



MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS TO HONOR 2023 GRADUATES

The June 3rd edition of this paper will be dedicated to the Class of 2023! In order to be included, please send your graduates picture, their full name, age and school. These grads are making history, and the Mountain Views News wants to give them something else to remember! Send to: editor@mtnviewsnews.com Subject: Class of 2023

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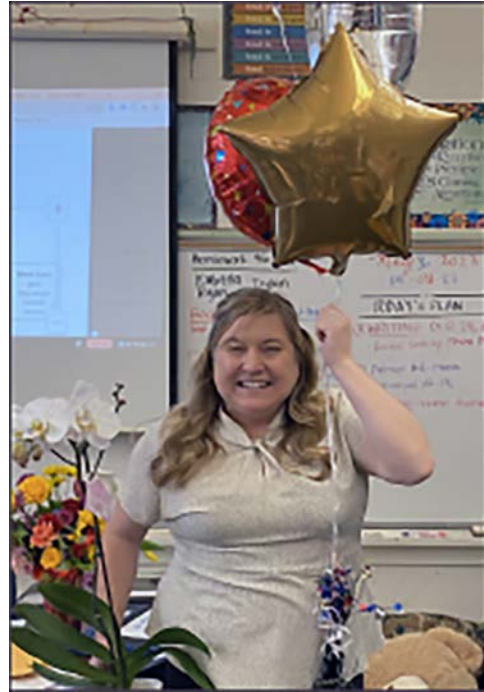
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JULY 4TH GRAND MARSHAL, HOMETOWN HEROES CHOSEN

The 2023 Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal will be Sierra Madre's very own superhero teacher and former Sierra Madre Rose Princess Laura Palmer. (top right).

"The Grand Marshal is a person or persons whose efforts over a long period of time have been beneficial to the community of Sierra Madre. The title of Grand Marshal is intended to honor a person or persons' volume of work, dedication and overall enhancements to our community."



Laura or Ms. Palmer (above) known by her students and former student alike, is a lifelong resident of Sierra Madre who has always chosen to better her community in many ways. She is an exemplary 4th grade teacher at Sierra Madre Elementary School (2016 Pasadena Teacher of the Year and LA County Teacher of the Year)! Her passion toward education and her students is outstanding! Her commitment to the young citizens of Sierra Madre is reflected in not only their love of being in her class, but how many continue to keep in touch after leaving SMES. She always brought that local "355" vibe to her classroom. Laura's deep commitment and love of her town is also shown in her volunteer activities. She is a member of the Sierra Madre Library Board of Trustees and serves on the Sierra Madre Community Foundation Board of Directors as its Recording Secretary. The Sierra Madre 4th of July festivities have always been Laura's favorite holiday. The Committee couldn't think of a more special and appropriate way to honor her commitment to Sierra Madre and being an AWESOME local teacher, by being this year's 4th of July Parade's Grand Marshal!!

Additionally, the Committee is proud and honored to announce that Mike Amerio and



the Doug & Heather Parker (above) have been selected as "Hometown Heroes", aka Mr. and Mrs. Sierra Madre in their own right.

For the past 23 years, Doug & his wife Heather Parker (pictured below) have been planting and growing Atlantic Giant and Big Max pumpkins in their backyard on East Alegria Avenue, all for Halloween Week, during which he carves and builds unique beautiful pumpkin structures for the community to come enjoy on Halloween night. Each year, thousands of visitors come to Sierra Madre just to visit this street and admire the creations. They even welcome visitor onto their property to watch as he carves and builds during the week, and the pumpkins are always lit for visitors the night after Halloween as well. Over the years, the Pasadena Star News and the Mountain Views News have featured articles on his work, and KCAL/KCBS carried segments on Parker and his Pumpkins in 2010 and 2014. It's been a long, wonderful, happy adventure with Parker's Pumpkins and this beloved hometown, and this is why we are honored to thank them for their extra special piece of local joy as the 2023 Hometown Hero.

Did you know the City has an elected City Treasurer and that the position is strictly volunteer? Yep that's right and his name is Mike Amerio. He has gone above and beyond looking out for the community and City of Sierra Madre. Mike's immense dedication over the greater part of ten years as City treasurer is remarkable as he watches over the finances of the City. But his volunteering didn't start there, Mike who has always supported local businesses also spent many years on the field of Heasley and Dapper volunteering with Little League and Pony as his boys grew up in town. Mike and his wife Cynthia have raised 3 boys in Sierra Madre over the course of their 20 years here. They have also been very

active at St. Rita's School & Parish. Mike's dedication to public service volunteering certainly make him a Sierra Madre treasure and we are happy to thank him for his service recognizing him as a Sierra Madre Hometown Hero 2023!



Mike Amerio
Photos Courtesy July 4th Committee

Parade Registration is also OPEN now through June 4. If you'd like to enter this hometown event, as an organization or business or individual or group featuring community members, organizations, classic cars, a marching band, kids on their decorated bikes and so much more. Join us for the 2023 parade Sponsored by The Kensington on July 4th, from 10:00am - 12:00 pm.

Parade participation is open to all; young, young-at-heart, and everything in between and there is NO FEE to participate thanks to the generous support of the Sierra Madre Kensington.

Parade registration is now open and all applications must be submitted by June 4th. Due to safety and staging concerns, no late entries will be accepted. Please make sure to fill out all fields and hit the submit button! It's super easy just visit our website at <https://www.sierramadrefourthofjuly.com/>

For questions regarding parade registration please contact the 4th of July Committee at 4thofjulysiemradre@gmail.com or the Community Services Department at 626.355.5278.

For more information on all of the 4th of July Festivities, please visit <https://www.sierramadrefourthofjuly.com/>

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MOUNT WILSON TRAIL RACE NEWS

MOUNT WILSON TRAIL RACE & PASTA DINNER RETURN NEXT WEEKEND

The 2023 Mt. Wilson Trail Race (MWTR) festivities return next weekend beginning with the Pre-Race Pasta Dinner on Friday, May 26, 2023, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., the MWTR on Saturday, May 27, 2023, starting at 7:30 a.m., and the Kids' Fun Run starting at 7:45 a.m. All events take place in Kersting Court and everyone is welcome to attend.

This year, "The Singing Policeman" Daniel Rodriguez will sing the National Anthem. The MWTR will be started by the family of the late Mt. Wilson Trail Historian Dr. John White, his wife Patti, son Greg, and grandchildren Jack, Lacey, & Madison.

Registration for the 2023 Mt. Wilson Trail Race is still open and costs \$75 for Adults (ages 18 and above) and \$42 for Youth (ages 14 – 17). All paid entries receive a t-shirt and custom designed MWTR goodie bag. To register, go to the Mt. Wilson Trail Race website – <https://mountwilsontrailrace.com>. Race day registration is not available. For questions regarding MWTR registration and related activities, please contact the City of Sierra Madre Community Services Department at (626) 355-5278, open Mondays – Thursdays from 7:30 am. – 5:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to the MWTR Pre-Race Stone Fire Grill Pasta Dinner on Friday, May 26, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., in Kersting Court. The cost is \$10.00 per person, with proceeds supporting Sierra Madre Search & Rescue. There will also be a Pasta Dinner Beer Garden at which adults ages 21 and above can drink the "2023 Mt Wilson Trail Race Kölsch", a limited release beer made especially for this year's MWTR by RT Rogers Brewing Company of Sierra Madre. Pasta Dinner beer sales will support the Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund. This is an opportunity to have great food and meet and greet your neighbors and fellow racers ahead of the race. MWTR packet pickup (race number, t-shirt, and goodie bag) will also be available at the Friday night pre-race pasta dinner.



Center is this year's MWTR logo, along with the Sierra Madre Limited Release 2023 Mt. Wilson Trail Race Kölsch made by the RT Rogers Brewing Co

Registration for the Kids' Fun Run (ages 3 – 13) is FREE and will take place on the morning of the MWTR. All children participating receive a t-shirt and finisher's ribbon. Immediately following the start of the 2023 MWTR, the Kids' Fun

Run will begin in Kersting Court at 7:45 a.m. The start of the Kids' Fun Run is staggered, with children ages 8 – 13 beginning first and then followed by children ages 3 – 7. Kids' Fun Run participants run up Baldwin Ave. and back to Kersting Court. The total distances are 1.0 mile for ages 8 – 13 and .6 miles for ages 3 – 7. Parents may accompany their younger children during the Kids' Fun Run.

MWTR – May 27, 2023 – Race Day Schedule

6:30 a.m. – 12 noon Kersting Court Expo – check out the sponsors, vendors, & food

6:30 a.m. Packet pick-up opens and drop bag services are available as well
6:30 a.m. Kids' Fun Run registration opens

7:30 a.m. MWTR starts in Kersting Court

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8:15 a.m. Beer Garden opens & also selling pizza from Sierra Madre Pizza Co. (Beer Garden proceeds will support Sierra Madre Search & Rescue & pizza sales proceeds will support the Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund)

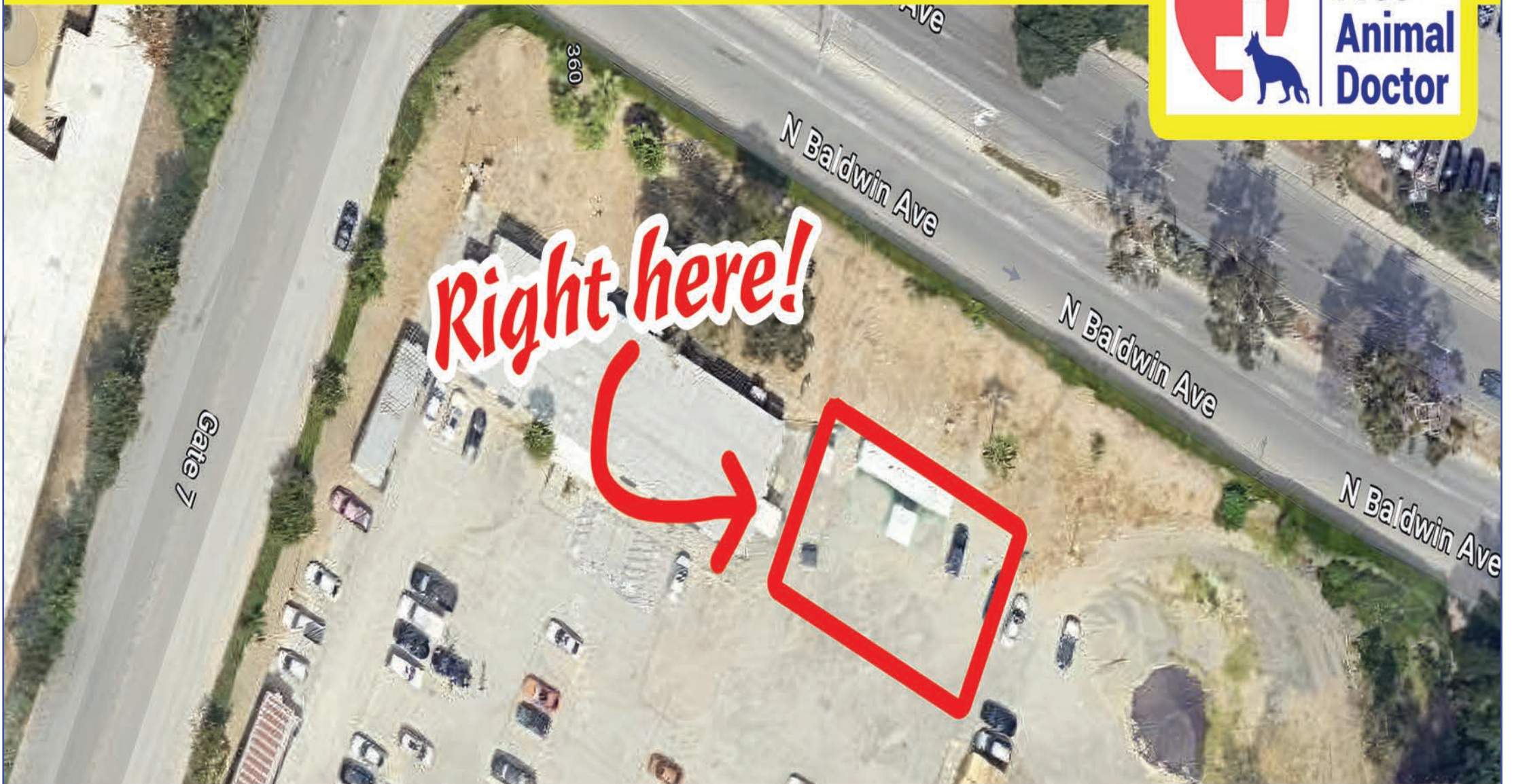
9:45 a.m. Awards Ceremony
Until 12 noon Enjoy sponsors, vendors, pizza, & beer

All runners are encouraged to bring their own water supply for use during the race. Emergency support from Sierra Madre Search & Rescue will be stationed at strategic points along the course to provide aid, as necessary. Sierra Madre Cub Scouts Troop 110 will hand out water to the runners at First Water (2.3 miles) and Sierra Madre Boy Scouts Troop 110 will hand out water at Orchard Camp (4.3 miles), the turn-around point.

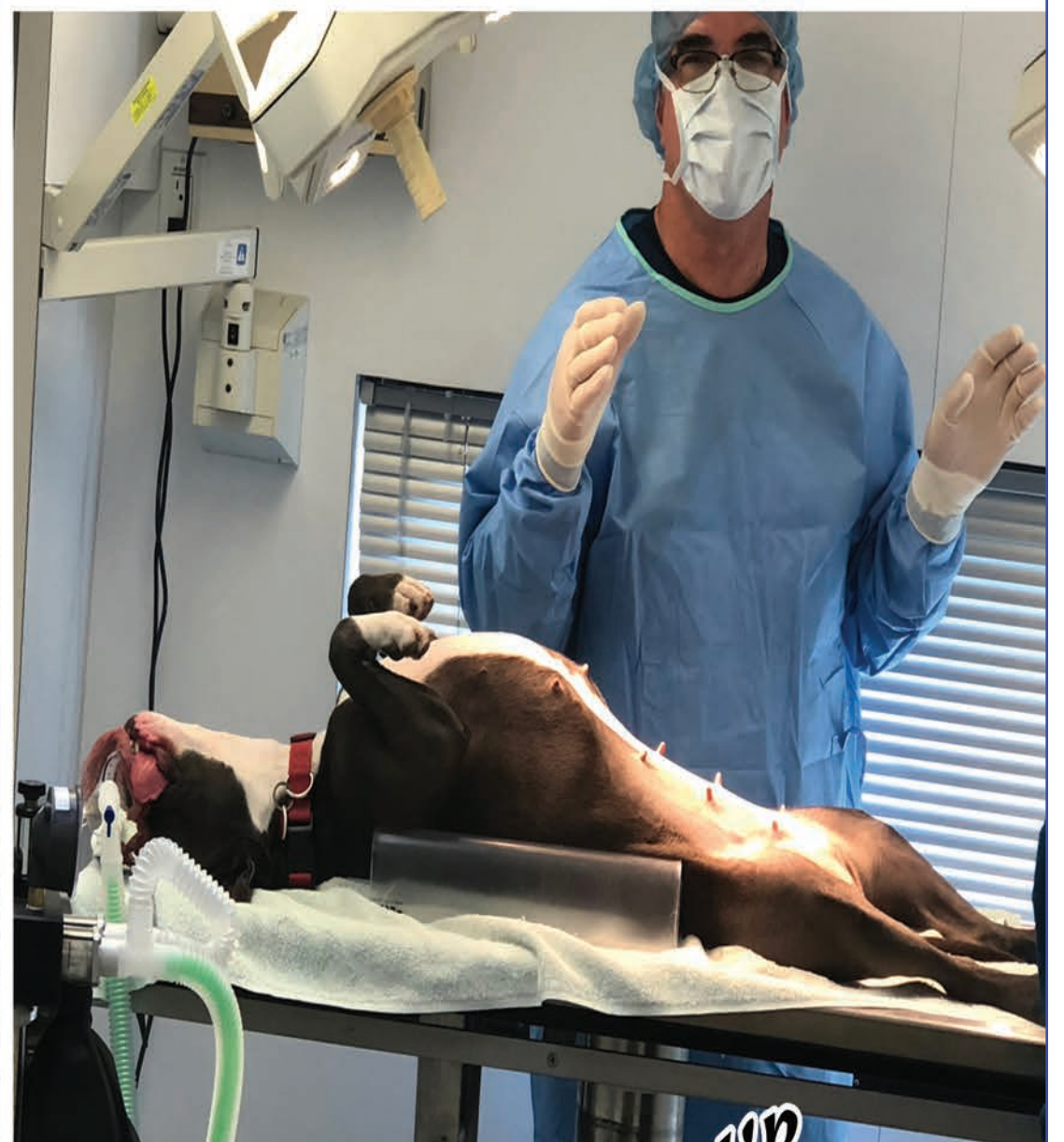
Good News! Sierra Madre's Bottle Shop is now selling four-pack cans of "2023 Mt Wilson Trail Race Kölsch", a limited release beer made especially for this year's MWTR by RT Rogers Brewing Company of Sierra Madre. The Kölsch beer is also currently being served on tap at RT Rogers Brewing Company. Proceeds from the beer sales will support the "Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund," which pays for the supplies that the community volunteers use to maintain and preserve both the Mt. Wilson Trail and Bailey Canyon Trail.

The MWTR course is 8.6 miles in length, starting at Kersting Court, up Baldwin Ave., to Mira Monte Ave., to Orchard Camp and back. The total elevation gain is over 2,160 feet. First run in 1908, the annual Mt. Wilson Trail Race is one of the oldest trail races in California.

We're building a full service non-profit vet clinic at Santa Anita Racetrack



With a full-service clinic we can provide more care to more animals at the lowest possible price. Helping more pets per dollar



We began in Sierra Madre and are asking our neighbors to join us for some food, drinks and conversations about the benefits of our new clinic and how they can help

Date: Saturday, June 3rd. Location: 70 E. Montecito Ave., Sierra Madre

Time: 4-7PM, casual attire

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NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS SIERRA MADRE BOULEVARD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SPECIFICATION NO. ST82304 IN THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Sierra Madre, as CITY, invites sealed bids for the above-stated project and will receive such bids in the office of the City Clerk, 232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, California, 91024, up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, the 6th day of June 2023, at which time the bids will be publicly read aloud in the Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project consists of water main replacement and street improvements for a stretch of 1,300 LF of street, in the City of Sierra Madre. The work is shown on the Plans, which are provided separately.

ACCESS TO CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

Copies of the plans, specifications, and contract documents are available for download in the Public Works section of the City's website: www.cityofsierramadre.com. Bidders downloading plans from the website must sign up and follow the instructions, having done so bidders will be placed on the plan holders' list and receive addendums. The City may be contacted at (626) 355-6615, or by email at ccimino@cityofsierramadre.com.

https://www.cityofsierramadre.com/business/requests_for_proposals/construction_projects

Bidders downloading plans from either the City's website will be added to the plan holders' list and receive addendums. Notwithstanding, it is the Bidder's responsibility to check for updates, and verify if any and all addendums have been posted. The City may be contacted at (626) 355-6615, or by email at ccimino@cityofsierramadre.com.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: HISTORICAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION & MILLS ACT CONTRACT
Applicant: Sarah and Jeff DeFlorio
Project Location: 615, 617 and 619 W. Montecito Avenue, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the nomination for local historic cultural landmark status to designate the existing multifamily residential property located at 615, 617 and 619 West Montecito Avenue as the "Osgood House" in the City's Register of Historic Resources. Subsequently, the City Council will be considering a Mills Act contract for restoration and rehabilitation of the subject property. The Osgood House is an existing residential multifamily site constructed with Craftsman style homes, design and workmanship retained since its original construction. The property is also associated with the productive life of the Osgood family; Captain J.A. Osgood contributed as land surveyor and Mrs. Caroline L. Osgood contributed as founder and first president of the Sierra Madre Woman's Club. Pursuant to Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.82.050, a property may be designated a historic landmark if it meets prescribed historic or architectural criteria.

At the meeting of May 4, 2023, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and voted to recommend the City Council to approve the landmark designation.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting Tuesday, May 23, 2023 (Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)	PLACE OF HEARING City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA
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All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

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

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

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 23-08 RECOMMENDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION AMEND CHAPTER 9.32 (NOISE) OF TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS, AND WELFARE) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, under State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider Resolution 23-08 amending Chapter 9.32 (Noise) of Title 9 (Public Peace, Morals and Welfare), of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The Municipal Code Text Amendment (MCTA) aims to establish realistic ambient noise level thresholds based on a logarithmic scale of sound pressure level known as a decibel (dB). The MCTA seeks to protect residents from unwanted noise when it interferes with normal activities, causes physical harm, or adversely affects health.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre Planning Commission meeting; Thursday, June 1, 2023 (Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre; City Council Chambers; 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MOST CURRENT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER'S ORDER The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comments may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting, filed into the public record, and scanned onto the City website for public review. The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmidiasite.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Under Public Resources Code section 15061, subdivision (b)(3), the proposed Municipal Code Text Amendment is exempt because it is not considered a "project" for purposes of Public Resources Code section 21065 and section 15378 of title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. The Municipal Code Text Amendment is a ministerial action and has no direct or indirect physical impact on the environment.

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

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Be with someone who will take care of you. Not materialistically, but take care of your soul, your well-being, your heart and everything that's you."

"Life is too short to worry about stupid things. Have fun. Fall in love. Regret nothing and don't let people bring you down."

"Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, you can achieve." Mary Kay Ash

Happy middle of May, dear friends and neighbors! It's time for another Good News Week. There are so many good things going on around me that I want to share with you.

The picture today is of granddaughter, Emily Brown, holding her certificate showing she has just been inducted into the National Junior Honor Society where membership is based on Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Citizenship and Character. The ceremony was yesterday evening and we are bursting with pride. I believe only 23 members of her seventh grade were inducted into this National Society. Next year, these young people will be doing so many useful things in the community, including mentoring younger children, working at our local food bank, and so much more. The National Honor Society then extends from Middle School, right into high school. NHS is in all 50 states, Canada, and pretty much all over the place. There's a little good news right there.

Interestingly, Emily recently requested black Converse high-top sneakers. We, of course, got them for her. We now know why: Every single girl we saw at the induction ceremony was wearing high-top Converse sneakers.

"You can never take too much care over the choice of your shoes. Too many women think that they are unimportant, but the real proof of an elegant woman is what is on her feet." Christian Dior

Next good news: The entire world is in bloom. Never have I seen so many beautiful flowers and trees bursting with exquisite blossoms. You probably haven't either. Right outside my window a dark pink Oleander is covered in flowers. Everywhere we look is something absolutely fabulous to see. Roses abound! Yes, you've heard it before...take time to smell them.

Good news number 3: My granddaughter, Amber Davis, is graduating from college this week. Again, the family is so proud of her.

Good news number 4: Many members of my family are on a Princess Cruise to Alaska and pictures have been posted on Facebook that were astonishing. A video of a waterfall coming off a glacier, complete with sound. Everyone holding small perfectly clear pieces of glacier that were in the water. Tiny starfish on everyone's hands. Bears teetering back and forth in trees that were way too skinny to hold them. Brave people clutching the handrails of a suspension bridge that swayed back and forth over a water-filled gorge far below.

John and I flew to Alaska many years ago as he was to scout out an area for a possible radio station. We flew into Anchorage and drove to Valdez, a community that was still recovering from the catastrophic Exxon oil spill. Driving from Anchorage to Valdez in August showed us a landscape that was just sort of bleak. It was cold even then and every business in Valdez was for sale. It wasn't what



you'd call a fabulous time. The radio station did not happen there and we were so very happy to get back to Anchorage and board a plane for Hawaii. We arrived in Honolulu about 5:00 a.m., dumped our luggage at the hotel, changed into cooler clothes and walked along Waikiki Beach. The tropical breeze was warm and smelled strongly of coconut oil as so much of it had been spilled on the beach. There was no one out there but us and it was the first time we had ever been to Hawaii. We ate breakfast at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel overlooking the beach and we both had papaya for the first time in our lives. A love affair with the Hawaiian Islands was born that morning and we returned many times.

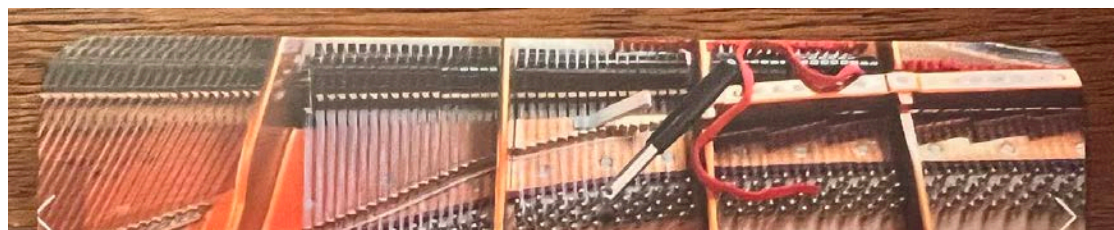
But back to Alaska...the pictures on Facebook showed us the real beauty of this State. Mountains covered with snow, water gushing down so many places. My family has had the experience of a lifetime. Sarah and Jay, my next-door neighbors, are currently there in Alaska, enjoying their second Alaska glacier cruise which involved fishing for salmon and cod. Yes, catch and release but these fish are huge! Something to think about saving for! Your good news could be that you're all booked to go in the next year or so.

Good news number 5: Birds! Early in the morning, the birds are so numerous, so filled with song, so happy about all the flowers. It has occurred to me that the world would truly be a sad and silent place without birds and their music. Hummingbirds are everywhere and so are the bees. The world is a joyful place just now. Look around and enjoy all you see. The Creator has put masterpieces everywhere.

"No bird soars too high if he soars with his own wings." William Blake
"A bird does not sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song." Maya Angelou
"The robin flew from his swinging spray of ivy on to the top of the wall and he opened his beak and sang a loud, lovely trill, merely to show off!" Frances Hodgson Burnett "The Secret Garden"

Good news number 6: The Trail Race is next week!

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis Where you'll find the Emma Gainsworth Kindle novelettes, Along with other goodies like "A Treasure Map, A Drunken Owl And 47 Rattlers in A Bag" True Tales of Early California



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Tues	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s
Wed	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s
Thur	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s
Fri	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 23, 2023 5:30pm

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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

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

The meetings will be streamed live on Foothills Media website at foothillsmidia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO & Free on-air publicity for local events


Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on Sierra Madre Community Information Radio. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.



Sierra Madre Woman's Club

550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. **2023: 116 Years**
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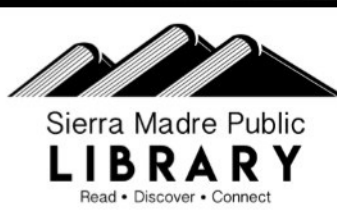
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News From Your Community For Your Community

Local Man Sentenced for Shooting at Planned Parenthood

A San Bernardino County man was sentenced Monday to 30 months in federal prison for firing BB guns at a Planned Parenthood facility in Pasadena nearly a dozen times and for illegally possessing a firearm and ammunition.

Richard Royden Chamberlin, 53, who previously lived in Altadena, was sentenced by United States District Judge Michael Fitzgerald. Chamberlin was also ordered to pay \$42,663 in restitution.

At the sentencing hearing, Fitzgerald described Chamberlin's year-long string of BB gun attacks as a "reign of terror" and that Chamberlin had acted "in a calculated and cruel way" against Planned Parenthood, its staff, and patients.

Chamberlin pleaded guilty in December 2022 to one count of violating the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Chamberlin admitted in his plea agreement to driving past the Planned Parenthood facility in Pasadena and firing his BB gun at the clinic on at least 11 occasions between June 2020 and May 2021. Chamberlin admitted that he intentionally conducted the attacks to intimidate and interfere with the clinic, its doctors, staff, and patients specifically because the clinic was providing reproductive health services, including services related to the termination of pregnancies.

Beginning on June 27, 2020, Chamberlin's attacks involved him firing BB pellets through the window of his car.

On May 7, 2021, the Pasadena Police stopped Chamberlin while he was driving away from the clinic following another attack. At the time, Chamberlin possessed eight BB guns, including BB guns designed to look like assault rifles. On the front passenger seat of his vehicle, police found a backpack containing a .22-caliber pistol, which was loaded with 10 rounds of ammunition. In his plea agreement, Chamberlin admitted that he possessed this firearm and ammunition after being previously convicted in Arizona in 2012 of a felony offense of attempted transportation of a narcotic drug for sale.

"These victims have all been deeply impacted by [Chamberlin's] conduct," prosecutors argued in a sentencing memorandum. "The clinic's employees still experience daily anxiety and fear, and they have an overwhelming sense of being unsafe in their work environment."



City to Discuss Library Retrofit Project

Pasadena city officials are set to hold the first in a series of community town hall meetings to discuss the Pasadena Central Library Retrofit and Renovations Project and introduce the project's design team.

The meeting will be held Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Jefferson Branch Library Auditorium, 1500 E. Villa St. Free on-street parking is available.

According to city staff, earlier this year, Pasadena City Council approved a \$6,104,109 contract with a design team led by Gruen Associates to develop the Central Library Retrofit and Renovations Project.

"As the design team develops strategies to seismically improve the nearly 100-year-old Central Library, the

city will seek input from community members on how the library should be used and what features should be included for the future while also preserving the building's historic character," city staff said.

Design work is expected to be completed in early 2025, at which point the city will solicit bids for design construction, pending funding.

Last year, Assemblymember Chris Holden worked to secure \$4 million in funding for the project through a grant from the State Library System. The state also earmarked an additional \$5 million to the project, bringing the total to \$9 million to be used towards the design and engineering work.

The Gruen contract includes preparation of environmental

documentation, final construction drawings and cost estimates for construction.

City staff also said that additional community meeting dates will be announced in summer and in fall.

On May 3, 2021, city officials were forced to close the Central Library until a seismic retrofit and restoration could be completed to meet life safety requirements.

Visit: cityofpasadena.net/library for more information about the Central Library Retrofit and Renovations Project. Questions can be directed to City of Pasadena Project Manager Teo Sierra at (626) 744-4772 or TSierra@CityOfPasadena.net.

City of Pasadena Seeks Input on the Next Director of Parks



The City of Pasadena invites community members to provide input on the key attributes, experience and background they would like the next director of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department (PRCS) to possess in order to best serve the needs of the community. A virtual Microsoft Teams meeting will be held Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. so that community members may share their thoughts.

Appointed by the city manager, the director of PRCS is responsible for: Operations of City parks, open spaces, recreation areas, and community centers; Maintenance and development of PRCS programs, including recreational programming and community services; and Management of all department services and activities.

The incoming director must ensure PRCS programs and services reflect Pasadena's diverse and multicultural community; and provide courteous and expedient customer service to the general public and City staff.

During the May 24 virtual meeting, participants will be asked to provide responses to

the following questions: What are three things that you especially like about Pasadena's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department?

What are the top three priorities or challenges the next PRCS director should address?

What are the key skills, attributes and experience necessary for the PRCS director to be successful?

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting Details Meeting ID: 261 776 440 95 Meeting passcode: mEAtJL

To join by phone, dial (311) 256-5069 and enter the code 576605720# when prompted.

For accessibility information or to request an accommodation, contact (626) 744-7311 or CSC@CityOfPasadena.net.

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

The City of Pasadena has partnered with the firm Koff & Associates to collect community input and conduct the search. For more information or to provide direct feedback to the recruiter, contact Frank Rojas, recruitment manager at Koff & Associates, at (510) 495-0448 or Frank_Rojas@ajg.com.

Former HEAR Board Member Antonio Paredes Honored



HEAR Center recognized the contributions and legacy of its former board member, Antonio "Tony" Paredes, during a plaque dedication of a rock garden on May 16. Paredes, who passed away on December 8, 2022, donated truckloads of rocks, prepared the surface, and installed the rock garden to replace the grass that couldn't grow in front of the building. The plaque, which is made of solid granite, will now be part of the building's history.

"When we found ourselves in need of help because grass simply would not grow under the shade of trees that surround the front of the building, Tony basically said 'Let me take care of it,'" HEAR Center's Board Chair Armida Baylon told guests at the dedication. "We now have the opportunity to acknowledge the importance of the deeds Tony quietly took care of."

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Paredes' family, board members, volunteers, and staff attended the event to pay tribute to him. Marco Lundgren, district representative for Senator Anthony J. Portantino, presented the family with a certificate to honor his legacy. Other certificates from LA Supervisor Kathryn Barger and Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo were presented to the family.

A former board member of HEAR Center for nearly 30 years, Paredes was a generous donor and advocate for its mission, which offers complete and affordable hearing and speech services to people at all stages of life, so they can be a part of the hearing and speaking world.

Born on January 11, 1953 in Mexico City, Paredes' family emigrated to the United States, settling in Boyle Heights. To learn more about HEAR Center, visit hearcenter.org.

The Pasadena Chorale to Present Listening to the Future

The Pasadena Chorale will present its annual student composer concert Listening to the Future on Saturday, June 17 at 7 p.m., at the First Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church in Pasadena. Audience members will be the first to hear ten new pieces that were composed by five local high school students for the Chorale's June concert. These young aspiring composers were accepted into Pasadena Chorale's education program of the same name in December 2022 and wrote the pieces over the last five months. They were mentored by composer Amy Gordon, who has returned as a composer mentor to the program for the second time.

"The five students of Pasadena Chorale's Listening to the Future program have composed absolutely beautiful arrangements and original pieces for the June 17 concert," said composer mentor Amy Gordon. "The pieces have a very nice variety of thematic content, tempo, and mood. The audience is in for such a treat, as each piece is truly unique."

This year's Listening to the Future composers are Iris Milagros Barrera (South Pasadena High School), Milo Brody (Pasadena Waldorf School), Tyler Gjerde (Pasadena High School), Charles McDermott (Beverly Hills High School), and Noa Sherman

(Pasadena Waldorf School).

During its dozen years of service to the community, the Chorale has presented over one hundred performances and enjoyed collaborations with the Pasadena Playhouse, MUSE/IQUE, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, and the Gamble House. In 2017 the Pasadena Chorale was awarded second place in the American Prize in Choral Performance.

The Chorale also offers a robust education program at no cost to participating students. Each year, through its unique Listening To The Future project, the Chorale pairs local high school composers with a professional composer mentor for a year of study. At the end of the year the Chorale presents a concert of the music composed by these students.

The Pasadena Chorale is the proud recipient of support from the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, The Pasadena Community Foundation and the City of Pasadena. All of the Pasadena Chorale's regular concerts are offered on a "Listen First, Then Give" basis, ensuring that all are able to attend, and encouraging the generous support of those who are able.

The Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 301 N. Orange Grove Blvd. Tickets are required but free and now available at PasadenaChorale.org.

Pasadena Humane Upcoming Events



Chip in "Fore" the Animals

Join Pasadena Humane on Monday, June 26 for our 24th annual golf tournament, dinner and auction at Oakmont Country Club in Glendale. Enjoy 18 holes of unparalleled golf against the breathtaking backdrop of the San Gabriel Mountains. Not a golfer? You can still join in on the fun by attending the post-tournament cocktail party and dinner, featuring wonderful food, drinks, an exciting auction and more.

For more information visit: pasadenahumane.org. 2024 Calendar Photo Contest

Your pet could be featured in our 2024 Pasadena Humane Calendar. Enter your pet June 1 through July 31 in the Pasadena Humane 2024 Calendar Photo Contest for a chance to win amazing prizes - including the chance to have your pet featured on a full month spread of our 2024 calendar, a custom pet portrait, and more.

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Monday-Wednesday, May 22-24 from 3:30 - 8:30 PM, Barth Community Room

Drinks and study snacks will be provided for students in grades 9-12 using the Community Room to prepare for finals. Registration is not required. Note: the session on Monday, May 22 will be held in the Thornton Conference Room.

San Marino Historical Society: Chuck Thornton

Monday, May 22 from 7 - 8 PM, Barth Community Room

In its Speakers Series, the San Marino Historical Society presents quarterly history talks focusing on topics specially selected for our town. Join us to hear from Chuck Thornton! Thornton will show a film and speak about the Thornton Estate, a local historical landmark formerly known as the Katherine Emery Estate. His video presentation will take us on a journey of preservation and perseverance and chronicle the rich history of the house and the people who have lived there since its construction in 1928. Registration is not required.

Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 29 at 9 AM, Lacy Park

Please join us as we pay tribute to the dedication and sacrifices the men and women of our Nation's Armed Forces have made. The ceremony will include recognition of Veterans, special guest speakers, and patriotic music. The event is free and open to the public.

Free Admission to The Huntington for Veterans on Memorial Day

Veterans and active duty service members are invited to visit The Huntington on Memorial Day (Monday, May 29) in celebration of their service. Complimentary admission extends to the veteran/service member and up to three guests. Tickets will be available at the admission ticket windows onsite. Rain or shine. Please bring proof of military service or veteran affiliation.

House Watch Program for Residents

This program is designed to keep your home safe while you are away. Residents who request to be placed on house watch will have officers drive by your house several times a day, check the location for any unusual activity, and walk the location to check doors and windows while looking for any unauthorized activity. To participate in this program, contact the department by phone at (626) 300-0720 prior to leaving, or submit the online form. The cost for this service is \$5 per day.

National Public Works Week

The week of May 21-27 is recognized as National Public Works Week through the American Public Works Association (APWA). The theme of the week, "Connecting the World Through Public Works", highlights how public works professionals help connect communities both physically, as well as through public service. The San Marino Public Works Department helps keep the community safe and strong through providing services related to infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, public trees, traffic signals, parks and grounds, public buildings and spaces, emergency response, and wastewater and stormwater capture and treatment. Throughout next week, the City will use social media to highlight the Parks and Public Works Department's activities and achievements in the community. **DID YOU KNOW?**

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Meetings

Library Board of Trustees

Monday, May 22 at 8:00 AM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 24 at 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

City Council Meeting - CANCELED

Friday, May 26 at 8:30 AM

Supervisors Back New Bill to Invest Tax Revenues in Venues Like the Rose Bowl



This week, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion co-authored by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Janice Hahn to back SB 96, a legislative bill that would reinvest a portion of sales and use tax revenues generated by historic entertainment and sports venues - such as the Rose Bowl and Hollywood Bowl - back into those venues to upgrade their accessibility and infrastructure.

"I believe in investing in our vibrant historic venues to keep them refreshed and ready to serve anyone who attends a show, watches a game, or enjoys a live performance in our County," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "Time and use take their toll on historic venues, so we need to be deliberate about keeping them well maintained, secure, and safe for all."

"We are lucky that Los Angeles County is home to so many beautiful historic venues, but we will lose them if we don't invest in their preservation," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "Upkeep for these historic venues is expensive so this legislation could be a gamechanger."

Support for SB 96, called the Historic Venue Restoration and Resiliency Act, is widespread. City of Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo reflected on how the bill

could benefit the Rose Bowl and surrounding region.

"SB 96 will undoubtedly create a positive impact to ensure infrastructure readiness and resolve at our historic sports and entertainment venues that showcase L.A. County and California to the world," Gordo said. "Coupled with the evolution of the national stage college football and the advancement of UCLA Football into the Big Ten Conference, America's Stadium will remain as a vibrant center to the sports and entertainment world. Supervisor Barger's support of SB 96's efforts allows us to continue putting the safety of our visitors first."

Leaders from venues have expressed their strong support for the legislation.

"Senate Bill 96 would help provide much-needed infrastructure support for the preservation and resiliency of our County's and State's historic live event and sporting venues," said Rose Bowl Stadium CEO and General Manager Jens Weiden. "As detailed in the language of the Historic Venue Restoration and Resiliency Act, venues such as the Rose Bowl Stadium are located throughout Los Angeles County and this great State. They have served as economic engines for our cities, counties and State for generations."

City Brings Attention to Importance of Mental Health

Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) announced the recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month in May to bring attention to the importance of mental health and promote resources for well-being.

Mental illness is a widespread issue that affects people of all ages, backgrounds

and socioeconomic status. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, one in five U.S. adults and one in six children between the ages of six and 17 experience mental illness each year.

"For someone in need of help, raising awareness can be a turning point for acceptance, improved understanding and access to support," said Manuel Carmona, acting public health director. "When someone shares a mental health concern with you, it is a critical opportunity to let them know it is okay to not be okay and help them connect to important resources."

PPHD encourages anyone who needs mental health support to seek help. Crisis counseling services are available to Pasadena residents including:

Pacific Clinics

Call (877) PC-CARES for emergency mental health services, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

LA County Crisis Text Line

Text LA to 741741 for services available 24/7.

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) ACCESS Program

Call (800) 854-7771, available 24/7. This serves as the main entry point to emergency mental health services in the county, including in Pasadena.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Call 9-8-8 to access a 24/7 national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. 988 text messaging and online chat is also available.

If you or a loved one is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1 and ask the operator for an officer trained in crisis intervention for a psychiatric emergency.

There are several specialized mental health assistance programs offering non-emergency services in the greater Pasadena area. A list of local resources can be found in the Pasadena Emotional Health and Well-Being Resource Guide. Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) offers families additional mental health resources through the Mental Health Services Department. Additionally, individuals are encouraged to contact their primary care provider or health insurance to access a list of providers in their insurance network.

PPHD receives limited funding from LACDMH to support programs that link transitional-age youth and older adults experiencing homelessness to community-based mental health services. The department is not currently funded to offer emergency mental health services or direct patient care. For the Resource Guide or more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.

Holden's Bills Pass Assembly Committee on Appropriations

Assemblymember Chris Holden's bills passed the Assembly Committee on Appropriations Thursday and are headed to the Assembly Floor. The bills include: AB 41 - The Upward Mobility Act of 2022: boards and commissions: civil service: examinations: classifications, AB 43 - Greenhouse gas emissions: building materials: credit trading platform and compliance system, AB 249 - Water: school sites: lead testing: conservation, AB 252 - The College Athlete Protection Act, AB 262 - Children's camps: regulation, AB 280 Segregated confinement, AB 299 - Hazing: educational institutions: civil liability, AB 304 - Domestic violence: probation, AB 323 - Planning and land use: parcels: changes in use, AB 610 - Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program: free youth transit passes, AB 647 - Grocery workers, AB 776 - Route 210, AB 1228 - Fast Food Restaurant Franchisors and Franchisees: joint liability, and AB 1244 - Private Security Services and Private Investigators: qualified managers.

Currently, Assemblymember Holden's bills in the Senate include: AB 289 - Mental Health Services: youth representation, AB 368 - College and Career Access Pathways partnerships, AB 1204 - Contractors, contracts: restrictions, AJR 1 - Republic of Arsakh, and ACR 60 - San Diego State University Aztecs: March Madness.

"My focus remains steady in meeting the needs of Californians and that is reflected through my legislation. The people come first. I'll continue to remain a diligent leader and listener throughout this process," said Assemblymember Chris Holden.

AB 41 would build on the progress of AB 2748, introduced in 2022 to help bridge the digital divide and address accessibility, quality, and affordability.

AB 43 would express the intent of the Legislature to enact an Embodied Carbon Trading System within the program created by AB 2446, or the Low Carbon Product Standard (LCPS), to facilitate a credit-trading platform for building materials.

AB 249 would require a community water system that serves a school site to test for lead in each of the school site's potable water system outlets on or before January 1, 2027. If the lead level exceeds five parts per billion (ppb), this bill requires the local educational agency (LEA) or school to take immediate steps to make inoperable and shut down from use all fountains and faucets where the excess lead levels may exist, and ensures that a potable source of drinking water is provided for pupils.

AB 252 would ensure that college athletes have specific rights that are defined, upheld, and protected by their institutions.

AB 262 would direct the Department of Social Services (DSS) to lead a stakeholder group to develop recommendations through a report to the Legislature on future regulations that would protect children while attending day and overnight camps.

AB 280 would allow California to join other states including New York and Colorado in ending solitary confinement for specific populations, and join the international community in recognizing that solitary confinement constitutes torture and put a limit on how long any individual can be held in isolation.

AB 289 would include youth or youth mental health organizations in the list of stakeholder counties must confer with when developing their three year expenditure plans under the Mental Health

Services Act.

AB 299 would allow for civil action to be brought against an educational institution for an instance of hazing in which one or more students were involved if that educational institution knew or should have known of the dangerous hazing practices of an affiliated organization.

AB 304 would restructure the oversight of the rehabilitation process domestic violence offenders must undergo, in an effort to reduce recidivism and increase overall education within the system - including among probation departments, courts, and program providers.

AB 323 would protect homeownership pathways for low-income families.

AB 368 would provide a pathway for more high school graduates to attend college.

AB 610 would create the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program to fund the development and implementation of fare free transit passes to California students. The bill also requires a report on the program's outcomes, including whether the program increased transit ridership among student users, to be submitted to the Legislature.

AB 647 would require a successor grocery employer, upon change in control of a grocery establishment, to hire from the list for 120 days after the grocery establishment is fully operational and open to the public and retain each eligible grocery worker for at least 120 days after their commencement date, except as specified.

AB 776 would require the department, through the erection of highway signs and appropriate markers, to provide recognition of the historical and cultural importance of the California Indian tribes local to, or historically located in, the Counties of Los Angeles and San Bernardino.

AB 1204 would work to ensure that contractors are abiding by labor laws and properly classifying employees.

AB 1228 as it relates to a franchisor's role in their franchisee's compliance of employee rights, would make any agreement between franchisors and franchisees that waives the franchisor's liability for such violations unenforceable and contrary to public policy.

AB 1244 would require a qualified manager under the Private Investigator Act and the Private Security Services Act to hold a current and valid qualified manager's certificate issued by the director, and would require the director to issue a qualified manager's certificate to a person who meets the requirements of the act, as applicable.

AJR 1 would condemn the Azerbaijan's blockade of Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh) and call for the Biden Administration to take tangible action to hold Azerbaijani government accountable for its flagrant violations of international human rights.

ACR 60 would promote well-deserved recognition for the outstanding accomplishments of the San Diego State Aztecs men's basketball team this season.

"My goal is always to service my community above all else. I believe these bills exemplify my due diligence in achieving that goal, by creating solutions to solve key issues, developing roadmaps for new innovations and improved functionality, and generating a pathway for equal opportunity. I will continue to work with my colleagues in the Legislature and Governor Newsom to fully implement these measures," said Assemblymember Chris Holden.

"We are listening and collaborating with Californians to provide solutions that work; for the good of the public and the planet," said Holden.

Monthly Food Distribution

Friday, June 2, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the parking lot at Pasadena Senior Center.

Low-income adults 60 and older receive one free box of food and couples receive two. Each box includes foods that meet specific nutritional needs, such as cheese, canned fruits and vegetables, dry milk and related dairy products, cereals and other grain products, and more. Proof of income and California ID are required for first-time recipients. Boxes are heavy, so bring a pull-behind personal cart to the parking lot between the Pasadena Senior Center and the Metro Gold Line station. Opening boxes on the premises is prohibited. For more information, visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.org and click on Resources, then Food Distribution Programs or call 626-685-6732.

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PAUL RAZO, FORMER LAPD AND SM PARAMEDIC ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH MULTIPLE COUNTS OF LEWD ACTS WITH A CHILD

Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced earlier this week that Paul Razo has been charged with sexually assaulting four boys at his Covina home while he was employed as an officer with the Los Angeles Police Department.



"The allegations of sexual abuse against vulnerable children in this case are deeply disturbing and it's particularly troubling that the defendant was a law enforcement officer at the time," District Attorney Gascón said.

Childhood sexual abuse causes immeasurable harm and our hearts go out to the victims who were victimized by someone they trusted. We will do everything in our power to ensure that they have access to the support and resources they need to heal. Sexual abuse of any kind is a heinous crime and we will not tolerate it in our community."

Razo, 46, is accused of sexually assaulting two of his young male relatives. One of the victims was about 11 or 12 years old when Razo allegedly began the abuse, while the other victim was about 13.

The other two victims were sons of a woman Razo had been dating and they often reportedly spent the night at his home. One of the boys was 9 or 10 years old when Razo is accused of sexually assaulting him, while the victim's brother was 12 years old.

The alleged crimes occurred during various times between 2006 and 2017. Razo departed LAPD in April 2023.

Razo also served as a part-time paramedic with the Sierra Madre Fire Department from 2007 - 2019.

Anyone with information about this incident or other incidents is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Special Victims Bureau toll-free tip line at (877) 710-5273 or at specialvictimsbureau@lasd.org.

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MVNews and various other news agencies

RALLY IN KERSTING COURT DEMANDING GUN SENSE



Twenty five people gathered at Kersting Court Saturday, May 13, from 10 am-12 pm to demand a nationwide ban on assault weapons. This rally, coordinated and sponsored by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and Everytown for Gun Safety, was one of hundreds across the country. Participants and passersby were provided information on new California gun laws and a QR code to contact U.S. representatives to urge them to pass sensible gun legislation.

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Friend Jim Cascone and I had plans to taste wine at the local bottle shop Thursday Night, are plans got interrupted so I decided to revisit one of the most popular and well-respected restaurants in Pasadena. The Parkway Grill has been awarded-congratulated -praised for over thirty years. For good reason is it has proven to be very consistent, which has always been a formula for success.

Would Thursday's night adventure pass the Peter Dills' test? Sure, with flying Colors. Why is The Parkway Grill so successful, I believe owners Gregg and Bob Smith will settle for nothing less. Am I giving you a "homer" review? Nope!!! Paid for my own meal. Gregg was present at the restaurant, a good sign.

But let's stick to the task at hand. On my Thursday visit,Seems that I have been here a hundred times, I decided to sit in the bar for dinner I wanted to keep an eye on the local talent in hopes that my luck on stocks wouldn't interfere with a great meal and people watching. My server/bartender was Naz and he gleefully handed me the dinner menu. After he rattled off a few weekly specials, I opted to stick with the regular dinner menu. I started with Parkway's Caesar salad ahhh perfect, Caesar Cardina would be very proud!!! The Romaine was prefect and the croutons were mixed correctly with the dressing. We are off to a very good start. Second up, the Tiger Shrimp Corn Dogs, think hotdogs but a better stuffing! My final choice the main course was the Chilean Sea Bass cooked perfectly and was a big enough portion to share with my table (bar) mates. All in all two thumbs way up!!! Parkway Grill always is a great choice and today's lunch was no different. Dessert? Forget about it! I'm stuffed.

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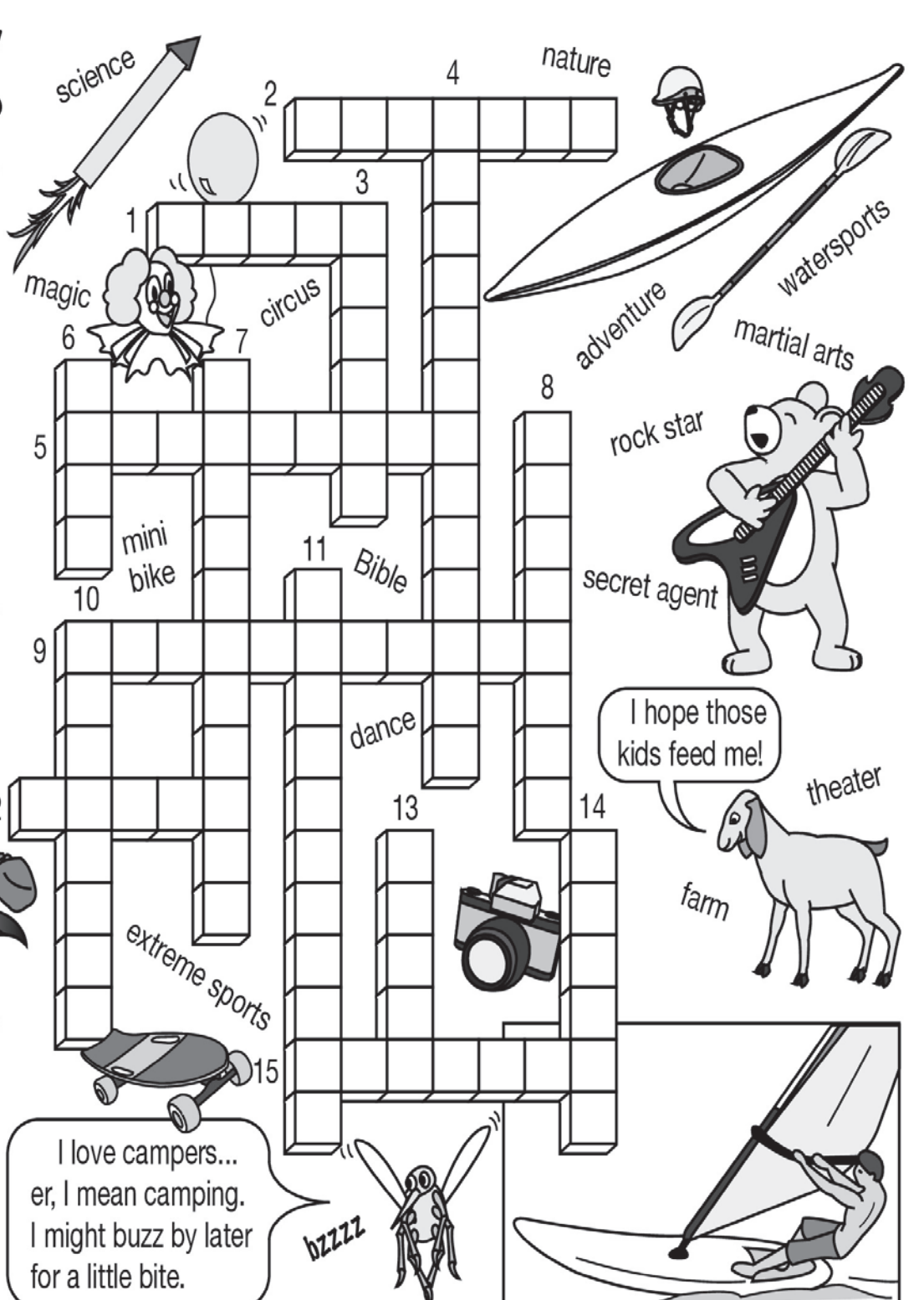
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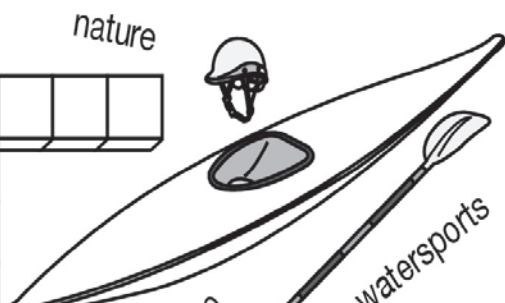
Let's Go To Camp!



This summer, lots of us will be going to camp. In my area we have a great Parks and Rec department that offers a day camp for two weeks. I'm planning to go there to play sports and go hiking. Glade, my little brother, chose an overnight adventure camp and can't wait to try out ropes courses, kayaking and mini biking! Check out some camp choices near you. Don't forget that you can have fun camping right at home too. All it takes is a tent in the backyard or a sheet covering the couch and chair in a living room. Don't forget the flashlights, comics and maybe a brother, sister or a good friend to share the fun.



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with some kinds of camps:



- card tricks; how to pull a rabbit out of a hat
- rocketry, robotics, computer programming
- juggle, clown and even walk on a wire
- skateboarding, rollerblading, BMX biking
- white water rafting, rock climbing, mountain biking
- care for livestock: chickens, pigs, cows; harvest crops
- play paintball, search for clues and use neat gadgets
- learn to play instruments or sing rock n' roll
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- safety first, then rip around the dirt track
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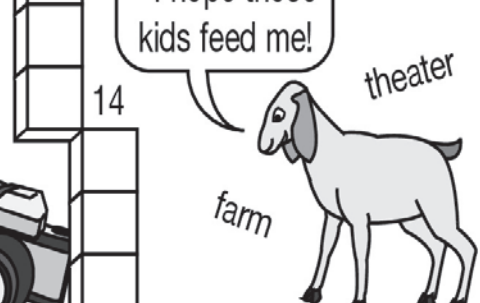
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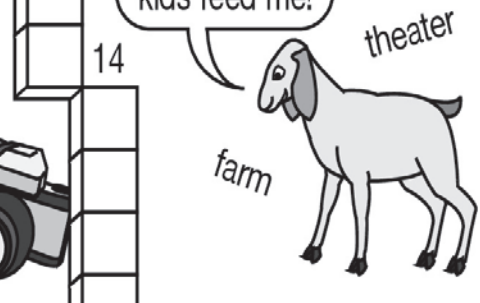
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I love campers... er, I mean camping. I might buzz by later for a little bite.

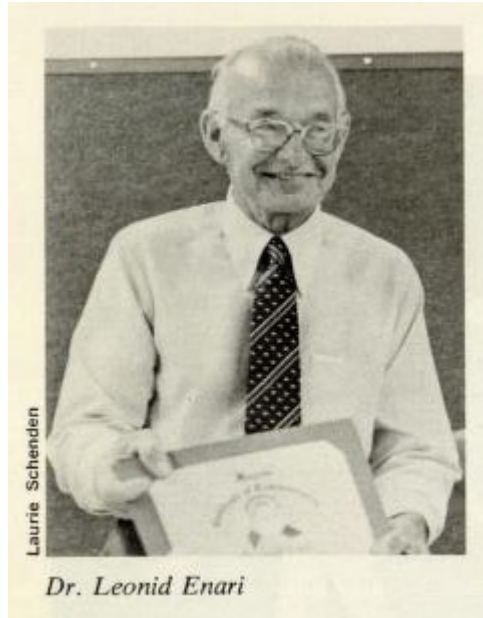
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Dr. Leonid Enari

By January of 1974, I'd developed enough basic knowledge in ethno-botany to be able to lead my first formal and professional plant walk. One hundred people showed up that day, each paying one dollar cash for the privilege of walking along and learning about the uses of the plants along the trail.

To get to that point where I was able to lead such a walk, I had attended botany classes in high school and college, joined the L.A. Mycological Association, attended countless local plant lectures, and made friends and associates with several local botanists, biologist, and native Americans (such as Dorothy Poole, "chaparral Granny"). But I'd not yet met Dr. Enari.

In January of 1975, my mentor R.E. White showed me a news clipping from the local paper about an upcoming class called "Edible, Medicinal, and Poisonous Plants," to be held at the L.A. County Arboretum in Arcadia.

I do remember thinking, "Well, I already know a lot about wild foods and native uses of plants. I do hope this will be worth my time." How foolish I was to think that!

On our first night of the class, we were shocked at the large number of students - perhaps as many as 50 - seated around tables that had been arranged in a large square, upon which were arrayed the many plants which would be our lesson. I was very impressed, especially since I did not recognize many of the plants.

Once everyone was seated, we met our instructor, Dr. Leonid Enari. This soft-spoken native Estonian introduced the class for the semester, and explained the details. Every night began with a discussion of each of the plants he brought to the class, often with a particular theme. We came to regard the unique Dr. Enari as the greatest botanist that nobody knows! He would say that with the knowledge of wild plants, no one need ever go hungry!

Dr. Enari would hold up a plant and talk about it. He'd tell us the common name, and the Latin name. He would tell us of its uses for food, or medicine, or other uses such as soap or dyes. He always seemed to have several interesting stories about every plant.

After Class One with Dr. Enari, I realized that my botanical "knowledge" was rudimentary at best, and my serious study had begun.

Week after week, Dr. Enari followed the same routine, showing us maybe 30 news plants. Of course, Dr. Enari had the 127 acres of the world-class Arboretum at his disposal where he could pick the plants for the class.

Dr. Enari was the quintessential scientist, totally focused on his craft, where no nuance was too insignificant. He nearly always wore khaki pants and a light blue long-sleeved shirt. He was always serious, almost somber, and his in-depth knowledge was beyond question or reproach.

We later learned that while still living in

his native Estonia, he earned his masters degree in 1941, and his doctorate in 1944, in botany/biology, and in chemistry.

Though I never found a single biography of Dr. Enari, I was able to piece together the following:

He was born on March 31, 1914 in Estonia, and experienced light Nazi occupation in his country during WWII. He saw people who were hungry and starved because of the effects of war, and this influenced his choice of study and career choices. After earning his higher degrees, he was placed in charge of a Displaced Persons camp in Germany while serving his country's military.

He moved to Portland, Oregon in 1944, where he taught chemistry at Lewis and Clark College. While there, he wrote "Plants of the Pacific Northwest." He then moved to Pasadena, California, and joined the botanical staff of the L.A. County Arboretum in Arcadia where he taught, wrote, and led botanical tours. His second book was "Ornamental Shrubs of California."

We recall that he was always very serious, very focused, intent. Perhaps this demeanor was partly due to the fact that his only son had recently been killed in the Vietnam war.

Over the next few years, I completed and earned certificates in two of his semester courses: "Poisonous, Edible, and Medicinal Plants," and "Plant Taxonomy," each the equivalent of a 3-unit college course.

Dr. Enari allowed and welcomed me to come to his office at the Arboretum and bring plants that I wanted identified. These were short sessions, rarely lasting more than 20 or 30 minutes. He'd tell me the common and Latin names of the plants I'd brought. In no case did I bring him a plant that he didn't identify, and usually he also knew an interesting story about each plant.

Dr. Enari also agreed to proofread the manuscript for my first book, "Guide to Wild Foods," for botanical accuracy. He seemed very happy to be involved, and he also wrote a foreword for the book. When I presented him with a copy of the finished book in 1978 - with all its flaws - he seemed delighted at the finished product. At that time, there was no other book of that sort that had been created.

I still think of him as the "greatest botanist that nobody knows." I mourned his passing of February 20, 2004.

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