated or died with a plan that no longer works. Yet by that point, it's too late, and the loved ones left behind are forced to deal with the aftermath.

We recommend you review your plan at least every

WILL YOUR ESTATE PLAN WORK WHEN YOUR FAMILY NEEDS IT?

three years to ensure it's up to date and immediately amend it following events like divorce, deaths, births, and inheritances. You don't want your family to have to deal with any messes you've overlooked as your family situation, the law, and your assets change over time.

A Law Firm That Keeps Your Plan Current

You don't want a law firm that just creates legal documents and sends you on your way without any follow-up support.

For example, look for a firm that proactively prevents two of the biggest mistakes made all too often by many lawyers who create estate plans. These mistakes include: 1) not keeping assets properly inventoried and 2) not correctly titling assets held in Trust.

Maintaining a regularly updated inventory of all your assets is one of the most vital parts of keeping your plan current. Your lawyer should not only help you create a comprehensive asset inventory, but they should also help make sure the list stays consistently updated throughout your lifetime.

Start creating an inventory of everything you own to ensure your loved ones know what you have, where it is, and how to access it if something happens to you. From there, ask your lawyer to incorporate your inventory into a comprehensive set of planning strategies and work to keep everything updated throughout your lifetime.

To properly title assets held by a Trust, it's not enough to list the assets you want to cover when you create a Trust. You have to transfer the legal title of certain assets—real estate, bank accounts, securities, brokerage accounts—to the Trust, known as "funding" the Trust, for them to be appropriately disbursed.

While most lawyers will create a Trust for you, only some will ensure your assets are properly funded. Don't settle for a firm not willing to make sure your assets are properly titled when you initially create your Trust, and able to ensure that any new assets you acquire throughout your life are inventoried and properly funded to your Trust. This will keep your assets from being lost and prevent your family from being inadvertently forced into court because your plan was never fully completed.

For The Love of Your Family

Your lawyer's planning services should go far beyond simply creating documents and then never seeing you again. Your lawyer should develop a relationship with your family that lasts not only for your lifetime but for the lifetime of your children and their children if that's your wish.

You'll get the most value from a lawyer who supports you in not only creating a plan that keeps your family out of court and out of conflict in the event of your death or incapacity, but who also ensures your plan is regularly updated to make sure that it works and is there for your family when you cannot be.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

IF I'M NOT CRAZY, NOBODY IS



Last Sunday, we were driving to our Sunday morning church service and encountered a lot of crazy drivers. As The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was driving, I kept my cool and, more importantly, my mouth closed. Every once in a while, she would say, "What's wrong with these crazy drivers?"

I could tell she was a little agitated by these drivers swaying in and out of the lanes. "Why are people so crazy when they are driving? How did they get a driver's license?" Certainly, I could have enhanced the conversation, but I knew I would not come out on the winning side. There are times when a person should just keep their mouth shut. After all these years as a husband, I am learning more about keeping my mouth shut. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has often looked at me and said, "Are you crazy or what?"

You don't know how often I wanted her to define what she meant by "or what." But, of course, I'm not sure I would have liked her definition at that time. I'm unsure if I was born crazy or just learned it as I grew up. But the facts remain that I am crazy in a variety of ways.

It would be nice to sit down with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and get her to explain how she thinks I am crazy. I'm not sure she could ever stop talking about it if I did.

Some people's crazy is another person's lifestyle. So I'm leaning towards the latter. Not long ago, she had to go thrift store shopping which would take up most of her day. I was rather excited because I've been thinking about getting an Apple Fritter for several weeks. These are not on my diet, and I'm not allowed to bring them into the house.

A few minutes after she left, I jumped in my truck, went, got an Apple Fritter and brought it home. I was in Apple Fritter heaven.

On my third bite of that Apple Fritter, I heard the front door open, and in walked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She stopped, looked at me with both hands on her hips, and said, "Are you crazy or what? You're not allowed to have Apple Fritters, especially in this house." Well, when you're crazy, I guess you're crazy.

I've been thinking about this, and the thought that has dominated my thinking is, what's so wrong about being crazy? Some of the best people I know are crazy. Driving home from church about three weeks ago, some old man on a motorcycle was weaving back and forth, passing cars. When he passed us, he was smiling like a really crazy man. When my wife saw him, she looked at me and said, "What is wrong with that crazy man?" I laughed and wanted to say, but I didn't, "Well, that crazy man is just having fun. He's enjoying his life." Looking at me, she might have said, "He better enjoy it now because that crazy guy isn't going to last very long."

I would have loved to stop him and query him, "Sir, what does your wife think of your driving like a crazy man?" I would have loved his answer about that. I probably could have learned a lesson or two about being crazy myself.

The wise man was pretty close to accurate when he said, "Crazy is as crazy does." I remember once getting in trouble with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I was in my easy chair reading a book, she came in very anxious and said, "Have you seen my glasses? I can't find them." I looked at her and assumed this was a trick question and she was setting me up for something because her glasses were on the top of her head. I didn't know where this "joke" was going, but I thought I would just play along. Looking at her, I said, "Are you crazy or what?" Then I laughed hysterically as she stared at me. "I am not crazy; I just cannot find my glasses." She wasn't laughing.

Looking through the living room, she finally reached to the top of her head and said, "Oh, here they are on top of my head. Why didn't you tell me? Are you crazy or what?" It's crazy people like me that have all the fun in the world from people who don't think they're crazy. There's not a day in the week that I would ever suggest to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage that I thought she was crazy. I do think that way, but I will never expose that thought to her because I love my life as it is.

What would life be without a little bit of craziness?

From my long experience with being crazy, I have concluded that being crazy is an art. It takes a long time to learn how to be crazy, and I think I am very close to a Ph.D. in crazyology.

I couldn't help but think of my favorite Bible verse. Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

No matter how crazy the world around me is, I can trust God to lead me in the right direction.

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STUART TOLCHIN



PUT THE LIGHTS ON OUR FUTURE - MAYBE

If the future tells us that Humankind fails to survive will it be my fault? Of course not; I'm just an ordinary person busy living my life with little time or energy to worry about everyone else. My concerns are mainly about my own health and the health of my family and close friends and also my dog. I say to myself that I am concerned about maintaining the character of our wonderful little town of Sierra Madre but am befuddled by the ongoing continuous debate about the Meadows Project and, frankly, I wish the whole thing would go away. Underneath it all I am against change. I like my life now and wish people would stop both-

ering me asking for contributions for one cause or other. Political and social concerns are like sporting events to me. I root for "our side". Anyway, even if my team loses there is always next year. Right? How much attention am I expected to pay to things that I really have no power to affect? If things get really bad some really smart scientist will think of a way to save everybody and we probably won't even notice it.

Have you ever heard of Norman Borlaug and the "Green Revolution? Probably not! Well, for your information, for a time he was considered to be the greatest, or at least the most important person in the world. After World War II Borlaug developed an ultra-resistant strain of wheat that increased productivity dramatically. He is credited with developing a variety of dwarf wheat that could be grown in pretty much any sort of environment around the world. He was universally celebrated for saving the lives of billions of people who may have otherwise starved to death. In 1970 Norman Borlaug was awarded the Nobel Prize for a lifetime of work to feed a hungry, potentially starving, world.

Dr. Borlaug's influence continues and what is known as the Norman E. Borlaug International Dialogue brings together experts from more than 65 countries to address the triple threats of COVID conflicts, and Climate crisis demands. That's all wonderful, isn't it? The Scientists and the experts will save mankind and we can all go back to debating the Meadows Project or some local problem knowing that we can rely on Science to take care of the big major problem of preserving life on this planet.

Well, I'm afraid that this confident attitude is not well-founded. Monday, a friend of over forty years came for a brief visit and presented my wife and I with his presentation entitled EARTH ISLAND, a project to conserve, preserve, and restore the environment. My friend, and most other well-informed people believes that humanity cannot rely on Science to resolve the problems. He, together with partners, have spent months and money developing a game like-educational platform entitled EARTH ISLAND. The video game that will educate individuals of all ages, including young game players, about the perils of the climate crisis. Importantly, the "Game" is intended to be so involving that individual "ordinary people" will understand that it is their responsibility to save the world. By interacting with the game individuals will discover what they can and must do to not be part of the problem but, rather, to be part of the solution.

My friend explained that the world cannot assume that scientists and world leaders will alone defeat the climate crisis. (Sorry Norman) The first thing that must be done is to get individuals, ordinary people, involved and allow them to realize there is something they can do. Well, to be truthful, I have never viewed or "interacted" with a video game and really did not focus or fully understand what my friend presented. I avoid technology whenever possible and am more of a reader than an interactor. My friend recognized this and suggested a book to me, The Ministry for The Future authored by Kim Stanley Robinson. I was told that this book published in 2020 was a favorite of ex-President Obama. Well, that was enough for me and as soon as my friend left I drove over to Vroman's Book Store to purchase the book and, of course, couldn't find my wallet. I include this information as a kind of testimony illustrating the possible difficulties in accomplishing anything.

Anyway, I finally managed to buy the book and read the first three chapters which take place in a near future. All the characters are suffering horribly from the boiling heat and at the end of the chapters are all boiled to death. I stopped reading at this point but was so affected that I composed this article as at least my first hesitant step recognizing my own need to take some responsibility and do something as I already feel like I am more a part of the present and not just worrying and ignoring the future. A good beginning! I'm going to finish the book.

DINAH CHONG WATKINS

ROOMMATES FROM HELL



It was the meatball. Slathered in a homemade tomato sauce with hints of oregano and pumpkin pie spice, nestled on top of a generous bed of room temperature penne pasta. The jolt of the sweet, chewy bullets stuffed into the meatballs was a sensation - of the unpleasant kind. Inside the ragu, casings of black varietal raisins plumped up with the savory sauciness lay in wait. This was our inaugural dinner, Sue's House Special, she proclaimed.

"Blergh!" my tummy responded, and thus began the trajectory to hell.

We were fortunate enough to live in a time and place when household help was affordable to the average family. With a newborn, it was a no-brainer to have another person help share the load. A friend recommended Sue whose profile was impeccable. A former kindergarten teacher, professional cook and hobbyist whose specialty was recycling items into handicrafts. We swiped right before anyone else could take our perfect match.

I'd love to say our introduction was a "Meet Cute", but the geriatric citizen that showed up on our front door with 6 suitcases in hand, was 4 decades older than the photo she posted on her profile. Nevertheless, we had a signed contract and we showed our new roommate to her bedroom.

It took a few weeks and many meals studded with raisins to acknowledge Sue wasn't going to work out. We gave her a generous severance, and though our contract was terminated, Sue asked for a few extra days of accommodation to which we replied,

"No problem."

The day before Sue's departure, we attended a funeral. It was a sudden and unexpected death, I wore the only black dress I had - a thigh length black pinafore with white collar and cuffs, taken from a dubious waitressing gig back when I naively believed "meat markets" were found only at Vons. My post pregnancy corpulence strained the dress seams like the hills of Big Bear Mountain.

We returned home, melancholy and blue from our friend's passing when we opened the front door and our son toddled over to greet us - 4 hours past his bedtime. A few minutes later, a young lady, otherwise known as a complete stranger, came round.

"Who are you? Where's Sue?"

"She's at the hospital."

"What? We'll go there right away, thanks for looking after our son but you can go now."

"No, I'm here to find her ID card."

My husband went to the hospital and I ushered the lady to the door who reluctantly left, promising her that I'd find Sue's ID card.

In the time Sue had stayed with us, I never went to her bedroom. The door wasn't locked but might as well been, as it was jammed from behind. I mustered all my hamster strength and cracked an opening big enough to slip through.

I don't watch horror movies, mainly because most of them are set in someone's home. Sue's bedroom confirmed my good sense. From the floor to the ceiling, worn boxes, trash-filled bags, broken furniture and general junk was stacked up like a cast-off Jenga set. A fishy smell lurked by the closet. I opened the door and half a dozen cockroaches rushed at me like the defensive line of the Kansas City Chiefs. Her closet was full of half eaten foods, used McDonalds ketchup packets and desperate cockroaches fleeing from the light.

Sue, turns out was a hoarder. She collected trash but didn't follow through with the recycling part. Not only did she hoard our garbage, but our neighbors in our apartment building, all 32 floors of them.

We learned Sue's prognosis was encouraging, she'd be recovering in the hospital for a couple of weeks. The young lady - her granddaughter, went to look after her.

The next day the pesticide company sprayed our home. In the evening our unwelcome "roommates" came out from the floorboards, their hard-shelled carapaces twitching in epileptic fits. The floors became carpets of jerking jitterbugs.

They say what's one man's trash is another man's treasure. But sometimes it is - really just trash.

RICH & FAMOUS

UNITED STATES TRIVIA



Let's deviate from the typical President's Day trivia shall we? Let's face it, everyone knows George Washington's teeth were made of elephant and walrus tusks and not wood. And James Madison was 5 foot 4 inches tall and barely 100 pounds.

Let's look at the bigger picture. Important US trivia. For example, what was the first U.S. city to host the Olympics? 1904 Summer Games were in St. Louis. St. Louis was also the first non-European city to host the Games.

The first president born in a hospital? Jimmy Carter. More presidents were born in log cabins than in hospitals. Wow!

No president was an only child. James Buchanan had six sisters and four brothers. Speaking of Buchanan, he was the only president who never married. Ever. His first lady was his niece, Harriet.

The good ol' USA is not the only country to not use the metric system. In addition to us, Myanmar and Liberia. I hear Myanmar is close to adopting the Metric system. Remain strong Americans!

Our most famous arch-criminal, Al Capone was not imprisoned for smuggling or killing people. Nope. The Feds finally got him in 1931 on...tax evasion. He did seven years hard time in Alcatraz. Got out early (1939) due to a couple of sexually transmitted diseases that fried his brain. Died at the age of 48.

Was Ohio the 17th state or not? Well, yes and no. It's true the US Congress approved Ohio's request for statehood in 1803. They just for-got to ratify Ohio's State Constitution. 150 years later Congress voted to retroactively ratify the document. So, Ohio's real year of admission was 1953 sliding right in before Alaska and Hawaii in 1959.

The largest state in America is, Alaska. Everyone knows that. It's 429 times the size of Rhode Island, the smallest state. Alaska's coastline is longer than the coastlines of all the other 49 states... combined! Wait a minute. Rhode Island has 300,000 more people than Alaska.

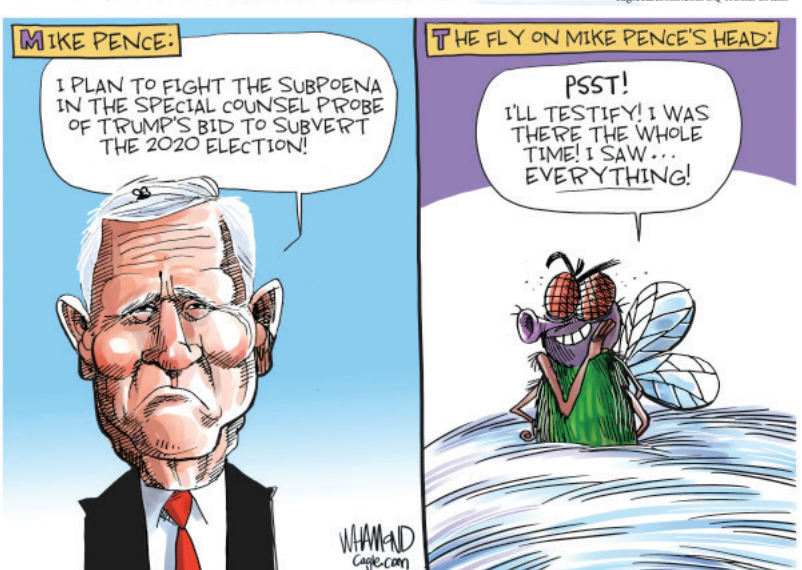
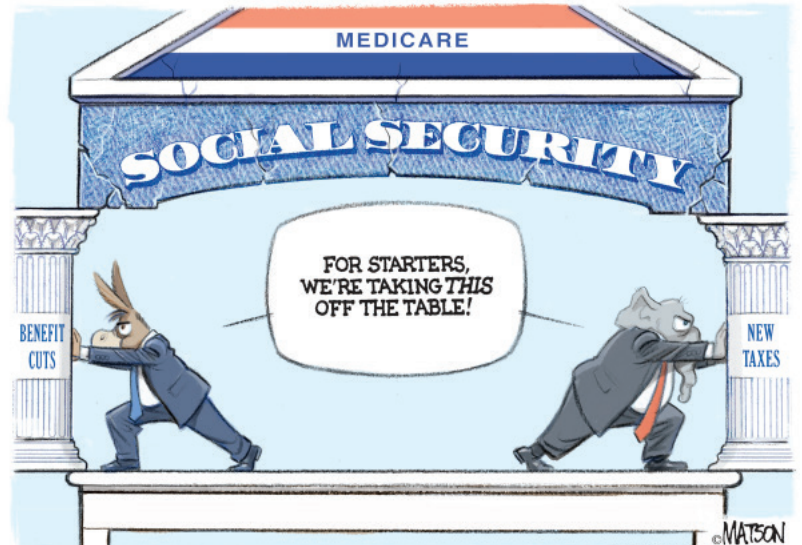
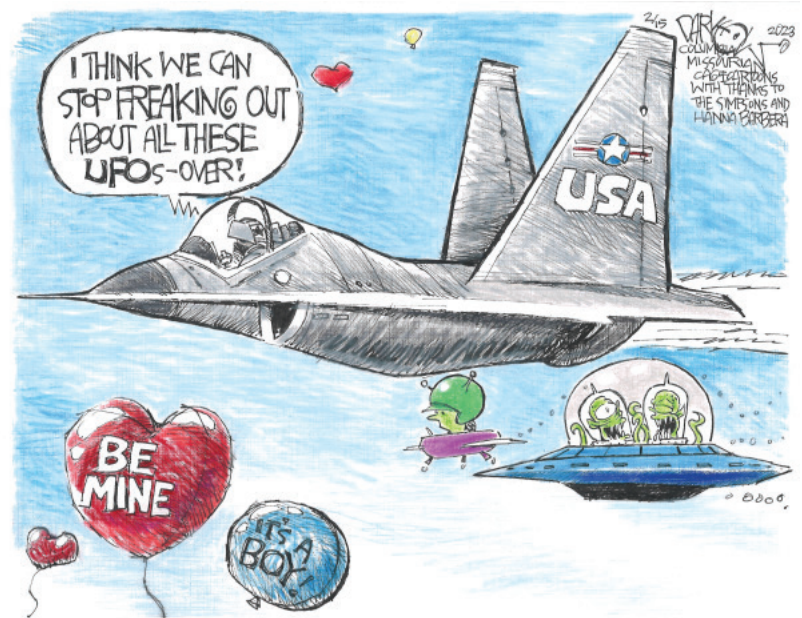
Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable. The only state that borders just one other state. And the only state whose official flower is not a flower...it's the pinecone.

Finally, I have to confess my home state, Minnesota, has lied to me all these years. Known as the "Land of 10,000 Lakes", the whole state led me to believe it had the most lakes of any state in the union. Truth is, Minnesota has close to 12,000. But it truly pales in comparison to Alaska with its more than 3 million lakes. Such pain and shame. What's worse, is the Mississippi River, is not the longest US river. Nope, the Missouri River is 200 miles longer. More pain and shame.

I'd like to give credit to self-identified "word nerd" Meghan Jones for her brilliant contributions to the world of knowledge...from which I mine.

Have a stellar Presidential Holiday Week!

-Rich



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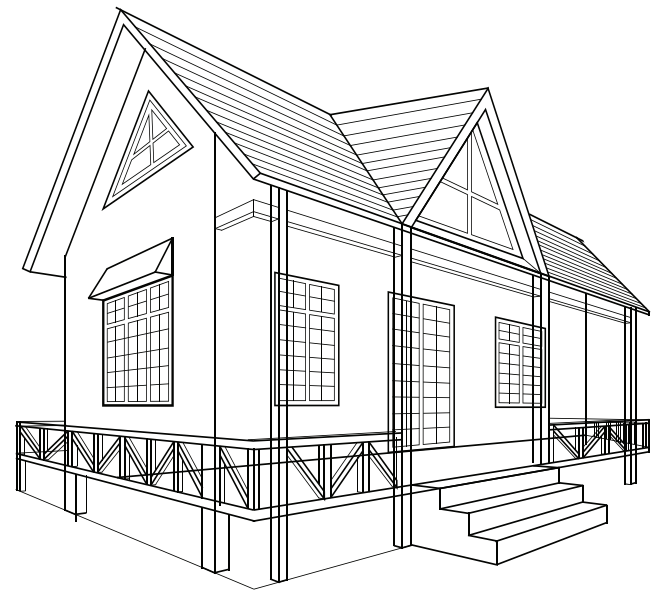


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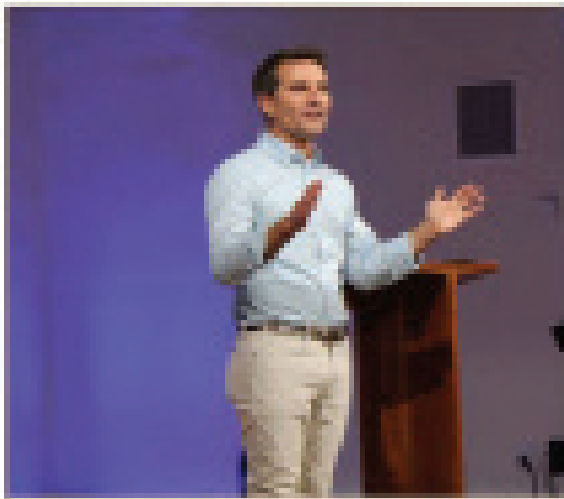
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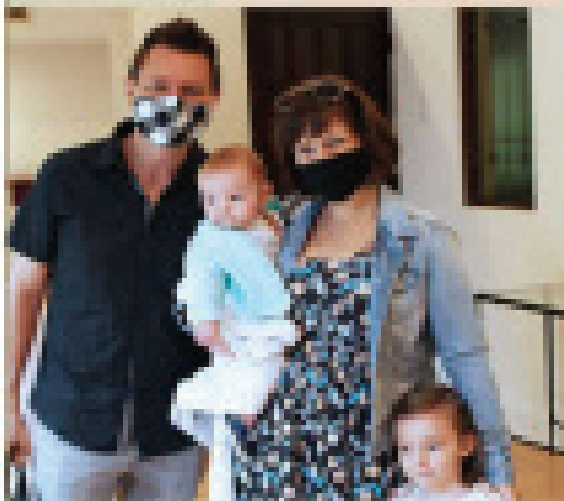
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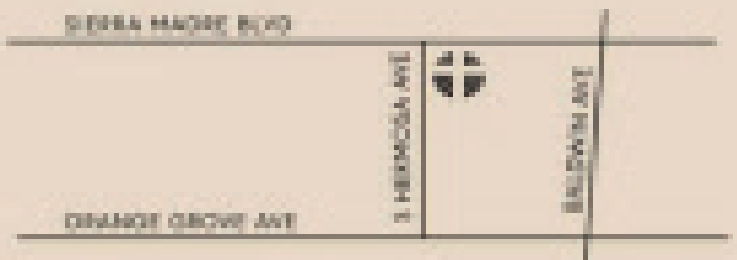
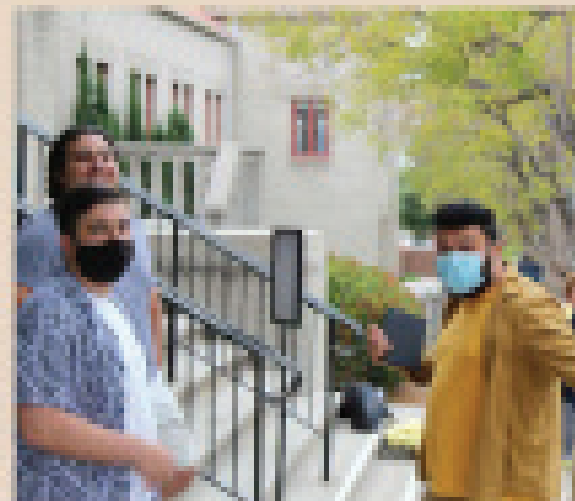
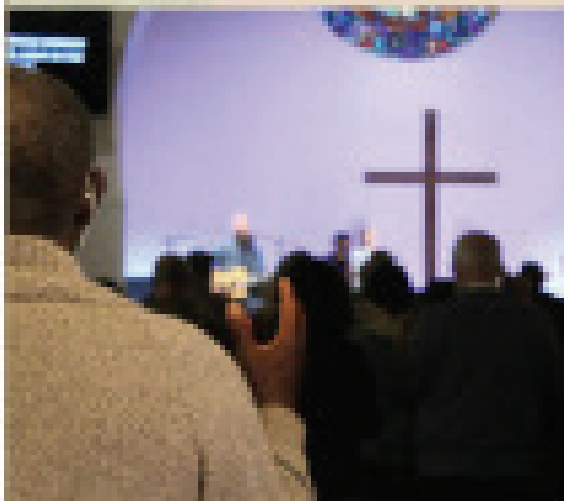


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