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Single-Family Homes

	2022	2023
Average Sold Price:	\$1,832,942	\$1,788,835
Average Sq. Ft.	2,499	2,240
Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$764	\$857
Units Sold	17	17

Condo/Townhomes

	2022	2023
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IT'S ELECTRIC TESLA SUPERCHARGER STATIONS COMING TO SIERRA MADRE

By Kevin McGuire

The Sierra Madre City Council has given the green light to execute a Tesla Supercharger License Agreement to install the first public electric vehicle chargers in Sierra Madre.

City Management Intern Jenna Norwood gave a presentation on the proposed plan during the regular City Council meeting on July 11, 2023.

Earlier this year, Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Kriebs suggested that city staff research the possibility of bringing electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to Sierra Madre. Due to the push to phase out gas-powered cars in California by 2035, the city has a few incentive possibilities, including funding programs from Southern California Edison, the Clean Power Alliance, and additional State and Federal opportunities. One of the challenges is the need for charging stations, making potential EV customers hesitant to switch.

But, overall, there has been a 56 percent increase in electric vehicles compared to last year. According to the California New Car Dealers Association (CNCA), 102,279 plug-in electric cars were registered in quarter four, a 24 percent market share.

On June 28, 2023, after receiving a presentation, the Sierra Madre Natural Resources Commission unanimously approved bringing this item before City Council.

Where will the Tesla EV charging stations be available?

After entering into negotiations with Tesla in May this year, the location at 30 South Baldwin Ave., between Taylor's Market and the Sinclair Gas Station, may be the best site for the new EV charging stations.

This location is close to the 210 Freeway and within walking distance of Sierra Madre dining and shopping while travelers wait for their vehicles to charge. The average charging time is around 40 minutes.

Tesla found the convenience of restaurants, shopping, and the approximately one-mile drive to the freeway to be incentives that influenced their decision to pay Sierra Madre a premium rental rate of \$227 per stall. The average rate Tesla usually provides ranges from \$0 to \$200.

The city also worked out some streamlining deals to help move along the permit process for Tesla as well, according to Norwood.

After consultation with Edison, Tesla has determined that 12 Supercharges, including 2 ADA-compliant, will fit in the desired location.

The Superchargers will be installed at no cost to the city. Tesla will be responsible for the utility and maintenance costs. The city will foot the bill for landscaping costs at the site. The proposed contract has a 10-year term with an optional 5-year extension. Once opened, the city will receive \$2,724.00 a month from this project in rents. It is estimated to take four to six months for construction. Construction will include:

- Making the parking spots perpendicular rather than slanted.
- Repaving the spaces where the charger will be placed.
- Removing and reconfiguring bow outs, planters, and landscaping.
- Installing all necessary equipment.

But what if I don't own a Tesla EV?

Norwood mentioned that the data she received concluded that approximately 1,000 Tesla vehicles drive through the Sierra Madre area weekly. But what if you drive an EV vehicle that's not a Tesla?

Tesla has recently entered into agreements with Ford, GM, Volvo/Polestar, and Rivian. In addition, Volkswagen and Hyundai are in talks with Tesla to standardize the Tesla charge as the universal plug for electric vehicles. While this process is expected to take several years to finalize, owners of legacy automakers will soon be able to charge electric cars at Tesla Supercharging locations, according to Norwood.

"I think this is one of those great, fantastic ways for us to really promote sustainability on our planet," Councilmember Kristine Lowe stated. "I'm excited to see what this will bring to our downtown as well and our businesses."

"I'm just proud of Sierra Madre, and this should be another feather in our cap," said Councilmember Gene Goss. "And to think we did this at zero cost to us. It's tremendous!"

In the future, the city will look at adding more EV charging stations to other Sierra Madre areas, including Sierra Vista Park, City Hall, the Library, and trailhead areas.

WATER AND GAS DON'T MIX

Damage to Water Main and Gas Lines Result In Disruption of Gas Service In Parts of Sierra Madre



More than 50 workers from Southern California Gas Company will be working around the clock to repair damage. Photo by Maheilia Thomas

An alert was sent to Sierra Madre residents early this morning to avoid the area near 300 N. Lima due to a report of the smell of natural gas.

In a press release from SoCal Gas at press time, the following is a synopsis of the events that occurred:

"At approximately 6:45 a.m. on Friday, July 14, SoCalGas received reports of natural gas odor in the vicinity of Lima Street between Grandview Avenue and Carter Avenue in the City of Sierra Madre.

A ruptured water main damaged a 2" steel natural gas main line. As of 7:15 a.m., the city shut off the water.

To avoid damage to infrastructure and equipment, SoCalGas crews are working to remove the water, causing temporary natural gas service interruptions to approximately 70 customers.

Once the water is cleared and the natural gas main is secure, SoCalGas crews will remain onsite to make permanent repairs to restore natural

gas service to customers as quickly as possible.

Residents and businesses in the area may smell a natural gas odor while crews continue to purge the water from gas lines or water that has flowed downhill through the neighborhood.

Currently, there is no threat to public health or safety.

For safety reasons, customers should not try to restore natural gas service on their own. SoCalGas crews will assist customers with service restorations.

For emergencies or to report a gas leak, please contact SoCalGas at 800-427-2200, 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

No estimate was given as to when the task will be completed.

According to City Manager Jose Reynoso, the Sierra Madre YMCA at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd is offering use of their showers to anyone impacted by the gas leak (during limited hours).

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WINNERS: SIERRA MADRE JULY 4th PATRIOTIC HOME DECORATIONS CONTEST

The Sierra Madre July 4th Celebrations were not limited to festivities in the park and the parade, the July 4th Committee also sponsored a 'Best Decorated House' contest. There were four categories this year and here are the winners:

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The Committee started this contest during the pandemic, when we could not have gatherings in hopes that everyone could walk and drive around and see the town patriotically decorated and continued the tradition every year since.

Special thanks to the local businesses who generously donated to the prize baskets for the winners.

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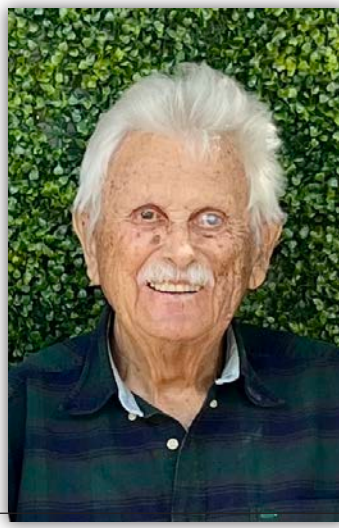
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

RICHARD (DICK) JOHNSON
 October 25, 1931 – November 13, 2022

Richard Leroy Johnson, affectionately known as Dick Johnson, passed away November 13th, 2022 of Natural Causes. He was 91. He was preceded in death by his lovely wife Elva Johnson who passed in March of 2021.

On Saturday, July 22nd from 1:00pm to 3:00pm the family will celebrate his life and legacy at the Sierra Madre Methodist Church.



WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"July is hot afternoons and sultry nights and mornings when it's a joy just to be alive."

"July is a picnic and a red canoe and a sunburned neck, a softball game and ice tinkling in a tall"

"Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August."
 Jenny Han

"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability."
 Sam Keen



July, July, you make me cry!
 You're burning my trees,
 And there's never a breeze.
 July, July, we're going to fry.
 Turn down the heat...
 You probably can't, but you could try!
 Deanne Davis

That last observation is totally true. Shamelessly, I'm enjoying old movies on the Turner Movie Channel and anywhere else I can find them. Sean Connery in "The Wind and the Lion" with Candice Bergen, Brian Keith and John Huston from 1975 was an absolute joy. Sean Connery at his most handsome, Candice Bergen so gorgeous, Brian Keith as Teddy Roosevelt. Connery is the leader of a band of insurrectionists and she is an American kidnapped from her home with her two children. Time frame is 1904 and the political situation is hot. It was great.

Shameless old movie #2: "The Great Train Robbery" also starring Sean Connery from 1978. Exciting movie based on a novel by Michael Crichton, written and directed by Michael Crichton. This is based on a true story where in 1850's England, a brilliant gang did indeed rob a moving train of 250,000 pounds in gold, which was supposed to pay troops fighting in the Crimea. Donald Sutherland was fantastic and Lesley-Anne Down was gorgeous. The stunt work, Sean Connery on top of a fast-moving train jumping from car to car across the roof was awesome.

Shameless old movie #3: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" with Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn, Sidney Poitier from 1967. This was quite shocking back then. A wealthy Caucasian couple's only daughter brings home Sidney Poitier and introduces him as her fiancé. Watching Tracy and Hepburn work together was just a joy. They were a legendary cinematic couple, both on- and off-screen. They worked in nine films together and had an affair - an open secret in Hollywood - that lasted 26 years, ending with Tracy's death.

All the Indiana Jones movies, "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Temple of Doom," "The Last Crusade" (1989, with Sean Connery still just as athletic and good looking as ever playing Indy's father), and "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" have been playing on the cable channels constantly and Crissy, Emily and I have tickets to see the new one, "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" on Wednesday. Word has it we won't be disappointed and I am looking forward to seeing it.

"How can the country that created electricity and the Oscar Mayer weenie whistle not be purely awesome!" Steven Crowder

The Mountain Views News this past week was an absolute joy to look at online with all the pictures of our parade. This had to have been the best one ever...I say that every year... but it's true! Our Rose Parade float looked fabulous and all the people looked so happy. This is such a wonderful event and I am so proud of our community that we keep it going and getting better and better. Love all the dear friends riding in classic cars, Susan Henderson, Queen of the Mountain Views News and Rich Johnson looked especially classy as did Clem and Nina Bartolai.

Came across an article by Harvey Mackay that made an impression on me and I thought I'd pass some of it along to you. "Mistakes Can Be Learning Opportunities."

He quotes Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in. Forget them as fast as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. It is too dear with its hopes and invitations to bring along dread of the past. You should not waste a moment on the rotten yesterdays." More than 200 years later, this is still good advice in dealing with the mistakes that will inevitably enter our lives.

According to John Maxwell, New York Times bestselling author, coach and speaker who has sold more than 30 million books, "Mistakes are messages that give us feedback about life. Interruptions that should cause us to reflect and think. Signposts that direct us to the right path. Tests that push us towards greater maturity. Awakenings that keep us in the game mentally. Keys that we can use to unlock the next door of opportunity."

President Ronald Reagan put it this way: "What should happen when you make a mistake is this: You take your knocks, you learn your lessons, and then you move on."

Stay cool, friends and neighbors, and be sure to hydrate! Forgive yourself and others for mistakes and celebrate everything! Especially birthdays, barbecues, swim parties, a cold glass of wine with some nice cheese and crackers. And each other. Celebrate each other! The picture is a donkey thinking... July, July, you make me cry!

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 CIVIC CLUB 2023 EDUCATIONAL AWARDS



Left to right: Pamina Yung (Arcadia High School), Jaxson Tierney (facsimile! Harvard Westlake School), Julia Pevsner (Maranatha High School), Lorielle Campos Martel (Alverno Heights Academy), Andrew Lai (LaSalle College Preparatory School)

The Sierra Madre Civic Club is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023 Educational Awards. Each student received a \$1000 Award at the May 11, 2023 Club meeting at the Hart Park House, followed by a reception for the students and their families.

To be eligible, applicants were to be seniors in high school who planned to attend college or trade school. They also either lived in Sierra Madre, attended school in Sierra Madre, or were employed in Sierra Madre. The Educational Awards Committee evaluated applications based on volunteer activities, interests/talents/hobbies, and educational plans and career interests. Applicants were also asked to write a short essay about a person, place, or event which made an impact on their lives.

An outstanding volunteer spirit and love of the community was unmistakable in these Sierra Madre youths. Stories about life experiences and individu-

als that influenced their future plans were truly inspirational. In addition, each of them expressed gratitude to the Sierra Madre Civic Club for its support at the May 11 event.

Members of the Sierra Madre Civic Club Educational Awards Committee were: Sharon Lefler (Chair), Judie Cimino, Darlene Crook, Nancy Dorn, Carolyn Lanyi, Jeanne Martin, Irene Nakagawa, Ruth Torres, and Geri Wright.

The Sierra Madre Civic Club is a not-for-profit, community service organization proud to have been supporting the community since 1944 through volunteering, fundraising and philanthropic activities. Since 1944, Civic Club has grown to over a hundred members of all ages who are committed to creating a better community. Learn more about Sierra Madre Civic Club at: www.facebook.com/sierramadrecivicclub

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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 22, 2023 5:30pm

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

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City Council to Discuss Human/Coyote Encounters

Local residents are set to join PETA at the Pasadena City Council meeting Monday to urge the city to reject any proposal to trap and kill coyotes, a move that PETA supporters said is designed to appease a small group of wealthy homeowners in the Arroyo—the ancestral home and refuge of local wildlife. The group will call on the city council to take humane and fiscally responsible steps to discourage neighborhood coyote visits, including by cleaning up trash and brush in public spaces, removing food sources, and reminding residents to keep cats indoors, for their sake as well as that of the wildlife outdoor cats kill according to a statement.

“PETA and concerned residents will speak at the meeting, during which they will show photos of a dog who was injured in a snare trap set for coyotes as well as of trash spilling out of dumpsters and garbage cans around the city and feral cat-feeding stations, all of which attract coyotes and other wildlife,” they said. “A PETA representative will also show a short video of a frantic, struggling coyote caught in a snare trap.”

Snare traps are wire loops that wrap around an animal’s neck and slowly strangle them as they struggle. If their victim doesn’t die, they endure pain and panic until a trapper arrives to put them in a box and gas them in the back of a truck. PETA points out that nearly 70 percent of snare traps don’t work as intended, as these vile traps are capable of catching any animal, including dogs, whose guardians often let them run off leash in the Arroyo.

PETA Senior Vice President Lisa Lange, a Pasadena resident, said “Every study shows that killing coyotes doesn’t work, and PETA is calling on city leaders to pursue proven, humane resolutions and reject this senseless and barbaric extermination request.”

In addition to being cruel, snare traps and other lethal methods are ineffective, as the city of Torrance has discovered, since coyotes may move in from outlying areas as long as food sources remain available. To encourage coyotes to leave residential neighborhoods, PETA offers the following tips:

Keep all garbage in tightly sealed, wildlife-proof containers—currently, trash receptacles around the Arroyo are rusting, with food scraps and trash spilling out, attracting wildlife to the area. Keep companion cats indoors (for the good of the cats and other wildlife as well).

Prohibit free-feeding stations for feral cats, like those at the California Institute of Technology, and only feed companion animals indoors. Pick up fallen fruit and remove plantings, such as ivy, that attract rats and, therefore, coyotes.

Install taller fencing and/or Coyote Rollers (aluminum tubes that spin when animals attempt to enter or exit a fenced area).

Increase outdoor lighting. The City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Pasadena City Hall 100 North Garfield Avenue, Room S249.



Fire Destroys Part of the University Club

Fire officials on Friday were still looking into the cause of a large fire at the University Club of Pasadena that broke out just after 1 a.m. last Saturday morning causing significant damage to the building’s kitchen and ballroom.

The University Club is closed indefinitely and all upcoming events canceled according to their website.

“While we are still evaluating the situation, we fully expect to repair the damage done and return to “business as usual,” University Club officials said. “To expedite this process, and to protect the safety of guests, we will be closed while we clean, repair, and determine how to operate as best we can during that process. Currently we are working with experts to determine what level of service we’ll be able to offer when, and how to

do so safely.” According to reports the 2nd alarm fire at the Club at Ford Place/Los Robles Ave. started in the kitchen and quickly spread causing extensive damage.

Pasadena Fire Chief Chad Augustine said the crews keep the fire from spreading throughout the building and the building right behind the Club, “our crews did an amazing job.”

The Club, established in 1922, located next to Fuller Theological Seminary, is iconic to Pasadena hosting weddings, special events, city events, holiday parties and corporate events. It is also home to the Pasadena Rotary Club. In April of 2022 the Club commemorated 100 years with a red carpet event.

Fire officials said there were no injuries, the fire was put out in about 30 minutes.

For more information and updates about the club visit: facebook.com/UniversityClubofPasadena.

Pasadena Expands Renewable Electricity Portfolio

As part of Pasadena’s commitment to the adoption of clean energy, Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) announced Monday the expanding of their energy portfolio with 25 megawatts (MW) of geothermal energy as part of Pasadena’s commitment to growing clean energy and goal of sourcing 100 percent of its electricity from carbon-free sources.

“Pasadena continues to invest in our renewable future,” said PWP General Manager Sidney Jackson. “The addition of this new geothermal energy brings us closer to meeting goals adopted by the City Council.”

The City Council recently approved a 15-year, 25-MW contract with the Southern California Public Power Authority for the purchase of geothermal energy from Geysers Power Company, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Calpine Corporation, beginning on January 1, 2027. Located in Lake County, California, The Geysers Geothermal Project (Geysers) is North America’s largest producer of clean, reliable renewable geothermal power.

PWP is currently in the process of updating its Power Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), Pasadena’s long-range blueprint for supplying reliable and environmentally responsible electricity at competitive rates. The acquisition of this geothermal energy advances the greenhouse gas reduction goals identified in the 2021 Power IRP Update. Along with the Coso Geothermal Project contract, which was acquired in 2020 and is also anticipated to start delivering energy in 2027, geothermal power is expected to make up approximately 25 percent of PWP’s retail energy sales by the end of 2027.

PWP provides electricity to more than 65,000 customers within Pasadena. PWP delivers water to almost 38,000 households and businesses in Pasadena and adjacent communities in the San Gabriel Valley.

For more information, visit PWPweb.com.

City Recognizes E.R. Ruiz with Robert Gorski Award

The City of Pasadena announced Monday the recognition of E.R. Ruiz as the 2023 recipient of the Robert Gorski Access Award—an award established by the City of Pasadena Accessibility and Disability Commission. This award is presented annually to a Pasadena resident with a disability who has made a significant contribution toward improving accessibility and quality of life for people with disabilities and the City of Pasadena’s disability community. E.R. Ruiz will be honored at the Pasadena City Council meeting on Monday and will be presented an award by the City Council and Accessibility and Disability Commission.



E.R. Ruiz, actor and burn survivor, is an unsung hero in that he advocates behind the scenes for improving accessibility and quality of life for people with disabilities. He was born in Los Angeles, California, and his acting career includes the role of Gillon in the FX original series Sons of Anarchy in which he played the role of a member of the One-Niners. Most recent projects include BET+’s “The Family Business,” Stephen King’s “Lisey’s Story” on Apple+ and “Worth” with Michael Keaton, directed by Sara Colangelo.

He is the son of Eddy Ruiz Sr. and Mary Mosley, nephew of Jack Mosley, and cousin to boxing champion “Sugar” Shane Mosley. As a child, Ruiz sustained severe burns to over 40 percent of his body from smoke inhalation while he was asleep. However, E.R.’s uncle David Mosely (a well-known portrait artist) saved him from the fire. Besides saving his life, E.R. credits his uncle David for his love of the arts and music and his cousin Sugar Shane Mosely for being a fighter in spirit.

E.R. is a hero and an advocate behind the scenes, on the big screen, and in his community for improving accessibility and the quality of life for disabled individuals. E.R. worked as an EMT in the past and has continuously led by example. He has worked with and volunteered for various organizations such as Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors, World Boxing Council, and Pasadena based Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation (AABRF). Ruiz supports the AABRF and participates in their annual programs and events such as the “Burn Firefighters Relay.” He also served as the Emcee to the organization’s 50th Anniversary Virtual Gala.

Ruiz’s community work extends to local government as well and he participated in a meeting at the City of Pasadena’s Accessibility and Disability Commission to educate and speak about his experiences with services from the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation.

His main goal was to help bridge the gap and spotlight other burn survivors, so they feel seen and heard since disabled individuals are not monolithic.

For more information about the commission, please visit the City of Pasadena Accessibility and Disability Commission website.

Free Summer Concerts at the Pasadena Senior Center

The Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., will host live summer entertainment for members and nonmembers of all ages Mondays, Aug. 14 to Sept. 4, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Three of the four free concerts will be performed on the center’s spacious, tree-shaded patio; the fourth, a Labor Day event, will be in the Scott Pavilion. Each concert date will feature two sets by the same musical group: one at 5 p.m. and the second at 6 p.m. The concert series will showcase a variety of professional musical groups with styles that range from Jazz to Big Band to R&B and more. Bring your own snacks, beverages and/or a picnic dinner for the perfect summer experience with family and friends of all ages. Neither residency in Pasadena nor membership in the Pasadena Senior Center are required.

Monday, Aug. 14: Dad’s Band Plus One will play festive and traditional Dixieland Jazz.

Monday, Aug. 21: JazzZone will put on a show of classic Jazz, Funk and R&B.

Monday, Aug. 28: The Susie Hansen Latin Band will perform fiery Salsa.

Monday, Sept. 4: The Great American Swing Band will deliver a Labor Day concert that will feature music from the Big Band era and beyond.

Reservations are not required for the concerts.

For more information visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

Pasadena Heritage Brings Back Popular Bridge Party



After a five-year hiatus Pasadena Heritage is set to bring back a beloved and uniquely Pasadena tradition, dating back to 1978, the Colorado Street Bridge Party will be held tonight in celebration of this historic Pasadena icon and the efforts to preserve it.

Join Pasadena Heritage for a one-of-a-kind opportunity to stroll along the Historic Colorado Street Bridge in celebration of one of Pasadena’s most magnificent monuments with a fun-filled night over the Arroyo Seco from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

With live music from the Jimbonaires, Upstream, Mercy and the Merkettes, and Art Deco Entertainment; dancing; vintage and rare cars; children’s activities; festive foods from local eateries like Mijares Mexican Restaurant, Robin’s Wood Fire BBQ, Pam’s Sweet Shack and Funnel Cakes; craft beers

from Craftsman Brewing and Eagle Rock Brewery; specialty cocktails; hand-picked wine varietals and so much more – it’s a party of the ages for all ages!

All proceeds support the mission of Pasadena Heritage to identify, preserve and protect the historic, architectural and cultural resources of the City of Pasadena.

Children under 12 are free.

Notice: activity tickets will be needed to make purchases at all vendors at the Bridge Party, including food and beverage and select children’s activities. Consider purchasing your activity tickets in advance to save time. They are for sale on the Eventbrite page. Activity Tickets can be exchanged for purchases at a value of 1 ticket = \$1.

For more information visit: pasadenaheritage.org. bridgeparty.org.

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San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Summer Sunset Concerts

Friday, July 21, August 4, 18, Lacy Park

Grab your chairs and blankets to carve out your spot in the middle of Lacy Park and enjoy 3 free concerts this summer! Attendees are welcome to bring their own food and drink, or purchase concessions from a variety of food trucks. Join us on July 21 at 6 PM for The Remotes, August 4 at 6 PM for Kelly Boyz Band, and August 18 for a multicultural concert! Registration is not required.

Old Mill's Summer Concert on Saturday, July 22

Buy your tickets to the Old Mill's summer concert on Saturday, July 22 featuring Willow Stephens! Gates open at 7:00pm and music starts at 8:00pm.

Join us for National Night Out on August 1

Come join the San Marino Police Department for our annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 1, from 4 PM - 8 PM! There will be games, tours, a corn toss tournament, demonstrations, and more!

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August.

If you would like to join the annual Corn Toss Tournament, contact Commander Tim Tebbetts at Ttebbetts@SMPD.us. We hope to see you all there!

Senior Trip: Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum: Auschwitz Exhibition

Monday, August 7 from 8 AM - 6 PM

Cost per person: R: \$96 / NR: \$111

This trip includes a 2-hour guided tour of the Ronald Reagan Library with a docent and a 2-hour audio tour of the Auschwitz Exhibit. The Library integrates hundreds of artifacts and dozens of interactive displays for visitors of all ages to explore. The Auschwitz Exhibit brings together more than 700 original objects of great historic and human value. Lunch at the Air Force One Pavilion is included. Registration is required; reserve your spot by July 17.

Photo Contest - Deadline extended to August 11

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. The deadline for submissions has been extended to Friday, August 11. For categories and entry details, visit: CityofSanMarino.org/PhotoContest.

Recent Happenings Parks and Public Works

Over the past week, Parks and Public Works maintenance staff worked on the following tasks: removing fallen tree branches, palm fronds, and other debris from the public right-of-way; replacing streetlight bulbs and street signs; performing minor trimming of tree limbs and vegetation; repairing pavement and concrete; and performing various repairs at City facilities. Public Works staff also hung street pole banners along Huntington Drive and Sierra Madre Boulevard promoting next month's San Marino Motor Classic. Residents who wish to report non-emergency issues in the public right-of-way or City streets may do so via the San Marino Service Request Center: www.cityofsanmarino.org/report.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Recreation Division has a group of amazing volunteers that have spent 300+ hours assisting at various community events this year. We greatly appreciate their time, talents, and contributions!

Interested in joining in on the fun? We have several events in the Fall that need the support of volunteers including the Puppy Love Dog PAW-ty, Halloween Trunk or Treat & Concert Night, and Home for the Holidays! For more information on how to become a volunteer, visit CityofSanMarino.org/Volunteer.

Meetings

Public Safety Commission

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

Design Review Committee Meeting

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

Library Board of Trustees

Monday, July 24 at 8:00 AM; Barth Room and Zoom (Public Access)

Barger Issues Statement After Vote to Expand San Gabriel Mountains National Monument



Supervisor Kathryn Barger issued the following statement after the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted Tuesday to support a motion she introduced in support of a congressional bill by Congresswoman Judy Chu to expand and preserve the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

"The San Gabriel Mountains are an asset in the Fifth District that merit permanent protection so that the public can continue to connect with nature and access the respite it offers us all. In my district alone, the Public Lands Act would expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument by over 100,000 acres - a big feat.

Two weeks ago, I joined U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Secretary Wade Crowfoot, Congressman Tony Cardenas, Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo, Nature for All, and many local community leaders to announce a federal legislative strategy to permanently protect the San Gabriel Mountains and expand the existing San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. By officially adding Los Angeles County's support today, we are showing our solidarity. Preserving these special lands for future generations is important to me."

For more information visit: kathrynbarger.lacounty.gov.

Statement on the U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Race In College Admissions

The power of Caltech comes from its people: exceptionally bright and creative students, faculty, and staff, hailing from every state in this country and from nations around the world, from small towns and big cities, from poverty and privilege, identifying as female, male, and nonbinary, embodying a spectrum of races and ethnicities. This diversity is key to Caltech's success. The different perspectives, informed by different life experiences, generate new ideas in the classroom and in the laboratory. The open exchange of ideas in an inclusive atmosphere, the willingness to learn from people with different world views, shapes our community, develops informed and contributing citizens, and leads to scientific insights and impact.

The U.S. Supreme Court

ruled that the race-conscious admissions practices of Harvard and the University of North Carolina are unconstitutional. The court's decision overturns decades of precedent, which held that universities may consider race, among many other factors, in admissions processes. However, the Court also states that within the context of reviewing an individual's experiences, "nothing in [the decision] should be construed as prohibiting universities from considering an applicant's discussion of how race affected his or her life, be it, through discrimination, inspiration, or otherwise."

With this ruling, the landscape in which we operate as a community of scholars and in which we have sought to fulfill our academic mission and values has shifted. At the same time, Caltech's commitment to cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive academic community remains central to our mission of expanding human knowledge for the benefit of society. We cannot realize our full potential as individuals or as an Institute without this commitment.

We always will abide with the law of the land. Consonant with legal guidelines, and as we evaluate the scope of this ruling, we will continue to broaden access to and expand educational opportunities within Caltech for talented scientists, engineers, and scholars from all backgrounds. Over the last year, we doubled our investment in undergraduate admissions, expanding staff, support structures, and outreach activities that will increase global awareness of Caltech as a destination for all students pursuing STEM. At the same time, we have increased significantly our investment in student financial aid, reinforcing our commitment to admit the most talented individuals irrespective of their ability to pay.

We remain committed to pedagogical and research practices that engage, motivate, and support students from all backgrounds. We will continue to provide opportunities for students to explore the intersection of science and technology with our local communities and with society at large. We will sharpen our focus on effective and inclusive mentoring and advising, and we will continue to explore the differential impacts of teaching and assessment practices on the learning and confidence of our students.

Individuals from all backgrounds must share equitably in the privileges of the academy to realize fully the potential of science and engineering to transform the world. Caltech's abiding commitment to excellence and impact demands of us the actions to put these values into practice.

City Reminds Everyone to Take Precautions from Heat

It's HOT out there, Pasadena! The City wishes to remind everyone to take precautions against the heat and stay connected to the City for any emergency alerts and updates.

Pasadena Public Health and safety officials offer the following reminders to prevent heat-related illnesses:

If possible, stay indoors in an air-conditioned environment, especially for young children and older adults. If your home or apartment is not air conditioned, consider going to a public library or a designated cooling center.

Drink water often - Don't wait until you are thirsty. Symptoms of dehydration include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, muscle cramps and increased thirst.

Remember to check on your neighbors, family and friends—especially older adults—to make sure they're fine. Take them extra water or a cool beverage.

Air quality can easily degrade during hot weather. If you have heart disease, asthma or other lung disease, minimize outdoor activity to reduce heat-related illness.

Wear light and light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. Seek shady spots; wear a hat, preferably with a wide brim; and use plenty of sunscreen!

Avoid/reduce unnecessary exertion or vigorous exercise, whether outside or in a non-air-conditioned building, especially during peak heat hours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Never leave anyone unattended in closed vehicles, including pets! For more pet care tips, visit PasadenaHumane.org. If you do leave pets unattended in your vehicle, it is now lawful for people to forcibly open your car to rescue them.

Make sure your pets have easy access to water and a cool place to stay.

Pasadena Water and Power reminds you to:

Adjust your thermostat to 78 degrees.

Close windows and doors, and use window coverings to prevent heat from entering your home.

Postpone using heat-producing appliances such as an oven, dryer, dishwasher, etc. until after 9 p.m.

Turn off unnecessary lights.

Charge up your EV prior to peak hours.

Unplug phone chargers, power strips and other equipment when not in use.

Pasadena residents and businesses with any power emergencies should call Pasadena Water and Power at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. For more information, visit PWPweb.com.

COOLING CENTER

The Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., is the only pre-designated Cooling Center in the City of Pasadena and is ready to be open if there is a request from the County to activate. Jackie Robinson Community Center will be open from Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday- Sunday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, please call (626) 744-7300.

Visit the Los Angeles County Public Health website to find other designated cooling centers throughout the Los Angeles County area.

Jackie Robinson Community Center is served by Pasadena Transit Route 20 and Metro Route 660 (exit Fair Oaks/Jackie Robinson Center or Fair Oaks/Hammond stop). Current Pasadena Dial-A-Ride members can call (626) 791-7200 to make appointments for a ride. For schedule and route information or questions about becoming a Pasadena Dial-A-Ride member, please visit PasadenaTransit.net or call (626) 744-4055.

PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

While not official Cooling Centers, the Pasadena Public Library Department, and other local area public libraries offer an enjoyable, air-conditioned respite from the heat and are, of course, a great place to catch up on your reading too! Pasadena Public Library locations and hours are:

Allendale Branch, 1130 S. Marengo Ave., (626) 744-7260, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Hastings Branch, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd., (626) 744-7262, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.

Hill Avenue Branch Library, 55 S. Hill Ave., (626) 744-7264, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Jefferson Branch Library, 1500 E. Villa St., Children's Room (626) 744-8046

Teen Room (626) 744-4765, Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday • 2 - 6 p.m.

La Pintesca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave., (626) 744-7268, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 S. Altadena Dr., (626) 744-7266, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Linda Vista Branch Library, 1281 Bryant St., (626) 744-7278, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Rd., (626) 744-7270, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Santa Catalina Branch Library 999 E. Washington Blvd., (626) 744-7272, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Villa Parke Branch Library, 363 E. Villa St., (626) 744-6510, Monday-Friday • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ICE SKATING CENTER

A trip to the Pasadena Ice Skating Center, 300 E. Green St., is also a good way to beat the heat. For more information, please call (626) 578-0800 or email rwinship@skatepasadena.com.

EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATIONS

Pasadena officials also urge all residents to be prepared and sign up today for emergency alerts and other information from the City by joining the City's Pasadena Local Emergency Alert System, or PLEAS.

PLEAS uses both text and voice messages to keep residents and community members in Pasadena informed in case of citywide or major emergencies. Phone subscribers will receive a message with the latest information and safety instructions—that must be listened to in its entirety or the system will call you back. Visit CityOfPasadena.net/Fire/PLEAS to register today.

The City will also send out "Nixle" alerts to those who have established a free account at Nixle.com and identified the Pasadena zip codes that they wish to receive alerts for those areas.

Bookmark and check the City's main homepage of the website, CityOfPasadena.net, for updates on changing conditions, including possible emergency conditions, Red Flag Alerts or other citywide announcements.

For life-threatening emergencies always remember to dial 9-1-1. Remain calm while on the phone. Be prepared to give operators your name and location and a brief, accurate description of the nature of your call.

Movies That Matter: Techne

Thursday, August 17, at 7 p.m. In Person: Caltech Beckman Auditorium

The public is invited to the premiere screening of the movie *Techne: Evidence in the Anthropocene*, directed by Daniel R. Small and produced in partnership with the Art + Technology Lab at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA). *Techne* telescopes between galactic and planetary evidence presented by scientists and artist-investigators who contemplate both deep time and the fate of the human

species. Following the premiere, stay for a panel discussion about revising the Voyager Golden Record, featuring Small, scientist Jonathan Jiang of JPL, which Caltech manages for NASA, Ann Druyan, creative director of the Golden Record and collaborator and wife of Carl Sagan, and moderator Daniel Oberhaus, author of the book *Extraterrestrial Languages*.

Beckman Auditorium is located at 332 S Michigan Ave.

For more information visit: caltech.edu.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, July 2nd through Saturday, July 8th, the Police Department responded to 1,040 calls for service, of which 100 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, July 2:

1. At 9:10 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the intersection of Live Oak Avenue and Rivergrade Road for speeding. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver. The driver had his two small children in the car with him. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 42-year-old male from West Covina was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The children were released to a family member and the suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, July 3:

2. At 5:00 a.m., officers responded to Wing Hop Fung, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary that had just occurred. An investigation revealed two suspects forced entry into the location, shattered glass display cases, and stole several bottles of alcohol. They fled the scene in a dark colored minivan. The suspects were described as males wearing black hooded sweatshirts, black pants, black shoes, and black face masks.
 3. At 6:32 p.m., an officer responded to Lotus Spa, 32 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding the report of a commercial burglary. An investigation revealed the suspect entered the reception area of the business and stole \$700 in cash and a cell-phone before fleeing the scene. The suspect is described as a male wearing a dark colored hat, a black and white striped shirt, and a black surgical mask.

Tuesday, July 4:

4. At 1:51 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 600 block of Sunset Boulevard regarding a domestic disturbance. A husband and wife were arguing about his alcohol consumption. The situation escalated when he grabbed her shoulders, at that time their child intervened, and he went to the kitchen to grab a knife. The wife barricaded herself in the bathroom and the husband stabbed the door several times with a knife. The 38-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
 5. At 8:21 a.m., officers responded to World Book Store, 1234 South Golden West Avenue, regarding the report of a commercial burglary. An investigation revealed the suspect made entry by prying the rear door of the location. He crawled through the store, stole \$1,000 in coins, and fled the scene in an unknown direction. The suspect is described as a male wearing a blue and white checkered shirt, blue jeans, a dark colored baseball hat with a light-colored bill, and black and white shoes.

Wednesday, July 5:

6. At 7:54 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Foothill Boulevard and Baldwin Avenue regarding the notification of a stolen vehicle in the area. The officers located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was contacted along with his two children who were in the rear passenger seats. The children were released to their mother and the 32-year-old male from Glendale was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
 7. At 10:17 p.m., an officer responded to The Shops at Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding the attempted theft of a catalytic converter. A witness observed three suspects who appeared to be working on a vehicle in the parking lot west of Nordstrom. One suspect was holding a car jack, the second suspect was under the car with tools, and the third suspect was acting as a lookout. The witness asked the suspects if the car belonged to them. They then picked up their tools and fled the scene in a white Cadillac. The suspects were described as males approximately 25 to 35-years-old. Two suspects were wearing face masks.

Thursday July 6:

8. At 4:52 a.m., An officer responded to Mr. Champion, 168 Las Tunas Drive, regarding an audible alarm activation. The officer discovered the front door of the location had been smashed by unknown means. The loss could not be determined at the time of the report.
 9. At 5:45 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of 159 East Huntington Drive regarding the theft of a catalytic converter. The victim returned to her vehicle and attempted to start it when she heard a loud bang. She discovered her catalytic converter had been sawed off and stolen by an unknown suspect.
 10. At 5:45 p.m., an officer contacted a victim at the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department regarding the theft of a catalytic converter that had occurred the day prior. The victim stated he parked his car in the parking lot near Macy's (400 South Baldwin Avenue). His car made a loud noise upon starting it, so he had his vehicle towed to a repair shop where he was made aware that his catalytic converter had been stolen.

Friday, July 7:

11. At 11:12 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 00 block of Wisteria Avenue regarding the report of a burglary. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect gained entry to the residence by smashing a glass panel of a side door. The suspect ransacked multiple rooms, stealing jewelry before fleeing the scene.
 12. At 1:24 p.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of Bungalow Place regarding a theft of a vehicle that had just occurred. A pizza delivery man left his vehicle parked, unlocked, and running while he delivered pizza to a residence. He returned to find his vehicle had been stolen by an unknown suspect. The victim was able to track his vehicle to El Monte where it was recovered.
 13. At 9:59 p.m., officers responded to Knockouts Gentlemen's Club, 1580 East Clark Street, regarding the report of a man brandishing a knife. An investigation revealed, a male patron became upset after being asked to leave for arguing with his girlfriend. The patron slashed the tires of five vehicles before brandishing a knife at security and fleeing the scene on his motorcycle.

Saturday, July 8:

14. At 1:25 p.m., officers responded to Motel 6, 225 West Colorado Place, regarding a guest refusing to leave the property after the established checkout time. Officers contacted the guest and an investigation revealed he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was also found to be in possession of a loaded handgun, ammunition, and methamphetamine. The 28-year-old male from Pasadena was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

COOLING CENTER AT MONROVIA COMMUNITY CENTER UNTIL SUNDAY, 7/16

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a heat advisory for parts of Los Angeles County this weekend. Make sure you take precautions to avoid heat-related illness and remain safe! The Monrovia Community Center (119 W. Palm Ave.) opened its cooling center today and will be open to the public until this Sunday, July 16, 2023. Hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. All ages are welcome, and minors must be accompanied by a guardian at all times.

Excessive heat poses a substantial health risk, especially for young children, the elderly, people with chronic diseases, pregnant individuals, people with disabilities, and people who are socially isolated and may be especially sensitive to negative health impacts from excessive heat.

Here are a few reminders to stay safe and cool:

- Drink plenty of fluids
- Stay in an air-conditioned room
- Check up on relatives and neighbors
- Young children and pets should never be left unattended in vehicles

Residents can also take advantage of free cooling centers throughout the county. To find a location near you, visit <https://ready.lacounty.gov/heat/> or call 211.

Visit the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health website to learn how to stay safe this weekend.

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Winemaker Anthony Riboli tells me that this wine is one of his favorites when he is home with his family enjoying a dinner he went on to say "As a fourth generation winemaker, I really want every consumer to taste the quality and care that our family imparts into every bottle of San Simeon Cabernet Sauvignon. From estate vineyards to artisan winemaking, we want the consumer to feel part of our family... to feel special." Thanks Anthony! With Labor Day fast approaching this reviewer would suggest some dark chocolate though on my tasting I enjoyed it with a Firm Cheddar Cheese.

Tannins.... A Dills Definition.. Tannin is the textural element that makes the wine taste dry, though I use the word often to describe how it feels on my tongue, thus dry, sandy, bitter etc...

Dills Score

Each week I will give you my Dills Score. I have added points for value. I'm starting with a base of 50 points; I added 8 points for color, 8 points for aroma or "nose", 8 points for taste, 8 points for finish, and 9 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating.
Total Score 89

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SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE HAS ITS FIRST EVER SILENT FILM FESTIVAL. THE CAMERA IS OURS, AUGUST 26 AND 27 2023

What is now the Sierra Madre Playhouse opened as the Wistaria movie theater 99-years ago in February 1924.

As a complement to the presentation of the World Premiere live stage musical *The Right Is Ours* (September 8- October 8) about women gaining the right to vote, Sierra Madre Playhouse will present *The Camera Is Ours*, a silent film festival featuring films before and after the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment (1920).

The films will be accompanied on the piano by the noted accompanist and film historian, Frederick Hodges. The films will be introduced by two leading experts on women in early Hollywood: Cari Beauchamp, author of the biography of Frances Marion, in her day the highest paid screenwriter in the business (*Without Lying Down: Frances Marion and the Powerful Women of Early Hollywood*), and Lara Gabrielle, author of the biography of Marion Davies (*Captain of Her Soul: The Life of Marion Davies*), a much better actress than as portrayed in *Citizen Kane*.



Here is the program (subject to change).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

Noon: *Daredevil Women Before the Vote*. Lara Gabrielle will introduce hair-raising comedies and *The Perils of Pauline*.

The Perils of Pauline. Action/Adventure. Directed by Louis J. Gasnier and Donald MacKenzie. Written by Charles W. Goddard, Basil Dickey, George B. Seitz, Bertram Millhauser. Based on the novel by Charles W. Goddard. From General Film Company, (Black-and-white, 1914, USA, not rated) Starring Pearl White, Crane Wilbur, Paul Panzer, Edward José, Francis Carlyle, Milton Berle. Young Pauline is left a lot of money when her wealthy uncle dies. However, her uncle's secretary has been named as her guardian until she marries, at which time she will officially take possession of her inheritance. Meanwhile, her "guardian" and his confederates constantly come up with schemes to get rid of Pauline so that he can get his hands on the money himself.

3pm *The Art of Accompaniment*.

An illustrated talk by Frederick Hodges. Plus, Carl Beauchamp introduces the classic film *It*.

It. Comedy/Romance. Directed by Clarence Badger. Written by Elinor Glyn, Hoped Loring, Louis D. Leighton, George Marion Jr. Produced by Badger and Glyn. From Paramount Pictures. (Black-and-white, 1927,

USA, 72 minutes, not rated) Starring Clara Bow, Antonio Moreno, William Austin, Priscilla Bonner, Jacqueline Gladson, Elinor Glyn. Shoppgirl Betty Lou has designs on Cyrus Waltham, the handsome owner of the department store where she works. Waltham, though, doesn't even know Betty Lou is around. In hopes of attracting Waltham's attention, she accepts a date with his best friend, Monty, under the condition that they dine at the Ritz, where Waltham also has a dinner date that evening. Her plan works and in no time at all she and Waltham are contemplating marriage. The romance cools when a newspaper reporter (Gary Cooper, in an uncredited role) mistakenly writes a story depicting Betty Lou as an unwed mother.

8 p.m. *Why Be Good?* Introduced by Lara Gabrielle, plus shorts and a newsreel.

Why Be Good? Comedy/Drama. Directed by William A. Seiter. Written by Carey Wilson, Paul Perez. Produced by John McCormick. From Warner Bros. (Black-and-white, 1929, USA, 84 minutes, not rated) Starring Colleen Moore, Neil Hamilton, Bodil Rosing, John St. Polis, Edward Martindel, Eddie Clayton. A young shop-girl is dance-mad, even winning prize cups in competitions. Circulating with lots of people gives her a dubious reputation, but we see it's unwarranted. The son of the owner of the department store she works in falls for her without realizing her status. At length, he puts her to a test to see just what kind of girl she is.

SUNDAY, August 27, 2023

2 p.m. *Frederick Hodges in concert*.

Plus, *Sparrows*, introduced by Lara Gabrielle, plus shorts and a newsreel.

Sparrows. Drama. Directed by William Beaudine. Written by Winifred Dunn, C. Gardner Sullivan, George Marion Jr. From United Artists. (Black-and-white, 1926, USA, 109 minutes, not rated) Starring Mary Pickford, Roy Stewart, Mary Louise Miller, Gustav von Seyffertitz, Charlotte Mineau, Spec O'Donnell. Evil Mr. Grimes keeps a ragtag bunch of orphans on his farm deep in a swamp in the American South. He forces them to work in his garden and treats them like slaves. They are watched over by the eldest, Molly. A gang in league with Mr. Grimes kidnaps Doris, the beautiful little daughter of a rich man, and hides her out on Grimes' farm, awaiting ransom. When the police close in and Mr. Grimes threatens to throw Doris into the bottomless mire, Molly must lead her little flock out through the alligator-infested swamp.

7p.m. *Discussion: Women in Hollywood in the Silent Era*. Panelists: Lara Gabrielle, Carl Beauchamp, Frederick Hodges. Moderator: Sierra Madre playhouse's resident film expert, Rich Procter.
Plus, *Show People*, introduced by Lara Gabrielle. Plus, shorts and a newsreel.

Show People. Comedy/Romance. Directed by King Vidor. Written by Agnes Christine Johnston, Lawrence Stallings, Ralph Spence. From MGM. (Black-and-white, 1928, USA, 83 minutes, not rated). Starring Marion Davies, William Haines, Dell Henderson, Paul Ralli, Tenen Holtz, Henry Gribbon. Colonel Pepper brings his daughter Peggy from Georgia to Hollywood to be an actress. There she meets Billy who gets her work at Comet Studio doing comedies with him. But Peggy is discovered by High Art Studio and she leaves Billy and Comet to work there. For her new image, she is now Patricia Peopire and ignores Billy when he sees her on location. When she is not longer wanted by the little people who do not understand "ART", she plans to marry Andre to get a fake title. Billy will not let her go without a fight.

At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. This is just east of Pasadena. Ample free parking is available in lots behind the Playhouse and across the street and on the street. Sierra Madre has many excellent restaurants, bars and stores. Reservations: (626) 355-4318. Online ticketing: <http://sierramadreplayhouse.org>

EXCESSIVE HEAT WARNING AND HEAT ADVISORY -

High Temperatures Forecast for Parts of Los Angeles County

The Los Angeles County Health Officer has issued an excessive heat warning as high temperatures have been forecast for the following areas:

• Antelope Valley: Friday, July 14, 2023 through Monday, July 17, 2023

• Western Antelope Valley Foothills: Friday, July 14, 2023 through Monday, July 17, 2023

• Eastern Antelope Valley Foothills: Friday, July 14, 2023 through Monday, July 17, 2023

• Northwest LA County Mountains/Interstate 5 Corridor: Friday, July 14, 2023 through Monday, July 17, 2023

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A heat advisory has been issued for the following areas:

• Santa Susana Mountains: Friday, July 14, 2023 through Sunday, July 16, 2023

• West San Fernando Valley: Friday, July 14, 2023 through Sunday, July 16, 2023

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• Calabasas/Agoura Hills: Friday, July 14, 2023 through Sunday, July 16, 2023

Public Health reminds everyone to take precautions to avoid heat-related illness, especially older adults, young children, outdoor workers, athletes, and people with a chronic medical condition who are especially sensitive to negative health impacts from extreme heat. Public Health offers the following recommendations during high temperature days:

• Drink plenty of water and keep hydrated throughout the day.

• If you must go out, plan your day to avoid going out during the hottest hours, and wear sunscreen. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothes, and wear a hat or use an umbrella.

• Cars get very hot inside, even if the windows are 'cracked' or open. Never leave children or pets in cars. Call 911 if you see a child or pet in a car alone.

• Beware of and know what to do for heat-related illness, such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Call 911 right away if you see these symptoms: high body temperature (103°F or higher), vomiting, dizziness, confusion, and hot, red, dry, or damp skin. Heat stroke is a medical emergency.

• Check on those at risk for heat-related illness, like those who are sick or have chronic conditions, older adults, pregnant women, children, those who live alone, pets, and outdoor workers and athletes.

• If you are wearing a mask, avoid strenuous workouts wearing face coverings or masks not intended for athletic purposes.

• Visit your power company's website or contact them by phone to determine if you are scheduled for a rolling power outage.

"While it is very important that everyone take special care of themselves, it is equally important that we reach out and check on others, in particular those who are especially vulnerable to the harmful effects of high temperatures, including children, the elderly those who are sick or have chronic conditions, pregnant women, those who live alone, and pets," said Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County Health Officer. "High temperatures are not just an inconvenience; they can be dangerous and even deadly. But we can protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbors if we take steps to remain cool and hydrated. It is critically important to never leave children, elderly people, or pets unattended in homes with no air conditioning and particularly in vehicles, even if the windows are 'cracked' or open, as temperatures inside can quickly rise to life-threatening levels. If you have an elderly or unwell neighbor or relative, I encourage you to check on them throughout the day to make sure they are safe and well."

County and City partners have planned ways to safely operate cooling centers during times of high heat. Residents who do not have access to air conditioning are encouraged to take advantage of these free cooling centers. To find a location near you, visit <https://ready.lacounty.gov/heat/> or call 211.

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SIERRA MADRE MIDDLE SCHOOL ALUMNI NICK YIAKOUMATOS GOES TO GRAMMY CAMP.

At age 15, Yiakoumatos stands out as an ultra-talented singer/rapper, songwriter and producer. With a fascinating, constantly evolving sound, innovative flows, and memorable hooks, he captivates listeners from the first note. His productions are powerful invigorating tonics infused with elements of hip hop, trap, pop, R&B, soul, funk and jazz. He is featured in music blogs such as Freim TV, Music Reload and Frequenze Musicali.



He began learning guitar at age 4. At age 5 he started playing keys, writing music and lyrics, and performing weekly live at a local open mic. He has already built an impressive discography of 8 compelling singles. These include "My Problem", which highlights the need to embrace change to overcome life challenges, "Hey Oh", which reflects on the challenges faced by young musicians trying to break into the music industry, and "On My Side", an upbeat pop rap banger.

Nick and his family moved to Sierra Madre from Massachusetts in 2019, driving cross country to support his acting and music career. He attended Sierra Madre Middle School, where he was a 6th grader.

At Sierra Madre Middle, he played viola in the Orchestra and was a highest honors student. He also was part of the Volunteer Club and has been putting many diverse hours of volunteer work in since then. One of his favorites was at Kensington, working with Moment 2 Connect, to support the elders living there.

He also has volunteered at Pasadena Humane Society since then, and Harambee Ministries, where he teaches music to kids under the supervision of Courtney Linsey, Program Director.

Nick now lives in San Gabriel and attends Temple City High School as an incoming Sophomore.

He is playing his original music at the school, and locally. He'll be playing Blossom Music Hall in September. He just performed in Greece where we have a home on the island of Kefallonia.

His original music began when he was 5 years old, on keys and guitar. He then progressed to a DAW (computer). He incorporates live instruments into his music. His 9th single, "How You Get", a moody, vibey song, releases tomorrow on all music platforms.

He was accepted into Songwriting track at Grammy Camp in his first year of eligibility, competing for a spot with the best and brightest high school songwriters across the country. There are about 11 songwriters in his cohort.

Grammy Camp, the Grammy Museum's program for U.S. high school students interested in learning more about careers in the music industry, is expanding from five to seven days this year. The camp will be held from Sunday, July 16, to Saturday, July 22, at USC's Ronald Tutor Campus Center.

Like to see Nick in action? Go to: <https://youtu.be/rNb40FIAB8M>

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9. sell old _____, books, lemonade at a tag sale, flea market
10. run errands, do _____

Kids Making Money!

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To start to make your own money, think about what you **like** to do and what you **can** do.

Talk to your parents about your ideas. They need to know about and approve anything you decide to do. Also, they can help you with any money questions you have: what amount to charge for a job, or taxes you might have to pay. Perhaps they will even lend you a bit of money to get a business going!

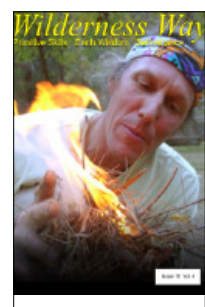


11. shovel _____
12. sell something you _____: cards
13. deliver _____, flowers, balloons
14. walk, feed, care for _____
15. sell something you grow: _____

Hold fun arts and crafts lessons.



CHRISTOPHER Nyergeres
SETTING SURVIVAL PRIORITIES -PART TWO



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A few weeks ago, we talked about what it actually means to "being prepared." We addressed some of the factors that come into play, such as your location, your household situation, and various details that would affect how each individual prepares for some possible calamity.

I shared commentary from two experts. Here are the comments from more experts on this topic.

KEITH FARRAR

Keith Farrar is a family man and a survival skills instructor. He developed a teaching system to help students consider survival priorities. Farrar's perspective is that while our environments change, our needs do not. He believes that we do not need to re-think our priorities in different environments. "While the items we put into our kit to address those priorities may differ from environment to environment, the priorities and how we address them do not change," he explains.

"I have never been a fan of survival instructors that give a list of survival gear to carry," he explains, "because you wind up with a bunch of stuff where you may or may not know their given purpose. Teaching the priorities in a survival situation and allowing the student to put into their kit whatever tools they are comfortable using to address each of the priorities makes more sense."

"I follow the 'Rule of 3s.' However, I have added in two very important concepts that make the Rule of 3's a complete survival system. Lastly I look at the "10 Essentials" which is a list of gear to carry created in the 1930s by the mountaineering group called "The Mountaineers".

"The 'Rule of 3s' are used like a pilot's checklist, meaning if that priority is covered, you go on to the next priority. The first aid priority is a good example; it is very high up on the list, however, if you have no life threatening or major issues (severe bleeding or anaphylaxis for example), you move on to your next priority.

"The original 'Rule of 3s' covers how long you can live without addressing important survival needs:

- Three seconds without "Hope": This means a positive mental attitude, the will to live. Yes you will not die after 3 seconds without hope, however this sets the tone for your survival situation.

- Three minutes without "Air": While I am amazed at how many survival instructors think this only relates to "air", meaning drowning, the reality is "Air" is a metaphor for bodily functions, meaning any life threatening First Aid issue where you stop breathing.

Carry: A first aid kit with items you know how to use. Take a wilderness first aid class.

- Three minutes without "Shelter": This is thermoregulation (keeping your body core temperature at 98.6 degrees). This is addressed with shelter and fire.

Carry: Tarp shelter or poncho, cordage, lighter, matches, ferro rod, fire starting material, knife (to help process wood)

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- Three days without "Water": While you may perish in less than 3 days in the desert, or live longer than 3 days in cold & moist environments, this priority certainly comes after shelter.

Carry: water container, water filter, water purification chemical, metal container to boil water.

- Three weeks without "Food": You may get hungry and grumpy, however you will not die without food. It is a low priority.

Carry: Extra food, trail snacks, snare wire, the knowledge of trapping and processing small game."

Farrar also believes that signaling and navigation should be considered, in order to have a complete system.

"DOCTOR P":

Doctor P wanted to remain anonymous, and he has made a specialty of being prepared at home, and specifically for medical situations.

He says, "If I stayed at home in my condo (after some emergency), I'd fill the bathtub with water, have a few 5 gallon buckets for toilets, lots of TP and or alcohol and rags for hygiene, beans, rice, or MRE's, guns and lots of bullets, some bleach to add to the water in the tub and back of toilet for cooking and drinking, have a dozen 3-day candles, and stock up on antibiotics (you can use the ones for animals from feed stores; I like valleyvet.com). If you have medical needs, stock up."

Dr. P has a bug-out bag that contains food, water, water purification tablets, flashlight, supplies for shelter and warms, a variety of tools (including rope and fire-starters), as well as hygiene and first-aid supplies.

CATHERINE HEINLEIN

Heinlein is a college instructor in nursing programs. She says:

"For our nursing program's disaster preparedness curriculum in the Community Health Nursing course, we include a list of contents in the American Red Cross recommended disaster survival kit. It will hold one person for 72 hours. Can look it up on their website.

JAMES RUTHER

According to lifelong wilderness explorer and bushcrafter James Ruther, "I set my priorities by the age-old 'rule of 3,' and I build my kits around it."

Ruther makes his survival kits based on the Rule of 3, as explained above.

According to Ruther, "My first line of defense is my clothes and what's in my pockets. So I carry my EDC pocket knife, mini multitool, ferro rod, lighter, and fresnel lens. When I am day hiking, I carry a fixed knife, 32 oz water bottle, space blanket, and a Silky Pocketboy saw. Then I have more in my car, where I carry my 'get home' or 72 hour kit. In all my kits, I carry enough for two. In the car, I have always carried a hatchet, a bow saw, and a shovel. I have had to use all three tools in the past to get me out sticky situations. Heavy storms bring down trees where the hatchet and saw come in handy. Sometimes you're driving off road and get stuck and that's where the shovel come in handy."

Ruther goes on to say that "The most exciting 4x4 driving I have ever done was going fishing with a couple of 'old guys' in an 80s vintage Datsun B210. One of the guys would look at the other and ask if they should try the next section of road, to which he'd reply 'Do we have the shovel?' which was the deciding factor to go or not."

CONCLUSION

You can't go wrong by giving the Rule of 3 and the 10 Essentials serious consideration. But also, look through the lens of YOUR family in YOUR location, since every situation is unique, and will require a unique approach so that you get through it safely and in good health.

Everyone listed above has a deep involvement in practical day to day survival, and so their comments are well worth noting.

Katnip News!



Gorgeous LULU BLUE

Meet LULU BLUE! Yes, Lulu Blue is named after her beautiful blue eyes! She is gorgeous, and super affectionate! She and her babies were found in someone's attic. Her foster mom says, "Still getting comfortable being held and sitting on laps, but is desperate for attention. This petite girl purrs, flops, and rolls when I pet her. She seems to be good with other cats. So patient, and she really loves her people.



She comes running to me the second I walk in. Weaves up against my legs and flops so I can rub her belly. True to the Siamese trait, she is also very, very vocal. (Not for you if you want a quiet kitty!)

I have never seen eyes so blue!" Born 7/2022.

See more of Lulu on our website's "Teen and Young Adult" page.

Pet of the Week

Lovely Miss Yolanda ("Yo" for short) has been waiting patiently for her forever home for quite some time! We really don't know why, as she is such an amazing girl! Yolanda has been in a foster home and gotten stellar reviews. Her foster tells us Yolanda has been a wonderful house guest. She adjusted really well to the foster home and learned the routines quickly. She sleeps when left alone during day, no barking or separation anxiety. "Yo walks great on a leash, loves to go for rides. She's a good mix of sassy confident and sweet sensitive. Very loving, she will nudge up to your hands and get excited with her butt and tail wagging asking for attention. She wants to be close and is a great cuddler. She really enjoys bones and her kong. During the day, she's either sleeping on dog bed by my desk or snoring behind me on couch. She's a great couch companion watching a show or game. She sleeps in bed next to me peacefully at night. I can tell that she's used to being a family dog. This sweet old lady is going to make whoever adopts her incredibly happy!" Yolanda is truly a special girl ready for her special home. Could that be yours? 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.

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TIPS AND TOOLS FOR COPING WITH VISION LOSS

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you recommend some good resources for seniors with vision loss? My husband was recently diagnosed with macular degeneration, which has deteriorated his central vision, and he's become very discouraged. Worried Wife

Dear Worried:

I'm very sorry to hear about your husband's eye condition. Unfortunately, there are about 20 million Americans living with macular degeneration today. Over time, this progressive disease can rob people of their central vision, making everyday tasks like driving a car, reading a magazine or watching television extremely challenging. Here are some tips and resources that can help.

Low Vision Help

If your husband hasn't already done so, he needs to see a low-vision specialist for a comprehensive examination. Low-vision specialists are ophthalmologist or optometrist with additional credentials or specialization in low vision testing, diagnosis, and treatment.

A low vision exam, which is much different from a typical eye exam, will explore how your husband's eye condition is affecting his day-to-day life, how he's adapting emotionally and prescribe solutions to help him regain as much day-to-day functioning as possible.

Your next step is to get your husband to a nearby vision rehabilitation service. These services, which are run by state or nonprofit organizations, or private eye care clinics, help people with all types of uncorrectable vision impairments. Most state and nonprofit services are free or low-cost, while private clinics typically charge a fee or may accept Medicare.

While vision rehabilitation does not restore lost sight, it does help people maximize their existing sight, or, if they have no vision, it can equip them with techniques and tools to help them maintain an independent lifestyle.

Services include counseling, along with training on how to perform daily living tasks with low vision, and how to use visual and adaptive devices and assistive technologies that can help improve quality of life.

They also offer guidance for adapting your home that will make it safer and easier for your husband to maneuver and can help him locate low-vision support groups. Some agencies will even send their specialist out to work with him in the comfort of



your own home.

To find a vision rehabilitation service near you ask your husband's eye doctor for a referral, or you can locate services yourself by calling the American Printing House (APH) Connect Center at 800-232-5463.

Online Tools

Another convenient place to get help for your husband is online at VisionAware (VisionAware.org). This free website that's part of the APH Connect Center is specifically designed for older adults new to vision loss.

It provides information on eye diseases and disorders, along with dozens of practical tips, information and instructional videos on living with vision loss. These include concepts for adapting your home to make it easier to navigate, techniques for traveling safely outside the home, and various tips on how to manage things like finances, medications, and other tasks such as cooking, cleaning, grooming, reading, writing, doing hobbies and more.

VisionAware also provides a comprehensive list of more than 2,000 low vision agencies and organizations across the country that's searchable by state or category.

Another terrific low vision resource that's available to your husband is Hadley (Hadley.edu), which is a nonprofit organization and partner of the National Eye Institute and the National Eye Health Education Program.

Hadley offers online discussion groups, audio podcasts and dozens of free online workshop videos to help empower the blind and visually impaired. With Hadley, your husband will learn new ways to do things that have become more difficult due to his vision loss and connect him with a network of peers who understand what he's going through.

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

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

OUR SUMMER VACATION JAMBOREE



After months and months of planning, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage

age finalized our vacation plans for the summer.

Because of our busy lifestyle, something like this cannot be done with just a snap of a finger, especially since the great-granddaughter invaded our family circle. If my wife does not see her every day, something is wrong. It took her a long time to plan a whole week, so she would not have to see the great-granddaughter. The time, however, had come, and we were on our way to a well-deserved vacation in St. Augustine.

I remembered why we were here on our first day in St. Augustine. Silly me, I thought it was vacation time, but then I remembered we were at the capital of thrift store shops. I'm not sure how many thrift store shops are in the area, but I know The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage knows exactly how many are open. She knows when a thrift store shop opens two months before it opens.

I knew part of my vacation time would be spent at some thrift stores. I am not a thrift store shopper connoisseur to any degree at all. They all look the same, and I can't remember the last time I found something in one that I wanted. Not only does The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage knows where the shops are, but she knows what the shop has and where they are located in that shop.

I remember going to one thrift store shop with her, and when we entered, I went one way, and she went the other way. I was lost for the next 90 minutes and did not know how to get out or even where my wife was. Fortunately, she found me and led me outside. It's been several years since that experience.

One day we were at one of her favorite shops, and she was talking to one of the managers. They had known each other for many years, so they had much to catch up on. In the middle of their conversation, a customer approached the manager and asked if they had a certain item and where she could find it.

Before the manager could answer, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage spoke up and said, "That product is down the aisle there, and turn left at the fourth aisle. You will find it on the top of the shelf." She thanked her and walked off after the product.

The manager looked at my wife and asked, "How did you know where to find that product?" "I saw it the last time I was here," my wife replied.

Being one of the managers, she offered my wife a job. Fortunately for me, she did not take the job. It's something when my wife knows where things are in the shop more than the shop manager.

We visited a few thrift stores during the days that we were there.

One day my wife asked if I wanted to go to the shopping mall with her. It's been a long time since I was at a shopping mall, so I agreed to accompany her.

As we arrived at the shopping mall I looked at my wife and said, "You do remember our rule for going into a shopping mall, don't you?"

She nodded, took my hand, and we walked into the shopping mall together. We walked around for almost an hour, and then two older ladies approached us, smiled, and said, "That is so sweet. Both of you at your age are holding hands as you walk around the mall."

I smiled and replied, "If I let go of her hand, she will go off shopping, and I will not be able to find her for hours." The ladies looked at me, smiled and then kept walking.

Towards the end of the week, something happened that I totally wasn't expecting and it could change my life. The toilet in our bathroom was jammed, and it couldn't be flushed.

My wife went down to the main office and got a plunger. She worked and worked at it, but could not get the toilet to flush. I'm not sure what came over me, but I walked in and said, "Do you want me to try?"

She gave me the plunger, and without much thought, I started plunging away, and within a few minutes, the toilet was working. At first, I smiled, then I realized what had just happened.

My wife has a reputation for fixing everything and anything. In contrast, I have a reputation for not being able to fix anything. I've enjoyed that reputation, and it has a lot of benefits. But now, I fixed something that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage could not fix. My reputation is ruined.

As we were driving home in The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's sissy band, she looked at me and said, "That was a wonderful vacation, wasn't it?" I just smiled. A verse of Scripture came to my mind as we were driving.

Isaiah 55:11, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." It's God's word that really makes a difference in my life. The Bible is absolutely true to God's heart and will.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

VACATION READY: ESSENTIAL LEGAL PREPARATIONS FOR A WORRY FREE GETAWAY

Vacations are a time to relax, unwind, and create memories with your loved ones. But before you set off on your adventure, it's essential to ensure that your legal affairs are in order so you can fully relax during your travels. Can't imagine doing one more thing before you take some much-needed time away? Don't worry! These steps only take a little time to complete and can provide you with peace of mind knowing you have made proper arrangements if the unexpected happens to you or your family while you're away.

1. Create Powers of Attorney
Whether you're traveling overseas or just a few hours away, it's crucial to have Powers of Attorney in place for both health care and financial matters before you leave. A Healthcare Power of Attorney designates someone you trust to make medical decisions on your behalf if you become incapacitated during your vacation. While no one plans to become incapacitated, a slip on the diving board, an injury while boating, or a parasite caught from local cuisine can happen. Similarly, the Financial Power of Attorney empowers a trusted individual to manage your financial affairs for you. With a Financial Power of Attorney, you can give someone the authority to manage your investments or pay your bills while you're away, or just have it as a safety net in case you become incapacitated or can't be reached while traveling. By having these documents prepared ahead of time, you can ensure that no matter what hiccups you run into on your travels, your wishes for your health will be respected and your financial affairs will be handled according to your instructions, even when you're away.

2. Nominate Permanent Legal Guardians for Your Kids
As a parent, naming a Permanent Guardian for your children is one of the most important decisions you can make. While it's a difficult topic to consider, designating a Permanent Legal Guardian ensures that your children will be cared for by someone you trust if the unexpected happens while you're on vacation. It's a good idea to take a little time to choose someone who shares your values, loves your children, and is willing to take on the responsibility of raising them. However, anyone you trust to raise your kids is a better choice than leaving the decision up to a judge who doesn't know you or your family. By documenting your chosen Guardian, you make sure your children will be cared for by someone who loves them and knows them if the unthinkable happens to you, and you can always update your choice at any time in the future as your children and their relationships change over time.

3. Designate Short-Term Guardians for Your Kids

In addition to naming a Permanent Guardian, it's equally crucial to designate short-term Short-Term Legal Guardians for your children. Short-Term Guardians step in when the Permanent Guardian lives far away, or in case of a short-term, immediate emergency.

You can give multiple people the authority to be your child's Short-Term Guardian, including relatives, neighbors, or nannies. When planning a vacation, it's a good idea to name any adults who your child will be staying with while traveling with you or staying home.

For example, if your child is spending the week at their grandparents' house, you should name their grandparents as Short-Term Guardians and give them medical Power of Attorney for your minor child. If your child is traveling with you, naming any adult travel companions as Short-Term Guardians and giving them medical Powers of Attorney is a wise choice in case a Guardian or Medical POA is needed for your child while on your trip. Discuss this arrangement with the individuals you've chosen and make sure they're aware of their roles and responsibilities. By establishing Short-Term Guardians and Medical POAs, you can ensure that your children are well-cared for in the event of an emergency.

4. Tell the People You Trust About Your Plans
Last but not least, make sure that the people you trust know about your travel plans and the preparations you've made, including where you'll be staying and how to get in contact with you.

Let them know about any legal documents you've put in place, and how to access them if needed. Share this information with your chosen Guardians, family members, and close friends. By keeping everyone in the loop, you can ensure your wishes are known and your loved ones can act swiftly and effectively in case of an emergency.

Planning for The Vacation You Deserve

As you pack your bags and prepare for your vacation, don't overlook the importance of handling your legal affairs. Taking the time to create Powers of Attorney, Permanent and Short-Term Legal Guardians for your children, and communicating your plans to trusted individuals can provide you with peace of mind and save your family incredible stress if there is an emergency while you're away.

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STUART TOLCHIN



PUT THE LIGHTS ON THE VOICE INSIDE

Lately, I have been making an attempt to get beyond my self-imposed limitations. As I have written many times before I was raised with the warning "Don't rip your pants" always ringing in my ears. This was a shorthand version of my understanding that my ultimate mission was not to do anything that would bring anxiety to my mother and she was anxious about everything. The worst thing I could do was to come home late and cause my mother's face to swell such that her eye would swell shut and her tongue would hang out of her mouth. Still I would come home late and felt that I was kind of a bad kid causing my mother so much pain.

I still have this inner voice that tells me not to do anything "risky" which connects to that belief that I would be making life more difficult for my mother and the world. Consequently, it is not surprising that I have lived an outwardly conservative life clinging to old safe habits. I have lived on the same property here in Sierra Madre for 45 years. Frankly, I like it here. In Sierra Madre Canyon I still regularly see people walking around while outside of this area people no longer feel safe walking. I hold on to old relationships.

I seldom take the risk to go anywhere alone I guess for fear of being alone with my thoughts and that inner voice. That voice in my head that continually tells me I am doing something wrong. When I am with other people that inner voice tells me that the other people are doing something wrong and I am generally very critical of others and in that context very accepting of myself. I pay no attention to my own appearance but am very cognizant of how other people appear. I guess I feel safer with strangers than with friends.

Enough of this prattling. I have now reached the point where I want to take the risk to do stuff that scares my inner voice. I want to get to know myself better. I have been safely writing these articles looking into myself and believing that they have some relevance to the lives of my readers. I keep talking about trying to compile the articles into a published book for the world to see but I take no steps to accomplish this. In fact I do very little that I have not been doing for years. I have created an existence where I regularly meet with my son, daughter, and granddaughter three times a week. That is about as safe as it gets. I also talk to my ex-wife on the phone and also regularly speak with an old neighbor who moved away twenty five years ago. She is about as safe as it gets.

All right, I have drawn a picture, and I want to change that picture no matter what my inner voice warns. Recently I started talking to some stranger in a restaurant who encouraged me to read the book the Untethered Soul, the journey beyond yourself by Michael A. Singer. Listen to this. I managed to obtain a Large Print edition so I would not have my usual excuse that the writing was too small. How's that for initiative? The book is really scary. It directs the reader to stop clinging to old patterns and to not be ruled by that nagging negative voice inside. Of course, I will still hear that voice but instead of being ruled by it I will attempt to just be a "witness" to it and make other choices. I have already taken some steps to volunteer my limited services to a program which has now lead to complications which I generally avoid. I already see myself more completely and understand how important safe connections are to me. On the top of the front cover Deepak Chopra is quoted to say "Read this book carefully and you will get more than a glimpse of eternity". In future articles I'll let you know what I have glimpsed.

DINAH CHONG WATKINS CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND



THE GREATEST NECESSITY OF THE AGE!

They made me an offer I couldn't refuse. An in-store weekly special discount coupled with a Manufacturer's coupon. Limited to one package per customer. I rushed - rushed to the supermarket to retrieve what was becoming to me - my precious.

My inner voice nudged,

"Hey, is this thing just a thing or is it a THING?"

I took a moment to focus myself using the Navy Seal breathing technique I learnt on YouTube.

"I acknowledge this upturn of concern," I told my inner self,

"You mean..." I said,

"Yes." I agreed.

"We're going with DENIAL."

There was a bounce in my step when I arrived home. In the back of my dark, very dark closet I climbed the step ladder to lay my prize neatly on top of the ceiling high stack of Charmin Ultra Soft Toilet Paper Super Mega 8 Rolls = 48 Rolls packages.

That I have a pallet of toilet paper could be argued as a consequence of the pandemic or watching too many episodes of Domsday Preppers, but TP is an under-appreciated necessity of our age or is it?

Bangkok, Thailand, mid-90's. We were halfway into our 3 hour journey to the Amphawa Floating Market when our minibus pulled over to a Thai version of a Flying J's truck stop with gas, restrooms and a restaurant. Instead of French fries on the menu there was pho. I headed into the bathroom and once in the stall, I noticed there was a hand held shower attached to the toilet. Weird. Sort of a cramped space to take a shower in. And then, oh - there's no toilet paper. Not that the roll was empty, there wasn't even a dispenser. Charmin would not do well in Thailand I thought

The Friendship Hotel, Beijing, China, mid-70's. Exclusive to overseas visitors only, the 4 red star hotel promoted itself as the finest in the country. Luxurious no doubt for they provided a pad of stiff memo paper, but oddly enough, no pen in the bamboo paneled bathroom stall. This non-adhesive precursor to Post-It Notes was the pinnacle of toilet paper at the time. Charmin would do well in China I thought.

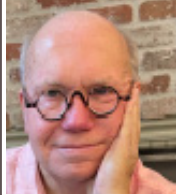
Paper was invented in China in AD 105, leading to the development of toilet paper 400 years later for the aristocracy of the Imperial Courts. Commercial production in the US began in 1857 when Joseph Gayetty of New York marketed a "Medicated Paper, for the Water-Closet," sold in packages of 500 sheets for 50 cents. There was some trepidation about its use as not until 1930 were toilet paper brands certified as being "splinter-free". Today our options range from workmanlike 1000 sheet rolls to plush toy-soft bundles averaging a nickel a sheet, less in today's dollars than when TP first came out.

My home, Toronto, Canada, mid-60's. My mother taught my young self three squares of toilet paper was sufficient to do the job. Meticulously, I unwound three squares from the regular sized roll and tore it off along the perforated lines. My fingers gently rubbed the rough yet fragile 2 ply bond. Charmin Ultra Soft Toilet Paper Super Mega 8 Rolls = 48 Rolls would do well when I grow up I thought.

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

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RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH BENEVOLENCE



I am so thankful for benevolence. Recently I have been a recipient of benevolence in the form of a compliment from a reader of my column. Thank you reader. Even my editor told me: "You're not half bad!" I was shocked! Thank you editor.

Back to benevolence" The simple definition: "A desire to do good to others whether in words or deeds". Coincidentally (maybe divinely inspired), I have had a shift in my attitude toward homeless people approaching me for money or help. Long ago, I had adopted a stance of not wanting to give money to homeless people convincing myself they would just use it for drugs. That is, indeed, a legitimate concern, but my heart changed and CLICK...the paradigm shifted. I'm convinced my personal faith walk had something to do with it. I wasn't "trying to be good", I just suddenly was filled with compassion. Wow.

My experience? Street people tend to wince every time they reach out for help. They are obviously anticipating rejection and bad vibes. The other day a young guy approached me outside the Subway shop on 1st and Foothill. He wanted some food. I said "Sure, what do you want?" He tried to be minimal. He was prepared to stay outside. Then I felt what I call a "shoulder tap" from God. "Treat this guy like a king" was what I felt God saying. So, I invited him to come in the store with me.

Sheepishly and humbly, he told me his sandwich preference and that the little half six-inch sub was okay. I didn't want to get in trouble with God, lol, so I ordered the foot long version. "What kind of chips?" He couldn't decide. Shoulder tap told me "Get him 3 different kinds".

"Do you want a cookie?" "Yes, please." "What kind?" (I asked). He hesitated so I ordered one each of all three kinds. I told him it was a tough decision and that he had to promise to eat 2 of them for me (he was skinny. Me not so skinny). "And get a couple of drinks while you're at it." A couple of Gatorades were removed from the cold box.

Loaded him up with lunch, gave him a few bucks, and told him as we parted that this was a gift from both the Lord and I. Guess what? The wincing and fear disappeared from his face, replaced by a smile and a genuine look of gratitude. My prayer that encounter becomes a life changing experience for this fellow human being.

I thought I might dig and find some celebrities who have the same inclination to help.

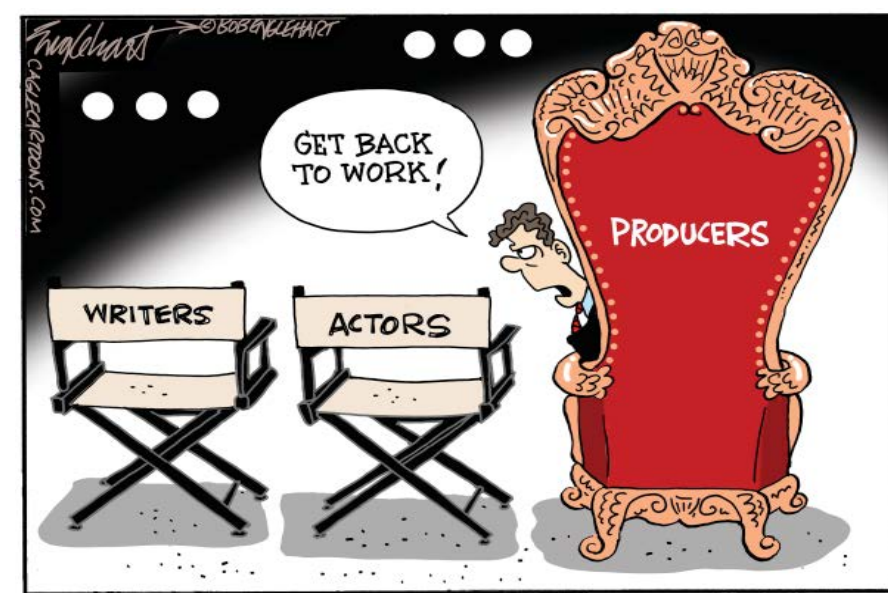
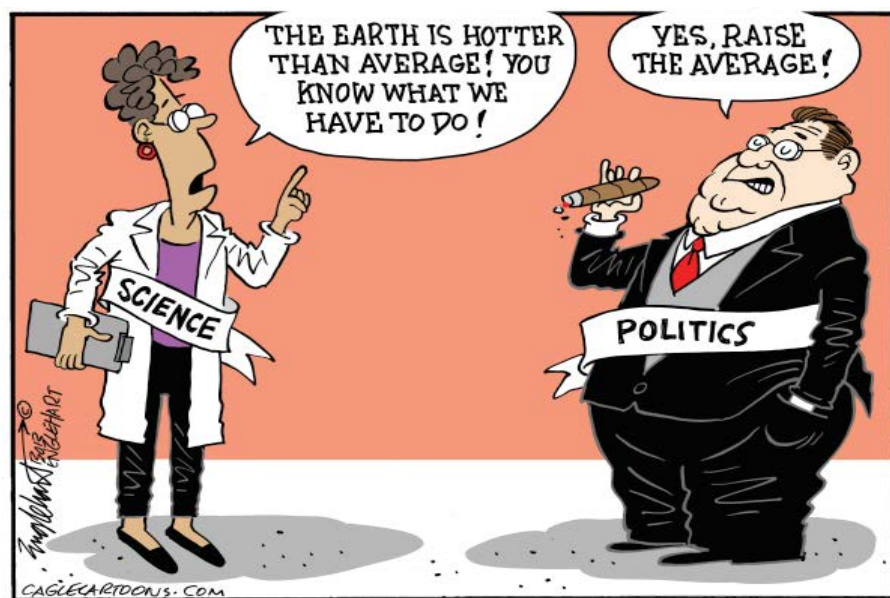
Elvis: Elvis had a benevolent niche'. He bought people Cadillacs. Wait until you hear this. Elvis first Cadillac he bought for his mother (She couldn't drive!). Then he gave one to one of his backup singers. Then his dentist, jeweler, hairstylist, valet. Then he went back to the dealer and purchased 13 more Cadillacs to hand out to people who worked for him. A bank teller named Mennie Person was looking at Elvis Cadillac outside a store. Elvis walked, saw her and ended up buying her a Cadillac that same day.

It wasn't until after he died that we found out that singer Prince quietly, behind the scenes was very benevolent.

Keanu Reeves is also a generous soul. He runs a private charitable foundation funds cancer research and kids' hospitals; you will find him answering the phone at charity tele-thons.

Of course, we all need to exercise discretion. But, if you are so inclined, carry around a few \$5 and \$10 dollar bills, bless people's day (using discretion...but not too much) and if so inclined, tell them the Lord and you are wishing the best for them.

And in turn, I'm wishing you a wonderful week.



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Well, here we are in another summer. And about soon we'll be approaching another school year.

I want to talk this week about the people behind the scenes locally. The dedicated locals, you know, the people who coach Little League, Girls Softball, Soccer, Pop Warner, all of these sports that mean so much to our children and communities. Thanks who volunteer to help our kids from a very young age work with them through some of their most formative years. It's time to give them credit.

We've just completed all of the extra curricula sports seasons for our youth and another season where parents were a part of either as a coach or a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle, cheering on the kids. What a great foundation this makes for young children.

Youth sports provide the opportunity for the kids to further associate with others (other than their classmates), get out of the house away from watching TV, and not playing with the computer or all these games, but learning how to communicate with people. The feeling of being a part of something, whether it's winning or losing, is always important.

We all, for the most part, try to always achieve our goals and you want to teach your kids to do the same. Sports do that. There's so much that's involved in competition today, which is taught at a young age in a happy atmosphere. Great start for dealing with the world today.

Remember, kids really don't care that much about winning or losing. They care about having fun. Sing, dance, hit homeruns, strike out. Doesn't make any difference. But we all cheer for the same programs for children.

You know, some people just show up at games, have a great time, walk away, yell at the ref, yell at the coach whenever they can get away with it, take their kid and say, "...you know, you should have been playing more or the coach lost the game!" I hope you're not one of those.

I think most adults are more involved in winning or losing, but they do have to walk that thin line of teaching youngsters the value of competition and embracing a positive foundation for team sports.

I want to salute all of you who take the time to coach or help with coaching, hospitality, travel and all the other things that are necessary to make these activities available to our youth. It takes hours to put these programs together, and a lot of people really don't know how much time and effort it takes.

Volunteer efforts from adults form the foundation for those who go on to Major League Baseball or the NFL or the NBA. And let's face it, these parents and volunteers do so without making 10 million a year driving fancy cars, flying on Lear jets, or doing all the other things that we learn about in the media.

And let's also salute all of you that support the PTA and all the activities, the fundraisers, the carnivals, all the things that are put on at the schools where these activities are available for the kids.

And remember that while it may be difficult for youngsters to understand your investment in them now, they will eventually realize what you how important you are to them when they're older. They will love you for cheering for them. They will love you for occasionally, maybe disciplining them because they know you really care.

So again, thanks folks! Have a great week and a half and I'll talk to you soon. Buckle up. Follow me at www.harveyhyde.com for all of my broadcasts.

JOE GUZZARDI



BASEBALL'S ALL-STAR GAME 'AIN'T WHAT SHE USED TO BE'

There was a time when the Major League Baseball All-Star Game was a special event.

Fans were eager to see the superstars of the National League and American League compete on one field in one special game. But interleague play, which began in 1997, put the kibosh on that.

Here's Philadelphia Phillies' outfielder Ron Gant's reaction, shared by many, to interleague play: "To match the Phillies and Orioles in the regular season is to store your milk in the cupboard. The game is curdling. It has already curdled! What once was a special pastime is now a soulless contrivance..."

Interleague baseball killed the All-Star Game, and the commissioner's office buried it with pointless add-ons like the Futures Game, the Home Run Derby and poor taste's nadir, the Red Carpet Show. None of the gimmicks that segue into the game help viewership which has been in freefall for years. The 2022 Midsummer Classic drew an all-time low of 7.5 million viewers. During the 1990s, the television audience routinely exceeded 20 million.

Fans disappointed in Commissioner Rob Manfred's heavy-handedness in altering how the traditional game had been played for decades - the universal designated hitter and the ghost runner in extra innings are two glaring examples - should brace themselves. Within the next few years, Manfred, determined to drive a stake into traditional baseball's heart, envisions a complete MLB overhaul.

The San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers would no longer be in the same division. Ditto the Boston Red Sox and the Baltimore Orioles. Manfred's scheme is dependent on the Oakland A's moving to Las Vegas and Tampa Bay building a new stadium. Once those two steps are completed, Charlotte and Nashville will be awarded new franchises. They'll be uncompetitive for years.

As Manfred sees baseball, revenue is everything, and the game's rich history is inconsequential. The average team's value is \$2.1 billion; the New York Yankees' value tops the list at \$6 billion.

To appreciate lost history, turn the calendar back to 1946 when a baseball-starved nation welcomed back World War II heroes, many of them future Hall of Famers, who would play in Fenway Park's All-Star Game, the site of the canceled 1945 tilt. The National League's squad included Johnny Mize, Stan Musial, Enos Slaughter and Pee Wee Reese. On the American League roster were the DiMaggio brothers - Joe and Dom - Bob Feller and Ted Williams.

All 35,000 eyes were on Williams, a Marine Corp Naval Aviator. Fans wondered if "The Kid," Williams' preferred nickname, could pick up where he left off in 1942, his last year before his active service began. Williams went four for four in that All-Star Game, and became the first player to drive in five runs in a single game as the American League dominated, 12-0.

The Kid's two home runs, two singles and a walk accounted for 10 total bases, a still-standing All-Star Game record. One of Ted's blasts came off of the Pittsburgh Pirates' Rip Sewell's eephus pitch, a soft, parabolic lob that soared 30 feet off the ground before it floated back to earth. Sewell's pitch and Ted's homer provided the fans with comic relief during the rout.

Out in Ted's hometown of San Diego, his mother May and her Union Street neighbors listened to Mel Allen call the game. When asked how she felt about her son becoming the first player to drive in five runs in an All-Star Game, the devoted Salvation Army volunteer said: "All my prayers were answered. The game was perfectly marvelous... Ted's a wonderful boy."

May's prayers, however, didn't prevent 1946 from ending on a sour note for the Red Sox and Ted. In the World Series, the St. Louis Cardinals bested the Sox 4-3, and in his only World Series appearance held The Kid to a measly .200 batting average.

A humiliated, humbled Williams looked back on the World Series as the lowest point in his otherwise glorious career.

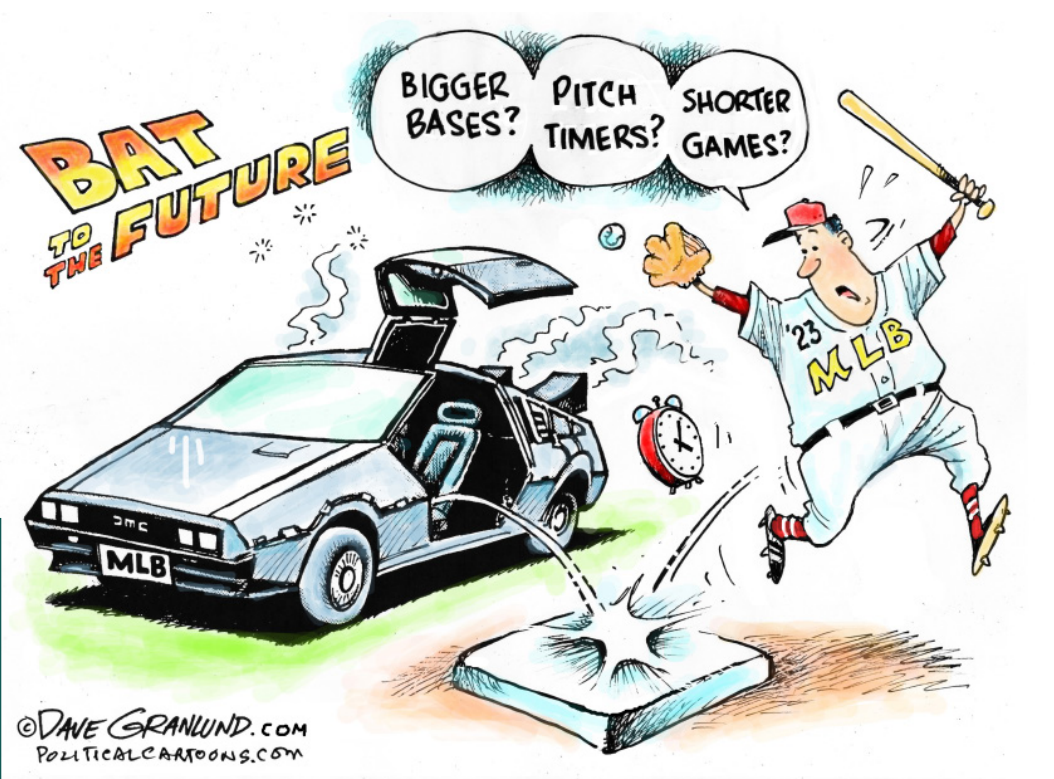
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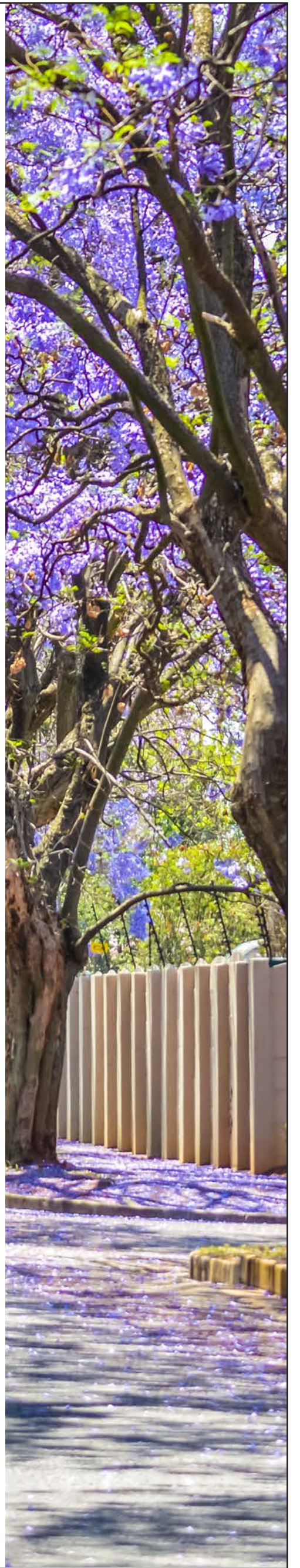
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