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COUNCIL APPROVES FY 2023-2024 BUDGET

At Tuesday's Sierra Madre's City Council meeting, the city's operating budget for the next 12 months was unanimously approved. There was only one resident who spoke against the budget during public comment with remarks that were discourteous to both the council and staff.

The entire council recognized the challenges facing the city in terms of the escalating costs of providing Police and Fire services as well as other monetary demands necessary to maintain the city's infrastructure. There are a number of Public Works projects that will be started in the next fiscal year which begins July 1st, in addition to the renovation of the newly purchased Public Safety Center in the old Bank of America building.

It was noted during the meet-

ing that preparation of the budget began in April of this year, with department heads and the Finance Director and City Manager, each reviewing their operations and adhering to the city's policy of using a zero-based budget process, reviewing each line item and expenditure proposed. The table below shows the City-wide proposed FY 23-24 budget across all funds.

According to the staff report presented, the FY 23-24 General Fund proposed budget has a deficit projected of \$79,750 projected due to an increase in operating costs and less available funding for capital needs.

In order to fund the capital needs for the next Fiscal Year, the proposed budget asks for the use of General Fund

reserves.

The proposed City-Wide budget includes a \$100,000 General Fund contingency, \$17.1M capital asset expenditures, and a projected increase in payroll costs.

The City is currently reviewing Sierra Madre's Strategic goals that will be used to help prioritize budgeted programs and purchases. The City has held multiple town hall meetings as an opportunity for the public to provide input on strategic goals.

The City is also currently reviewing its City-wide User Fees and Utility rates that will be soon brought to Council for review and adoption.

Despite the challenges, the city continues to maintain favorable standings compared to neighboring communities. (See Chart 2 Below)

MVNews

CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY PREPARES TO OPEN IN SIERRA MADRE

Renovation of new facility is nearly complete

Cancer Support Community Greater San Gabriel Valley (CSC), formerly Cancer Support Community Pasadena, is nearing completion of the renovation of its new facility in Sierra Madre.

"It won't be long now," says Patricia Ostiller, JD, Executive Director. "Our beautiful new support group rooms and inviting community room with adjacent kitchen are just about complete. Floor-to-ceiling mirrors are going up in our exercise room, and our staff offices are freshly painted and carpeted."

"Our construction team at Reaume Richardson, led by Bryson Reaume, not only kept to our timeline but also kept costs in check. Everyone there appreciated our nonprofit status and did all they could - as did their subcontractors - to help us come in on budget," remarked Brad Talt, CSC Board President. "It's hard to find such a quality company with experienced personnel - glad we hired them."

CSC intends to move to its new location at the end of June. "We'll get set up and then open our doors on Monday, July 10th," adds Alison Wong, Ph.D., LMFT, Program & Clinical Director. "During the interim, we'll continue with all of our free programs virtually."

CSC served a record 1,045 people last year. The new location provides more space for the organization's programs, and its new name also describes the vast region it serves.

In 2022, CSC launched a capital campaign, Be the Key, to fund the purchase, renovation, and maintenance of its new facility. More than 230 individual donors and foundation funders have donated to the campaign. For more information, please visit bethekey@cscpasadena.org or call Patricia Ostiller at 626-796-1083.

ABOUT CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY Cancer Support Community provides free support groups, educational workshops, and healthy lifestyle classes to cancer patients and their families, cancer survivors, and those bereaved in the greater San Gabriel Valley. In-person, virtual, and hybrid programs are available in English, Spanish, and Armenian. For more information, visit cancersupportsgv.org

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET

Table 1	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
FUND	ACTUALS	ADOPTED	AMENDED	PROPOSED
REVENUES				
GENERAL FUND	\$ 15,343,867	\$ 14,670,700	\$ 15,419,000	16,260,400
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:	3,496,058	3,471,950	3,486,700	12,368,450
WATER	6,597,942	7,021,000	6,623,840	7,176,000
SEWER	1,104,363	1,183,000	1,183,000	1,243,000
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS	3,776,912	5,068,000	5,025,000	4,983,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 30,319,142	\$ 31,414,650	\$ 31,737,540	\$ 42,030,850
TRANSFERS IN				
	\$ 456,840	\$ 298,200	\$ 344,600	\$ 701,140
EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL FUND	14,848,077	14,327,140	14,955,790	15,629,010
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:	3,405,162	3,906,980	4,203,823	16,221,607
WATER	6,044,583	6,161,931	7,060,731	6,545,920
SEWER	1,084,970	1,088,640	1,127,940	1,196,040
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS	4,674,824	5,560,341	5,580,341	5,141,080
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 30,057,616	\$ 31,045,032	\$ 32,928,625	\$ 44,733,657

FY 20/21 STATE AUDITOR RISK PROGRAM

NEIGHBORING CITIES

CITY	GF RESERVE LEVEL
Arcadia	Low
Monrovia	Moderate
San Marino	Low
Sierra Madre	Low
South Pasadena	Low

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WEEK 7 (JULY 24-28) CODE NINJAS \$300

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Happy Father's Day

It has been said, that there is no substitute for time. Only through its passage can many of life's experiences be fully understood. This Fathers Day I reflect back on a lesson of life and a Father that has ceased to teach and comfort me. I would like to invite you along for a single night with a man that has left this Earthly place but dwells eternally within my heart. The article below was written and published before his passing.



Dining With Dills

My Evening with a Restaurant Critic.

My entire life has been an eight course meal. In my late teens I had the distinguished position of bagger at the local supermarket, and later with references, I was able to move to Jurgensen's Gourmet Grocery. There I was to learn about fine wines, exotic cheeses and my kryptonite, dry aged beef. I guess it all started there because at twenty-three I was pretentious about food. For many years I thought that was where it all started for me, there in those markets, but I have come to realize that I was wrong. For some in life it is the famous baseball player; or possibly a religious figure, for others it is a musical master or the profound artist. How many times in life, if ever do you get a chance to sit with those that inspire and challenge life with a depth of wisdom? For most they will never get the opportunity. I can claim one prize in this life; I have had the opportunity to observe, speak with and lastly follow in the footsteps of one person that holds that place for me. They have been labeled "The greatest generation" for a reason. Each day another from that stratum of America, "slowly goes into the night."

Many of you know that my Father Elmer Dills was on TV and radio for twenty-eight years here in Los Angeles. I had the opportunity to dine and share with my mentor a few weeks ago. I have been out with my Father at least five hundred times but as a fine wine, wisdom increases in its depth and flavor as it ages.

On this night our adventure took us to Madeleines(since closed) in Pasadena. Seems that my Dad is a regular there and lately he's been a little under the weather. I have heard him say nothing but praise of this place, so it's off to Madeliennes.

"Table for three, please," on this evening we have, my daughter Lauren (the budding Critic), Pops and Me. Whenever I see courteous, well behaved children; I know their parents are invariably going to be respectful people. Likewise whenever I get a compliment, I know it goes beyond just me. As we sit to dine, there is no call for attention and gratification, just a smooth easy in being in his court. As we talk, I am struck that there is no air of condemnation but rather one of deep respect for the people that more often than not get it right in this business. My Dad the legendary restaurant critic doesn't even ask what the ingredients of the dishes are as he orders. He doesn't request to see the sommelier. Is he a restaurant critic, I am waiting for a sign? It is just as natural as going to dinner with a group of friends, I think.

The restaurant is quietly attractive, cozy and well spaced. You feel a little smarter here, knowing that Albert Einstein often slept upstairs while he was visiting Cal Tech.

We began with a cheese plate (\$9), nice but it could have used less nuts and more of cheese and crackers. My Dad is a creature of habit, just like many of us. He orders the Rack of Lamb, "I just loved it," just like a young kid would say. The waiter was kind enough to have it cut for him. Daughter Lauren ordered the Pork Chops and gave it two training thumbs up. Now that is a compliment. Not sure if high heels work in this business though, as you never know when you may encounter a chef that feels you have leveled capricious discourse with your pen on the one hand and possess a frying pan in the other. She will discover soon enough why I wear running shoes and a sport coat.

I order the Spencer Steak, of course I am the difficult one, so once we get the steak the way I wanted it cooked, it vanishes quickly.

Back to Dad, the waiter asks, "How was the meal" and I know 99% of you when asked would give the response, "Fine, Thank You." Nope, the restaurant critic said, "The lamb chops were great!!" "And the dessert was?" A shrugged of the shoulders told it all. That is the honesty and passion that got me involved in this business. Today, I still work at a restaurant to keep up on the trends and I even get a crazy dream that I may own one someday. You can be sure he will be one of the first to give a thumbs up or a shrug of the shoulders if I do.

Happy Fathers Day - I would never trade sitting across the table from you for anything. This was a re-print and may just run it every year at this time just to remind you and all to hold these special days near your heart. My Radio Show is back on AM 830 KLAAM Sundays at 5 PM

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"...And so, God created dads so that there would forever be bedtime-story-readers and cover-tuckers, shoulder-carriers at parades and star-pointers on clear nights, bike-riding coaches and driving instructors, love-providers and proud protectors. And He saw that it was good." Melvina Young

"Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad." Anne Geddes

Tomorrow is Father's Day, one of those days when I miss John - the best father I ever knew - more than usual. He is now with the eternal, loving Father...Our Father, Who art in heaven...

When you have an enormous family, as we do, there are fathers all over the place. At best count, we currently have seven fathers with a total of 22 children between them. I think, friends and neighbors, that's got to put us in some sort of record book. The picture today is of my grandson-in-law, Trevor, his two little girls, Addison and Charlotte, and the brand-new little guy in our family, Brannan Austin Johnson, who was born May 21st.

I was fortunate to have married an exceptional man who was a fantastic father. As I grew up without one, I had no clue how this worked, but John showed me that a father is patient, he is kind, he isn't proud, doesn't dishonor the children or his wife, is not self-seeking, not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs. A good father rejoices with the truth. Always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. That means explaining the same algebra problem for the nineteenth time without throwing the book or the child on the floor. It means going to get a daughter and bring her home from a bad situation. It means staying awake at night when someone isn't home who should be, and gently grounding them for a year or till they're 30. It means being proud of every achievement, no matter how minor. This sounds a whole lot like that

1 Corinthians 13 in the Bible thing, doesn't it. I have frequently said, and totally mean it, that John raised all five of us: Leah, Patti, John, Crissy and me! I wrote this column a few days before June 16th, which would have been his birthday. He is celebrating in heaven but his legacy of being a loving husband and father lives on in his children. We see his example through the behavior of all the men in our family. How blessed we all are and so grateful for his influence.

I could go on for several columns on the virtues of all these men, my son, John, son-in-law, Dave, grandsons Michael, David and Chad, and grandson-in-law, Trevor, but today I'm going to talk about just one of them.

My Arizona son-in-law, Chris, is the father of two little girls, Jessie who is 15 and Emily who is 12. These girls are adopted foster children, born of drug addicted mothers.

These are not easy little people, but Chris and Crissy will keep on keeping on, being the best parents possible, rejoicing in these girls' accomplishments and dealing with the difficulties.

I don't know about you, but I have a mental image of Jesus, who loved hanging around with little kids, in addition to tax collectors and ladies of questionable virtue, laughing heartily at "Cheez- its loves me, this I know." This comes from the first year Jessie and Emily went to Vacation Bible School. They were both so little that the VBS t-shirts fell to their knees. They had a great time and came home singing "Cheez-its loves me!" Like I said, I know Jesus would have loved it.

Take a look at the guys around you who are fathers, and remind them they are God's appointed and anointed men and you appreciate them. I got to tell my Dad I loved him many times before he died, we missed that father-daughter thing, but I've seen the best at work in my family. I hope you have, too. Happy Father's Day!

If you want an easy dessert to go with your Father's Day barbecue, try this one:

EASY APPLE CAKE

2 cups Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, cut in good sized chunks
1 cup sugar - Place apples in a bowl and add sugar. Let stand 30 min. (That part is really important!)

Add:
1/4 cup oil
1 egg beaten
1 tsp vanilla
Blend well.

Combine:
1 cup unsifted flour
1 generous tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. soda
1/4 tsp. salt
Stir into apple mixture.

Add 1/2 cup or so chopped pecans or walnuts. Spoon into well-greased 8" square pan.
Bake at 350, 35-40 minutes till cake tester inserted in middle comes out clean. Cut into squares and dust with powdered sugar. Best served warm, and it doubles and triples beautifully.

"My father didn't do anything unusual; he did what dads are supposed to do - Be There." Max Lucado

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



SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT June 4 - June 10, 2023

	Calls for Service	Formal Investigations
June 4 th to June 10 th 2023	219	13
Total Year to Date for 2023	3,713	274

The following represents a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Sierra Madre Police Department during this period. This list is not intended to be considered exclusive or all-inclusive.

Sunday, June 4 Theft from Motor Vehicle

At approximately 7 AM, officers responded to the 400 block of N. Grove St. for reports of a possible theft from motor vehicle. The reporting party discovered that unknown suspect(s) smashed the rear window to their vehicle. The Detectives Bureau is following up on this incident.

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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

June 27, 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 foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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

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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.

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Reading Buddies —In-person from 3:30pm-5:30pm

Tuesday

Meditation Morning —In-person at 10:00am

Anime Afternoon —In-person at 5:00pm

1-2-3D Printing Workshop—In-person at 6:00pm. Call to register

Wednesday

Stitch Together-Teens —In-person at 2:00pm. Call to register

Dungeons & Dragons —In-person at 3:00pm. Call to register

Pajama Storytime —Online at 7:00pm. Call to register

Thursday

Cricut —In person at 12:00pm

Reading Buddies —In-person from 3:30pm-5:30pm

Saturday

Summer Science Workshop—In-person at 11:00am. Call to register

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Planning Commission has one (1) expected vacancy.

Community Services Commission has one (1) expected vacancy.

Library Board of Trustees has two (2) anticipated vacancies.

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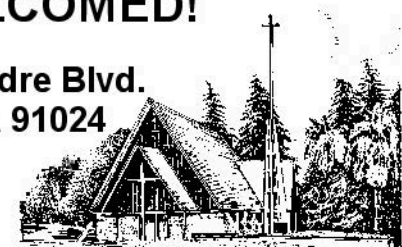
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City to Name new Pool after John Kennedy



Pasadena city officials reminded residents Friday that they are currently considering naming the new community pool at Robinson Park after former District 3 Councilmember John Kennedy, who passed away last year and are asking for support or suggesting an alternate name.

The city will take input and/or name suggestions through July 7.

On the site of the Robinson Park Recreation Center at 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave., the new facility features a larger pool with zero-entry access; a renovated pool building with accessible showers, and restroom facilities. Project includes a Youth Community room, new lighting and resurfaced the parking lot.

The City will adopt a name for the new facility name that meets at least one of the criteria established in the City's Public Park and Recreation Facility Naming Policy. The criteria are as follows:

- Geographical location of the park of facility;
- Natural or geological features proximate to the park or facility;
- Cultural or historical significance to the City or surrounding neighborhood;
- Name of an individual who has made a significant contribution to the community, country, state, or field of parks and recreation.

The proposed name and other suggested names from this process will be presented to the Recreation and Parks Commission at their meeting on August 1. The Commission will discuss, vote and recommend a pool name to the City Council. The City Council will approve naming the pool at a subsequent meeting.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec.

Two Day Summer Watering

The City of Pasadena is now on the summer watering schedule, which limits outdoor watering to no more than two days per week according to the Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Plan. Even-numbered addresses can water on Mondays and Thursdays, while odd-numbered addresses can water on Tuesdays and Fridays. To ensure the health and survival of trees, the community is encouraged to use direct hand-watering.

For details and guidelines, visit: PWPweb.com/WateringSchedule



PUSD Superintendent McDonald Resigns

The Pasadena Unified School District Board voted Thursday night to accept the resignation of Superintendent Brian McDonald. He had been in the position for nine years, as part of 12 years in PUSD leadership.

"My heart is with PUSD and I want this to be a seamless and positive transition to ensure that students, employees, families, and the community continue to prosper. I will remain your Superintendent until June 30," McDonald said. "With the District about to embark on a new Strategic Plan, this is an opportune moment for PUSD to transition to new leadership. It's time for me to move on to new challenges."

McDonald gave no other information about why he is stepping down. In May McDonald was not chosen after reports said he had been a finalist for the superintendent position in Columbus, Ohio.

In a statement McDonald listed some of his accomplishments including:

- Establishment and expansion of the instructional infrastructure that has led to improved student outcomes including the closing of the cohort graduation rate gap and significantly reduced

- student suspensions
- Three federal magnet grants of over \$30 million that have transformed seven schools
- Adoption of a Graduate Profile to guide our work in preparing our students for a successful future

- Expansion of academic programs such as Dual Language Immersion, International Baccalaureate (IB), Arts Education, Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM), College & Career Academies, and the creation of the APP and Math Academies
- Establishment of an Equity Litmus Test and a Student Think Tank that elevates the student voice
- Development of stronger partnerships between the school district, institutions of higher education, and local municipalities

- With the City of Pasadena and local community support, voters approved Measures I and J which results in approximately \$10 million in additional revenue annually
- The passage of Measure O, the largest general obligation bond ever approved in our District that provides funding for facilities and technology upgrades

- Restructuring of the salary schedule for teachers and other certificated employees to align with other districts and in the current school year, providing the largest single-year salary increase for teachers and other employees in our District's history

"I'm also appreciative of the Board of Education for the leadership they have provided over the years," he added. "I am also grateful to the families and communities of Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre for your support of our students and schools."

The PUSD Board gave no other information on an interim Superintendent or the hiring process to replace McDonald.

Octavia Butler's Birthday at La Pintoresca Branch Library

Library to Celebrate by Unveiling of New Portrait today



Pasadena Public Library invites the community to celebrate author Octavia Butler's birthday at La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave. Today at 1 p.m. There we will honor our hometown heroine with a new portrait, commissioned by the La Pintoresca Library Associates. Attendees will also learn about Octavia Butler's books, life, legacy and passion for libraries. Light refreshments will be provided.

Octavia Butler, born in Pasadena in 1947, has authored 12 novels and two short story collections. A prominent and pioneering science fiction writer, Butler's literary contributions earned her the title of The Grand Dame of Science Fiction. Butler was an impactful author, voracious reader and a devoted library user. Butler is quoted as calling the library her "second home." The Grand Dame of Science Fiction's passion for libraries will now live on in her home library, La Pintoresca Branch Library, with this new portrait installation.

South Pasadena Fourth of July Festival of Balloons



The City of South Pasadena announced Wednesday the return of the 4th of July Festival of Balloons. This year's theme is Red, White, and Blue - Bold Stripes, Bright Stars, and Brave Hearts Too.

The activities for the July 4th Festival of Balloons will include the Kiwanis' Pancake Breakfast at the South Pasadena Fire Station at 7:00 a.m., located at 817 Mound Ave., South Pasadena. The Opening Ceremony for the parade will start at 10:30 a.m. at the South Pasadena Public Library Community Room, located at 1115 El Centro St., South Pasadena. The parade will then begin at 11:00 a.m. and travel from Diamond Avenue to Garfield Park where games and food will be available until 3:00 p.m. Garfield Park will also host a live concert from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. featuring U.S. 99.

Parade participants historically has, and continues to include, the scouts, officials, representatives of service clubs, and members of such sports organizations as Little League and AYSO, the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Committee, City Council members, and participants of the Library's Summer Reading Program.

Civic leaders Ted and Joan Shaw and David Margrave started the tradition in 1982, according to the Jane Apostol's history of South Pasadena. This year's theme is "Red, White, and Blue - Bold Stripes, Bright Stars, and Brave Hearts Too."

The day will conclude with fireworks at 9:00 p.m. at the South Pasadena High School Stadium, located at 1401 Fremont Ave., South Pasadena. Firework Show presale tickets will be available for purchase beginning Wednesday, June 14 for \$11.00 per person online at southpasadenaca.gov/ events. Tickets purchased for the Firework Show on July 4 will be available for purchase online from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for \$13.00. Gates open at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a copy of your receipt and tickets to enter the stadium. Due to the field construction at the high school, seating for the fireworks will be on the bleachers only.

Community members and groups have the opportunity to participate in the event, and all are welcome to join in viewing the event, which is open to the public and free of charge. Interested parties are encouraged to incorporate the theme into their entry's decorations and to include music. Registered participants may walk or ride along the route in a vehicle along the parade route of about 0.6 miles.

For those interested in participating in the parade, applications can be found online at southpasadenaca.gov/events. Deadline to submit an application is June 23. For more information contact the Community Services Department at (626) 403-7380 or by email at specialevents@southpasadenaca.gov.

Library Hosts Author Talk with Painter Karla Klarin

Pasadena Public Library will host author and painter Karla Klarin to discuss L.A. Painter: The City I Know, The City I See, today at 3 p.m., at Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 S. Altadena Drive. Klarin will take us through a retrospective of more than 100 of her paintings illustrating Klarin's Los Angeles. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation.

In L.A. Painter: The City I Know, The City I See, Klarin

combines her abstract art with 13 thoughtful essays and a foreword by Director Emeritus of the J. Paul Getty Museum, John Walsh, addressing what it means to be an artist in the world's most-talked-about modern metropolis over the last 40 years. Klarin, a Los Angeles native, began painting her hometown in 1980 after receiving her BFA from San Francisco Art Institute and her MFA from Otis Art Institute. See Los Angeles through her eyes, a place that constantly reminds us that talent is power.

For more information, view Pasadena Public Library's most recent Off the Shelf newsletter at: cityofpasadena.net.

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Philippe Eskandar Named San Marino's Next City Manager

The San Marino City Council unanimously approved Wednesday night an employment agreement with Philippe Eskandar to start July 1 as the city's next city manager.

Eskandar is an accomplished city leader with a career dedicated to public service. He is excited to be joining the City of San Marino as a partner in accomplishing the visions and goals of the City Council and community, and carrying forward the successes achieved in recent years.

"Philippe has the experience and mindset to serve our unique and treasured community. He has demonstrated to the City Council that he will be an adept and enthusiastic manager of our operations and use his strengths to benefit San Marino in the years to come," said Mayor Steve Talt.

Eskandar has extensive experience in city leadership across all facets of municipal operations in full-service and contract cities. He currently serves as the Deputy City Manager for the City of Westlake Village and has held a variety of roles in different departments with the cities of Glendale, Burbank, and



Newport Beach.

As a dedicated public servant, Eskandar has pursued several educational degrees to enhance his knowledge and skills. He comes to San Marino with a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Pepperdine University, School of Public Policy, a Master's Degree in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University's School of Law, and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology, Law, & Society from UC Irvine.

"I am humbled by the trust the City Council has placed in me by inviting me to be a member of the City of San Marino family. I am excited to join a high-performance team of staff and City Council in serving this special community," said Eskandar.

San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Town Hall Meeting on June 22: Pet and Coyote Safety

Join us for the next Town Hall on Thursday, June 22, at 6 PM! We will discuss best practices to address pet safety and coyote-related issues. This meeting will take place on Zoom from 6 PM - 7 PM. Learn more at: CityofSanMarino.org/TownHall.

Photo Contest - Submissions due June 30

Attention all photographers! Share what makes you love our City and submit your favorite photo of San Marino to the 2023 San Marino Photo Contest. Submissions will be accepted until Friday, June 30. For entry details, visit: CityofSanMarino.org/PhotoContest.

Brush Inspection

The Fire Department will begin conducting annual brush inspections of properties in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone on June 19. For information on annual brush inspections and how to ready your home for wildfire, visit: cityofsanmarino.org/brushclearance.

Teen Gaming Unplugged

Monday, June 19 at 12:30 PM, Barth Community Room
Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to drop in for a game day at the Library! Board games, card games, and snacks will be provided. Registration is not required.

Chazz's African Drum Circle

Wednesday, June 21 at 1 PM, Children's Area
Our voices have power like the beating of a drum. Children ages 3-11 are invited to channel their voice by learning the simple rhythms and sounds of the Djembe drums. Registration is not required.

Indoor Drive-In Movie

Thursday, June 22 at 1 PM, Barth Community Room
Vroom, vroom! It's drive-in movie day at the Library! Kids ages 3-11 are invited to get creative, design their very own cardboard box car, and then roll up and relax with a movie. All materials will be provided.

For more information or registration visit: cityofsanmarino.org.

Meetings

Public Safety Commission

Monday, June 19 at 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

Design Review Committee

Wednesday, June 21 at 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

JPL Creates PDF Archive to Aid Malware Research



NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory is well known for landing rovers on Mars, exploring the solar system with robotic probes, and developing sensitive science instruments that observe Earth and other planets. But less well-known is the lab's cutting-edge work in the digital world.

In support of a wider effort to make the internet more secure, JPL data scientists have created the largest single publicly available open-source archive, or corpus, of PDFs. Short for portable document format, a PDF is a complex type of file that looks like a printed document and can contain images, movie files, interactive forms, 3D models, and much more.

The new PDF corpus is part of a Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) program called Safe Documents (SafeDocs) that aims to deal with online threats while anticipating the security needs of PDF users. By working with the nonprofit PDF Association, which seeks to establish open specifications and standards for the technology, JPL is helping to develop several tools to confront these challenges.

When building the corpus, the team didn't evaluate the actual subject matter of the PDFs. Their goal was to gather a large representative sample of PDFs that exist on the internet so experts can search for malicious software that could be hidden in the files' code. That work will then be used to help anticipate emerging online threats and improve PDF technology.

"PDFs are used everywhere and are important for contracts, legal documents, 3D engineering designs, and many other purposes. Unfortunately, they are complex and can be compromised to hide malicious code or render different information for different users in a malicious way," said Tim Allison, a data scientist at JPL. "To confront these and other challenges from PDFs, a large sample of real-world PDFs needs to be collected from the internet to create a shared, freely available resource for software experts."

A Digital Feat

Building the corpus was no easy task. As a starting point, Allison's team used Common Crawl, an open-source public repository of web-crawl data, to identify a wide variety of PDFs to be included in the corpus - files that are publicly available and not behind firewalls or in private networks. Conducted between July and August 2021,

the crawl identified roughly 8 million PDFs.

Common Crawl limits downloaded data to 1 megabyte per file, meaning larger files were incomplete. But researchers need the entire PDF, not a truncated version, in order to conduct meaningful research on them. The file-size limit reduced the number of complete, untruncated files extracted directly from Common Crawl to 6 million. To get the other 2 million PDFs and ensure the corpus was complete, the JPL team re-fetched the truncated files using specialized software that downloaded the whole files from the incomplete PDFs' web addresses.

Various metadata, such as the software used to create each PDF, was extracted and included with the corpus. The JPL team also relied on free, publicly available geolocation software to identify the server location of the source website for each PDF. The complete data set totals about 8 terabytes, making it the largest publicly available corpus of its kind.

The corpus will do more than help researchers identify threats. Privacy researchers, for example, could study these files to determine how file-creation and editing software can be improved to better protect personal information. Software developers could use the files to find bugs in their code and to check if old versions of software are still compatible with newer versions of PDFs.

"This is open and repeatable science. Researchers need to have a common data set to work with so that they can compare results of different analysis techniques and experiments," said Simson Garfinkel, who created a corpus of 1 million files, including thousands of PDFs, called GOVDOCS1 in 2008 when he was an associate professor at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. "PDF is one of the most important file types on the internet today, and this contribution of roughly 8 terabytes of data provides faculty, students, and corporations with up-to-date reference data that will power research for years to come."

The files have been packaged in easily downloadable zip files.

For more information visit: darpa.mil.

'Live at the Arboretum' with Denver's The Fray

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger proudly presents the return of the fifth annual summer "Live at the Arboretum" concert featuring Denver rockers The Fray. This event will take place tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

Prepare to be captivated by The Fray's Grammy-nominated, double-platinum talent as they bring their chart-topping hits to life. With the unforgettable singles "How to Save a Life" and "Over My Head (Cable Car)," the band's sensational repertoire will have the crowd singing along with every beat.

Spacious circular table seating with linens and lawn seating are both available for picnicking with family and friends. The venue also features a variety of food trucks and two beverage centers serving fine wines, beer, coffee, and soft drinks.

Lawn seats start at only \$20, with table seats ranging from \$30-\$60. Tickets are available by calling the box office at (626) 793-7172, going online to PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org, or at the Arboretum on the day of the concert, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Los Angeles County Arboretum is located at 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia. Onsite parking will be available.

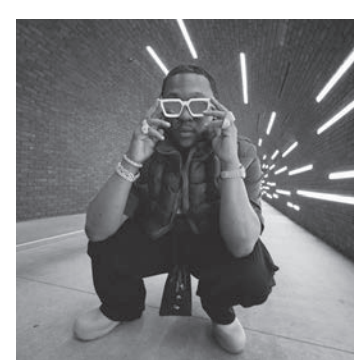
Artist Hit-Boy to Perform at Juneteenth Celebration

The City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is proud to announce that Grammy award-winning rapper and producer Hit-Boy will perform at the City's 15th annual Juneteenth celebration scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Hit-Boy has crafted forward-looking beats for artists like Kanye West, Jay-Z, Nas, Travis Scott and Beyoncé. He is also featured on tracks by various artists, including will.i.am and Bale.

Juneteenth commemorates the effective end of slavery in the United States. Two years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, news reached Texas and, upon learning they were free, former slaves immediately began celebrating with prayer, feasting, song and dance. Juneteenth is now a day to reflect and celebrate African American history and culture.

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Juneteenth celebration will also feature an art exhibit from the Alkebulan Cultural Center, live music by Luv From Abuv, a Juneteenth history presentation by Octavia's Bookshelf, arts & crafts with Armory Center for the Arts, community resources, and more! Hot dogs, hot links, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. Come meet new friends or reconnect with old ones as we celebrate Juneteenth.

For accessibility information and requests, contact CSC@CityOfPasadena.net or (626) 744-7311.

The MUSE-IQUE 2023 New Season Event Schedule

Join MUSE/IQUE for an invigorating new season that explores the artists whose music propelled social change and made us feel like we could take on the world.

CENTRAL AVENUE: Songs and Stories of Los Angeles' Central Avenue

July 12 at the Beehive | July 15 and 16 at Memorial Park, Pasadena -- MUSE/IQUE in conjunction with Los Angeles City Councilman Curren D. Price Jr. and the Central Avenue Jazz Festival present: Central Avenue. From the 1920's-1950's Central Avenue was the heart of African American cultural life: LA's answer to the Harlem Renaissance, and the epicenter of the West Coast jazz scene. Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Lena Horne, Duke Ellington, and Billie Holiday were regulars in the local clubs. Quincy Jones has famously said, when he moved to LA as a young man he didn't know about the music on the Sunset Strip, but he sure knew Central Ave. In this performance, MUSE/IQUE honors and celebrates the legacy of Central Avenue and its impact on our city and beyond.

BERNSTEIN AT HEART: Learning is Living

August 3 at The Huntington

| August 6 at The Skirball

-- Leonard Bernstein's legendary "Young People's Concerts" helped define our modern imagination. One year after the Broadway debut of West Side Story, Leonard Bernstein's groundbreaking educational series with the New York Philharmonic was delivered to audiences worldwide via television.

Inspired by Artistic Director Rachael Worby's idol, we learn how these famed telecasts became a blueprint for learning and a lesson in the power of knowledge that still resonates today.

RESPECT: The Electrifying Music of the Women's Movement

September 8 and 9 | Wilshire Ebell Theatre -- Anthems and iconic artists have long energized our national struggle for women's equity. Legions of legendary artists have raised their voices to move humanity forward. From Marian Anderson to Lady Gaga, this show highlights the singers and songwriters who fought for women's rights and recognition of their power and agency through song. Performed in partnership with Los Angeles Unified School District and Pasadena area schools.

GOSPEL AND THE KING: Elvis Presley and the Music of Salvation

October 19 and 21 | First Congregational Church of Los Angeles-- The King

of Rock and Roll owes his crown to a life-saving musical tradition that dates back hundreds of years. Gospel music empowered people long before Elvis Presley introduced millions to its sound. We trace the deepest roots of rock and roll and discover the history of American music that you never knew you never knew.

THE POWER OF ONE: Featuring a Musical Celebration of Abraham Lincoln

November 12 | The historic Millennium Biltmore Hotel
This event benefits MUSE/IQUE'S efforts to share the music and imagination of our seasons with the most vulnerable people in our communities. The evening features Rachael Worby and the MUSE/IQUE orchestra in stirring performances of the music that inspired Abraham Lincoln during his lifetime, as well as modern American classics that pay tribute to his brave leadership. Celebrity guests from the worlds of stage, screen, arts, and literature will give voice to Lincoln's words in readings of landmark speeches from the Gettysburg Address to the Second Inaugural Address, and more.

Over the past decade, MUSE/IQUE has curated and presented unexpected live music adventures that shake loose the customs, norms and barriers of the traditional concert-going experience. MUSE/IQUE has never had a formal concert hall - the city is the venue - and no set genres or styles of performance are emphasized. Instead, cross-genre, multidisciplinary performances are placed in iconic community locales.

Led by Founder and Artistic and Music Director Rachael Worby, MUSE/IQUE is a member-supported, nonprofit performing arts organization making radically engaging live music experiences accessible for all.

Built on a tradition of community and collaboration, we create events that feature an eclectic mix of artists and artistic disciplines in unconventional locations - spaces where art typically does not happen. MUSE/IQUE was founded by Artistic Director Rachael Worby to upend the misconception that the performing arts are elitist, unapproachable, and, frankly, dull! MUSE/IQUE's mission is to build empathy and expand imaginations through transformative live events and strong partnerships with fellow nonprofit organizations in Pasadena and the greater Los Angeles area.

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DUARTE APPOINTS LARRY BRECEDA AS NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY



At its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, the Duarte City Council appointed current Public Safety Manager Larry Breceda as its new Director of Public Safety.

In this role, Breceda will be heading up the Duarte Public Safety Department overseeing services such as animal control, code enforcement, homelessness programs, emergency preparedness and management, in addition to community safety programs such as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Neighborhood Watch.

“After 21 years of service to Duarte, Larry Breceda has demonstrated his ability to make an excellent Director of Public Safety for the City of Duarte.” said former Director of Public Safety and current Duarte City Manager, Brian Villalobos. “He

brings a wealth of knowledge, background and passion to this new position. He has helped build the public safety program and no doubt will continue to grow our great city.”

Breceda, born and raised in the City of Duarte, began his Duarte career in August 2002 while earning his business degree at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. His degree in technology operations management with an emphasis in government helped him excel in statistics, service operations and utilizing technology to make the service industry of government more efficient.

In March 2013, Breceda began his role as Duarte’s Public Safety Manager. He has established his career on leveraging technology to make processes streamline for residents and staff. As Duarte’s Public Safety Manager for over a decade, Breceda found solutions by identifying inefficiencies with the department and created goals, making operations more fluid and natural in order to serve residents promptly. He has effectively managed department staff while maintaining a team environment, emphasizing team problem solving for the betterment of the community.

“I am standing on the shoulders of giants,” Breceda said. “My predecessor, Brian Villalobos, has done so much for this department and I want to continue the positive trend of community policing and community involvement. I want residents to feel connected to our department, personnel and officers to make it comfortable to share their feedback with us. When you have the recipe of success, you keep that formula and keep multiplying it.”

When Breceda is off duty, he serves as an executive board member of California Association of Code Enforcement Officers (CACEO) and has for 12 years. He also teaches Santiago Canyon College students about public safety, code enforcement, supervisory items and officer safety. Breceda has also spoken for multiple conferences about public safety policies and procedures.

97th AMERICAFEST NIXED



Pasadena Reinforces All Fireworks Are Illegal and Ordinance Will Be Strictly Enforced

After hosting the AmericaFest fireworks show almost every Fourth of July since 1927, the Rose Bowl stadium has given up the tradition this year in favor of hosting a sold-out soccer game.

Although the stadium’s website makes no mention of the 2023 AmericaFest cancellation, Rose Bowl General Manager Jens Weiden said, the reason is, that last year the 96th AmericaFest lost over \$500,000, according to media reports.

The sold-out soccer game was announced tagged to the end of a city press statement Tuesday about fireworks, zero tolerance and police enforcement.

“Rose Bowl Stadium will be hosting a sold-out soccer game on July 4 at 7:30 p.m.,” the press statement reads. “Only ticket holders will be permitted to park in the area, and parking will be strictly enforced around the stadium.”

According to officials, in February the LA Galaxy’s Season Opener match against the Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC) was canceled due to safety considerations resulting from inclement weather.

The fireworks press statement sent Tuesday reads in part, “The city maintains a zero tolerance enforcement

policy for fireworks, and Pasadena’s municipal code holds property owners and tenants responsible for permitting the possession, sale, usage or discharge of fireworks on their property. The ordinance allows for the prosecution of fireworks-related offenses and for the demand of payment for all costs associated with the safe disposal of confiscated fireworks. Any person who violates the ordinance or any state law regarding fireworks is subject to arrest; having their vehicles impounded; serving up to one year in county jail; and being fined up to \$50,000.”

The release also states that, “Pasadena police and firefighters are teaming up for special fireworks enforcement patrols before and during the Fourth of July holiday, and officers will seize fireworks in an effort to protect the public. Parking enforcement officers will ensure that vehicles illegally parked in Pasadena’s hillside areas on July 4 are impounded.”

Last year, the Rose Bowl held a week long celebration that started July 4 with the 96th AmericaFest and ended July 9 with the Palomino Festival, a country music event presented by Goldenvoice. Rose Bowl officials said that all those who purchased a Palomino Festival pass were given free AmericaFest tickets.

Officials expect over 70,000 fans for the LA Galaxy’s Season Opener.

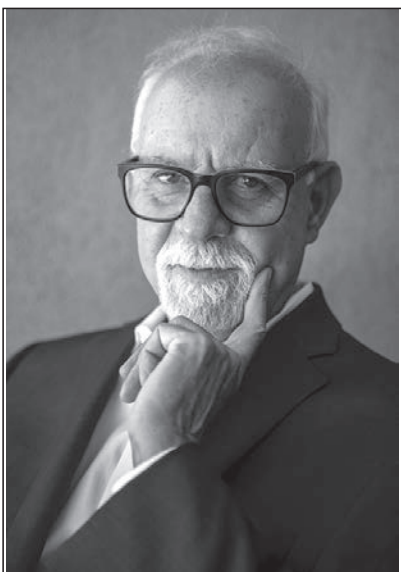
MONROVIA AREA PARTNERSHIP RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD AT THE NEIGHBORHOODS USA CONFERENCE



The Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) earned 3rd Place for the Best Neighborhood Program at this year’s conference in El Paso, Texas. The award is for the new MAPconnect initiative that launched last September as a way to recognize MAP Leaders for their volunteerism and help in the community. The MPA Team submitted a detailed application packet earlier this year to become finalists for the award. Then at the conference they presented alongside other finalists on why MAPconnect was the Best Neighborhood Program of the year. Several other cities in attendance asked the MAP Team to send them in formation on MAPconnect so they can implement the program in their communities. For more information, please visit the Home | MAP Website (monroviaareapartnership.com)

STEVE LOPEZ TO DISCUSS LATEST BOOK ‘INDEPENDENCE DAY’

Four-time Pulitzer Prize finalist and longtime Los Angeles Times columnist Steve Lopez will discuss his most recent book “Independence Day: What I Learned About Retirement from Some Who’ve Done It and Some Who Never Will” Wednesday, June 21, at 2 p.m. at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. A book signing will follow.



As he grappled with his own decision of whether to retire in his 60s after a long and rewarding career in journalism, Lopez used his reporter skills while researching and writing “Independence Day” to look inward as well as interview famous people and average Americans to collect a variety of perspectives about retirement decisions.

He spoke to Mel Brooks, still working at 96, and Norman Lear who, at 100 years of age, vows to keep working until the very end, as well as people who have retired by choice and reinvented themselves outside the constraints of work and those who would like to retire but can’t because of financial issues.

A member of the Pasadena Senior Center, Lopez has written several other books, including “The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship and the Redemptive Power of Music” published in 2008 about his relationship with a sometimes homeless schizophrenic who attended The Juilliard School. It was made into a 2009 film titled “The Soloist” that starred Robert Downey Jr. as Lopez and Jamie Foxx as Ayers.

To register or for more information, visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org and click on Activities & Events, then Special Events or call 626-795-4331.

Whatever you do on Father’s Day... ...have a blast (and let Dad win once).

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Chitter & Chatter

Whether you’re on the move or just relaxing with Dad, have a fun Father’s Day!

Read the clues to fill in this puzzle with ideas for fun things to do with Dad (maybe you can do this puzzle together)!

- zip around the track with the “pedal to the metal”
- read a chapter of a mystery or adventure
- play _____ in your driveway or at the park
- grab a putter at _____
- practice hitting a home run at _____ a _____ cage (wear a helmet)
- make a secret _____: use tree branches, old bedsheets...
- get out glue and magnifying glass for painting miniature _____
- play guitar or sing – you and Dad could make some rocking _____
- pitch a tent, start a fire, and enjoy the great outdoors by going _____
- bring a roll of quarters and level up with Dad at the game _____
- give Dad a helping hand with the yard work and mow the _____
- get comfy on the couch or in hammocks for a midday _____
- get a little grease on your hands while you help Dad work on a _____
- let Dad pick a _____ to watch at home – don’t forget popcorn!
- get _____ – there’s no one better than Dad to teach you how
- grab a _____ pole and get ready to reel in some fun
- learn the important skill of how to knot a _____ or how to _____ a knot
- find a walking stick, lace on _____ shoes and hit the trails
- grab a controller and play some _____ games with Dad
- football, basketball, soccer – pull up chairs and watch the _____

Happy Father’s Day



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The Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association's (SMGSA) 12U Silver "Revenge" team is pumped up and ready for the USA Softball Northern District C Tournament this weekend! Good luck to 12U and our other silver teams competing this weekend! #smgsa #girlssoftball

ROSE BOWL AQUATICS WATER POLO ATHLETES ANNOUNCE COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES



Pasadena, CA - The Rose Bowl Aquatics Water Polo Club program announces the college acceptances of several exceptional student-athletes who have committed to pursuing their academic and athletic careers at colleges and universities locally and nationwide.

"These talented individuals have showcased their dedication, skill, and leadership both in the pool and in the classroom, and their achievements are a testament to their hard work and commitment," said Mike Gonzales, Head Coach Rose Bowl Water Polo Club.

The following student-athletes from Rose Bowl Aquatics Water Polo have been accepted to:

- Grace Markus, South Pasadena HS - Marist College
- Lillie Vehling, Notre Dame HS, Sherman Oaks - UC Davis
- Nancy Baylor, Burroughs HS - Indiana University
- Alison Kokorowski, Mira Costa HS - Arizona State University
- Thea Pine, Harvard Westlake - Pomona Pitzer College
- Tonanxochitl Ortega, Pasadena Poly- Claremont McKenna College
- Liv Hernandez, Arcadia HS- Azusa Pacific University
- Jason Alietti, St. Francis - Santa Clara University
- Miles Chiang, Temple City HS - Pomona Pitzer College
- Noah Corral, Flintridge Prep- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Jozef Gutierrez, St. Francis -Los Angeles Valley College
- Brian Sanchez, Muir HS- Los Angeles Valley College
- Max Ratcliff, La Canada HS- UC Santa Cruz
- Kenneth Molina, Garces Memorial HS, UC San Diego
- Cristian Madrigal-Reza, San Marino HS- Mt. San Antonio College
- Harrison Zekowski, Burroughs HS- Golden West College
- Alex Ahmed, South Pasadena HS- Pasadena City College

The RBWPC extends its warmest congratulations to these exceptional student-athletes and their families for their accomplishments and takes great pride in its commitment to fostering the holistic development of its athletes.

Follow the Rose Bowl Aquatics Water Polo Club Team @rbwpc on social media to stay updated on the accomplishments of our talented athletes.

About the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center

The Rose Bowl Aquatics Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to helping all members of our diverse communities invest in their health and wellness by providing exemplary aquatic educational, competitive, therapeutic, and recreational programs. It is home to the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center Water Safety Program that provides EVERY 3rd-grade student in Pasadena Unified School District, including students with special needs, with access to water safety instruction. The RBAC includes two Olympic Pools, Therapy Pool, a weight room, conference rooms, locker rooms, a cafe, and an aquatics merchandise shop. It hosts worldclass swim, dive, and water polo teams and various programs including physical therapy, water aerobics, warm water exercise, lap swimming, learn-to-swim lessons, land-based fitness, and yoga.

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With HARVEY HYDE



I'm Back!

Yes I am, and I am really glad that I'm back with a paper that I've respected for so long, The Mountain Views News! Not only does it cover Sierra Madre, but also Pasadena, South Pasadena, San Marino, Altadena, Monrovia, Arcadia, Duarte and Bradbury.....it's almost like one of the great conferences - The Big 12 or the Pac 12!

This column will focus on what's happening in the world of sports from a variety of perspectives. Sports has always been a big part of my life, especially football, so this column which will run twice a month will share my take on what is going on locally, nationally or worldwide! And I don't want to just appeal to the adults in the room, but to our young people - our future sports stars. You never know what the future holds.

You know, I was one of those kids who could have easily gone the other way, made the wrong choices in life because school - academics - just wasn't of any interest to me but SPORTS & ATHLETICS were. Fortunately, the vehicle for access to sports was school and organized community sports.

As a kid, playing sports anytime, anywhere was what my friends and I looked forward to every day. We used to play anywhere we could, on the street, on empty lots, anywhere, despite the warnings of the adults....."look out for the cars"....."you'd better get home before dark". We heard them, but we just wanted to play - anytime, anywhere we could. And today, things haven't really changed that much. Every kid who is interested in sports has that same enthusiasm that we had years ago. And you know what, every kid actually has talent waiting to be unleashed. It may be sports or the arts or academics, whatever it is as adults our focus should be to help them identify that talent and encourage them to pursue their interests (not yours). We need to encourage our youth to be the best that they can be whatever their choice is.

Now, as for me, Harvey Hyde, football coach, broadcaster, writer, columnist, etc., I can say that Sports have made my life complete. I have been blessed to be able to earn a living doing something that I love so I really don't feel like I've worked a day in my life!

SPORTS - participating and even in some instances even spectating, teaches one discipline, teamwork, respect, and how to be competitive. As a coach, I used to always tell my players to learn the 4 words/phrases that will open doors for you: PLEASE, THANK YOU, YES MA'AM, YES SIR and MAY I HELP YOU. Even in sports, as with life, those words will take you far. Yes, I know you were expecting something different in this first column but just know that while SPORTS is what we will be talking about, today I thought it was more important to talk about life and what I've gotten from it as an athlete.

Game Day is Every Day. You have to compete every single day for everyone is trying to win. You've got to be proud of who you are and what you do.

Learning the hard way is not what we want our kids to do, but we want them to know that things don't come easy. You're not a champion by just saying it. Treat people like you want to be treated. Life first, Sports later. That kept me on the right side of the tracks.

Kids - Like it or not, we had to go to school to be eligible. Nothing has changed. Sports kept me involved in who I was. Identify who you are and what you can excel in. It is the foundation of Life. Remember, if you don't put the steel in the foundation, it will blow down.

And To The Adults Remember: Whether you are a parent, coach, counselor or teacher, you are influencing a young person's life.

And by the way, HAPPY FATHER'S DAY.

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges [www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com]



REMEMBERING MY FATHER

[Nyerges is the author of "Til Death Do Us Part?", a series of stories describing how he and his wife attempted to deal with death in an uplifting manner. The book is available on Kindle, or from School of Self-reliance, Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041 or www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.]

When my father's 80th birthday coincided with Father's Day some years ago, I wrote and illustrated a pictorial booklet for my father which outlined key aspects of our life together. It was my way of thanking my father. My wife Dolores and I went to his home after the wild cacophonous family gathering had ended. We didn't want an audience in an atmosphere of laughter, sarcasm, and possibly ridicule. I only wanted to share the thank you story with my father in a somewhat serious atmosphere.

Dolores and I brought some special foods, put on some music, and I began my short presentation beginning with my earliest significant memories. I shared with him my memories of how he told me I would be an artist when I grew up. He always told me to put my bike and toys away, so "the boogeyman" wouldn't steal them. As I grew older, I learned that the world was indeed full of very real "boogeymen" and my father attempted to provide me with ways to protect myself against these unsavory elements of life.

I recalled to my father, while my mother and Dolores listened on, the birthday party adventures, getting hair cuts in the garage, and how my father tolerated my interest in mycology and wild edibles.

Everyone found the recounting amusing, even funny, but there were also tears mixed with the laughter. As with most memories, some things my father recalled quite differently from me, and some he didn't recall at all. Some things that I saw as life-and-death serious, he saw as humorous, and vice versa.

But above it all, I felt I'd finally "connected" with him at age 80 in a way that I'd never managed to do before. My "fathers day card" wasn't pre-made by a card company, but consisted of my own private and secret memories that I shared with him. I managed to thank him for doing all the things that I took for granted – a roof over my head, meals, an education, a relatively stable home.

Of course, all our family members – "insiders" – knew that my father was no saint. But I was at least acknowledging the good, and sincerely thanking him for it. My mother died two years later, and we all knew my father would be lost without her. They'd been married over 50 years. His health and activities declined and he finally passed away on the Ides of March a few years later.

Though his death did not come as a surprise – I was nevertheless left feeling his absence. That early Saturday morning when I learned of his death, I even felt parent-less. My view of the world changed and I was forced to acknowledge the limits of life and the futility of pursuing solely a material existence.

After I learned of his death via a phone call, I walked out into the morning rain, in shock, crying, thinking, remembering. I was not feeling cold or wet, and somehow I was protected by that unique state of mind that enshrouded me.

During the next three days, I did as I had done with my mother when she died. I spent the next three days reviewing my life with my father.

At first I allowed the random memories and pain to wash over me. I talked to Frank constantly during those three days, inviting and allowing him to be with me as we did the life review together. I felt his pain, his frustration, his emptiness and loneliness in his last few years of life. I did nothing to stop the pain of this – I allowed myself to feel it all.

I spoke to Frank as I'd speak to anyone living. I felt his presence and even his responses. I did this for myself as much as for Frank and his on-going journey.

I began to see him as a young man, who met, fell in love, and married my mother. Somehow, this was a major revelation to me. I had never seen my own father in that light before. He had simply been "my father." Suddenly, he was a unique individual, with his own dreams, aspirations, and goals. Amazingly, I'd never viewed him in this way during our life together.

And then, after perhaps 12 hours of this, and miles of walking, I began a more chronological review of my life with my father, point by point by significant point. I saw his weaknesses and strengths, as well as my own. As I did this review, I looked for all the things that I'd done right with my father, all the things I'd done wrong, and all the things that I could have done better. I wrote these down, and the "wrong" list was shockingly long. The "right" list only contained a few items!

I asked my father to forgive me, and I resolved to do certain things differently in order to change and improve my character. I know I would not have imposed such a rigor upon myself had it not been for the death of my father.

A week later, when there was the funeral at the church, I felt that I'd come to know my father more than I ever was able to do in life. I briefly shared to the congregation my three days of "being with" my father, and learning what it was like to be Frank, in his shoes, and how we forgave one another.

More importantly, I shared to family and friends gathered that day the importance of constantly finding the time to tell your living loved ones that you indeed love them, not waiting until they die to say the things that you should be saying all along.

I remember Frank now on Father's Day, and continue to express my heart-felt thanks for all that he – and my mother – gave to me.

Katnip News!



Just Too Cute— DESTINY & MISTY

Here are two beautiful, sweet, and playful girls to purr-fectly comple-ment your home! Adopt them together.

DESTINY: What a cutie, all purr white with beautiful big blue eyes! We are all in LOVE with her! She's very friendly, cuddly, and fearless!

MISTY: A sister from another mother! Misty is playful and cuddly, with beautiful diluted tortie long fur. Their purr-motors go non-stop when held. They'll both be GORGEOUS when all grown!



See more pix and adoption info at www.lifelineforpets.org, the VeryYoung page.

Pet of the Week

Gardenia is a young and adventurous girl who has been entertaining the volunteers and staff at Pasadena Humane with her silly antics. Initially shy, Gardenia is now in the running to be voted "most improved player". She cannot get enough attention from everyone who spends time with her- she somehow manages to get the spot she wants scratched under your hand time and time again. Like any athlete,



Gardenia has been busy training for the 2024 Olympics. She wants to compete in her favorite sport- swimming! She absolutely adores going into the (kiddie) pool. She dives head-first into the water and will push herself around in circles over and over. She doesn't seem to mind that she never really gets anywhere. When she stops, she has a joyful look that we're pretty sure means she thinks she's won a medal.

Gardenia is ready to take the podium in her forever home! Pasadena Humane has a free adoption event on Saturday, 6/17, from 10:00 am. - 2:00 p.m. All adoption fees are waived and no appointment is necessary. The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines. New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet. View photos of adoptable pets and schedule an adoption appointment at pasadenahumane.org. Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

Summer Concerts in the Park

All concerts are FREE at Memorial Park Bandshell 222 W Sierra Madre Blvd. 6pm-8pm
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Contact Community Services for more information 626.355.5278

<p>Saturday, June 10 PASADENA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA</p> <p>Sunday, June 11 SPECIAL GUEST</p> <p>Sunday, June 18 THE BEATUNES - BEATLES TRIBUTE</p> <p>Sunday, June 25 CASH UP FRONT</p> <p>Monday, July 3 4TH OF JULY CONCERT GROOVY LEMON PIE</p>	<p>Sunday, July 9 PAT O'BRIEN & THE PRIESTS OF LOVE</p> <p>Sunday, July 16 MAGGIE MORAN & GUEST</p> <p>Sunday, July 23 KELLY RAE BAND (COUNTRY)</p> <p>Sunday, July 30 ALUMNI ACOUSTIC (CLASSIC ROCK)</p> <p>Sunday, August 6 THE SKINNY TIES (80'S HITS)</p> <p>Sunday, August 13 SIERRA MADRE MUSIC</p>
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HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS AFTER A SPOUSE RETIRES

Dear Savvy Senior:

My 63-year-old wife, who's doesn't work, is on my health insurance plan through my employer. When I retire next month and go on Medicare, what are our options for getting her health coverage until she turns 65? Is there some kind of Medicare coverage for dependent spouses? Need Insurance

Dear Need:

Unfortunately, Medicare does not provide family coverage to younger spouses or dependent children when you qualify for Medicare. Nobody can obtain Medicare benefits before age 65, unless eligible at a younger age because of disability. With that said, here are your best options for covering your wife.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT: In most cases, your best choice is to get your wife an individual health insurance policy through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) health insurance Marketplace (a.k.a. Obamacare). The Marketplace offers comprehensive health coverage, and she won't be denied coverage or charged extra for preexisting health conditions.

And thanks to the American Rescue Plan and Inflation Reduction Act, the Marketplace now provides enhanced subsidies through 2025. If your income falls below the 400 percent poverty level after you retire – anything below \$73,240 for a couple or \$54,360 for a single in 2023 – your wife will be eligible for a tax credit that will reduce the amount you'll have to pay for her policy. The Marketplace also ensures that households with incomes above that 400 percent poverty level will not have to pay more than 8.5 percent of their income for a benchmark policy.

To see how much subsidy you may be eligible for, use Kaiser Family Foundation calculator at [KFF.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator](https://www.kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator).

To shop for Marketplace plans in your state, visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) or call 800-318-2596. Or, if you want some extra help, contact a Marketplace-certified agent or broker at [HealthCare.gov/find-assistance](https://www.healthcare.gov/find-assistance).

COBRA: Another option is the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), which is a federal law that would allow your wife to remain with your company insurance plan for at least 18 months after you make the switch to Medicare. But not every employer plan is COBRA eligible. Contact your employer benefits administrator to find out if yours is one of them.

You also need to be aware that COBRA is not



cheap, requiring you to pay the full monthly premium yourself. But, if you've already met or nearly met your employer plan's deductible or out-of-pocket maximum for the year, and don't want your wife to start over with a new plan; or if you find your employer's health plan to be more affordable than the Marketplace plans, it makes sense for your wife to keep her current coverage under COBRA.

SHORT-TERM HEALTH INSURANCE: If you can't find an affordable Marketplace plan and COBRA is too expensive, the next option is short-term health insurance. These plans, which are not available in every state, are cheaper, bare-bones health plans that provide coverage for one to 12 months and may be renewed for up to three years in some states. But be aware that short-term plans don't comply with the ACA so they can deny sick people coverage, they don't cover preexisting conditions, and they can exclude coverage essentials like prescription drugs. To find and compare short-term health plans, try sites like [eHealthInsurance.com](https://www.ehealthinsurance.com) or [PivotHealth.com](https://www.pivothealth.com).

HEALTHCARE SHARING MINISTRIES: One other coverage option you should know about is healthcare sharing ministries (HCSM). These are cost-sharing health plans in which members – who typically share a religious belief – make monthly payments to cover expenses of other members, including themselves.

HCSM's are cheaper than paying full out-of-pocket costs for traditional health insurance but be aware that HCSM's are not health insurance. They don't have to comply with the consumer protections of the ACA. They can also reject or limit coverage for having pre-existing health issues and can limit how much you'll be reimbursed for your medical costs.

To look for HCSM plans, comparison shop at the three largest providers: [Samaritan Ministries.org](https://www.samaritanministries.org), [MyChristianCare.org](https://www.mychristiancare.org) and [Chministries.org](https://www.chministries.org).

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

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Senior Cinema

1:pm in the Hart Park House Senior Center

Wednesday 6/14 Where the Crawdads Sing

A woman who raised herself in the marshes of the Deep South becomes a suspect in the murder of a man with whom she was once involved.

Wednesday 6/28 Murder Mystery

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**OUT TO PASTOR**

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

IF ONLY I HAD IT MY WAY!

Every once in a while, I have a little thought giggling in my brain to the effect that if only I had it my way. I don't have it often, but I try to take it seriously when I do.

My personal history is that it turns out to be a disaster whenever I have everything my way. And, boy, have I had disasters in my life.

I often think of Frank Sinatra's song, "I Did It My Way." For the life of me, I do not know what that is all about. Maybe it worked for him, but it hasn't worked for me, at least not yet. If I did everything my way, I'm sure I would be locked up in jail or an insane asylum by now. I'm not sure which is worse.

Regarding this, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has several PhDs in "Doing It My Way." If I were smart and not saying I am, I would let her always have it her way.

There is only one place I can have anything my way: my Personal Interior Castle, my office. I sit at my desk; look at my computer, surrounded by thousands of books. In this "safe place," I can have it my way every day.

Occasionally, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will come into my Interior Castle and say something to the effect, "Would you like me to do any organizing in here?"

I smile as best I can and respond, "You can organize in here if you permit me to go to your craft room and organize there." I then chuckle, knowing she would never permit me to enter her craft room, let alone organize anything.

Don't let this get out, but a couple of times when she's away, I sneak into her craft room and move things around so she can't find them when she needs them. When she returns, she will go into her craft room, and I will stand outside to listen and hear her say something to the effect, "Now, where is that? I know it was right here when I left."

I have to be careful that, you know who, does not hear me chuckling. She has her space to do her thing her way, and I have my space to do my thing my way, and the twain shall never entangle themselves.

One of my great pleasures is that when she does something her way, and it turns out to be wrong. I have to keep my laughter under control in those circumstances.

We often go across town for appointments, and when we do that, I allow her to take her Sissy Van, and I ride along strap in on the passenger side. Driving across town, she always decides which way to go.

Just recently, we had an appointment across town at some new location. We'd never been there before, so we had to be careful driving to that location.

When we got to a certain traffic light, I told her, "You need to turn right here on this street."

Looking at me, she said, "I'm driving, and so I know where I'm going. I don't need any information from you. Sit back and let me do it my way."

With that, she turned left, and I could hardly hold my laughter because I knew where that street would end up.

Looking at me, she said, "Why are you laughing?"

"I was just thinking of a joke."

"Oh, yeah. What was that joke?"

I looked at her, and in a moment, I said, "Why was six afraid of seven?"

"I don't know, why was six afraid of seven?"

"Because," I said, "seven, eight, nine."

"So," she graveled, "that was the joke you were thinking of?"

It wasn't, but I had to use something to cover up my laughter.

All I had to do was wait, and when we came to the end of this street, we would find out that we were at the wrong end of town. Oh, I love it when a plan comes together. When she finally realized we were at the wrong end of town, she looked at me, "Don't you dare say what you're thinking."

Then she turned around and headed in the right direction.

My problem is that I caught her doing it her way, and it was the wrong way, and I can't exploit it. I have to pretend that it didn't happen. Oh, how I wish I could remind her of this mistake every time we are in the car.

Of course, I know if I do that, there will be heavy consequences on my side to deal with. Sometimes it's best to keep some things under lock and key. But I do confess there are times while she is driving that I think of that mistake, and I can only smile. Later that day, I was reminded of what the apostle Paul said. "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness" (1 Corinthians 3:18-19). My craftiness has never done well for me. I choose to trust God in every situation that is before me. After all, He knows best.

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FAMILY MATTERS**HOW TO PASS ON FAMILY HEIRLOOMS & KEEPSAKES WITHOUT CAUSING A FAMILY FEUD**

Issues Raised by Passing on Heirlooms & Keepsakes

In the legal world, both heirlooms and keepsakes are considered "non-titled personal property." As mentioned earlier, when there is no plan in place for the distribution of these items following the owner's death, it can create bitter conflicts among family members. Indeed, all too often, fights over heirlooms and keepsakes cause close family members to never speak with one another again.

In her book *Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?* Professor Marlene S. Stum, an expert in family social science at the University of Minnesota, warns of the infighting that can occur when there's no plan for who inherits these personal effects.

"What surprises many people is that often the transfer of non-titled personal property creates more challenges among family members than the transfer of titled property," says Stum. "Research has shown that disputes over inheritance and property distribution are one of the major reasons for adult siblings to break off relationships with one another."

Given the potential trouble the distribution of heirlooms and keepsakes can cause for your heirs, you'll want to take extra care in seeing that these family treasures are passed on properly. And this means incorporating them into your estate plan in one way or another.

Strategies For Peacefully Distributing Heirlooms & Keepsakes

While there is no one perfect way to distribute these items in your estate plan, your primary goal should be to maintain harmony among your loved ones during an already emotional time. As with most sensitive issues, clear communication is vital to this process.

Because your family members can have vastly different values associated with certain heirlooms and keepsakes and you may have little idea about how each person feels, you should speak with each family member in advance.

By talking with family members about their feelings and expectations regarding your possessions ahead of time, you will have a much better idea how to distribute these items to your loved ones with the least amount of conflict.

Additionally, you should decide ahead of time if you need to have any of your heirlooms or keepsakes appraised. In doing so, you provide your heirs with the necessary documentation to gauge the monetary value of these items, and you can save them from extra work while they are mourning your death.

Gifting during your lifetime: Of course, you don't have to wait until you die to pass on your heirlooms and keepsakes, and you may prefer to give away certain special items while you are still living. By doing so, you get to personally witness the joy your loved ones experience when they receive the gift, and you can

also personally explain the reasons you want each person to have a particular item.

If your heirlooms and/or keepsakes have a high monetary value, you should keep gift tax issues in mind when you give them away. That said, the IRS has a relatively high annual gift tax exclusion (\$16,000 in 2022) and another high lifetime exclusion (\$12.06 million in 2022), so few people will need to worry about such taxes.

But be aware, the lifetime exclusion amount is scheduled to revert to its pre-2018 level of around \$5 million per individual in 2026, so if you are considering gifting high-value possessions, you may want to do it sooner, rather than later. In any case, if you have possessions you want to give away that might trigger gift taxes, meet with your lawyer and accountant to discuss your options.

Include items in your estate plan using a personal property memorandum: As with other assets you want to pass on after your death, you can include heirlooms and keepsakes in your estate plan by adding them to your will or trust. The best way to do this is by using what's known as a personal property memorandum.

A personal property memorandum is a separate document that is referenced in your will or living trust. The memorandum allows you to list which items you wish to leave to each individual and detail the reasons you are giving each item. In many states, if it's properly incorporated into your will or trust, a personal property memorandum is a legally binding document.

Most types of tangible personal property can be included in your memorandum, but it's important to note that you cannot list certain assets in a memorandum, including titled property, such as real estate and vehicles; assets with a beneficiary designation, such as life insurance, 401(k)s, and bank accounts; or intellectual property, such as works protected by a copyrights or trademark. If you are unsure if you should include a certain possession in your personal property memorandum, consult with your lawyer.

Keep The Peace After You Are Gone

To ensure your heirlooms and keepsakes don't create any unnecessary conflicts among your heirs, make sure that your estate plan includes all of your assets, especially your family heirlooms and keepsakes. Be intentional and thoughtful about how you include them so they will become precious treasures connecting you to the generations to follow.

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STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON MY SEARCH FOR MEANING



Sometime last week I had told a friend that it was my intent to go to Israel before I reached eighty and he asked why I would do such a thing. Contrary to most everyone else I speak with I do not believe that life is primarily a quest for pleasure, or a quest for power, or a quest for the admiration of others. I am well aware that many people experience a kind of spirituality, frequently a deep religious adherence that guides them through life. Well, to put it bluntly that awareness has not been a part of my life experience.

Still, being Jewish is a great part of my identity and I believe this identity includes perseverance in standing up to adversity and believing in the requirement to enjoy one's life and one's family and to appreciate the worth of others. My thoughts had congealed in the belief that I must go to Israel before I am eighty as a part of my quest. Before going any further in my plans I decided that it would be appropriate for me to visit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library which is presenting "Auschwitz. Not Long Ago. Not Far Away" featuring 700 artifacts of immense historic value. (If you know little about Auschwitz there is much to learn and try to understand.)

In order to attend it was necessary to purchase the tickets on line. My wife followed the complicated instructions while adamantly explaining that she had no interest in accompanying me and was very worried about my driving. I went alone, which I take as a statement of my commitment. It is a long automobile trip but the beauty of the mountainous scenery of the Simi Valley is an experience I deeply appreciated. My wife also helped me to find directions to a famous Jewish Deli where I eventually enjoyed cheese blintzes of a kind I had never had before. Good food and appreciation of natural beauty are unquestionably, along with a helpful supportive wife, contributors to a deep meaningful experience of life but of course I am searching for something more. Did I find it at the Reagan Library?

I came away benumbed by the experience. There was no weeping, no Yiddish, but rather an extremely ordered progression through well described pictures and drawings. There were postcards and letters describing the horrors but there was no stench of death. Perhaps that is what I expected. I was affected by the pictures and descriptions of the Auschwitz death dealing employees, who on their breaks between murders, would go out together and party. This, to me at least, said something very sad but truthful about human beings. (Oy vey! A Yiddish expression signifying dismay and grief.) The experience taught me that there is a kind of pain inside me that I am as yet unwilling to touch. Upon leaving the exhibit I purchased a copy of the famous Viktor Frankl book "Man's Search For Meaning" which I had heard of all my life but don't remember ever reading. I placed it into the large colorful tote bag picturing Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy which was given free at the Library.

The irony of this juxtaposition appealed to me and upon returning, after an almost 2 hour drive, I tried to discuss my experience with my wife. First, she was absolutely appalled by the Ronald Reagan tote bag and immediately wanted it out of her sight. I asked her to be careful of the book inside the tote bag. She patiently explained that she was familiar with the book as it had been assigned as required reading in her Catholic High School.

My search goes on attached now to a more informed understanding of myself. I understand that the quest remains as an individual, internal search relieved occasionally by reminders of my own ignorance and fear. I will read Frankl's book. Next to my wife's bed I just found an opened pack of Tibetan Buddhist Cards.

Perhaps many of us are searching for meaning and its best to be quiet about it.

Live and Learn.

DINAH CHONG WATKINS CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND



MOVIN' OUT

Ang Ngoc Tran works in the lux nail salon Savin' her pennies for someday Mama Duong left a note on the door

She said, "Honey, move out from the county" Workin' with gels can give you A heart attack (ack, ack, ack, ack, ack) You oughta know by now (oughta know) Why buy a place like a Foothills shack Is that all you get for your money?

It seems such a waste of time If that's what it's all about Mama if that's movin' out Then I'm movin' out I'm movin' out

(Movin' Out/Anthony's Song with apologies to Billy Joel)

I stood out on the front porch, all my worldly belongings stuffed into a worn leather suitcase, a yard sale find for three dollars. I like to remember the moment as a single tear tumbling down my cheek as I hugged my mother goodbye. My dad, pumped his fists in the air and declared "I'm free!" He ran back inside the house, "If I Were A Rich Man" from the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" blared from the stereo.

Suddenly, I was in a new city, new job and new bills. It didn't take long for me to figure out rent, utilities, transport and food was more than I expected. Using my cutest baby-talk lisp I asked my parents for support but they weren't buying it, they said I was too old for allowance - come on, I was still under 30.

Since my job started at 4 am and ended at 2 pm, it was conceivable to get a second job. I got one call back from my dozens of résumé submissions. The hours worked and they wanted me to start immediately. I was elated, yes - I could afford toast again!

It was with a Japanese company, a desk job with an import-export firm I hoped. Oh, after 8 hours on my feet from my first job how great it'd be to sit down and crunch numbers and seaweed crackers.

I arrived through the back door. The Japanese lady who greeted me didn't speak English, we went to a tiny room. A neat pile of clothes lay on the table. She mimed putting the kimono on. It took 20 sweaty minutes to put on the beautiful but constrictive ensemble. I thought the coup de grace was the two-toed socks that split my first and second piggies from the pack but no, it was the 16th century wooden sandals. Three planks of hardwood cobbled together, there was no Skechers Memory Foam involved.

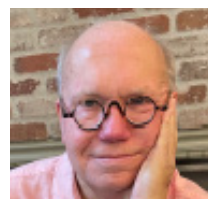
I followed her, wincing from the pain. A door opened, I found myself in a Japanese dining hall. Amongst the non-Asian servers, it was now clearly apparent why I was hired.

After a couple months of torturing my feet, I figured if I could get a raise from my first job, I could leave the sushi slayer. I managed to catch my boss on his smoke break, he was miffed that I was impinging on his 10 minutes. Using my cheesiest "I'm going to Disneyland!" smile I asked for a raise. He mumbled some stuff about how I was the worst worker on the line and fired me.

Dear Mom and Dad, I'm movin' out - see you soon!

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

RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH



STILL FATHERIN' AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

Well, at last count there are, hmmm, still 4 or 5 achievements of significance I have attained in my years on this planet. Achievements defined as accomplishments one takes pride in.

Without a doubt my greatest achievement was the successful creation of two wonderful kids, Alex (34) and Olivia (32). Let there be no misunderstanding: I share credit fully with my ex-wife Helen. Fortunately, our kids inherited her classic good looks. From me, however, they inherited the somewhat dubious ability to "sling the bull." At least I know my son Alex has inherited it as he, at the approaching of middle age, still slings with reckless abandon. My daughter Olivia, on the other hand, is far more cultured and refined than the two male bozos in the Johnson nuclear family. This, of course, makes it difficult to ascertain her bull slinging aptitude. One can only hope. I am very happy with who my children have turned out to be.

If you are lucky enough to be a father, cherish your children. If you have no children, rent some. Become a big brother. Whatever it takes. Tell them often you love them. If they want something from you try to say yes more often than you say no (particularly when your no is motivated merely by a desire to not be inconvenienced at the moment.) If you say yes often enough you will really shake up your kids and get their attention when you do say no.

Someone once said, "Why are men reluctant to become fathers? They aren't through being children." There are elements of truth in that statement and you can understand my belief that being a father and a child is not mutually exclusive. Be a father when there is fatherin' to do and be a child as often as you can the rest of the time. I miss getting up on Saturday morning and watching Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Cartoons with my youngin's.

I have been privileged with the addition of another daughter. Her name is Brooke. No, I did not come by her through the standard biological process. Brooke, approximately six years ago, found herself keenly interested in Alex. And Alex felt likewise. Brooke is a wonderful addition to the Johnson family.

I would like to close off this column with a quote from Clarence Budington Kelland. Mr. Kelland was a prolific writer in the first half of the twentieth century. He's particularly remembered for seeing his stories turned into movies. My favorite was "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" starring Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur. ("Mr. Deeds" was also redone in 2002 by Adam Sandler.)

Anyway, Mr. Kelland (referring to his father) once said, "He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

I hope, with all my design flaws, my kids are as gracious in their remembrances of me. I love you Alex and Olivia...and Brooke.

And Happy Father's Day good friends!

-Rich



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