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At Tuesday's City Council Meeting, Retired Sierra Madre Fire Captain Rich Snyder was given a grand send-off. The Council Chamber was filled with Family, Friends, and former co-workers from near and far. LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger (shown above with Rich), personally bestowed upon him a Commendation from the LA County Board of Supervisors. You can read more about Rich's storied career with SMFD which began as a volunteer by going to: <http://mtnviewsnews.com/v16/htm/n53/index.htm>Photo by Dirk Bolle

ALVERNO RESPONDS TO NOISE CONCERNS IN APPELLATE CLAIM

By Kevin McGuire/MVNews

In December 2022, the Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Alverno Heights Academy (AHA), paving the way for the school's construction and demolition plans. The Commission also approved an Addendum to the Mitigating Negative Declaration to update AHA's Master Plan.

However, this plan hit a snag after residents filed an appeal to revoke these approvals made by the Planning Commission.

The appellants, Kristin and Keith Stephens appeared before the City Council on February 14, 2023, alongside their attorney, Jason Sanders, for a hearing on the matter. Sanders's accusations were that the Planning Commission "erred and abused its discretion in approving the project and that the application failed to meet qualifications and standards outlined in the Municipal Code and other

applicable law." In addition, the Appeal letter cited "land use" and "noise" concerns. The City Attorney, Aleks Giragosian, addressed all issues in a Memorandum response to the Appeal letter.

The meeting was continued until the March 14, 2023, City Council meeting to allow time for AHA's rebuttal of the legal claims against them.

Alverno's Plans

On February 22, 2023, AHA announced that due to low admission numbers, the Catholic, all-girl high school would close effective June 2, 2023. With that in mind, adjustments had to be made to earlier construction and demolition plans.

AHA's Lower School currently houses the Co-ed, TK through 8th-grade classes. There are plans to expand admissions to the Lower School and utilize the Upper School space,

now occupied by the high school. The current enrollment at the Lower School is 253 students. AHA hopes to increase to 275 students and reserve the remaining student capacity of 125 students for a future high school. Therefore, AHA's maximum enrollment remains at 400 students.

The Plans

Changes to Upper School Buildings. A 1,200-square-foot art classroom expansion to the existing visual/performing arts building. The existing Cottage is also planned to be converted into a flexible

classroom building.

- Demolish the Existing Upper School Faculty Office Building. The existing 1,915-square-foot faculty office building will be demolished to accommodate a new faculty surface parking lot consisting of 31 parking stalls. The high school facility will remain.

- Build a Multipurpose Building. A two-story building is to be located on the western part of campus. The approved building siting consisted of a combination gymnasium,

auditorium, and performing arts facility for worship services, athletic events, and school plays and productions. This building was intended to be 12,860 square feet, large enough to hold the entire student body under one roof.

- Temporary sports court. Until a permanent facility is constructed, AHA would like a temporary area for sporting events on the Michillinda.

- Parking Facilities. The Michillinda parking area would accommodate

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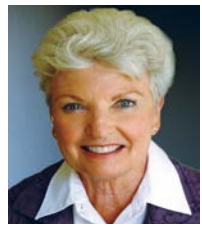
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George Paul Kistner, beloved father, husband, grandfather, and long time Sierra Madre Canyon resident, passed away March 9th 2023.

George was born January 6th 1933 and moved to the Sierra Madre Canyon when he was 5 years old. As a resident of the canyon for 85 years, George was known and liked by all of his neighbors. He loved to sit in his garage, talk to people passing by, and watch hikers go up and down Mount Wilson Trail. He also loved to ride the bus around LA county and was always helping friends and strangers find their way around the bus system.

George worked as a lead machinist. He married Jayne in 1958 and they had two children together, George and Suzanne. George and Jayne did a lot of traveling throughout the United States.

George served four years in the navy and often spoke of adventurous times aboard ship.

George is survived by his son George daughter Suzanne and two grandchildren Jackson and Pearl.

A service will be held for George on Monday, March 20 at 11:00 am at Live Oak Memorial Park, 200 E Duarte Rd, Monrovia, CA 91016



WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

*"Of Wistaria blooms, I caught sight, today,
And ever since as violet of the deepest hue,
My passion, grows ever more profound!"* Ise
*"In memory of the spring now passing, I drew the long
clusters of wistaria that move like waves."*
Masaoka Shiki

That pretty much says it all. Everywhere you look around town, if you look hard enough, you see wistaria peeking out here and there. It seems that it always blooms the most spectacularly after the Festival but we know that with all the rain we've had the Vine will be incredible. It's all over town, just keep an eye peeled for those lovely purple blossoms, like those here in my picture!

Have been hanging onto the most wonderful article on wisteria, which ran in the Star News in 2015. Joshua Siskin, who writes The Smarter Gardener for several papers gave me permission to use his work and I quote:

"It has been several weeks since wisteria stopped blooming, but still I think of it. Its curtains of opulent lavender-violet flower clusters are hard to forget. All year long, except for a single brief moment in late winter and early spring, wisteria is a vine that shows nothing of ornamental interest. It does serve a utilitarian purpose in covering an arbor and thus provides shade for those strolling or dining al fresco. But without its flowers, wisteria would probably not be planted uch, if at all."

I think that people, too, have this wisteria-like quality. We might go for months living a drab, humdrum sort of existence until we suddenly flower brilliantly for a brief, yet memorable moment. Indeed, most of the time we do our jobs well and provide assistance and sustenance for others. Yet, how often do we bloom, giving something that, coming from our best and truest self, delights and inspires the world around us? Long ago in Lithuania, there was a rabbi named Yisrael Salanter who said that *"the greatest distance in the universe is the distance between your head and your heart."* When our noblest and most idealistic aspirations, those that we carry around in our minds, somehow reach our hearts, that is when we truly blossom."

Nice! No wonder I keep it in my calendar for March!

This weekend's activities look to be a lot of fun. The music will be great and there is so much of it available on the sidewalk stage at the Playhouse. Shuttles, 100+ crafters and exhibits, food all over the place and, of course, the car show.

Here is some information about our famous vine that Sierra Madre's historian, Phyllis Chapman put together some years ago. Phyllis will be observing the vine from heaven but she wrote such a wonderful history for us.

Wistaria is commonly spelled either wistaria or wisteria, but since it was named in 1818 for Caspar Wistar of the University of Pennsylvania to honor his contributions to science, it probably is properly Wistaria. Sierra Madre's vine was planted by William and Alice Brugman. According to a letter from the Brugman's daughter, Emily Brugman Childs, it was originally purchased from the old Wilson Nursery in Monrovia in a gallon can for \$.75 in 1894. The vine is of the Chinese lavender variety. It is a member of the pea family, even though its seeds resemble beans (shiny, flat and black). The seeds are said to have been brought to Europe by Marco Polo in the 13th century as prized treasures from the Orient.

H.T. Fennel bought the house in 1913, and built extra arbors to support it so it could cover the house. Photographs from the 1930s show that it did just that; eventually the roof collapsed and the house was torn down in 1931. The arbors were retained, and a new house was built 200 feet away.

In 1918, 12,000 people attended the first public Wistaria Festival. In the 1930s, a 6-week Wistaria event took place, with more than 100,000 people making the trip to see the vine. Extra "Red Cars" were put on the Pacific Electric route to Sierra Madre to handle the crowds. In the 1940s and again in the 1960s, at considerable expense, the vine required horticultural restoration, dry ice packs, three-foot hypodermic needles with Vitamin B, hormone shots and more.

Through the years the vine has had many nicknames, among them Glorified Bean, Jack's Beanstalk, Queen of the San Gabriels, Lavender Lady, Sierra Madre's Treasure, and the Monster. The Sierra Madre City Council proclaimed 1994 as the Centennial Year of the Wistaria. Here are a few statistics you might enjoy knowing:

- 1.5 million luxuriant lavender blossoms
- 250 tons
- More than one acre in size
- 500 foot branches
- 40 blossoms per sq. foot
- Growth rate (per various experts) from 24 in 24 hours to 26 in 48 hours • Named by the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest blossoming plant in the world

• Named one of the seven horticultural wonders of the world, along with the redwood forest in Sequoia National Park, Brazil's tropical jungle in the Amazon Valley, Mexico's Xochimilco floating gardens, India's gardens of the Taj Mahal, Japan's Yokohama rock gardens, and the gardens of Buckingham Palace.

The home where the vine grows and grows and grows has been sold but we know the new owners are doing their best to make Sierra Madre's Wistaria available to all. This year's Festival will be awesome and that's the truth! Don't miss this!

And to get you in the mood for the Festival, St. Patrick's Day is this Friday!! I'm going to get out my big button that says, "Patrick Was A Saint, I Ain't!" and wear it shamelessly. Have all the fun possible, drink green beer and eat corned beef and cabbage if that appeals to you but be rested up and ready for the Wistaria Festival on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's only in Sierra Madre! In a world where you can be anything you want to be...Be KIND!

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Fri	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows	40s

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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 28, 2023 5:30pm

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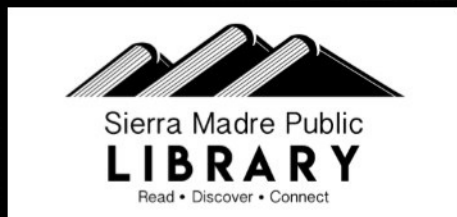
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WHAT IS MEASURE M?

Measure M is on the ballot to give voters the opportunity to voice their opposition to "The Meadows at Bailey Canyon" tract housing project by voting NO. A No vote will overturn City Council's decision approving this subdivision of 42 oversized, multi-million-dollar tract houses on the Mater Dolorosa property. This measure came about because

nearly 1,500 Sierra Madre residents, who are against this development, signed a petition to override the City Council's approval of this project with the intention that it be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election. However, the City Council, in its continuing efforts to push this project through, chose to set a "special" election at the earliest date possible, May 9th. A NO vote means that the "The Meadows" project will be stopped.

There are a multitude of reasons to Vote NO on Measure M. Here are two of the biggest ones:

1) This project does not follow the zoning rules that we must abide by and was granted special building privileges not available to residents. As approved by city officials, this project's "Specific Plan" allows for tightly packing much larger houses onto much smaller lots too close to the street—houses no other resident can build. This high-density tract housing will look nothing like any other neighborhood in Sierra Madre.

2) "The Meadows" project sets a dangerous precedent for developers to use similar "Specific Plans" with special privileges in the future to build other oversized tract-housing developments in environmentally-sensitive areas of our town, such as the for-sale Stonegate acreage or the remainder of the Mater Dolorosa property.

We have no idea why our city officials agreed to this project. They ignored residents' environmental, public safety, traffic, fire safety, and water scarcity concerns. Camarillo, Encinitas, and other cities' leaders have fought this developer's plans and won huge concessions—forcing them to agree to much less destructive projects with much lower housing density than their original plans. Because our city council seems to have no problem with residents' concerns—in addition to giving this developer a sweetheart deal at the expense of their neighbors' quality of life, voting NO on Measure M is our only recourse. Just because a Santa Monica developer has steamrolled our city officials doesn't mean they can bulldoze our town. Stopping "The Meadows" tract-housing project is what Sierra Madre is voting on in this election—not what could happen in the future with another potentially worse housing project that is still largely a pipedream of the same bullying developer. Threats to build a worse, 50-house project does not make this horrible project any better. We will continue to fight any development that does not adhere to our Sierra Madre General Plan and zoning rules. But first we must defeat "The Meadows" project by Voting NO.

For today's residents, and for generations to come, protect Sierra Madre from being degraded by this unwise development—a development that is simply unworthy of our town. Please join us in voting NO on Measure M.

ALVERNO (continued from page 1)

the addition of a second driveway to allow for ingress only to the campus, while the existing driveway would be converted to egress only. No other changes or expansions would occur at the approved Michillinda Parking Lot. However, the design review process may require further analysis of the pick-up and drop zone.

There are presently three modular buildings on the Michillinda side of the campus used for the Lower School classes. There is no indication of how long those trailers will remain.

Located at 200 N. Michillinda Avenue, Alverno has been part of the Sierra Madre community for over 60 years. But, even before the current aim of updating its Master Plan, AHA is not a stranger to noise and traffic complaints by nearby residents. In addition, Alverno has been a setting for many weddings, music videos, and movie projects, including True Lies and Legally Blonde. One of the most recent projects was the 2022 Paramount+ film The Offer, about the making of The Godfather movie. The project received negative publicity after a person subcontracted from one of the film production companies forged signatures to get a filming permit.

Weddings and special events on AHA grounds should end by 10 p.m., but residents have complained of noise from clean-up crews lasting an hour or so longer.

Appellant's Claims

The Stephens, who reside adjacent to the AHA property, and their lawyer have presented the following claims.

A. The Planning Commission did not analyze the entirety of the noise-pro-

ducing activity that takes place on the Michillinda parking lot.

B. The Planning Commission failed to adequately condition the CUP to protect the surrounding community from activity occurring on the Michillinda parking lot that is incompatible with the residential adjacent uses.

C. The Planning Commission has committed an Ultra Vires act by approving a CUP and Master Plan that will result in the use of the Michillinda parking lot, which is inconsistent with the City's General Plan and violates the Sierra Madre and Pasadena's Noise Ordinances.

D. The Planning Commission's decision not to make the required findings and the findings were not supported by substantial evidence.

E. The Planning Commission's decision violated CEQA because it contained an inadequate project description, resulting in an Addendum to the Mitigating Negative Declaration that fails as an informational document.

F. A fair document supported by substantial evidence that the project may have significant noise impacts renders the Addendum to the MND inadequate as a matter of law. An Environmental Impact Report must be prepared.

At the City Attorney's request, Alverno offered the following amendment to Planning Condition No. 11 to read as follows:

11. Proposed Use Restrictions on the Michillinda Parking Lot - The primary uses shall be for vehicle parking to mitigate potential noise impacts from the Michillinda Parking Lot. Minor uses of the parking lot would be for recesses in the event of the Multi-Purpose-Field being unavailable due to rain events and for basketball and volleyball

for 5th - 8th students. The priority for scheduling most games and practices shall be on the sports court once completed. The lot may be used for public safety demonstrations and a gathering space for public safety emergencies. There shall be no night games or practices. There shall be no amplification used. The Michillinda Parking lot would not be used for non-school or third-party events, except for City events and permitted filming and photography under Chapter 5.36 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

Two noise studies have already been done at the AHA site.

March 14 City Council Meeting

Both parties had opportunities to speak before the City Council on Tuesday night's hearing. Alverno Heights Board of Trustees President Ken Farsing had a chance to offer a rebuttal to the Appeal Letter claims and laid out AHA's plans for the Michillinda parking lot as stated in the amendment to Planning Condition No. 11. Jason Sanders also had a chance for a reply.

After a few rounds of comments by Farsing and Sanders, the City Council felt that progress was being made and that the sides were close to a compromise. Sanders said he would speak to the Stephens about possibly dropping the CEQA requests if they were satisfied with the amendment to Planning Condition No. 11.

The Planning Commission may be summoned to re-evaluate the noise and traffic impacts, but this hearing is closed, and the negotiations will continue for another 30 days. City Council will revisit the issue at the April 11 meeting.



FACT-CHECKING MEASURE M

Don't be surprised if you hear confusing information about Measure M. Let's look at Protect Sierra Madre's (PSM) talking points.

"A no vote on M will stop the 42 homes." That is true, but it doesn't tell the whole story. The developer has submitted a backup fast-tracked 50-home SB 330 project which replaces the park with 8 additional homes. As the City Attorney stated, this is a "race to entitlement." The election will determine if the developer is held to the Meadows Development Agreement or released to build the SB 330 project using the State's relaxed standards.

"The Meadows project will look nothing like adjacent neighborhoods." That is ridiculous. The Meadows project consists of single family, low-density homes, and so do the neighborhoods to the south and the west. Mr. Arietta, one of three proponents of Measure HR and apparently the last remaining leader of PSM, lives adjacent to the Passionists' property in a 3,860 sq. ft. (using Sierra Madre standards) home. He says the average Meadows home is 3,900 sq. ft. and average lot is 7,800 sq. ft., when in reality they average 3,577 and 9,532, respectively. The lot sizes were reduced to give the city a public park.

Mr. Arietta keeps saying there are "too many two-story homes." Why does he get to live in a two-story home but everyone else can't? There are no laws against two-story homes in Sierra Madre. In their demands for withdrawing the referendum, his group wanted all the single-story homes moved to the west side of the property (where he just happens to live).

The SB 330 project was called a "pipedream" by Mr. Arietta. It isn't. The developer has already submitted a project locking in the city's zoning codes. PSM said Huntington Beach was fighting state housing mandates. That is true, but earlier this month the State Housing Department and Attorney General filed a lawsuit against Huntington Beach for violating state housing laws. Is Sierra Madre expected to spend millions of dollars fighting the State so a neighbor can protect his view?

"The Meadows project doesn't use the same rules that everyone else must follow." That is a lie. Any property owner is free to submit a Specific Plan for a development project. The Passionists and New Urban West have completed that process and had their project unanimously approved because it is the best project and includes many benefits for the city.

Support your city leaders and reasonable development by voting YES ON M! Sierra Madre for Parks and Public Safety



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

-Rachele Arizmendi, Former Mayor

I will be voting YES on Measure M...and I hope you will too.

After 8½ years on City Council and after my last meeting in December 2022, I was confident that the development issues at the Meadows would be put to rest and we could all move forward.

Yet here we are with a special election scheduled for May 9 that will cost us, the taxpayers, approximately \$400K. The proponents in the "No" camp don't seem to care about the financial burden to the City and would rather have MORE homes built (50 instead of 42), have NO public Park, and forgo a \$250,000 investment for our Police and Fire Departments.

We are at a point where we only have 2 options:

1) A 42 home project that has had a high level of public input and public benefit (YES on Measure M); or

2) A 50 home project with limited public input or public benefit (no on Measure M).

There is no third option and there is no scenario where the Meadows will remain open space. Something will be developed on the land and you have a say on what that will be.

The Meadows property is privately owned and the owners have elected to, by right, develop on that land. Now the question is "How many homes will be on the Meadows with what benefit to the community?"

The people have already spoken. In the last election, the opponents of Yes on M petitioned for a zone change on the Meadows in hopes of another project. The measure was struck down- and they lost.

So why are we still in battle?

Because the opponents have refused to budge and will not withdraw from the fight.

Your current City Council unanimously supports YES on Measure M because they have engaged in hours of discussion, poured through the research & reports, and have evaluated the impact of the two development proposals. They, as you do, want what is best for our neighborhoods.

A YES on Measure M will create a new public park for Sierra Madre, implement a \$900K water conservation program, invest \$250K in our Police & Fire Department, plant 500 new trees, improve roadways on Carter Ave, and permanently protect 40 acres of hillside open space.

The choice is simple. Join me in voting YES on Measure M and urge your neighbors to do the same.

This is OUR Village of the Foothills. Don't let the few obstinate- take that away from us.

Enough is Enough.

For more information visit: YesOnMSierraMadre.org

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

There have been a couple of recent letters to the editor about the departure of Helen Wong as superintendent for Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Natural Area February 25th and also March 4th. I'd also like to comment on what a wonderful asset Helen has to the park and it's visitors for over two decades and express my dismay at her departure.

Eaton Canyon has long been a gem of the San Gabriel Valley, a place that residents can quickly access to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city just minutes from downtown.

In contrast to the city Eaton Canyon is largely unpaved and semi-wild, dominated by Coast Live Oaks, Sycamores and other native plants unique to California.

Like so many others I've enjoyed hiking and nature watching there and while I didn't know who made this possible when I first started visiting it turns out that so much of what makes Eaton Canyon such a great place for people to visit is the care that Helen and her staff lavished on the park.

It's a shame to see Helen and her team go, can this be reversed?

J Hartman

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PHS Put on Lockdown amid Gun Scare

Parents and students took to social media complaining that school officials could have handled a situation at Pasadena High School better during an hours long lockdown Tuesday after a call stating there was a student on campus with a gun.

According to reports, police lifted the lockdown around 3 p.m. after finding a toy pellet gun. Both Pasadena High School and nearby Focus Point Academy were placed on lockdown shortly after 10:30 a.m.

There were no injuries or arrests according to police.

Many parents complained of a lack of information. After over two hours, Pasadena Unified School District officials wrote, "As police investigate, students are safe and sheltering in classrooms. We will update the community as soon as the lockdown has been lifted. The safety of our students is our top priority."

Students, using their phones in classrooms, complained about not allowing them food, water, or bathroom breaks.

PUSD officials said that schools regularly practice lockdown procedures.

Dine at El Portal to Support Senior Center



Anyone who dines at El Portal in Pasadena for lunch or dinner Wednesday, will have an opportunity to help support the Pasadena Senior Center.

The Yucatecan/Mexican restaurant will donate 20 percent of that day's profits to the center. Diners are asked to print out the El Portal flyer at www.pasadenaseniorentr.org (click on Dine Out & Benefit PSC) and give it to their server at the restaurant. Diners may eat at the restaurant or order takeout. Proceeds will benefit programs, activities and services of the Pasadena Senior Center.

El Portal (www.elportalrestaurant.com) is at 695 E. Green St. in Pasadena and will be open on March 22 from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Reservations are requested. Call 626-795-8553.

Anyone who cannot dine at El Portal on March 22 will still have an opportunity to support the center by visiting: pasadenaseniorentr.org and clicking on Donation & Membership, then Ways to Give, then the orange Donate Now button.

The Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, donor-supported nonprofit organization that has served older adults for more than 60 years. For more information visit the website or call 626-795-4331.

Egg Hunt set of Return to the Rose Bowl

The City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the Rose Bowl Stadium jointly announced Monday the return of Egg Bowl—a free community egg hunt and spring festival—Saturday, April 8, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the stadium grounds. The popular Bunny Brunch and VIP experience also returns for a fee, depending on age.

Tickets for each free 30-minute egg hunt are available online now at CityOfPasadena.net/reserve. Tickets are required to enter the egg hunts.

A spring festival with free family activities, games, performances by local youth groups, food for purchase, and more will take place in Area H, just outside stadium grounds. Tickets are not required for the spring festival area.

Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, and more during the Bunny Brunch at the stadium's Terry Donahue Pavilion for \$30 per person over age 10, \$20 for those age 4-9. Get tickets for the brunch at RoseBowlStadium.com. Bunny Brunch admission is free for children age 3 and under who are accompanied by a ticketed adult. Brunch



begins at 9 a.m., and attendees will be given access to the VIP egg hunt starting at 10 a.m.

Egg Bowl is sponsored by the City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and Rose Bowl Stadium. For more information about the Egg Bowl call the City's Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311.

To request a disability-related accommodation or materials

in alternative formats, contact (626) 744-7311 or CSC@CityOfPasadena.net.

Providing at least 72 hours advance notice will help ensure availability.

Altadena Coffee Gallery Backstage Concert

A Tribute to Bonnie Raitt and the Ladies of the Blues.

In celebration of Woman's History month and as part of their Roadhouse Series, Altadena's Coffee Gallery Backstage will honor Bonnie Raitt and her influences.

For nearly six decades Bonnie Raitt has championed the essence of American roots music through her distinctive slide guitar playing and her gentle textured and soulful vocals on songs like "I Can't Make You Love Me" "Nick of Time," "Angel from Montgomery" and "Something to Talk About." She has been an innovator and pioneer of today's Americana-roots music as she has continued to build a legacy of songs that has captured the soul of women in music and a modern and complex culture. Today she has truly earned the title, an American Treasure.

For this show the finest singer-songwriters, musicians and the faithful Roadhouse audience will gather for this musical tribute to Bonnie Raitt and the Ladies of the Blues, including the return of the Mighty Cool House with Dolly Ramirez & JJ Schoch, Sandra Macat, Lorin Hart, Karman Jeanne, Corrina Carter, Leslie Barker, JK Jones, Jaynee Thorne, Matt Bunsen, Brooks Taylor, Coyote Moon, Owen Dara, Moss Reynolds, Greg Dobler, Randy Miller and Pat Nason.

The Coffee Gallery Backstage is located 2029 N. Lake in Altadena.

For Reservations call (626) 798-6236.

Pasadena Symphony set to hold Stellar 23/24 Season

Pasadena Symphony announced Thursday the 2023/24 season with a schedule of seven performances, running October 21 through April 20, 2024. Season highlights include piano powerhouse concertos with Rachmaninoff Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1 and Beethoven "Emperor" alongside stunning violin concertos of Mendelssohn, Beethoven and Vivaldi's Four Seasons. Experience how simultaneously intimate and Technicolor symphonic music can be at the Ambassador Auditorium with Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4, Elgar's Enigma Variations, Sibelius Symphony No. 2 and Stravinsky's Firebird Suite. The season also includes the annually sold-out Holiday Candlelight Concert on Saturday, December 16, 2023 with 4pm and 7pm performances at All Saints Church.

The season's line-up of internationally renowned guest artists includes conductor Brett Mitchell (pictured), who will return to open the season October 21st for Tchaikovsky 4 with Yehudi Menuhin International Competition winner Diana Adamyan; Grammy-nominated conductor Ward Stare for Rachmaninoff Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, performed by award-winning pianist Natasha Paremski; Kensho Watanabe returning to conduct Beethoven "Emperor" with Avery Fisher Career Grant winner George Li; Salonen Conducting Fellow Kyle Dickson for Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1 performed by Concert Artists Guild International Competition winner Wynona Wang; François López-Ferrer returning to conduct Beethoven Violin Concerto with the "frighteningly awesome" (Buffalo News) talent of violinist Francisco Fullana; and Dudamel Conducting Fellow Linhan Cui for Vivaldi's Four Seasons with Colburn artist Charlotte Marckx.

The Pasadena Symphony's



fourth annual Composer's Showcase kicks off with Mason Bates' Garages of the Valley, inspired by the digital age that was dreamed up in the most low-tech of spaces dotting the landscape of Silicon Valley; followed by Patrick Harlin's Earthrise, inspired by the iconic and arguably the most important environmental photo taken by astronaut Bill Anders on the first-ever trip around the moon. Harlin's piece is part of the California Festival: A Celebration of New Music, conceived by LA Phil Music & Artistic Director Gustavo Dudamel, San Diego Symphony Music Director Rafael Payare and San Francisco Symphony Music Director Esa-Pekka Salonen to highlight the collaborative and innovative spirit that thrives in California. The season continues with Jessica Hunt's Climb inspired by her shared struggle with Beethoven, in overcoming physical adversities; Jessie Montgomery's Strum, which draws upon American folk idioms and the spirit of dance; Shawn Okpebholo's Stomp the Dust! which showcases the colorful essence of Kenya and musically depicts the arid terrain, dancing and pleas for rain; and Siang Chen's beautifully sonorous Adagio.

All Pasadena Symphony concerts take place at Ambassador Auditorium, 131 S. St. John Avenue, with performances at 2pm and 8pm. Subscription packages start at \$99 with single tickets starting at \$40. Both may be purchased at pasadenasympphony-pops.org or by calling (626) 793-7172.

Bloom Again Foundation New Board of Directors



From left to right: Bloom Again Co-Chair Rosetta Henderson, Treasurer Rita Boccuzzi, Secretary Victoire Prothro, Outgoing Board Co-Chair Zee Najarian, Board Member Marisol Barrios Perez, and Co-Chair Carolyn Sims

Bloom Again Foundation in Pasadena announced and welcomed its board of directors for 2023. The organization provides rapid-response financial assistance for rent to working women living at or near the poverty level when medical challenges stretch their already limited resources.

A volunteer group of women from various backgrounds, this year's board of directors is led by Co-Presidents Rosetta Henderson and Carolyn Sims. Henderson serves as the Community Outreach Project Manager for Southern California Edison and Sims is the Senior Manager, Community and Climate Equity at the same utility company. Other directors are Treasurer Rita Boccuzzi, a financial consultant and money coach, who is the CEO of Flourish Inc, Secretary Victoire Prothro, who is former interim executive director at SLO Climate Coalition and is now their equity adviser, and Marisol Barrios Perez, who is the CEO of Mission Driven PR.

"After serving on the board of directors for 10 years, I am grateful to now serve in the capacity of co-president," said Sims. "Bloom Again Foundation

has always been near and dear to my heart because of our mission. The support we receive from our donors, partnerships, and fundraising events provides the support to make an impact in the lives of these women when they need it the most."

The board of directors also bid farewell to Zee Najarian, who is a clarity coach and founder of Bloom Coffee LA. Having recently served as the co-president of the board, Najarian volunteered on the board for 10 years.

Women with a medical diagnosis are referred through the collaboration with community partners, providing their clients, patients, and parishioners with the financial support they need while they are receiving treatment or recovering. To learn more about Bloom Again Foundation, visit bloomagain.org.

Established in 2008 by Dr. Lois Frankel, president of Corporate Coaching International and bestselling author, Bloom Again Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that supports economically vulnerable working women when they encounter medical challenges.

PCC Dean Visiting Taiwan on Fulbright Scholar Award

Dr. Solomon Cross, PCC's dean of Performing and Communication Arts, traveled to Taiwan this week on a Fulbright Scholar Award from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

During his visit, Dr. Cross will take part in a two-week group seminar with representatives from universities, private sector organizations, and select government agencies. The program is designed to familiarize U.S. higher education administrators with Taiwan's higher education system, society and culture. It will consist of briefings, campus visits, appointments with select government officials, cultural activities and meetings with international education

professionals. "I am beyond thrilled to have the opportunity to take part in this work," Dr. Cross said. "As educators we are often called to serve as bridges between cultures and bring people together to solve problems. This scholarship will give me the chance to do that in real time."

Dr. Cross is traveling under the International Education Administrators award program, which is specifically targeted to higher education administrators in the United States. Dr. Cross and his compatriots will visit no fewer than 12 Taiwanese colleges and universities. He will also serve as an emissary for PCC's International Student Programs, which enroll students in Pasadena from locations around the world.

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San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Tax Relief For Storm-Damaged Properties

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Citywide Traffic Circulation Study Update

At the upcoming meeting of the Public Safety Commission on March 20, the Commission will be reviewing and discussing the revised Citywide Traffic Circulation Study developed by Iteris, the City's consultant for the project. The Study was recently presented at the January 16th meeting, where the Public Safety Commission asked for additional minor revisions to be made. The City's Traffic Task Force, which is comprised of Commissioners, members of the school district, City staff, and members of the public have also prepared a report with their recommendations based on their review of the study. Interested residents may view the most recent revised version of the study (March 2023) here. The meeting will be held at 6 PM on Monday, March 20, in City Hall Council Chambers.

LA Opera Talks: Pelleas & Melisande

Sunday at 2 PM, Barth Community Room
Community educators present fascinating facts and musical excerpts from the operas that are playing downtown at the Music Center. This Talk focuses on Pelleas and Melisande. Lost in the forest, a hunter encounters an ethereal beauty with a mysterious past. Registration is not required.

Mystery Art

Thursday, March 23 at 3:30 PM, Barth Community Room
It's Youth Art Month! Kids ages 3 and up are invited to join the celebration at the Library with a completely unique and one-of-a-kind art activity. What mixed-media masterpiece will your child create? Registration is not required.

How to Choose the Right College for You

Tuesday, March 28 at 7 PM, Barth Community Room
Are you exploring colleges and not sure how to narrow down your choices? Come hear insider advice on what to look for in a college and how to choose the right school for you. This event is open to all high schoolers and. Registration is not required.

Coffee, Tea, and Chat

Friday, March 31 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.

The Great San Marino Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8 from 9 AM - 12 PM, Lacy Park
Egg Hunt Pre-sale wristbands: R: \$5 / NR: \$10
Egg Hunt Gate Price wristbands: R / NR: \$15
Pancake Breakfast: \$5

Bring your baskets, bunny ears, and appetite! This fun filled event includes crafts, games, pictures with the bunny, and a giant egg hunt. Children will be grouped in age appropriate divisions and the first Egg Hunt will begin at 10 AM. This year, we welcome the San Marino Firefighters Association who will be serving their famous pancake breakfast beginning at 9 AM. This is a ticketed event; purchase Egg Hunt wristbands and Pancake Breakfast tickets online starting March 20.

Meetings

Public Safety Commission

Monday, March 20 at 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

City Council Special Meeting

Friday, March 24 at 8:30 AM; Barth Room and Zoom (Public Access)

Pasadena Foundation Adds Three New Board Members



Pasadena Community Foundation (PCF) announced Wednesday the appointment of three new members to its Board of Directors. Representing sectors that include real estate development, government service, and investment and banking, the new board members also represent a commitment to community leadership.

The three additions bring the number of PCF board members to 20; together the group oversees the foundation's investment management, grantmaking programs, and philanthropic engagement throughout the greater Pasadena area. The new board members are Frank Cardenas, K. George Dulgeryan, and Tracy S. McCormick.

"Our goal is to recruit board members who reflect the community we serve, both in skills and expertise, as well as interests and passions," said PCF's President and CEO Jennifer DeVoll. "As the Foundation grows in complexity, it is important to have sophisticated, experienced board members who bring different perspectives to our leadership. The new members complement our seated directors, and we look forward to their myriad experiences and unique vision to inform our response to the community's needs."

Frank Cardenas began his legal career in the Los Angeles office of O'Melveny & Myers. His solo practice focuses on business, administrative, and public law. His long record of government service has included membership on the boards of the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Public Works in

the City of Los Angeles. He also served as Chief of Staff and Executive Officer for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA).

K. George Dulgeryan is a Vice President and Banker in the Pasadena office of J.P. Morgan Private Bank. He provides sophisticated wealth management advice to highly successful individuals, entrepreneurs, and multi-generational families. His expertise includes investments, taxation, charitable giving, and legacy planning. Before joining J.P. Morgan, George was the Director of Planned Giving at the California Community Foundation (CCF), where he advised families, businesses, and donors on charitable planning strategies.

Tracy S. McCormick is the Chief Financial Officer of Mill Creek Development Company in Pasadena, California, which currently has three projects under construction in the Playhouse Village. Raised in the Midwest, Tracy began her career with J.P. Morgan in New York and worked in the firm's Chicago and Los Angeles offices. She spent 18 years with J.P. Morgan & Co., Inc. in investment banking and mergers & acquisitions, focusing primarily on the media and entertainment industries.

Established in 1953, the Pasadena Community Foundation is a tax-exempt public charity created by and for the people of Pasadena.

For more information visit: pasadenacf.org.

Tournament Announces Bands for 2024 Parade

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses announced last week the 20 bands that will showcase their talents in the upcoming 135th Rose Parade on January 1, 2024. Bands have begun their fundraising efforts to prepare for this monumental event, centered around the theme, "Celebrating a World of Music."

Hailing from diverse corners of the world, including Costa Rica, Japan and Sweden, the bands will travel to Pasadena to participate in this iconic Parade. The bands are:

- Albertville High School Aggie Band
 - Banda Municipal de Zarcero
 - Castle High School
 - Jenks Trojan Pride
 - Los Angeles Unified School District - All District High School Honor Band
 - Na Koa Ali'i - Hawai'i All State Marching Band
 - Niceville High School Eagle Pride Marching Band
 - The "Blue and Gold Marching Machine"
 - Pasadena City College Herald Trumpets
 - Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band
 - Pipes On Parade: The Massed Pipes & Drums
 - Pulaski High School Red Raider Marching Band
 - The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band
 - The Royal Swedish Cadet Band
 - The BOSS (Bands Of Santiago Sharks)
 - Toho Marching Band (Japan Honor Green Band)
 - United States Marine Corps West Coast Composite Band
 - West Chester University "INCOMPARABLE" Golden Rams Marching Band
 - Westlake High School Chaparral Band
 - William Mason High School Marching Band
- Bands are selected by the Association's volunteer members based on a variety of criteria including, musicianship, marching ability and entertainment or special interest value. For details on the bands with descriptions visit: tournamentofroses.com.

Pasadena Rescinds Certain COVID-19 Local Orders

Aligns Pasadena with State's New COVID-19 Guidelines

On Monday, Interim Health Officer Dr. Eric G. Handler rescinded certain local orders related to COVID-19 isolation, quarantine, and masking in public settings. Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) will continue enhanced protective measures in healthcare settings. The rescission aligns the City of Pasadena with the following new guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH):

Masking

With current COVID-19 case and hospitalization levels, masking for the general public is based on individual preference. Vulnerable populations, including people who are elderly, immunocompromised or have underlying health conditions, and those who have contact with them should consider masking in indoor public spaces.

Isolation

Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 should continue to isolate (stay home) for 5 days and may leave isolation after day 5, as long as they have been fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicines) AND they either have no symptoms or their symptoms are mild and improving. A negative COVID-19 test is no longer required to leave isolation between days 6-10. PPHD strongly recommends that infected people test negative prior to leaving isolation between days 6-10.

Infected people should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days. People may now discontinue wearing a mask around others between days 6-10 if they have two sequential negative tests taken at least one day apart.

Quarantine

It is strongly recommended but not required that a person who is a close contact to a person with a confirmed case of

COVID-19 wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings or when near those who are at high risk for severe illness. It is recommended that close contacts test as soon as possible to determine infection status and then, if negative, test again within 3-5 days after the last known exposure.

PPHD will continue to assess the impact of COVID-19. Worksites, schools and healthcare facilities are required to report COVID-19 case and cluster to PPHD. The reporting requirements are intended to help public health officials quickly identify sectors where there may be increased COVID-19 transmissions and take action to prevent unmitigated spread.

The City of Pasadena remains in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) low COVID-19 community level for the 8th consecutive week. This includes a 7-day case rate of 11.9 new cases per 100,000 people, a decrease from the week prior. The 7-day total for new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 people is currently 5.9, a small decrease from last week. And the 7-day average of the proportion of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients is now 3.7%, down from the week prior.

Even with less stringent guidelines, Pasadena residents are strongly recommended to stay up to date on vaccines and boosters, test before gatherings, and get treatment and stay home when sick. The updated bivalent booster has been shown to significantly reduce hospitalizations and deaths when compared to individuals who had been vaccinated but had not received the updated booster. During the 30-day period ending Feb. 21, people who were vaccinated against COVID-19, yet had not received the bivalent booster, were over three times less likely to be hospitalized compared to people who were unvaccinated and 1.5 times more likely to be hospitalized compared to those who had the updated booster.

Bloom Again Foundation Receives Grant from the California Endowment

Building healthy communities is a focus for The California Endowment, who awarded Bloom Again Foundation a grant to expand health equity programs. Bloom Again Foundation provides rapid-response financial assistance for rent to working women living at or near the poverty level when medical challenges stretch their already limited resources.

The grant awarded to the organization will be used to expand health equity programs for women in urban communities by supporting educational programs and resources for economically challenged working women when they encounter medical challenges. In addition, Bloom Again Foundation will provide

educational material aimed at reaching Latinas in Los Angeles and disseminating information to the African American community on early detection, prevention, and treatment for breast cancer.

"This grant will let Bloom Again Foundation educate and inform women of color about free funding that can provide them with financial relief in their time of healing," said Rosetta Henderson, co-chair of the organization, who added that supporting women with financial aid is "essential in each woman's self-care by allowing them to be free of anxiety over the potential loss of shelter."

To learn more about Bloom Again Foundation, visit bloomagain.org.

Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run Registration is now Open

There are just a few weeks left to register for the 2023 Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run! Walk or run around the iconic Rose Bowl Stadium to support animals in need. Then, enjoy a family-friendly festival at Brookside Park with vendor booths, food trucks, demonstrations, an agility course, a dog costume contest, and more. The Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run proceeds helping to save the lives of thousands of animals in our community with programs such as foster care, kitten nursery, animal ICU, wildlife Registration Information Regular Registration All runners and walkers will receive a t-shirt, bandana, bib, and medal available for pick up at the event. Ages 10 and under do not need to register. Regular registration price will be available until Noon on March 31, 2023. (Day-of registration will cost \$65.) Virtual Registration All virtual runners and walkers will receive a t-shirt, bandana, bib, and medal in the mail.

Virtual registration will be available until Noon on March 31, 2023.

Recognition Badge Recognition badges must be purchased in addition to a registration. Please note: Recognition badges must be purchased in your name, not your pet. Show everyone who you are walking for! Add on a Recognition Badge and promote who you are walking/running with or for. You will write your pet's name(s) on this big, 4" wide sticker to celebrate them! It is a great way to memorialize a pet that you walk in memory of or to honor the dog you have with you. You can even honor a pet that you have at home who isn't with you at the event. Online registration closes on March 31.

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Mountain View News Saturday, March 18, 2023

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, March 5th through Saturday, March 11th, the Police Department responded to 989 calls for service, of which 108 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, March 5:

1. At 2:17 a.m., an officer responded to the Station Bar, located at 1218 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a stolen vehicle and battery investigation. The female victim stated a dispute with her girlfriend resulted in the girlfriend striking the victim in the face and then stealing the victim's car keys and vehicle. The suspect was located nearby and the 27-year-old female from Los Angeles was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At 6:12 a.m., an officer responded to Ho Kee Café, located at 558 West Las Tunas Drive, regarding a commercial burglary investigation. Surveillance footage captured three suspects smash a glass door and steal two boxes of documents from the business. One of the suspects was later identified, arrested, and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. He was also in possession of stolen property, a controlled substance, and unlawful paraphernalia. These offenses were added to the list of charges the 48-year-old male from El Monte is facing. The remaining suspects are outstanding as of March 14th.

3. At 6:09 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of South Third Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. Sometime between 4:50 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on March 4th, unidentified suspect(s) entered the home through unknown means and stole cash.

Monday, March 6:

4. At 1:20 a.m., an officer responded to a traffic collision in the 1600 block of South Sixth Avenue. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from her body. A breathalyzer test revealed the 26-year-old female from Arcadia was driving with a blood alcohol content of .195%. She was arrested and transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Tuesday, March 7:

5. At 2:08 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 900 block of Hampton Road regarding a burglary investigation. Sometime between February 21st and March 7th, someone smashed the rear glass door and ransacked the master bedroom. The loss is unknown as of the date of this report.

Wednesday, March 8:

6. At 9:15 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 900 block of Volante Road regarding a burglary investigation. The victim was home when she heard footsteps in the home. Surveillance cameras captured a lone male suspect wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and black pants. The suspect may have fled in a black sedan.

7. At 9:25 p.m., an officer responded a residence in the 700 block of Hampton Road regarding a burglary investigation. The victim discovered someone had smashed the sliding glass door and ransacked the home. They fled with handbags.

8. At 9:12 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of West Wistaria Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. The victim determined someone broke a rear sliding glass door between February 20th and March 8th and ransacked the home. The suspect(s) fled with jewelry.

Thursday, March 9:

9. At 8:40 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Fallen Leaf Road regarding a burglary investigation. A review of the surveillance footage revealed a male suspect broke into the home by breaking a second floor window and stole a small safe. The suspect is described as a male wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt and dark colored pants.

Friday, March 10:

10. At 1:19 p.m., an officer responded to Kobe Range Hoods, located at 11775 Clark Street, regarding an attempted commercial burglary investigation. Surveillance cameras captured two suspects cut an exterior fence to the business. They fled without breaking into the business. They are described as two males driving a black Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck.

11. At 11:10 p.m., an officer responded to Robusto Cigar, located at 26 North First Street, regarding a commercial burglary investigation. A review of the surveillance footage revealed one male suspect smashed the front glass window and stole cigar lighters and cutters. After the suspect had left, a group of teenagers walked past the broken glass and two of them entered the business and stole similar items.

Saturday, March 11:

12. At 9:32 a.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a construction site burglary investigation. The victim discovered a male suspect stole various hand tools and appliances before fleeing in a Penske rental truck. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his 30s.

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Peter Dills Knows

My dear ol' departed father told me time and time again "Don't argue sex, politics or religion, you'll never win". Well, Summer is here and we will be spending time BBQ'n with friends and family.... My politics are simple: I don't share my views at social events, and I'm not going to change my 85-year-old uncle who swears by Fox News so bottom line keep your lip tight if you must ask questions learn and don't react.

Here are a few more of my "get along this Summer" tips...

- Ask for help, but don't expect it. Families are never fair. Work is never equally divided. That's just the way it is. I am always prepared to do everything, but very happy not to. Wasting time being mad because one person tends to just sit around ruins the whole experience for everyone.
- Don't try to be right about everything. Getting the family together can be a toxic experience when someone insists on being the winner in an argument or thinks he or she is right about everything....of course, I am right about everything, but that doesn't mean I have to rub it in their faces.
- Try not to criticize. Nothing is more hurtful or hard to watch than someone criticizing someone else in front of others. Whether it's your kids or your spouse or your sister, get together are a time to suspend critical thinking and just surrender to the getting together spirit. If you need to discipline a child, please take the child to a quiet corner or another room and speak respectfully.
- Enjoy yourself. If you are doing all the work, make sure you sit down and take breaks and talk to people...so what if the BBQ is a little late? I like to spend a little one-on-one time with each person present—to take the conversation at least a tiny step further than just "How are you?"
- Remember, we are all going to turn into our mothers/fathers one day. The very things that drive us crazy about our parents and relatives are probably hard wired into us, too. It's just harder for us to see it in ourselves, since we are looking at the world from inside of ourselves.

You probably have your own game plan, so if you have family survival tips of your own, feel free to share with me, and tune in this Sunday Night at 5 PM for my Foodie Talk Show AM 830 KLA - the Angels Radio Station

One last thing: please bring something to the BBQ. Even if the host says they have things covered, there never is enough ice or plates. Pro Tip: don't bring an entrée unless asked - I learned the hard way on that one

Happy Summer!



Dining With Dills



SCHIFF STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT BIDEN'S SUPPORT OF DEPOSIT ACT

Burbank, California – On Friday, Congressman Adam Schiff (D-Burbank) issued the following statement on President Biden's support of Schiff's Deliver Executive Profits on Seized Institutions to Taxpayers Act, which would hold executives of failed banks that receive federal assistance accountable for the mismanagement of the funds they were trusted with by allowing the Treasury Department to claw back bonuses and stock profits if the bank fails:

"The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank should serve as a jarring wakeup call on the need for urgent action to strengthen financial regulations and to put in place measures to protect depositors and workers when a bank does fail. This week, I introduced the DEPOSIT Act in the U.S. House to claw back at bank executives' bonuses and stock profits so recouped funds can be used to pay workers and depositors.

"I am glad President Biden agrees that claw backs are a critical step in the federal government's response to this banking crisis, and I urge the administration and my colleagues in Congress to swiftly ensure my legislation with Senator Blumenthal and Rep. Mike Levin becomes law."

JOE NORMAL GOES PUBLIC WITH PUBLIC WORKS

By K. Warner for Mountain Views News



This album draws its inspiration from a working-class life in the Northeast. Whether you're an east-coast import like Joe Normal or you've never left SoCal, if you've ever held down a nowhere job or had your heart broken you may very well recognize this home brew of humor, frustration and hope.

Just as his old stomping grounds of the Garden State is a hodgepodge of Americana known for its unlikely blend of cultures, people, and influences, Joe Normal's sound is a satisfying juxtaposition of Glam and Folk Rock musical flavors, revealing an artist embracing the dichotomy of his own struggles and creative path. This is Glamericana; on-point musicianship complemented by an upbeat sentiment of gallows humor, hindsight, heart, and a pair of well-worn purple sneakers.

Joe Normal pays homage to his hometown Elizabeth, New Jersey, a place known for its revolutions—both American and industrial—and for its notorious struggles with environmental issues and crime. With approachable, slice-of-life songs like "Small Town Factory", "Living in The Borough" and "Bayway Refinery," Joe simultaneously reminisces on the beauty and bittersweet nostalgia of his intimate experience of Elizabethtown and condemns its harsh unpleasantness and reputation.

Social commentary weaves its way into the mix as well. Topics such as workers' rights, criminalization of the homeless community, and suicide prevention are touched on with humanity born from frank personal experience, while he offers listeners a delightfully humorous uplift on "Setbacks" and "Summer Jobs," two relatable tales of working people's misery and indomitable spirit.

Emerging as a notable blue-collar singer-songwriter, rocker and storyteller, Joe Normal stands in comparison with contemporary working-class artist heroes Bruce Springsteen, Paul Westerberg, and Tom Petty. As a founding member of 90's Sunset Strip glam-pop legends The Zeros, Joe has much in common with his contemporaries Jesse Malin (D Generation), Gilby Clarke (Guns n Roses), Aaron Lee Tasjan (Semi Precious Weapons), and Ginger Wildheart (Quireboys). Joe co-wrote the title track to Sammy Hagar's "Not 4 Sale" LP, has appeared and performed alongside celebrity personalities including Howard Stern, Chef Bobby Flay, Eric Estrada, and Loni Anderson, and recorded with punk icon Stiv Bators and his Lords of The New Church.

No stranger to commanding audiences in large concert venues and amphitheatres, Joe is equally at home and at perhaps his most engaging while storytelling in intimate cabarets and theatres as a solo act with only an acoustic guitar and harmonica.

Written, performed, and produced entirely by the artist, the album "Public Works" reveals a lyricist and musical talent with a singular vision and the kind of hard-won New Jersey work ethic represented in the finished result. And with a self-professed love for "yer' regular everyday Jane and Joe", Mr. Normal aims to be an up-lifter of the underdog and voice for the underserved.

"Public Works" aims to serve the citizens who crave authentic American rock 'n roll, relevant and representative stories, and most importantly, a melody that can carry you through another day hustling for the next dollar and dream.

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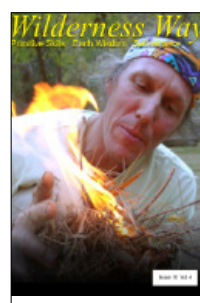
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CONSIDERING THE WISTARIA PLANT

[Nyerges is an educator, author, and ethnobotanist who has authored "Nuts and Berries of California," and nearly 20 other books. You can find more information at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.]

This weekend, people from around the world will flock to Sierra Madre for the annual Wistaria Festival. OK, maybe not from around the world, but certainly from near and far in Southern California. Every town whose leaders are farseeing, seeks to find some pot at the end of the rainbow from which to extract endless revenue for its residents. For Pasadena, it is the Rose Parade and related activities. For Sierra Madre, it is the unlikely wistaria vine, considered one of the oldest anywhere.

The vine is a sprawling plant most of the year, and around March it starts to set its buds and produce its drooping mildly-fragrant purple flowers. It's very attractive. One year, I went on the tour of the "Wistaria House" and was treated to a very special tour. After learning how the roots destroyed at least one former structure on the property, I left with the firm conviction that I would never, ever plant a wistaria vine anywhere near any home or structure that I owned! I know some will bristle at this, but just look at the facts – wistaria is best grown well away from your important structures.

As an aside, the wise leaders of Sierra Madre finally tried doing the right thing to buy the property where the famous wistaria vine grow, to preserve and protect it for perpetuity! Unfortunately, the city did not prevail and the new owners will hopefully be prepared to allow visitors to see the mother of all Wistaria in 2023. This year visitors will still be able to view many other Wistaria Vines throughout the city, including a walk through of the Vine at the City Hall Rotunda.

There is a duality to Wisteria, starting with those who think it's an invasive weed and those who like to eat its sweet, fragrant blossoms. Where did Wistaria get its name? Some say it is named after Dr. Caspar Wistar (1761-1818) physician, anatomist, vaccination champion and abolitionist. Others say it was named for Charles Jones Wister Sr., whose father, Daniel, paid for the voyage of the Empress of China which brought a Wisteria vine to North America from China. But apparently Wisteria had already been brought to the U.S. Wisteria's multiple personality continues with edibility. The blossoms of the plant are edible raw or cooked. The rest of the plant is toxic per se. In fact, as little as two raw seeds can kill a child. That is not uncommon for a member of the pea family which ranges from edible to toxic, so we do not recommend that you eat the seeds.

Wisteria is a vigorous, fast grower that doesn't need fertilizer and fixes nitrogen. In fact, abuse improves blossoming as does pruning. It can live at least 144 years (as of 2014) and is consider an invasive spe-cies in some areas. It has naturalized from Maine to Florida and as far west as Arkansas. It commonly grows wild in certain S. California backyards. In Japan, the young leaves of the W. floribunda (aka W. macrobotrys and W. multijuga) are cooked and eaten, and the blossoms are blanched. This holds true for the Wisteria venusta, or Silky Wisteria. It has white flower clusters six inches long, vine to 25 feet, 9 to 13 leaflets, counter clockwise twist.

The seeds and leaves of the Wisteria japonica were used as a famine food — but are not recommended — and the flowers of the Wisteria villosa have been eaten. There are several species of the Wisteria plant, includ-ing sinsensis, frutescens, floribunda, macrostachys, and others. I recall some years ago that at least a few merchants at a past Wistaria Festival were selling a jam made from the wistaria blossoms. After I researched the viability of doing this, I came up with advice from Greene Deane.

For those who want to try eating the wistaria blossoms, ethnobotanist Greene Deane offers the following method of preparation: "Blossoms raw or cooked, REMOVE THE STEMS! The Japanese blanch their blossoms. Japanese Wisteria leaves boiled when young, seeds roasted, reportedly a chestnut flavor, leave also used for tea. None recommended regarding the Japanese Wisteria. Also raw seeds are toxic. The toxin is a glycoside which is usually a sugar molecule attached to a nitrogen molecule or the like and is stripped off during digestion."

Katnip News!



A HOME FOR LOVEY?

A LOVELY LADY! Yes! Petite Lovey is certainly a beauty to behold, especially with those gorgeous green eyes, adorable pink nose and soft gray & white fur. Born 7/1/2014, she's healthy, has a good appetite and needs no meds, but she will be getting a dental soon. She is sweet and friendly now, and she'd love to be in a comfy home where she could live in "purr bliss!" Just imagine her reclining on your soft sofa, snuggled up next to you, purring away. Your stress will just melt away! Purrry please don't let this gorgeous girl spend more time in a cage. Lovey's original owner developed dementia and had to go back east to live with her daughter but couldn't take her cats. Understandably, after that, it took



Lovey a long time to get friendly. After all, she lost her home, her owner, and even the other cat who lived in the house, and she's now in a cage. She reacted the only way she knew how-by hissing and swatting. HOWEVER, thanks to the loving care she's been receiving, she's now friendly. Any new owner MIGHT have to go through the same thing, with love, patience, and sweet talk. Lovey will need a little reassurance at first, but she will come around. Submit your application to start the process for a meet & greet. We know you'll fall in love! See more pictures of her on our website's Adult Cats page.

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Pet of the Week

Lovely Snowdrop is such a fun dog! This sweetheart is so ready to meet you that she'll stick her paw out of her kennel to shake your hand, and her whole body starts wagging to keep up with her tail. Once you start petting her, she nuzzles into your hands, and you're instantly her best friend.



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

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HOW TO APPEAL MEDICARE SURCHARGES WHEN YOUR INCOME CHANGES

Dear Savvy Senior: Is there anything I can do to reduce my high Medicare premium surcharges? Because of my past income, I pay \$329.70 per month for my Part B premium and \$64.50/month for Part D, but my income has dropped since I retired. Do I have any options?
Overcharged Andy

Dear Andy:

If you're getting hit with a higher premium for Medicare Part B and Part D and you think it's unjustified, you can ask Social Security to revisit its decision and perhaps reduce your cost. Here's what you should know.

Medicare Surcharges

Many retirees don't realize that monthly premiums for Medicare Part B (coverage for doctor's services and outpatient care) and Part D (prescription drug coverage) are based on your modified adjusted gross income from two years earlier. So, to determine your 2023 Medicare premium, Social Security uses your 2021 tax return. In those two years, however, your life can change in ways your 2021 tax return and current Medicare premium don't reflect. Sometimes, those changes are enough to convince Social Security that your Medicare premium should be reduced.

Part B's standard monthly premium in 2023 is \$164.90 for individuals earning \$97,000 or less; it's \$194,000 or less for joint filers. Anyone whose income exceeds those thresholds pays a higher premium, also known as an Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA), or surcharge.

The higher monthly premiums rise steadily from \$230.80 to \$560.50 through five income tiers. The same tiers apply to IRMAAs for Medicare Part D, with enrollees paying an extra \$12.20 to \$76.40 per month depending on their income.

About 7 percent, or 4.4 million higher-income Medicare beneficiaries pay a surcharge on their monthly Part B and/or Part D premiums.

Reasons for Appealing

In certain situations, Social Security will recalculate your premiums – known as a redetermination – for Part B and Part D, particularly if the



agency based the cost on a tax return that was later amended.

Otherwise, there are seven life-changing events that qualify for a redetermination if they hurt your income: marriage, death of a spouse, divorce or annulment, reduced work hours or retirement, involuntary loss of income-producing property, the loss or reduction of some types of pension income, and an employer settlement payment because the company went bankrupt or reorganized.

How to File a Claim

To ask Social Security for a redetermination, you'll need to complete Form SSA-44 (SSA.gov/forms/ssa-44-ext.pdf) and include supporting documents, such as the death certificate for a spouse or a letter from a former employer stating that you're now retired. If you filed your federal income tax return for the year that your income was reduced, you will also need to provide a signed copy.

A decision usually takes a few weeks, but if you had one of the events that Social Security considers life-changing, you should win the appeal. In that case, Social Security will reimburse you for the additional premiums by adding it to your benefit one month. If you are on Medicare but haven't started collecting Social Security, you should see a credit on a future invoice.

If your request for a redetermination is denied, there are three additional levels of appeals you could try: to the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, to the Medicare Appeals Council and finally to the federal district court where you live.

For more information on the premium rules for high-income beneficiaries see SSA.gov/benefits/medicare/medicare-premiums.html.

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



WHY EVERYONE NEEDS TO KEEP THEIR ESTATE PLAN UPDATED

As the world and its laws continue to evolve, everyone needs to keep their estate plan up to date. An estate plan is a set of documents, such as a will or trust, which dictate how assets will be handled upon death or incapacity. An individual's current legal and financial situation should be considered to create a comprehensive estate plan tailored specifically to their needs.

Ensure Your Wishes Are Respected

The primary reason to create or update an estate plan is to ensure that an individual's wishes are respected upon death. For example, suppose an individual has recently acquired valuable property or has had changes in family structure (such as marriage or children). In that case, updating the documents that outline how assets should be distributed is important. If the documents are not updated, this could lead to disputes between family members and legal complications when probate occurs. Additionally, if laws change at the state or federal level, those changes need to be incorporated into the existing estate plan to remain valid and effective.

Ensure Your Loved Ones Are Protected from Tax Implications

Another reason for creating/updating an estate plan is for future tax planning purposes. Without proper planning and asset allocation, taxes can significantly reduce the amount beneficiaries receive after one's death. In addition, changes in Federal tax law may affect whether other taxes, such as capital gains tax, applies at the time of death or while transferring assets during life – thus providing additional incentive for individuals to review their plans regularly with their advisors and make updates when necessary.

Ensure Your Medical Decisions Are Handled with Care

Estate planning also encompasses contingency plans in case of incapacity due to illness or injury – commonly referred to as disability planning. This means creating end-of-life documents such as Advance Health Care Directives which list specific instructions about medical treatments that should be administered if certain conditions arise – such as if a person suffers from dementia or a traumatic brain injury and can no longer make decisions on their own behalf. This planning can provide peace of mind knowing an individual's wishes will be respected even if they cannot make decisions themselves due to illness or injury.

Ensure You Leave a Legacy for Your Loved Ones

Finally, creating/updating an estate plan allows people to express gratitude for those who have helped them over the years – whether it be through providing advice on financial matters or being there simply by offering emotional support during difficult times – by including them in their plan. Specific instructions can also be included in your plan regarding how charitable donations should be handled after death – enabling individuals who wish to donate part of their wealth to leave behind a lasting legacy which furthers causes they believe even after they pass away.

Keep Your Estate Plan Up to Date

In conclusion, having an up-to-date estate plan helps ensure your wishes are respected upon incapacity or death; protects you from unnecessary taxes; helps with disability planning; and allows you the chance to express appreciation towards those who have had a positive impact on your life while still alive. Therefore, estate plans should always consider current circumstances and anticipate future events to avoid any potential problems.

To your health, wealth, and family legacy,

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

LEARNING WHAT "ME TIME" IS ALL ABOUT



Several months ago, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said she and her daughter and granddaughter were going to St. Augustine for a week and wondered if I wanted to go along. I said, "Let me think about it for a while, and I'll get back to you."

I then overheard a conversation between my wife and her daughter concerning their trip to St. Augustine. One phrase that kept coming up in that conversation was "thrift stores." That caught my attention.

If there's a place I do not like to be, it is a thrift store. However, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is an expert in everything thrift store. The week before she went, she asked me if I wanted to go along with them. She smiled and said, "After all, we will be spending a lot of time at the thrift stores in the area."

I was not too fond of her

er smile on this occasion; I knew exactly what it meant.

Thinking about how to get out of the situation, I told her, "No, I don't think I want to go; there are some things I need to do here, so you girls go and have a great time."

"What is it that you need to do?"

I said as seriously as possible, "I need to spend some Me-Time here by myself."

"Me-Time," she said as she laughed. "Do you need any advice on how to do that activity?"

The week of the "girl's trip" had arrived, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had her Sissy Van packed for the trip. I noticed a large empty spot in the back, but I didn't say anything to her about it. I knew exactly the purpose of that space. Finally, she said goodbye, kissed me and was out the door to begin the trip to St. Augustine.

Early the following day, I began doing some of my projects for the week. I had some books that needed reading, and started my work. A little after noon, I checked my watch and wondered where lunch was. Usually, by this time, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has lunch ready. So I got up and went into the kitchen to see what was holding her up.

When I got into the kitchen, it dawned on me that I was involved in "Me-Time" for the week. I'm not sure I had included lunchtime in my preparation for this week. I opened the refrigerator, picked out some things for lunch, and enjoyed my lunch. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had prepared many things in the fridge for this week, so I took advantage of her generous preparations.

As I was munching on my lunch, I was thinking about this "Me-Time" that I thought was wonderful. But at least I had lunch, and then I could return to what I was doing. At suppertime, it was the same routine. As I ate my supper, I couldn't help but think that this "Me-Time" wasn't worth the time. But I was in the middle of it, so there was nothing I could do, but it did help me with an excuse not to go to St. Augustine. I put in a lot of hard work and finally went to bed.

I must've slept very well that night because before I knew it, morning arrived, and time to get up and have breakfast. I noticed it was empty on the other side of the bed, and I just thought that she had gotten up ahead of me and was getting everything ready for breakfast.

I walked out to the kitchen, and there was nobody in the kitchen. So I wondered where she could have been and how soon she would have breakfast. Looking out the front window, I noticed her Sissy Van was missing, and then it dawned on me. She's not here, and I'm on my "Me-Time" misadventure. I'm on my own for today. The first thing I had to do was to make the coffee. So how can you start a day without coffee?

Looking around, I could not see any coffee, only an empty coffee pot on the counter. Now, I had to figure out how to work that coffee pot. I found the coffee grounds for the coffee pot. I didn't know how much to put in, so I put in a lot because I like a nice hot cup of coffee. Then I put water where it was supposed to go and thought I had everything well done.

With my fingers crossed, I pressed the start button and the coffee pot, and nothing happened. Now, what was I supposed to do? As I moaned over this, I noticed that the coffee was unplugged. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage seems to unplug the coffee pot every night before bed.

I sighed a deep sigh and plugged it in and pressed the button in the coffee pot started to work.

That was just the beginning of "Me-Time," and much more was happening.

After two days of this, I realized all the work that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage did that I was unaware of.

Giving this a lot of thought, I was reminded of the verse of Scripture. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

Maybe instead of focusing on "Me-Time," it would be much better to focus on "We-Time." There is much more advantageous to this.

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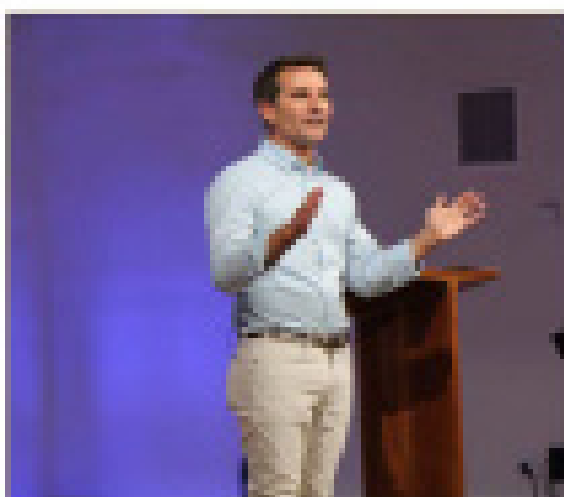
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Phyllis Chapman, Sierra Madre's Historian and foremost authority on all things Wistaria, passed away in 2020. This year's festival, the first since 2019 will not only be blessed with the presence of our beloved Phyllis, but visitors will not be able to see the Grand Vine, which is the subject of this history. However there will be a tour of historic homes many of which also have splendid, although smaller vines. Hopefully in 2023 we will be able to tour the Grand Vine again.

In 1894, William and Alice Brugman purchased a home on what was then called Piedmont, which is now called W. Carter Ave. The house had been built one year before by builder Amos Trussell for his daughter Winona and son-in-law Edward B. Jones when they married. It was the first wedding celebrated in early Sierra Madre.

The Trussells and the Jones had a change of plans, sold to the Brugmans and moved away. To enhance her new home, Alice Brugman and her neighbor Mrs. W. B. Crisp, drove by horse and buggy to the R. H. Wilson Pioneer Nursery in Monrovia and for \$.75 purchased a gallon can of wistaria. It was the Chinese Wistaria variety (Wisteria sinensis). She planted it in a corner of her front porch remarking to her neighbor: "They say Wistaria grows fast." And grow it did.

Mr. Brugman, a mining engineer, was in Mexico when the vine was planted. He died in 1899 and Mrs. Brugman sold the home in 1906. The property changed hands until it was purchased in 1913 by Henry T. and Estelle Fennel. Mr. Fennel, who was a bit of a horticulturist, loved the vine, and gave it devoted care, even building support trellises.

Although the Wistaria is a vigorous grower, the added support of the trellises may have contributed to this vine's phenomenal growth. The arbors prevented the end tendrils from hanging down and causing the tender terminal buds to die from the added weight. Wistaria requires good drainage, certainly provided by this hilly, terraced location. There may also be an underground spring providing water to the tap root.

The vine eventually destroyed the original home, growing into the walls and fireplace and causing the roof to collapse. Mr. Fennel built a new home 200 feet to the north (the present upper home) and trained the vine to grow up to, but not covering the new residence. A portion of the foundation of that original home was saved to continue to provide support for the vine as its branches extended such a distance.

When the vine was in bloom, the Fennels would invite friends to come and enjoy the blossoming plant. Visitors also came from

Huntington, and The Raymond. In 1918, the Fennels opened the vine to the Sierra Madre Chapter of the American Red Cross, which sponsored a very successful fundraiser to help the war effort. 12,000 people attended the event. This was the beginning of many Wistaria festivals that took place year after year. Sierra Madre became known as the Wistaria City. Many local organizations, including the Board of Trade (now the Chamber of Commerce), the Woman's Club, the Masons and Eastern Star, the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Dept., etc. were involved.

Many homemade items, fancy work, ceramics, artwork, gift books, and Wistaria fragrances perfume, hand lotion and bath salts were sold at booths under the vine. Luncheons and teas were served, often with young Japanese women wearing their kimonos.

The hard work and money earned at the vine by the Woman's Club paid off the mortgage of their first clubhouse. One year the Fire Dept. parked 30,000 cars on the parking lot that existed in Floral Canyon. (This is now Sierra Meadow Dr.). Easter sunrise services were among vine activities. People came from all over the world and extra street cars were added to handle the crowds. Among the famous were Fritz Kreisler, Janet Leigh, Mary Pickford, and Norman Rockwell. These two helped select the festival's Wistaria Queen. Packard Automobile Co. used the vine as a backdrop to advertise its automobile.

On December 5, 1936, Carrie Ida Lawless purchases the vine property (Continued on B2) from Mrs. Fennel, who was now a widow, for \$17,000.00. December 5th was Mrs. Lawless' birthday, and according to one account, she was making a present to herself of the world's largest bouquet. Also a widow, her husband

William J (Bill) Lawless was mayor of Sierra Madre during 1928-29. She, herself, was a successful businesswoman having founded the Weaver Jackson Beauty Co. in Los Angeles and was active in the community, serving as president of the Woman's Club and the Garden Club.

Mrs. Lawless spent a small fortune (around \$100,000) enhancing the grounds of her new property and caring for the vine. When the festivals were held they often lasted for the weeks the vine was in bloom, not just for one day. Mrs. Lawless, a patron of the arts, also sponsored vine activities all year long.

She hosted art exhibits, musicales, and poetry readings. Nearby residents objected to the

constant activity and took their complaints to the City Council. Nothing was done as Mrs. Lawless presented the argument that the vine existed before these neighbors purchased their properties.

In recognition for her contributions to the community, the Garden Club planted another Wistaria in the terraced garden on the west side of what is today the Solt's garden. It blooms a bit later than the original vine and the plaque commemorating the occasion is gone.

When Mrs. Lawless died in 1942, she provided for the vine by leaving a legacy to her nephew and heir, Bruce McGill, to continue care of the property with a committee headed by the Garden Club President. In 1944, the property was purchased by Richard and Marian Thayer. Marian is the daughter of M. Penn Phillips, a well-known developer of desert property. In 1944 the vine was overgrown and in poor condition. Richard Thayer planned to chop it up and get rid of it. A protest was raised and an association was formed to protect the vine, with money provided to pay property taxes and provide year-round care for the vine.

In 1961, after Richard Thayer died, the lot was split. Marian married builder Ronald Cook who developed the west side of the property with homes and built the present Solt home for he and Marian in 1962. The upper home was sold to Joseph and Marie Feeney who raised eight children there. In 1972, Ron and Marian sold the lower home to Bob and Nell Solt. In the late 1990s, Joe Feeney died and Maria sold the property. It was purchased in 2003 by the present owners, Dan and Dana Dorrance.

By the 1970's Vine Festival activity had about ended. It started up again in the late 70's when sponsored for one day each year by the Chamber of Commerce. The Sierra Madre Beautification Committee was the yearly sponsor in the 1980's. Approximately 500-600 people attended the festival each year. In the spring of 1989, Huell Howser came to film the vine for his program Videolog, which aired on KCET. The next year, approximately 6,000 people came to view the vine. The festival organizers were unprepared for such a turnout; lines stretched for two blocks. Howser returned in 1992 to film again for his California Gold program Sierra



Madre and the Chamber of Commerce quickly organized and combined the annual Vine viewing with a downtown street fair. A shuttle bus is provided, and people procure tickets to see the vine at a pre-scheduled time.

The Guinness Book of World Records has named the Vine the World's largest flowering plant. It is estimated that at the height of bloom it has 1.5 million blossoms with 40 blossoms per sq. ft., weighs 250 tons and has branches that extend 500 feet. Wistaria is a member of the pea family though its seeds resemble a flat bean. Seed pods burst open in the summer. The plant is deciduous, losing its leaves in the winter. Wistaria seeds were brought from China by Marco Polo in the 13th century.

Today, the vine covers approximately one acre. Over the years, it has shown distress and seemed to be dying. Experts have been brought in from Cal Tech, Occidental, and Cal Poly Pomona. Correct pruning, treatments with hormones, and vitamin B have helped the vine to recover and to flourish. To help maintain the Vine's health, records of vine growth and care are now kept on a computer log. The Vine seems to produce its greatest flowering after a cold winter followed by a sudden hot spell.

What is the correct spelling for wisteria—wisteria or wistaria? In the Sunset Western Garden Book it is spelled wisteria. Sierra Madre has always spelled it wistaria. According to L. A. County Arboretum and Botanic Garden senior biologist Jim Bauml and Librarian Joan De Fato, the plant was named to honor Caspar Wistar (1761-1818), an American physician and teacher, who taught at the University of Pennsylvania. Among his accomplishments, he wrote the first text-book on anatomy. When the name of the genus Wisteria was put into the books, it was incorrectly spelled, says De Fato. So, one could say that all along, Sierra Madre has correctly spelled Wistaria!

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STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON DOES IT BOTHER YOU?



When you go out early in the morning, perhaps to walk your dog, do you notice the laborers already working high up among the roofs and wires and trees doing whatever it is they are doing? Obviously what they are doing is important and vital in addition to being scary and dangerous. I have never talked at length with any of these workers because obviously we don't travel in the same social circles or even speak the same language. One morning I heard a man scream at me from high in a tree across the street. The word he screamed was "oso" and I remembered enough of my Junior High School Spanish to know that he was yelling at me about a bear. I looked around and sure enough there was a bear at the corner of my house more than potentially endangering my dog and myself. Before running back into the house with my dog I yelled up "gracias" to the man and that was about the extent of our conversation.

When I see the men, and as far as I can tell, they are always men I feel kind of disgusted with myself and my politics. I am a Berkeley graduate and a big supporter of civil rights and equality and fairness and all sorts of other good things. Nevertheless, right in front of me there exist this glaring example of the kind of unfairness that allows many of us to live our fairly comfortable lives in our comfortable little town without thinking much about it. When I do think about it I know these men are probably migrant workers left to navigate our American healthcare system without insurance and probably with a language barrier.

I know there is a lack of government regulation to protect these workers who frequently work long hours in adverse conditions for little pay. I assume that these workers are subject to heat stroke, sun stroke and injuries caused by storm conditions and probably are ineligible for much medical help. Really, other than in the mornings I don't think of them that much. I am much more concerned with the threats to my Social Security payments and every year around tax time I get angry that my received Social Security Payments are subject to Federal Income Tax even though, to my mind, these payments are not income. In fact, as I understand it, Social Security Payments are not subject to the California State Tax and although it all makes little sense to me I, like everyone else, just go along with the program.

As a retired, practically isolated person, I have come to realize that one of the things most con-

nected with my happiness is my connection to other people. I never knew other people were so important to me until they were not around any longer. So given that one might presume that I would be very respectful of other people's politics and opinions just to maintain pleasant relations. Unfortunately, this is not the case. I think that people who don't believe in the things which I feel are important are really evil ignorant people with whom I do not wish to associate.

How can one maintain that fairness and equality and diversity are not important? How dare one oppose higher wages and benefits because such policies are potentially inflationary things cost too much already? How dare any one not care about the struggles of impoverished people and their families and be indifferent to the injustices of class inequality. While I become angry at the blindness of such people I sometimes actually remember about the morning laborers, of course underpaid and unprotected and undoubtedly living in uncomfortable conditions. Our little street in the canyon used to be inhabited by couples and their children. Now, because of marital breakups, and deaths, and the children growing older and living elsewhere, many of the houses have only one occupant. Sometimes the houses are vacant for months at a time while the occupant is vacationing or on a cruise or something. Given these conditions does any canyon resident offer their home as a refuge to others?

Of course not! That is not how we Americans live. Only as students do we content ourselves living with roommates and then only because of financial necessity. So we might want to stop all this talk about fairness and equality and such. Back in School many us learned, or should have learned that inequality was a vital part of American prosperity. We know that unpaid slave-labor did all the back breaking cotton picking that lead to all kinds of revenue for others, but not for them. The awareness of the plight of migrant farmworkers doing the work that other Americans will not do is well known and continues. So perhaps I, along with many of the rest of us, should just shut up and feel fortunate that we had the foresight to be born where we were born with an approved color of skin and even gender.

Let's continue making our charitable contributions, especially ones that cause no personal discomfort, and pretend that's enough even though we know it isn't. Maybe the only solution for me is to not get up early in the morning so that I don't notice those already hard at work. Maybe as long as I am mobile I will go directly to the golf course and let the dog take care of himself. After all, just like us he's lucky to have a home.

DINAH CHONG WATKINS CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND



It's Still Rock And Roll To Me

It was random moments of everyday incidents that led me to this point. A "retro" Chevy PT Cruiser passing by, my upcoming high school reunion (it's once every 75 years to keep the guest list and catering costs down), a summertime concert featuring Billy Joel and Stevie Nicks "tribute artists".

When the ads popped up promoting the real and still very much alive Billy Joel and Stevie Nicks for their "Two Icons, One Night" concert in LA, the draw of nostalgia tore me from my nightly dinner routine with Gibbs and Ducky of NCIS, and before I knew it, Ticketmaster had charged the tickets and added an exorbitant amount for service fees.

Google Maps calculated our drive to the stadium would take 62 minutes, 37 of which was the last 2 miles. I wish I could say we crawled along the street but that would imply movement. No doubt because of the rising cost of gas, the guy 2 cars ahead of us got out and pushed his car up the line.

We finally entered the SoFi stadium, home of the LA Rams and Chargers. Opened in 2020, it's the most expensive sports and entertainment venue in the US. More than double the cost of other recently built stadiums, its final price slid just a touch under 5 billion. That's the equivalent of Elon Musk's aluminum (3x) and childcare (9x) support.

The architecture firm HKS was challenged by Stan Kroeke, owner of the SoFi stadium and LA Rams, as quoted by Lance Evans lead designer, "to come up with great experiences at every price point."

Thus began our Death March to the bowels of the earth, winding down a concrete ramp of 6 floors, each level the length of a football field. If you were a skateboarder it would have been a great experience but like food, alcohol and non-translucent bags, skateboards were not allowed in the stadium.

We found our seats, strategically chosen in the first row of a section so we wouldn't have people in front of us dancing and blocking our view. That the audience was primarily made up of eligible AARP members made that assumption somewhat plausible, though the overwhelming scent of Bengay and Tiger Balm said otherwise.

It was the coldest night on record for Southern California. Inside it was frosty, windy and wet - Stevie Nicks who despite being clad in the ephemeral, flowing gowns she's known for, powered through her set while exclaiming at one point, "It's freezing in here!" Yes, the 5 billion dollar building did not come with heating.

To their credit, the enormous staff at the SoFi stadium were super friendly and helpful in getting everyone to their reserved seat, who then abandoned it later for better seats on the floor. And as a public service, SoFi has a Drive Safe policy, pricing a can of beer at \$20 to prevent overindulgence.

But back to the concert, after a well deserved standing ovation for a true Rock icon, who at 74 years old could crush your grandma at Aqua Aerobics, Stevie Nicks left the stage for Billy Joel to amble on, he joked about not being able to hit the high notes.

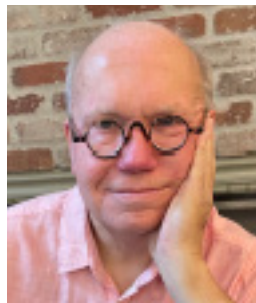
The timber of his voice was of a man 50 years younger, I wish I could hear better but the woman behind me, mistaking the concert for a karaoke bar, sang along like a desperate feral cat tied to a chalkboard.

As we made it back to the parking lot, it was eerily quiet. 50,000 attendees and there was no rush of crowds leaving. Later, "Breaking News" reported that 20,000 seniors were stuck overnight in the stadium waiting their turn for the elevators to take them 6 floors up to the lobby level.

Ah, nostalgia - it's a dish best served hot with a side of Gibbs and Ducky.

Dinah Chong Watkins column appears every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH



LISTEN

Alright, "Listen" is a strange title for a newspaper column. Maybe I should have titled it "Look" or "Read". Or "Ignore"?

I want to talk, err, write about communicating with people. Face to face. Improve the quality of their (and your) lives through meaningful interaction.

The fact is, there are two steps you can take to improve the quality of interpersonal communications with others:

1. You talk less.
2. Encourage them to talk more.

Realize the amount of talking YOU DO is often inversely proportional to the positive and meaningful influence you might get lucky enough to have in the life of someone else.

Calvin Coolidge, President almost exactly 100 years ago was known as a good listener and a man of few words. In fact, his nickname was "Silent Cal".

A story is told of a dinner where the lady seated next to "Silent Cal" turned to him and admitted she had made a \$100 wager that she could get the president to say three words. Coolidge's response:

"You lose!"

Possibly Coolidge's most memorable quote defended his reputation of few words this way: "No one ever listened themselves out of a job."

Another President...named Lincoln (some believe it was Mark Twain) said:

"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt." (Hmmm. I need to consider that quote.)

If you want to make a difference in the quality of the lives of people, practice full contact listening. Here is a suggestion or two.

Don't open a conversation employing a question that could be answered yes or no. Don't ask questions that can be answered in one word. "How are you?" "Fine." "What's new?" "Nothing."

Ask open ended questions.

Possibly the most important rule in one on one communications, particularly if it involves being there for someone who is struggling: "When you are listening, don't get distracted and start formulating a "clever" response while the other person is still talking."

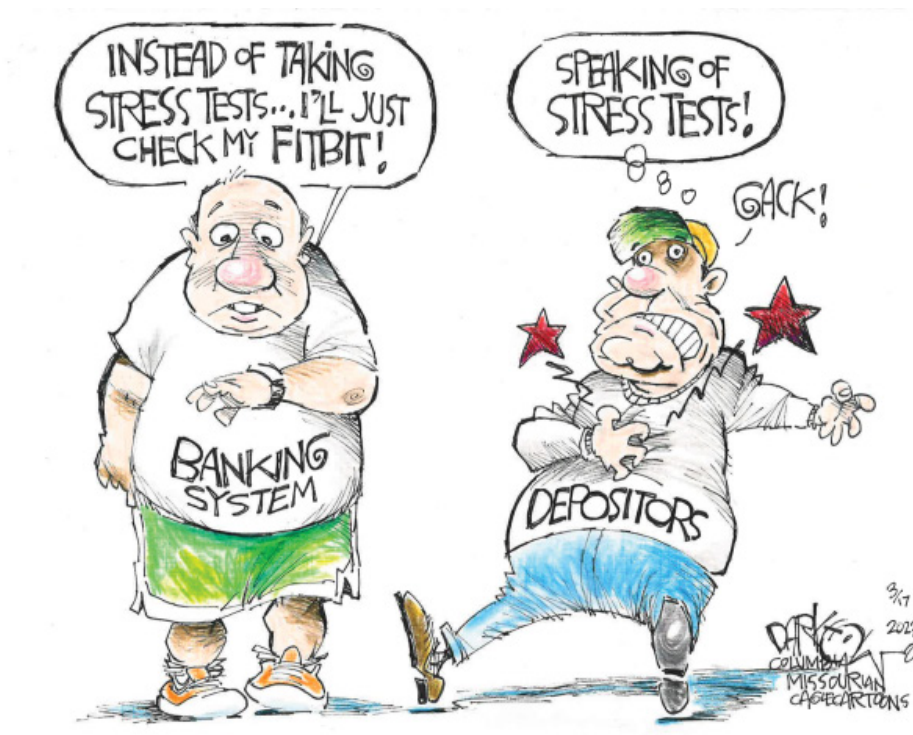
It's tempting as you want to say the right thing (and look good). But, don't do it. Why? Because when you start formulating a response, you stop listening. It's okay, actually makes you look better to take a moment to formulate a response. Shows care and concern. And ask God to be in the middle of the conversation. And help put words in your mouth.

I'll leave you with a quote from Saint Ignatius*: "Be slow to speak, and only after having first listened quietly, so that you may understand the meaning, leanings, and wishes of those who do speak. Thus you will better know when to speak and when to be silent."

* Saint Ignatius, born Inigo Lopez de Loyola was a Spanish priest and theologian who founded the Jesuit order in 1534. He did not attend Loyola University.

A truly amazing phenomenon is the less talking you do, the more brilliant and profound you will appear.

So, I hope you've been listening, I mean, reading. Enjoy your week. You deserve it!



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-029412
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KUSH GRANNY, 1711 245TH ST, LOMITA, CA 90717. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHRISTINA BEATRICE DIAZ, 1711 245TH ST, LOMITA, CA 90717. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHRISTINA BEATRICE DIAZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/08/2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 18, 25 MARCH 04, 11, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-030943
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LA COUNTY TOWING, 2218 COMISO DR, HACIENDA HTS, CA 91745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SHAWHIEN ABEDINEAD, 2218 COMISO DR, HACIENDA HTS, CA 91745. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SHAWHIEN ABEDINEAD/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/09/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/09/2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 18, 25 MARCH 04, 11, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-026415
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MP REALTY & ASSOCIATES, 435 CERRITOS AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIBEL PEDREGON, 435 CERRITOS AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIBEL PEDREGON/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/03/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/03/2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 18, 25 MARCH 04, 11, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-027315
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: M BROS, 1440 SHERMAN WAY UNIT D, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CALIFA RICH LLC, 3343 BAGLEY AVE APT 17, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: ISAAC MOUEH/MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/06/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/06/2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 18, 25 MARCH 04, 11, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-026426
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MAKE IT OFFICIAL, MAKE IT OFFICIAL, NOTARY, MAKE IT OFFICIAL SIGNING SERVICE, 335 CERRITOS AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIBEL PEDREGON, 435 CERRITOS AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIBEL PEDREGON/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/03/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/03/2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 18, 25 MARCH 04, 11, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-032174
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MARASH BAKERY, 15333 SHERMAN WAY UNIT D, VAN NUYS, CA 91406. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) REPUBLIC CAFE, INC., 15333 SHERMAN WAY UNIT D, VAN NUYS, CA 91406. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MIKE ZARE BEKERJAN/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/10/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/10/2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 18, 25 MARCH 04, 11, 2023

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANNE BLOOR SCHRYVER CASE NO. 23STPB02148

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ANNE BLOOR SCHRYVER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CAROL SCHRYVER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CAROL SCHRYVER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/05/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

EUGENE S. ALKANA - SBN 60411, EUGENE S. ALKANA, APLC 131 N. EL MOLINO AVE., STE. 310 PASADENA CA 91101 B/S 222985 3/11, 3/18, 3/25/23 CNS-3677768#

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-032338
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MERVIN AQUELAL'S HANDYMAN SERVICES, 5909 GUTHRIE AVE APT 4, LOS ANGELES, CA 90021. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MERVIN RUDY WHITEFIELD. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MERVIN RUDY WHITEFIELD/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/10/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/10/2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 18, 25 MARCH 04, 11, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-031380
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NKL BEAUTY NAIL SUPPLY, 1204 S. GREENWOOD AVE, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NEXY SABRINA MONGE MARTINEZ, 17800 COLMA RD APT 886, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748. CINDI KAROLINA RODRIGUEZ, 4717 STEPHANS ST, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: NEXY SABRINA MONGE MARTINEZ/GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/13/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/13/2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 18, 25 MARCH 04, 11, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-035574
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NEW VERMONT HOTEL, HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES LA DOWNTOWN WEST, 611 S WESTLAKE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90057. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DIP HOTEL GROUP INC, 611 WESTLAKE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90057. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: DERRICK CHEN/CEO, ARTICLE # 410898 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/15/2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 18, 25 MARCH 04, 11, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-031803
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: OCEAN MARKET TOBACCO, 104 E 10TH ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AYMAN EL BASTAWESY, 12435 PARAMOUNT BLVD APT 204, DOWNEY, CA 90242. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: AYMAN EL BASTAWESY/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/10/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 18, 25 MARCH 04, 11, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-029398
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE SECRET WEAPON, 2317 EAST NUGENT STREET, LANCASTER, CA 93554. MAILING ADDRESS: 710 WILKING ST 321, LANCASTER, CA 93534. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THE SECRET WEAPON LLC, 2317 EAST NUGENT STREET, LANCASTER, CA 93554. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: TERRANCE JONES MARTIN JR/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/10/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/10/2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 18, 25 MARCH 04, 11, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-032985
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SANIT TECH POORING SERVICE, 10500 S ANGELES, CA 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MIGUEL ANGEL LOPEZ GUERRERO, 10344 S AVALON BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MIGUEL ANGEL LOPEZ GUERRERO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/10/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/10/2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 18, 25 MARCH 04, 11, 2023

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. 23NWCPC00073

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

PETITIONERS NASHWA FAYAD FOR: OSMAN ABDALLA MOHAMED HASSANIEN DIAB and FARIDA ABDALLA MOHAMED HASSANIEN DIAB

HAVE FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT – SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT - NORWALK COURTHOUSE FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name: OSMAN ABDALLA MOHAMED HASSANIEN DIAB

Proposed Name: OSMAN OMAR BYALY

Present Names: FARIDA ABDALLA MOHAMED HASSANIEN DIAB

Proposed Name: FARIDA OMAR BYALY

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 05/01/2023 at 10:30 A.M. in Dept. C at NORWALK COURTHOUSE 12720 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK,

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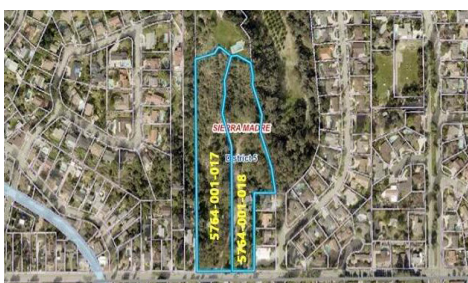
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