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Buyers have accepted higher interest rates as the new standard and the supply of available homes is insufficient to meet the demand of buyers. This is a moment that calls for action! Instead of getting sidetracked by uncertainties, pay attention to the actual developments in our local market, stay committed to your objectives, and reach out to a knowledgeable listing agent for expert guidance.



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SIERRA MADRE KNOWS HOW TO START THE SUMMER OFF!



1 The weekend started out with the Kiwanis Chili Cook Off! Celebrity Food Critic Peter Dills crowned Kevin Ryan the Critic's Choice. The attendees selected Clint Moore the People's Choice. Photo by R. Arizmendi



2 SMPD Chief Barrientos was invited to attend the Senior Prom at The Kensington Sierra Madre. Mr. Al Gonzalez was crowned Prom King and Prom Queen was Ms. Joan Pantano. Chief Barrientos is seen dancing with the Prom Queen. Photo Courtesy of the Kensington



3 The crowds gathered on July 3rd in Memorial Park for the Bubble Wrap Popping, Music and more!



4 And then it was time for the All American City Parade. More than 80 entries and extraordinary turn out. Great Job July 4th Committee.

BRUSH FIRE BREAKS OUT NEAR CHANTRY FLATS - CONTAINED WITHOUT DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR LOSS OF LIFE



On Sunday, July 2nd, an approximately two-acre fire broke out near the site of the 2020 Bobcat Fire. Called the Chantry Fire, near Santa Anita Canyon in the Angeles National Forest, it quickly grew to 5 acres and was contained due to the quick actions of firefighters on the ground and in the air.

The joint efforts of the US Department of Forrestry, the LA County Fire Department, Arcadia Fire Department and the Sierra Madre Fire Department assisted with the containment.

An evacuation warning was issued for recreational cabins and other buildings in the area, however lives and property near the scene of the fire were unharmed.

Sierra Madre Fire Chief Brent Bartlett reminds residents to be mindful of the fire prevention and brush clearance recommendations issued for their protection, especially with the predicted heat wave this summer.

For additional information on what you can do, go to:

https://www.cityofsierramadre.com/cityhall/departments/fire_department/outreach_and_education/fireprevention

INSIDE THIS WEEK

Memories of the 2023 July 4th Parade throughout this edition!

Photos courtesy of Dirk Bolle unless otherwise noted.

Memorial Day is the unofficial start of the Summer Real Estate Market. This is a great time to sell your house!

We experienced Renewed Buyer Confidence in our Spring 2023 Real Estate Market fueled by low inventory, high demand for properties and stabilizing interest rates. The scarcity of properties for sale has created a very competitive environment where Buyers are willing to pay top dollar to secure their dream home.

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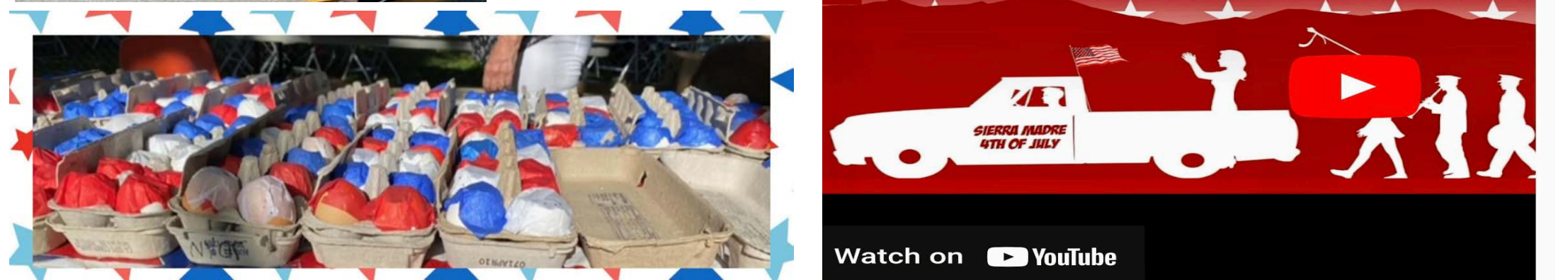


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L to R: SM Councilmember Kris Lowe, Assembly Candidate Philante Riddle, Former Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem Kelli Kriebs and SM Councilman/Former Mayor Gene Goss at Memorial Park on July 3rd.

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

This year's July 4th celebration could not have been better. So many fun things to do, so much to see and enjoy. We do live in the best place possible! Ice cream from Mother Moo's...awesome!

July is full of birthdays for our family: Grandson, Luke Simon's, on the 11th, and he's in his 20's now. Unbelievable! Granddaughter, Emily Brown, will be 13 on the 22nd, which is also unbelievable, and our daughter, Crissy's, birthday is the 30th. I've got birthday cards ready for all these people and, thinking about Crissy's birthday immediately brings me to Apollo 11. It's been 54 years since Neil Armstrong spoke those immortal words above on July 20, 1969. Apollo 11 was the culmination of the Apollo program and a massive national commitment by the United States to beat the Soviet Union in putting people on the moon. In case you don't remember, 24 Apollo astronauts visited the moon and 12 of them actually walked on its surface. Word has it that additional NASA astronauts are scheduled to return to the moon by 2025 as part of the Artemis space program.



So much has been written about Apollo 11 landing on the moon...slipping the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God. That last phrase was taken from a World War II-era sonnet, written by a 19-year-old American airman, John Gillespie Magee, Jr., who had volunteered with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Airman Magee was killed in action near Great Britain on December 11, 1941. This phrase was spoken by President Reagan on January 28, 1986, when he used these words to console a grieving nation following the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger.

I don't know if you've ever read the whole sonnet, but it's magnificent, and when you consider that it was written by a 19-year-old American who was already a pilot flying in the Canadian Air Force, it kind of boggles the mind.

"High Flight"
Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air. . .
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark nor ever eagle flew—
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

Touched the face of God! Unforgettable words. That's not really what I was planning to write about today, but I wanted to share this with you friends. Here's something else I wasn't really planning to write about...what the Apollo 11 guys left behind: Lots of footprints! Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's footprints are still there today because there is no weather on the lunar surface.

Also left behind, messages of hope, peace and goodwill from leaders in 73 countries, with words inscribed microscopically on the edge of a silicon disc. It says, "From Planet Earth, July 1969" and lists the names of the members of Congress who signed legislation making Apollo 11 possible and the names of top NASA officials. This disc is about the size of a half dollar coin!

They left a patch from the Apollo 1 mission to honor Gus Grissom, Edward White and Roger Chafee, the astronauts who lost their lives when a fire swept through the Apollo 1 command module during a training exercise at Kennedy Space Center on January 27, 1967. They also left medals honoring Russian cosmonauts Vladimir Komarov and Yuri Gagarin.

An American flag was left behind, not so much to "claim" the moon, but a symbolic gesture. It is theorized that flags left on the moon during the Apollo era have faded to white under the sun's harsh ultraviolet rays.

What was I really going to write about? It was that when men walked on the moon I was a couple of weeks away from giving birth to our youngest daughter, Crissy. I was about the same size and circumference as the moon and lying flat on the floor with my feet up on the couch as my back was killing me. It was an amazing July back there in 1969. Men

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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 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 foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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

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

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

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

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Wednesday

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

Nature Walk at Bailey Canyon —In-person at 6:00pm.

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Thursday

Tails & Tales —In-person at 3:30pm

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

Saturday

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

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Cricut Workshop—In-person at 1:00pm

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News From Your Community For Your Community

City Seeks Feedback on Parking Plan



The City of Pasadena has been working with parking consultants to develop recommendations for the overall parking program in the City. The primary objectives of this comprehensive plan are to optimize program management, enhance a consistent user experience throughout the City, implement sustainable solutions, and adapt policies to increase flexibility. Topics being reviewed include parking permit programs, merchant validation, paid parking rates, technology updates, garage improvements, and transportation alternatives. The City is soliciting feedback on the final draft of the plan.

Residents are asked to complete a neighborhood parking survey at: surveymonkey.com/r/293B37B

All residents and business owners are invited to review the final draft of the Citywide Parking Strategic Plan.

Questions or feedback regarding the final draft of the Citywide Parking Strategic Plan should be directed to the City's Parking Manager, Jon Hamblen at jhamblen@cityofpasadena.net.

MUSE/IQUE Music = Power

MUSE/IQUE continues its yearlong concert series, Music = Power with Central Avenue: Open House -- The Extraordinary Story of the South LA Music Legends Who Changed the World, conducted by Artistic and Music Director Rachael Worby, on Wednesday, July 12 at The Beehive, 1000 E 60th Street, Los Angeles and on Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 16 at Memorial Park, 85 E Holly Street in Pasadena. At all three performances, doors open at 6:30pm and the music begins at 7:30pm.

The program -- one of the most popular, acclaimed performances from the 2022 season -- is back by popular demand. If you missed it the first time, now is your chance to celebrate the legacy of jazz that began on Central Avenue, the west coast's answer to the Harlem Renaissance. It pays tribute to some of the many brilliant artists and visionaries who made an impact on Central Ave., such as Alvin Ailey in dance and choreography, Merry Clayton in gospel, and Duke Ellington, Dexter Gordon and Count Basie in jazz, and more.

These special open house performances are free to the public; RSVPs required at muse-ique.com/



Dozens of Cats Rescued In Hoarding Situation

In what Pasadena Humane officials think was a hoarding situation, they rescued 38 cats, last week, from a cramped trailer of an overwhelmed caregiver. Many of the cats, including multiple young kittens, were stressed, confused, and in desperate need of immediate help. According to an update Wednesday, the Pasadena Humane veterinary team said many of the youngest kittens are severely emaciated. Despite medical intervention, one very sick kitten did not make it through the night. Five of the remaining most fragile kittens were placed in a foster home to help with their care. A few of the other kittens were terrified, having experienced so much trauma.

"One of them wants to be

petted so badly, but you feel like you'll break him, the foster mom said.

Over the weekend, one of the kittens tested positive for panleukopenia, a highly contagious viral disease that is often deadly for young cats.

The medical team provided him with the necessary fluids and medications that he needs to fight the virus, all while taking precautions not to infect the other animals at the shelter. All of the cats from the trailer have now been placed in quarantine to ensure that they stay healthy before moving on to their new homes.

All of the cats are expected to be available for adoption, with the healthy cats looking for new homes immediately.

They will be spayed, neutered, vaccinated and microchipped

Bill to Increase Cyclist Safety Passes Committee



Senate Bill 538, authored by Senator Anthony Portantino passed the Assembly Transportation Committee. The measure would support safer transportation options for Californians by requiring the Department of Transportation to appoint an advisor on issues specifically related to bicycle issues and safety.

"When we plan and implement transportation policies, it's important that we are safeguarding cyclist and pedestrian safety," commented Senator Portantino. "Having someone at Caltrans solely focus on the needs of cycling communities and tasked with implementing safe street policies just makes sense."

The California Department of Transportation includes the Bicycle Facilities Unit (BFU). This unit is responsible for coordinating all aspects of Caltrans bicycle programs, promoting well designed bicycle facilities, and cultivating the funding, regulations, and education that makes these facilities possible. Currently, there is no specialized department

chair who can advise the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on issues related to bicycle transportation.

SB 538 would require the director of the California Department of Transportation to appoint a Chief Advisor on Cycling and Active Transportation, who shall serve as the department's chief advisor on all issues related to bicycle transportation, safety, and infrastructure.

"Our goal with this bill is to shape Caltrans to be inclusive and representative of all mobility options," stated Marc Vukcevic, State Policy Advocate for Streets for All. "By having a Chief Advisor on Bicycling and Active Transportation, there would be a position that can have a voice at the table to improve bike and pedestrian safety across the state. This person will have the authority, expertise, purview, and staff needed to protect vulnerable road users at a time when we are at a 40-year high of pedestrian fatalities. We look forward to getting SB 538 on the Governor's desk."

before being adopted.

For more information visit: pasadenahumane.org.

Holy Frit Film Screening Event Tonight



Officials announced 'Holy Frit' is back in South Pasadena for another hometown screening tonight at 7:30 pm at ReNew United Methodist Church.

The film winds its way through South Pasadena as it follows local artist Tim Carey and Judson Studios' race to create a stained glass window the size of a basketball court for a \$90 million mega-church in Kansas. ReNew has graciously opened its chapel featuring a large Judson stained glass window for the screening.

"In this visceral three-year race against time, Tim Carey, a talented, yet unknown LA artist bluffs his way into winning the commission to create the largest stained-glass window of its kind. The problem is, he doesn't know how to make it. After a desperate search, he finds someone who might have the answer...a world famous glass maestro, named, Narcissus Quagliata. As the fates of three communities hang in the balance, Narcissus arrives like a storm, and everything changes."

Don't miss this chance to see the award-winning, dramatic and comedic collision of art, business, religion, and human ambition, meet the South Pasadenans behind it, and learn what's next for the film.

Limited seating is available. To watch the trailer, visit Holy Frit's website: holyfrit.com.

Screening tickets are \$20 each.

Pasadena POPS Rusnak Summer Concert series



Kings of Soul Brings the Hits of Motown and more with American Idol Finalist Michael Lynche

The Pasadena POPS Rusnak Summer Concert series continues on Saturday, July 15 with Kings of Soul. Resident Pops Conductor Larry Blank will lead the orchestra with special guests Kings of Soul, who will shine a spotlight on the hit songs of Marvin Gaye, Jackie Wilson, James Brown, Otis Redding, The Temptations, Al Green, Barry White and Smokey Robinson in an evening of soulful rhythms and melodies. Highlights include Soul Man, Shop Around, Get Ready, Try a Little Tenderness, Stand By Me, Move On Up, Your Love Keeps Lifting Me Higher and more to get the audience dancin' in the aisles!

Kings of Soul is comprised of three vocalists touting a breadth of stage and screen experience. Chester Gregory's Broadway credits include Motown the Musical, Dreamgirls and Sister Act, and Darren Lorenzo has been seen on Broadway and touring productions of After Midnight, Legally Blonde, Saturday Night Fever, Madagascar, Fosse, Hair and Once on This Island, among others. You may remember Michael Lynche or "Big Mike" from his turn as a finalist on American Idol season 9, where he wowed millions of fans with his comforting and powerful voice. Lynche has since toured as an opening act for Boyz II

Men, Lalah Hathaway and Faith Evans.

All concerts are held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Gardens. Grounds open for picnicking and dining at 5:30pm and performances begin at 7:30pm. Don't miss the best outdoor dinner party in town with spacious circular table seating with fine linens, or lawn seating for those who want to bring a blanket -- each option carries on the tradition of picnic-dining with your family and friends with Michael Feinstein and the San Gabriel Valley's premier orchestra! Among many venue amenities, concert goers can enjoy pre-ordered gourmet box dinners for on-site pickup just steps from their table, two full-service beverage centers and a variety of food truck options.

The Arboretum is located at 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA. Subscribers have the opportunity to purchase onsite Arboretum parking. Single ticket holders may purchase guaranteed and convenient parking at Santa Anita Park Lot 6, located just across Baldwin Ave., with complimentary non-stop shuttle service to the Arboretum's main entrance. Lot 6 parking may be purchased in advanced at pasadenasymphony-pops.org or onsite (cash only) for \$15.

Single tickets start at \$30. Season subscriptions and single tickets are now on sale, and are available by calling the box office at (626) 793-7172, online at PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org or at the Arboretum on concert days.

Child Camp Safety Bill Passes Senate Committee

This week, Assemblymember Chris Holden's legislation Assembly Bill 262, which would direct the Department of Social Services (DSS) to lead a stakeholder group to develop recommendations through a report to the Legislature on future regulations that will protect children while attending day and overnight camps, passed the Senate Committee on Human Services.

"When parents take their children to day camps throughout the year, it is under the assumption that they will be protected, make friends, and return home safely afterwards," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "We want to give

parents and guardians a peace of mind to ensure they know their child is cared for."

AB 262 would direct DSS to report to the Legislature with guidance on establishing an appropriate licensing program for camps, ensuring camp counselors and staff are appropriately qualified, and providing parents and caregivers with accessible and transparent information on camp safety.

"While we do our best as parents to help guide and protect our children, it is not their responsibility to worry about their own safety, it is the responsibility of the adults providing supervision while their parent or guardians are at work," said Holden.

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David Cousin: The Amazing Juggler

Saturday, July 8 at 2 PM, Children's Area
David Cousin isn't just any juggler; he has five world records! You will be amazed by the amazing feats and mind-blowing tricks! This performance is not to be missed! Registration is not required.

Huntington Nurses Health Screening

Wednesday, July 12 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Barth Community Room

The Huntington Nurses offer free blood pressure and glucose screenings. Please plan to fast 2 hours prior to having glucose checked. These blood pressure and glucose evaluations can lead to prevention and early detection of the "silent killer" diseases such as hypertension, heart disease, and diabetes. Health screenings will be held every second Wednesday of the month. Registration is not required.

Drop-In Tech Help with TAG

Wednesday, July 12 at 1 PM, Barth Community Room
Get help with your laptop, phone, or tablet by working one-on-one with a teen volunteer! Our tech-savvy teens are prepared to help troubleshoot your issue with a 30-minute (or less) appointment. Possible topics include: creating an email account, creating documents, attaching files, using digital library resources, downloading and streaming content like movies, books, audiobooks, and more. NOTE: Fixing broken hardware or software is not within our scope. Please bring any devices you use, and have your necessary passwords and library card with you. Space is limited. Registration is not required; first come, first served.

Chinese Club

Thursday, July 13 at 10:30 AM, Barth Community Room
In the spirit of cultural exchange and appreciation of diversity, educational development, and community service, the Chinese Club of San Marino holds monthly lectures and workshops. Registration is required.

NEW Walking Book Club

Friday, July 14 at 9:15 AM, Lacy Park
Let's walk and chat about the books you're reading! Led by the librarians from Crowell Public Library, patrons are invited to meet at the War Memorial to stroll the paths in Lacy Park every other Friday. This walking discussion will center around the latest books everyone is reading, all the while helping to get your steps in for the day. Registration is not required, but a signed liability waiver is required for participation.

Nature Series: Right Tree, Right Place

Saturday, July 15 at 10 AM, Barth Community Room
The right tree can enhance the beauty of your home while also providing shade and other benefits. In this presentation, San Marino's Urban Forester, Lora Hall, will help participants select an appropriate planting site and tree species for their landscape. The presentation will cover site selection criteria, such as distances from buildings and utilities, as well as how to complement the architecture of a house. A variety of tree species will be discussed with ideas for fall color, evergreen screening, small spaces, wildlife value, and more. Registration is not required.

Bulky Item Pickup on Saturday, July 15

On Saturday July 15, Athens Services will be conducting its Annual Bulky Item Pickup event in the City. Residents who have bulky items such as mattresses, furniture, or appliances that they would like to dispose of should call (855) 557-1007 or schedule online ahead of time. Please make sure the items have been set out at the curb or designated pickup location by 5 AM on Saturday, July 15. No e-waste or household hazardous waste is allowed. For a full list of eligible items, please visit the Athens website. Should you have any questions, please call 888-336-6100.

Summer Sunset Concerts

Friday, July 21, August 4, 18, Lacy Park
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City Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 12 at 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

Public Safety Commission

Monday, July 17 at 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

Design Review Committee Meeting - Canceled

Wednesday, July 19 at 6:00 PM; Barth Room and Zoom (Public Access)

Bill Protecting Drivers with Epilepsy Approved

Senate Bill 357, authored by Senator Anthony Portantino was approved by the Assembly Judiciary Committee. The bill gives doctors the discretion to report personal conditions they believe will impair a patient's ability to drive and removes language that discriminates against specific conditions, including epilepsy.

"Mandatory reporting in California is a discriminatory practice that jeopardizes access to appropriate care," stated Senator Portantino. "SB 357 protects drivers with epilepsy by improving the patient-physician relationship and allows individuals affected by epilepsy to seek the care they need without fear of losing their driving licenses."

Epilepsy is the fourth-most common neurological disorder in the US, affecting more than 3.4 million Americans and more than 425,000 Californians. Yet in California, a 1957 state law discriminates against drivers with epilepsy and other conditions by requiring physicians to automatically report these drivers to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Research has shown that these requirements often result in patients withholding crucial information from their physicians and not seeking the care they need. This is due to fear of losing their right to drive. When a person with epilepsy withholds critical information from their doctor, they jeopardize their access to appropriate care, risking an increase of seizure activity or

even a loss of seizure control. SB 357 will:

- Give doctors the discretion to report conditions they believe will impair a patient's ability to drive, by removing language that discriminates against specific conditions, including epilepsy;
- Allow but not require doctors to make such reports;
- Protect the doctor-patient relationship by providing immunity for physician for either reporting or not reporting patients.

SB 357 also requires the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to publish a report by 2027 on the differences in patterns of reporting and crash rates under a voluntary reporting system. The bill adds a sunset on the voluntary reporting system for 2029.

"Senator Portantino's bill will improve access to care and end decades of discrimination against the more than 425,000 Californians living with epilepsy," said Rebekkah Halliwell, Executive Director of Epilepsy Foundation Los Angeles. "Based on an outdated law from 1957, California requires doctors to report all patients with epilepsy to the DMV, but research has shown that mandatory reporting requirements may lead people with epilepsy to withhold crucial information from their doctors, risking an increase in seizures, which can lead to injury and even death... we look forward to getting this important measure on the Governor's desk."

Federal Lawsuit Against LA County Alleges ADA Violations at Vote Centers

The United States Attorney's Office announced that they filed a lawsuit Thursday alleging the County of Los Angeles had failed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at vote centers, that include Pasadena, during recent elections.

The complaint filed in United States District Court seeks a court order directing the county to comply with the ADA, promptly develop a plan to completely remedy the alleged violations, and not further discriminate against individuals with disabilities.

The lawsuit identifies specific vote centers in Pasadena, North Hollywood, Downey and Watts that are still in use, even though the federal government first alerted the county about accessibility deficiencies at the first three facilities in September 2016 and the Watts location in July 2020.

Other accessibility problems were identified with ballot drop boxes used during the November 2020 and November 2022 general elections.

"Voting is the bedrock of our democracy, and all voters, including those with disabilities, should have an equal opportunity to participate in the voting process. This lawsuit should send a strong message to officials across the country regarding the Justice Department's firm commitment to ensuring polling place accessibility," said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

During the November 2022 general election, the United States surveyed 52 Los Angeles County vote centers to determine if they were compliant with the ADA and applicable standards for accessibility. "Each of the surveyed vote centers had non-compliant elements or features, including, for example, a lack of van accessible parking; wide gaps, abrupt level changes, and excessive cross slopes on designated accessible routes; ramps with steep running slopes and without the required handrails; entrances and/or exits that were obstructed or too narrow, lacked level landings, or had high thresholds; interior routes that had protruding objects; and voting areas with narrow routes," the complaint alleges.

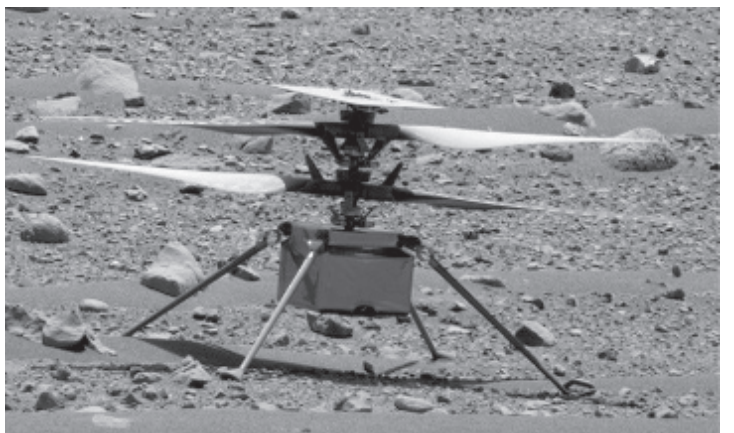
The lawsuit discusses difficulties experienced during the August 2019 special election by a voter who uses a wheelchair. This voter "reported feeling dismayed and frustrated by her treatment at the polling place and that she felt as if she had lost her freedom to vote privately and independently like everyone else," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit is part of the Justice Department's ADA Voting Initiative, which seeks to increase accessibility for voters with disabilities across the country. A hallmark of the ADA Voting Initiative is its collaboration with jurisdictions to increase accessibility at vote centers or polling places. Through this initiative, the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and U.S. Attorney's Offices across the country have surveyed more than 2,700 polling places and increased polling place accessibility in more than 50 jurisdictions, including Kenton County, Kentucky; Travis County, Texas; and Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

Assistant United States Attorney Katherine M. Hikida of the Civil Division's Civil Rights Section is handling this case.

Information about the Civil Rights Section in the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office is available on our website. Members of the public may report possible civil rights violations to our office via email to USACAC.CV-CivilRights@usdoj.gov.

NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter Phones Home



Officials announced that the 52nd flight of NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter is now in the official mission logbook as a success. The flight took place back on April 26, but mission controllers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California lost contact with the helicopter as it descended toward the surface for landing.

The Ingenuity team expected the communications dropout because a hill stood between the helicopter's landing location and the Perseverance rover's position, blocking communication between the two. The rover acts as a radio relay between the helicopter and mission controllers at JPL. In anticipation of this loss of communications, the Ingenuity team had already developed re-contact plans for when the rover would drive back within range. Contact was re-established June 28 when Perseverance crested the hill and could see Ingenuity again.

The goal of Flight 52, a 1,191-foot (363-meter) and 139-second-long flight, was to reposition the helicopter and take images of the Martian surface for the rover's science team.

"The portion of Jezero Crater the rover and helicopter are currently exploring has a lot of rugged terrain, which makes communications dropouts more likely," said JPL's Josh Anderson, the Ingenuity team lead. "The team's goal is to keep Ingenuity ahead of Perseverance, which occasionally involves

temporarily pushing beyond communication limits. We're excited to be back in communications range with Ingenuity and receive confirmation of Flight 52."

Sixty-three days is a long time to wait for the results of a flight, but the data coming in indicates all is well with the first aircraft on another world. If the remainder of Ingenuity's health checks are equally rosy, the helicopter may fly again within the week.

The target for Flight 53 is an interim airfield to the west, from which the team plans to perform another westward flight to a new base of operations near a rocky outcrop the Perseverance team is interested in exploring.

The Ingenuity Mars Helicopter was built by JPL, which also manages the project for NASA Headquarters. It is supported by NASA's Science Mission Directorate.

NASA's Ames Research Center in California's Silicon Valley and NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia, provided significant flight performance analysis and technical assistance during Ingenuity's development. AeroVironment Inc., Qualcomm, and SolAero also provided design assistance and major vehicle components. Lockheed Space designed and manufactured the Mars Helicopter Delivery System.

At NASA Headquarters, Dave Lavery is the program executive for the Ingenuity Mars Helicopter.

Chu Statement on SCOTUS Decisions Gutting Race-Conscious Admissions

The Supreme Court of the United States announced last week its decision on Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard and Students for Fair Admissions v. University of North Carolina, undermining the Court's long-standing support for affirmative action in higher education.

Affirmative action refers to certain education, contracting, and employment policies—such as race-conscious policies that consider race as one factor in a holistic admissions process—that aim to increase the representation of racial and ethnic groups that have been historically underrepresented. These groups include Black, Latino/Latina, Native American, and Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) students who face systemic barriers to educational opportunity, including cultural biases in standardized test questions and far less access to college preparatory courses, that harms their competitive edge in the college admissions process. Rep. Judy Chu (CA-28) issued the following statement:

"Today's decision deals a needless blow to America's promise of equal and fair opportunity. Casting aside decades of precedent, the Court's anti-opportunity majority further undermines its own legitimacy by gutting race-conscious university admissions, which will benefit the wealthy and well-connected most."

"After teaching community college for decades, I have long known that students learn best and graduate more prepared when they encounter diversity in the classroom. Holistic, race-conscious admissions policies allow all students, regardless of

their race or ethnicity, to be able to tell the full story of who they are and participate in a thriving, multiracial democracy.

"With over 50 ethnicities speaking over 100 languages, the AANHPI community is itself incredibly diverse and not a monolith. AANHPI students who come from low-income, first-generation, immigrant, refugee, or indigenous backgrounds and who are already systematically denied equal opportunity in education will encounter even more hurdles to acceptance. That's why the majority of AANHPIs in America have expressed support for race-conscious admissions and why today's decision is no net positive for AANHPIs."

"Importantly, though, this decision should not be viewed to impact race-conscious processes outside the scope of university admissions."

"Despite this decision and other such efforts to turn back time, re-segregate our schools, and pit the Asian American community against other communities by using us as a wedge, I will never quit fighting alongside the unified civil and human rights community for an America where everyone can find belonging and pursue their aspirations on an equal footing. President Biden has already announced steps that the Administration will take to promote educational opportunity and diversity in higher education."

"This extremist Supreme Court does not get to decide our values. We will always fight for diversity and representation in politics, business, culture, and beyond. It's who we are as a nation and what makes us strong."

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

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

You probably have your own game plan, so if you have family survival tips of your own, feel free to share with me, and tune in this Sunday Night at 5 PM for my Foodie Talk Show AM 830 KLAA - the Angels Radio Station
 One last thing: please bring something to the BBQ. Even if the host says they have things covered, there never is enough ice or plates. Pro Tip: don't bring an entrée unless asked - I learned the hard way on that one

Happy Summer!



JEWISH FEDERATION OF THE GREATER SAN GABRIEL AND POMONA VALLEYS IS COMBATING ANTISEMITISM LOCALLY – ONE CITY COUNCIL AT A TIME

Monrovia, CA, July 5, 2023 - With the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) latest audit on antisemitism showing a 36% increase in reported antisemitic incidents and attacks between 2021 and 2022, and more specifically, a 41% increase here in California between 2021 and 2022, the Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel launched an initiative to combat antisemitism and all forms of hatred locally. And the effort is showing signs of making a difference.

In March, Jewish Federation sent letters to the mayors, city council members, and City Managers of the 48 cities the organization covers – between Glendale to Rancho Cucamonga and south to Whittier – and asked that they join and support the organization's effort.

The initial letter outlined four specific action steps each city's leadership should take:

1. Sign the American Jewish Committee (AJC) and US Conference of Mayors' statement to combat antisemitism and join the over 700 mayors who have already done so. (Before the initial letter was sent back in March, only four local mayors (Brea, Chino Hills, El Monte, and South El Monte) had signed onto the statement.
2. Adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism.
3. Adopt a resolution denouncing antisemitism and all forms of hatred.
4. Establish a task force of representatives from various targeted ethnic and racial groups to work with city officials to develop a plan to confront hatred.

As of today, thirteen City Councils have responded by passing resolutions, agreeing to sign onto AJC and US Conference of Mayors' statement to combat antisemitism, and adopting IHRA's working definition on antisemitism:

- Claremont
- Upland
- Monrovia
- Alhambra
- Sierra Madre
- San Gabriel
- Temple City
- Pasadena
- Whittier
- Diamond Bar
- Walnut
- South Pasadena
- Ontario.

Glendale has the request on their July 11 city council meeting agenda.

"Our goal is to not only raise awareness of this issue of antisemitism and hatred that is plaguing society," Jason Moss, Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys' Executive Director explains, "but also work with our local elected officials to confront and combat it where we live – in the cities that are part of the greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys."

Moss continues, "When I address the various city councils and share the figures that illustrate the increase, I make it a point to mention that these are only the reported figures... that there far more antisemitic incidents that go unreported. I want each city council member to understand the power their individual voices have and should be used to do what they can to get rid of all forms of hate in their cities."

Jewish Federation staff have contacted the remaining 24 cities and are awaiting a response to their follow-up request for each city to take the organization's recommended action steps.

Jewish Federation is committed to continuing to do what it can to get the remaining cities in the greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys to take the first steps to combat antisemitism by following the lead of their fellow city colleagues.

The Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys' mission is to build community by strengthening and enhancing Jewish life. The Jewish Federation does this by providing programs and services that support the needs of the Jewish community in our region, and acts as the Jewish voice on issues that affect the greater Jewish community.



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Can you find and circle 18 different words on this page that begin with the letter 's'?

Knock! Knock!

Shelly.

Who's there?

Shelly who?

Nothing, he clammed up! Get it? Get it?

Hey, Shelly who? What did he say?

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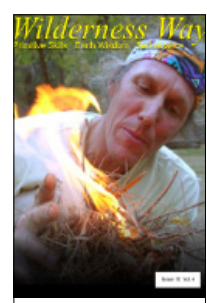
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**"LEAFLETS THREE, LET IT BE"
GETTING TO KNOW POISON OAK
(TOXICODENDRON DIVERSILOBUM)**



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Both poison ivy and poison oak are widespread vining plants which contain the chemical urushiol. When the bare skin comes into contact with urushiol, an itching irritating rash can result. Poison ivy is much more widespread of the two, found widely east of the Rockies all the way to the Atlantic coast. Here in California and in the Western states, you'll find poison oak. It can be found north into Canada, and south into Baja California.

Poison oak's leaves are composed of three roundish leaflets. You've all heard the slogan 'Leaflets three, let it be,' right? (For the record, poison oak isn't the only plants with three leaflets.) Each leaf is composed of three leaflets. These vines are deciduous, meaning they lose their leaves in the winter.

FOR THE RECORD
Doctors will nearly always recommend a cortisone product if you get a rash from poison ivy or poison oak. They recommend it because it does effectively heal the rash.

HOWEVER...
I went to the world-famous Southwest Museum in Los Angeles, and researched how Native Americans of the area in the old days used poison oak in many ways and were not known to get a rash from this plant. It turned out that baskets were made from the long vines of the poison oak, and they also produced a black dye from the sap of the leaf. So why didn't they get the rash from the plant? Young poison oak leaves were added into their acorn meal and other foods. Apparently, according to my research, Native Americans were not necessarily any more immune to the rash of poison oak than anyone else - approximately 20% of any population is naturally immune, and there are several factors that contribute to this. But it is widely believed that the ingestion of the poison oak on a regular basis rendered the



GETTING A RASH
First, you can get the rash at any time of the year, even when the vines are dormant. It might seem that there is a "season" for the rash, but that's probably because more people are hiking and traveling in the woods and valleys in the summer. But there is no season.

All it takes to get the rash is to brush up against the plant with bare skin. Most of the time, hikers get the rash when they unsuspectingly walk through a patch of poison oak, or brush up against it on the side of the trail.

But you can also get the rash in the winter when there are no leaves on the vines, and you get the rash when you pet your dog who has just run a hillside of poison oak. In the West, firefighters are known to get serious infections from poison oak, whose oils are in the smoke of nearly all forest fires.

The urushiol oils take about 24 to 48 hours to begin to cause a rash, but you should still act quickly if you know you've brushed up against the plant.

If you're in the field and you know you brushed up against poison oak, you can sprinkle a clay soil over the exposed area and rub it into your skin, and then wash with hot water and soap as soon as possible.

There are also specialized soaps for poison oak. These can be obtained from pharmacies or backpacking stores, and since the results vary somewhat from person to person, I have no personal recommendation on any of those products. I have found that Ivory dishwashing liquid works fine to break down the oil in poison oak that's gotten on your skin, and so does Shaklee's Basic H.

Native American effectively immune.

I decided to try this nearly 50 years ago, and I no longer get a rash when I've been in contact with poison oak. I eat a few of the newly-emerging leaves every spring, perhaps every other week for about two months. The flavor is somewhat nutty.

I quickly add that I DO NOT recommend this because individual body chemistry can be so different. I merely pass it along as a personal testimony.

Nevertheless, always err on the side of safety. If you know you get a rash from poison oak, learn to identify it and avoid it. Avoidance of poison oak should be your top-priority strategy if you go into the woods.

CURES
Besides going to a doctor, there are many traditional remedies for the rash of poison oak, which allows the body to heal itself. Here are a few of the methods that I have collected - the complete list is in my "Guide to Wild Foods and Useful Plants" book.

1. In my experience, the fresh juice of the aloe vera plant is the best natural cure for poison oak rash. To use, cut open a section of the succulent leaf, and apply the inner, wet side directly to the rash, which will result in an immediate cooling sensation and a subsequent rapid healing.
2. Rub mugwort leaves (*Artemisia* spp.) over the exposed parts of your body before entering poison oak areas to prevent the rash. The mushed-up fresh mugwort leaves can also be applied directly to the rash.

3. Drink an infusion from the leaves of manzanita leaves (*Arctostaphylos* spp.). This comes from several of the Indian tribes in California and even up into the Northwest.

CONCLUSION
You may be one of the fortunate ones who is somehow naturally immune to poison oak. But if you're a part of the majority of the population, you should first learn to recognize these widespread plants, and then do your best to avoid them.

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Katnip News!



Meet Rajah & Butters!

These two are just the cutest little orange and white boys! They are bonded brothers, only 3 months old. Butters, who wears the most white, is a quiet kitten but extremely playful and fun. Loves head and chin rubs, and having his body scratched. Likes to sit by the screen door and watch the birds that come to the porch to eat. At the end of the day he likes cuddling up anywhere warm and having a good sleep.



Rajah, orange tabby, is full of energy and loves playing all day, but then has a good nap when he gets tired. Very independent and doesn't like being held for too long, but enjoys a good head rub. Soon as he's rubbed he begins to purr very loudly. After a full day of running around with his brother Butters and doing some bird watching through the screen door he will climb on the cat tree and sleep like the baby he is! Adopt these boys together. See more pictures and adoption info at www.lifelineforpets.org, the "More Cats" page.

Pet of the Week

According to the saying, "everything is bigger in Texas," and one-year-old lab mix Tex likes to embody that. He has a huge personality, and an even bigger heart! Tex has been entertaining the volunteers at Pasadena Humane by romping around in the play yard, chasing tennis balls and letting his ears flap around like bird wings. He hasn't taken flight yet, but that never stops him! One of his favorite things to do is to splash around in the kiddie pool, then try to shake right next to you. It's adorable and helps keep you cool! Tex had some playtime with another dog and they both had a blast. We're confident that he would do well with a similar-sized buddy, but he'd also be happy being your Lone Star! Pasadena Humane will be having a Free Adoption Day on Saturday, 7/15, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. sponsored by longtime donor Gabrielle Bruveris! Adoption fees will be waived for all available dogs, cats, and critters. Adoptions include spay or neuter, a microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines. No appointment necessary. Regular adoption process applies. We will not be offering meet-and-greets between pets, so please leave your family pets at home. 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.

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Every Monday and Wednesday 10-10:45 am
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Senior Cinema
1:pm in the Hart Park House Senior Center

Wednesday 7/12 Guillermo del Toro's *Pinocchio*
A father's wish magically brings a wooden boy to life in Italy, giving him the chance to care for the child.

Wednesday 7/26 I Wanna Dance with Somebody
A joyous, emotional, heartbreaking celebration of the life and music of Whitney Houston, one of the greatest R&B pop vocalists of all time. Tracking her journey to stardom.



FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

HAVE A TRUST? HOW THE CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY ACT AFFECTS YOU.

Get ready for a new twist in the legal and business world. You may already be familiar with the upcoming Corporate Transparency Act, set to kick in next year. If you aren't, it's time to get in the know because it could impact you, and if it does, you'll need support. Starting January 1, 2024, every small business will be mandated to submit an annual report revealing the names of its major owners. Now, here's where things get even more offputting. If you happen to have a Trust that holds partial or full ownership in a business, that business might be required to disclose private details about your trust, including the name of your Trustee or beneficiaries, in your annual corporate report to the government. What Is the Purpose of the Corporate Transparency Act and What Does It Require? Enacted in 2020 and set to take effect on January 1, 2024, the Corporate Transparency Act aims to tackle money laundering and terrorism financing schemes involving "shell" corporations—companies which exist merely on paper and don't engage in actual business or trade (like "Vamonos Pest" in Breaking Bad).

Under the Act, small companies will now have to disclose the names of any owners who hold 25% or more ownership in the company, as well as any individuals who exercise significant control over the company's activities. The goal is to identify and expose shell corporations involved in money laundering, as this tends to occur within small businesses rather than large corporations. To comply with the requirements, businesses must submit an annual report to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) containing the following details about each owner or controller:

- Business name
- Current business address
- State in which the business was formed and its Entity Identification Number (EIN)
- Owner/controller's name, birth date, and address
- Photocopy of a government-issued photo ID (such as a driver's license or passport) of every direct or indirect owner or controller of the company

Failing to file an annual report could result in serious repercussions, from paying a fine of \$500 for every day the report is late up to imprisonment for two years.

Does My Trust Need to Be Disclosed? Since a Trust can – and often should – own a business or a share of a business, Trusts are also involved in the Corporate Transparency Act, but under more limited circumstances. So how do you know if your Trust information will need to be disclosed?

Let's break it down...

The new rule applies to any company that is created by filing a formation document with the Secretary of State or a similar office, such as corporations and limited liability companies (LLCs). Non-profits, publicly traded companies, and regulated companies like banks and investment advisors are exempt from the rule. Large companies are also exempt if they have 20 or more full-time employees in the US and generate \$5 million in sales. So, if your trust owns a share of any of these types of companies, it does not need to be reported.

If you have an LLC or corporation you created but aren't actively using to run a business, that company is exempt from reporting due to its inactivity, so your Trust would not be reported in that instance, either.

But if your Trust owns a share of a small, for-profit company, (like a small family business or local investment) the beneficial owner of the Trust will need to be reported to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

The beneficial owner is the person or people who benefit from the Trust or have the power to make major decisions about the Trust assets. Depending on how your Trust is written, this is usually the Trustee, but it can also be the beneficiaries of your Trust.

Does the Corporate Transparency Act Affect My Trust's Asset Protection? One of the best things about creating a Trust is that it provides you and your family with an extra level of privacy and provides asset protection from divorce or lawsuits for your Trust's beneficiaries after you're gone.

Thankfully, having a Trust that owns a business or a share of a business doesn't take away from the Trust's ability to provide asset protection to your heirs. And while the new Corporate Transparency Act rule reduces some of the privacy benefits that come with owning assets in a Trust, the names of your Trust, trustees, and beneficiaries are not supposed to be made public and are only to be used by the government for the specific purpose of investigating financial crimes.

Because of this, Trusts should remain an excellent tool for providing privacy, avoiding probate, and setting up your family with a lifetime of asset protection and financial security.

To your health, wealth, and family legacy,

MARC

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

HAVE GIGGLE, WILL LAUGH

I have many problems in my life. I have yet to recognize all of my problems, but I'm sure I will soon.

That's why it's so great to be married to someone like The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. There is no problem she cannot fix, and I have many examples to prove it.

There is one problem she hasn't been able to fix. That is, I laugh too much. At least, according to her.

If something happens or someone says something, I will start to giggle, and I know that in a short time, I will be laughing. I know how to laugh better than anybody I know. Just ask The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

Through the years, I have tried to moderate it. I don't want to laugh at everything even though there is a giggle inside of me. Most people don't think everything is funny, while I, on the other side, can't think of anything that isn't funny.

Someone may tell me something or say something unwittingly, and I begin to giggle. I know when that starts I have no control over my giggle-itis. The only cure I have found for giggle-itis is laughter.

Someone may be telling a very serious story about their life, and I hear it wrong and think they are saying something altogether different, and it kicks in my giggle-itis.

It wouldn't be so bad if I could control it when it happens, but as history has proven, I cannot.

I do try to keep some things serious. I must confess, however, that changes from day to day. What is serious today may not be serious tomorrow, and I am the last one to know how to control that.

I've often discussed this with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, and she has tried to counsel me in this area on how to control my laughter.

I try to explain to her that it is not so much the laughter as it is the giggle. If I could control my giggles, I wouldn't have any problem with laughter. She doesn't get it and laughs at me.

You must agree, there are many things in this world that are funny. And I do not believe we should overlook or ignore those situations.

Last week I was standing in line at the post office, and at the counter was a very nice older lady. She was paying for some postage and gave the cashier a \$50 bill. Then the cashier, preparing to give her money back, said something strange. He said, "Mam, what denomination would you like?"

I hadn't heard that in a long time and was anxious to hear how the lady would respond.

She looked at the cashier with a very seri-

ous look and said, "Sir, I'm a Baptist, so give it to me in Baptist denomination."

Little did I know she was not joking, but I laughed at her, trying to conceal it.

The cashier stared at her, not knowing what to do. I'm not sure what money he gave her because I was laughing too much on the inside.

It's so hard for me to laugh on the inside and keep it from getting on the outside. What is inside eventually comes outside. I was laughing about that for the rest of the day. And still, when I think of it, I chuckle on the inside.

Just the other day, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came and informed me that she would be gone for the day, thrift store shopping with her daughters. Looking at me, she seriously said, "Can you get your own lunch today while I'm gone?"

That tripped the giggle button inside for some reason, and my giggle-itis had kicked in.

Looking at her while giggling, I said, "Don't worry. I'll clean the refrigerator out by the time you get home."

Then I started laughing almost uncontrollably. She, on the other hand, looked at me with her infamous scowl and said, without laughing, "I don't think so."

I could not stop laughing as she walked out the front door. Several hours later, I was still laughing, and went and looked in the refrigerator to see how much work I had on hand.

When I opened the refrigerator door, I immediately stopped laughing. There at the front was a bowl of broccoli. I know she did that on purpose, and it cured my giggle-itis for a moment. I had to devise a plan for that broccoli to make me laugh and her scowl. Now the giggle-itis is beginning to turn on.

I think a bowl of Apple Fritters would be an excellent replacement. This is one of the few items that will make the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage scowl. To see that scowl will be worth all I can offer at this time.

Just the thought of that began a giggle inside of me. Thinking more of this it developed into laughter. I just can't wait to get even.

While I was laughing, I thought of one my favorite Bible verses. "All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast" (Proverbs 15:15).

When I think of broccoli I have evil feelings, but the Apple Fritter thought brings a lot of merriment to me.

Then I remembered Proverbs 17:22. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

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STUART TOLCHIN



PUT THE LIGHTS ON STUFF THAT BOTHERS ME

There are many things that continue to go on that really disturb me and I don't seem to be able to do anything about them. Yesterday was the 4th of July, a designated day of celebration. Instead what did America display. Quoting ABCNEWS.com "Amid celebrations and fireworks over the long Fourth of July holiday weekend cities across the country were left reeling from the scourge of mass shootings this weekend. The story I read said that combined, the shootings this weekend left seven people dead and 46 injured. The Memorial Day holiday resulted in at least 17 shootings which left 13 people dead and 79 injured in cities across this country. I don't know how accurate these statistics are, I now doubt everything I hear on the news, but I do know that last night sounded like a War Zone right here in Sierra Madre.

People are fearful; perhaps rightly so. Today school children are driven to School by a single parent and these single parents in their cars are lined up around the block to pick up the kids after school contributing to all sorts of environmental problems.

I want to keep talking a while about cars before I go back to the subject of guns. I am sure you have noticed the single far left lane of the freeway reserved for cars with multiple occupants is always pretty empty while the other four lanes filled with sole occupant cars are always jammed. I know that I am also an offender but really something should be done. There is no question that gas driven vehicles are damaging to the overall environment but the single driver congestion is as bad as it always was. Maybe the future environment will be less damaged by electric cars but those noiseless vehicles present other problems. Twice, here in our canyon, which has no sidewalks, I have seen small children endangered as they walked along the street not hearing approaching soundless electric cars. Both times, thankfully, an adult arm reached out and pulled the children to safety. I worry.

Back to guns. I hate these "patriotic" holidays wherein wars are celebrated. Nobody wins a war—there are always huge numbers of innocent young people killed over disputes between the rulers of warring nations fought for the benefit of a favored few. Yes, money is made from war, business is good and jobs are plentiful and the whole thing makes me sick. What about our wonderful Revolutionary War, you say? Read Candy by Terry Southern wherein a person driving in the northeast is asked if they see much of a difference in where they are now and where they were a few minutes ago. The driver says he doesn't see any difference and the passenger says "Now we are in Canada which became free from England without the necessity of war." Candy was a "dirty book" I read outside of classes before I graduated High School. As is clear 65 years later, this book made more of an impression on me that any of the books I read in School.

Lots of other things bother me and before I reach my word limit I will mention a few. Recently, all kinds of drugs have been legalized and I want to feel that these drugs will not interact negatively with the fifteen or so prescription drugs I take every day. I recently asked my diabetic advisor, a doctor of pharmacy, about this and she explained that she had no knowledge about non-prescription drugs. A couple of days later I asked my cardiologist the same thing and he had no information. I got angry and asked why he had no information, and he patiently explained that the Federal Government had, until recently made no attempt to study the interactions of prescription drugs and generally illegal non-prescription drugs. Yes people have been overdosing and dying but our wonderful caring government did not want to do anything to allow people to be more informed about their (yours and mine) drug taking.

There are many other things that bother me but that's enough for now. I'm glad you survived the 4th.

DAN TYREE



IS THERE A LOUD TALKER IN YOUR LIFE?

"We are the Cubs from Den 3/And no one could be prouder/If you cannot hear our shout/We'll yell a little LOUDER."

That chant from my Cub Scout pack-meeting days comes to mind as I explore the issue of moderation-challenged speakers, or, as the prestigious American Psychiatric Association clinically labels them, "bozos who wouldn't know an indoor voice if it bit them on the rear."

Surely you could name some loud talkers. Maybe you are a loud talker. When you overhear people whispering about boorish behavior, perhaps you should consider asking, "Lord, is it I? I said, LORD, IS IT I????"

Booming voices disseminating too-much-information revelations are everywhere: across the hedge, in the classroom (my second-grade teacher Mrs. Shubert dubbed me "Old Cannon Mouth"), on the beach, in the grocery store, in the homes of people who use recorded jackhammer sounds in their "white noise" machine...

Retailers certainly need all the business they can get, but frontline employees dread the arrival of certain clueless extroverts. Everyone in the building hears them as soon as they enter the front door. Heck, the store's vendors in Southeast Asia hear them as soon as they enter the front door! You should consider yourself lucky if you meet an acquaintance who is merely loud. Sometimes you also get a dislocated shoulder from vigorous handshaking, a stinging slap on the back and a public recitation of how you obtained the embarrassing nickname you've been trying to live down since high school. ("I know you're trying to get to the ER, stranger, but the ambulance driver can wait until you hear about Mr. Who Put the Dissected Frog in my Jockstrap?")

Count your blessings (not out loud!) when you encounter a solo loudmouth. Too often, there are entire families who have been competing for attention for generations. ("Yes! Let's play Twister! Then I can get even closer to your ear! What? No, I love YOU more. What? You actually said, 'let's make some s'mores'? I love you even more.") It's obvious that some people unleash the decibels because they grew up poor in the middle of the 20th century. ("I can't change my volume because I can't find the pliers.")

I wish all loud talkers could take some subtle hints when they're getting carried away, but apparently many of them are colorblind as well. They mistake the blood oozing from your ears for sweat. Don't fall into the trap of pigeonholing people purely on the basis of volume. Some people are loud only intermittently, when they're excited to share some news; others are always "on." Some are apologetic; some are oblivious. Some are amiable and earnest with their gushing. Others are downright obnoxious. Some you make excuses for. Others, you make burial-in-a-shallow-grave plans for. Not all loud talkers are egotistical. Some are preemptively bluffing to cover their insecurities. (Judging by the intensity of their utterances, they must think that alien invaders are about to drain their bank account and induce male pattern baldness.)

I would shout, "Yahoo!" now that I have met my deadline, but my wife is sensitive to loud noises, and I don't want to trigger any migraines. She might throw out my Cub Scout merit badge for Untying Sheepshank Knots by Yodeling at Them.

Almost as coveted as the one for Scaring Little Old Ladies into Crossing the Street to Avoid You.

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RICH JOHNSON



NOW THAT'S RICH SUMMERTIME & THE LIVIN' IS EASY!

"Summertime and the livin' is easy, Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high Oh your daddy's rich and your ma is good lookin' So hush little baby don't you cry"

I know what you're thinking. Easy? Livin'? For who? Whoever wrote that song must not know how tough life is for us here in 2023.

Ha! The song was written by George Gershwin in 1935 as part of the American opera Porgy and Bess. Remember 1935? The middle of the great Depression. Life wasn't easier in 1935. And the play itself was centered around the black community. Easy for them? 1935?

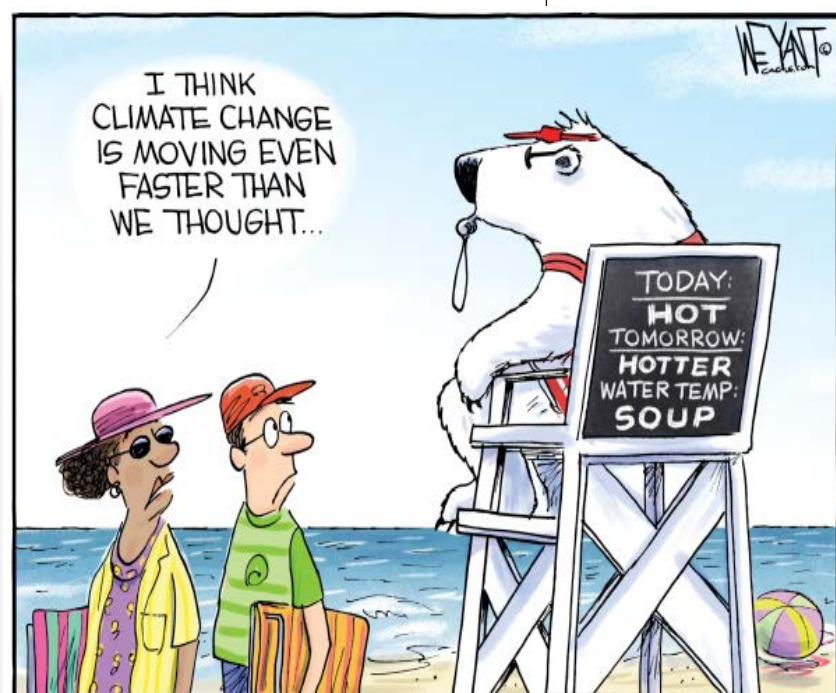
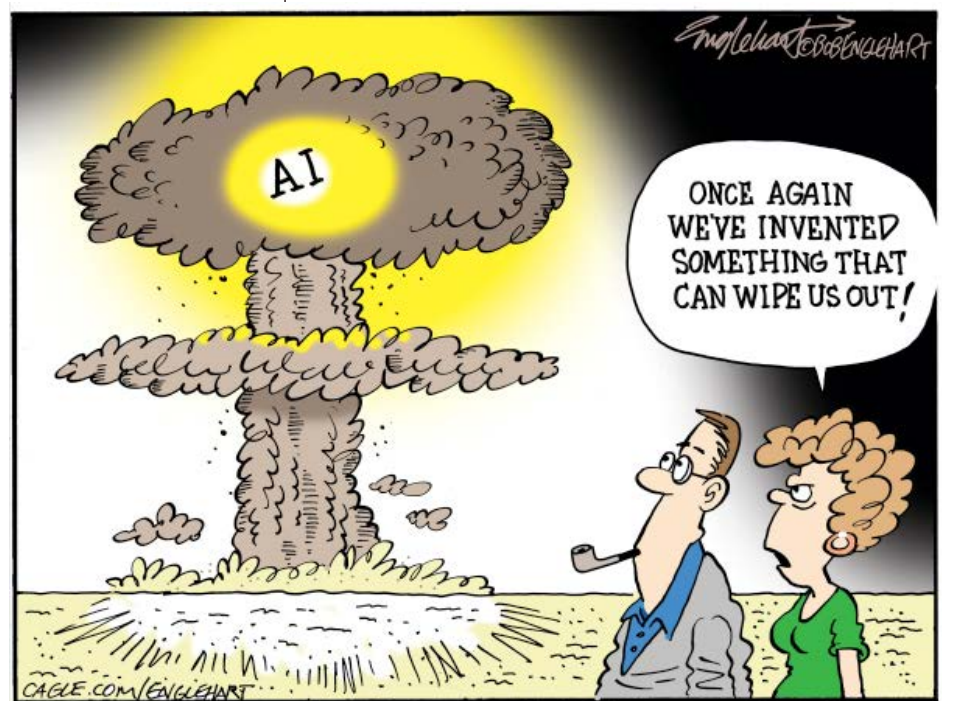
Possibly George Gershwin's finest song, Summertime evokes a wonderful perspective on how we should enjoy life, friends and family even in the toughest of times. (Kudos also to older brother Ira Gershwin, and DuBose and Dorothy Heyward, who wrote the lyrics.)

And as you may recall, the self-proclaimed hope and purpose of my columns is to lighten the load for all of us. So, to that end, how about some graffiti from around the world.

- "Bad spellers of the world - untie"
- "Coffee, a person who is coughed upon"
- "Deja moo: The feeling you've heard this BS before"
- "Dwn wth vwls"
- "Earn cash in your spare time - blackmail friends"
- (sign over urinal in pub) "Express lane: five beers or less"
- "Help wanted: Telepath. You know where to apply"
- "Indecision is the key to flexibility"
- "Love is grand; divorce is a hundred grand"
- "My daughter thinks I'm nosy. At least that's what she says in her diary"
- "My mother was the travel agent for guilt trips"
- "Perforation is a rip-off"
- "Veni, Vidi, Velcro: I came, I saw, I stuck around"
- "Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again"

Finally, it's embarrassing (not really) for me to keep promoting my band's upcoming concerts. But since you asked (someone ask me) JJ Jukebox is performing again on July 22 (Saturday night 6:30-9:30) right here in town at Nano Café. Good food, good drinks, good dancing, good friends and totally tubular music from the 1960s-70s. What more could you want? Make reservations by calling Nanos (626) 325-3334. Best to call after 4:00 Wednesday through Saturdays. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Have a good week everyone here in SoCal...where the livin's easy!

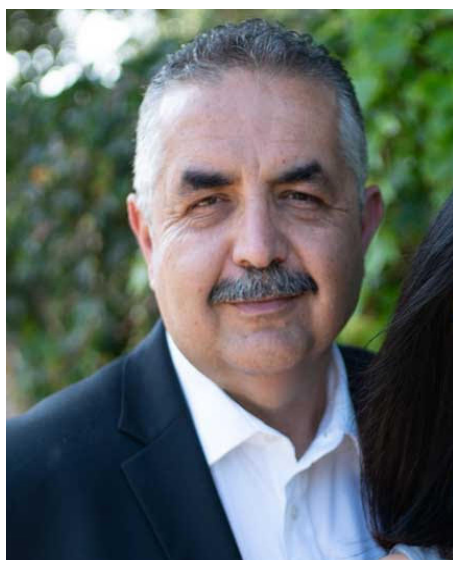








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