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### Single-Family Homes

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

### Condo/Townhomes

	2022	2023
<b>Average Sold Price:</b>	<b>\$989,500</b>	<b>\$940,333</b>
Average Sq. Ft.	1,736	1,612
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## SIERRA MADRE NEWS THIS WEEK



### REMEMBERING SIERRA MADRE ICON

#### ROBERT HATFIELD

##### EDITORS NOTE:

Re: Correction  
In last week's print edition of the Mountain

Views News, there was an error in the spelling of Mr. Hatfield's name. We have apologized to the Hatfield family for this human error. We are reprinting his Remembrance in its entirety on page 2.

Mr. Hatfield was the operator of Arnold's Hardware until his retirement in 2003. Mr. Hatfield passed away on July 4th.

The Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 29th at 3:00 pm.

Location: Claremont Kingdom Hall  
450 West Claremont St.  
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All are welcome to attend!

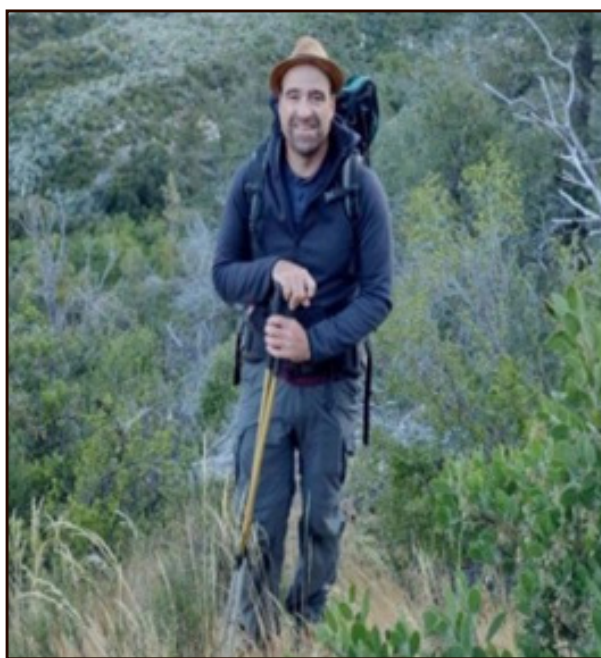
A gathering with refreshments will follow from 5-7:00pm.

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Again, our sincere apologies.

Susan Henderson, Publisher/Editor  
Mountain Views News

## BODY OF MISSING HIKER, COLIN WALKER, 53, FOUND



Sierra Madre Search and Rescue announced on Facebook earlier this week that the body of Collin Walker had been found. According to various reports, Walker was found Tuesday night down a ravine in the Angeles National Forest's Lower Clamshell area.

"While the outcome of the search is not what we hoped for, the team never wavered in our commitment to finding Mr. Walker," reads the post from SMSR.

The search and ultimate recovery was a joint operation which included SMSR, the Pasadena Police Department, the LA County Sheriff's Department, and Los Angeles County Fire Air Operations.

Walker was a resident of South Pasadena.

"Mr. Walker shared this passion for the outdoors, and we are deeply saddened by his loss," the SMSR post reads.

File Photo

## SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS CONTINUE

.....A Word from Director Chris Cimino  
Business owners and residents,

The project is in full swing, the contractor spent the week potholing for all existing underground utilities. This practice in Public Works construction is to identify in advance all buried utilities like the sewer lines, gas main, SCE conduits, communication conduits (fiber), and irrigation lines.

The next steps are to survey, locate the new water main in the right location and install the tapping sleeve on the existing water main on Baldwin Avenue. This will be performed beginning next week. Starting Wednesday, they will start laying pipe from Baldwin towards Hermosa.

Please continue to observe the detours and parking regulations for a safe work area.  
Thank you for your patience,

## FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CHIEF GET BOOST IN PAY

City and Union reached an agreement for cost-of-living increases and incentives.

By Kevin McGuire

City Council, at its last meeting before summer break, approved two resolutions adopting the Sierra Madre Professional Firefighters Association (SMPFA) Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) and approving the amending of the Classification Plan and Salary Matrix.

In a presentation on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, Assistant City Manager Miguel Hernandez discussed the results of several meetings with SMPFA, including a proposed cost-of-living increase, paramedic license incentives, and a request to remove language to include Fire Captains in the fiscal year 2024-25 salary adjustment which was previously negotiated. City Council adopted this through Resolution 23-53.

In addition, city staff was seeking approval to amend the Classification Plan and Salary Matrix to adjust Range 39 to be the same as Range 43 and add the creation of the part-time Emergency Services Coordinator and EMS Coordinator positions. City Council passed Resolution 23-54 to address these issues.

The cost-of-living increase will be a 20% increase in salary for all association members going into effect retroactively to June 4, 2023. Sworn personnel holding a position of Firefighter/Paramedic who currently maintain a valid paramedic license shall receive a 15% salary adjustment. Sworn personnel holding a position ranking higher than a firefighter/paramedic (Fire Engineer or Fire Captain) who currently maintain a valid paramedic license shall receive a 10% salary adjustment, according to the presentation by Hernandez.

Hernandez applauded these increases stating the city "closed the gap considerably" between other area Fire Department salaries in the area, such as San Marino (within 15%) and South Pasadena (within 5%). "It will bring us close to market and be competitive as well," Hernandez said.

This incentive is set to promote retention and provide greater benefit to having out-of-rank fire personnel maintain their paramedic license and implement a value to attract prospective applicants when vacancies occur. Hernandez stated that these incentives have already helped improve morale at the Fire Department and helped retain current personnel and obtain qualified applications for open positions. The proposed paramedic incentives will be retroactive to July 2, 2023.

Lastly, the city staff is recommending approving the change in the salary range for the Fire Chief position.

The Fire Chief's salary range is the lowest of the Executive Management positions. To stay within the market for similar Fire Chief positions, it is encouraged to move the salary range to match that of the Police Chief's salary range.

### New Positions Filled

Assistant City Manager Hernandez announced that the following two part-time positions have been filled within the Fire Department.

- Emergency Services Coordinator  
The Emergency Services Coordinator will be vital to the City and community, ensuring the City is better prepared to respond to natural, manufactured, and technological disasters. In this role, the new Emergency Services Coordinator will coordinate the plans and operational readiness of the various components of the emergency management system—fire, police, emergency medical services, public works, parks and recreation, volunteers, and other groups contributing to managing emergencies.

- EMS Coordinator  
The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordinator will analyze, plan, design, budget, implement, and administer EMS programs and other department- and community-oriented programs. The coordinator researches and analyzes current and future medical and EMS issues and trends to ensure quality medical services; and represents Sierra Madre Fire Department (SMFD) at Regional, Statewide, and regulatory agency/committee meetings. EMS Coordinators accomplish overall goals through program management, provider and system evaluation, and quality assurance.

Hernandez also noted that interviews are underway to fill the open Assistant Fire Chief position, which has been vacant for some time.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Kriebs praised the hard work and effort made to complete this deal. "I really want to congratulate the city and the union for really jumping on this. The work done on both sides is really to be commended," she said.

Mayor Edward Garcia stated how well-deserved these incentives are for motivation and to keep an experienced staff in place. "Public safety is a priority, and we are representatives of the public. And, job number one is to keep them safe," Garcia said.

The Council agreed that this is a good deal for the Fire Department but also voiced concern over the possibility of budget woes in the future. But that discussion is for another time, Garcia noted.



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## REMEMBRANCE

## ROBERT HATFIELD

On July 4, 2023, Robert Hatfield of Sierra Madre, California, passed away. He was 95 years old and passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. Robert, known to many as Bob, was an icon in the community as the owner of Arnold's Hardware, the local hardware store, known today as Arnold's Frontier Hardware. He would always go the extra mile for any customer.

He was born in Electra, Texas on August 6, 1927. At the young age of 12 his first job was delivering newspapers on his bicycle. Before his 18th birthday he joined the Merchant Marines, which took him to many places around the world. As Helmsman, he navigated his ship through the Panama Canal.

After leaving the Merchant Marines he attended Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry with minors in Physics and Mathematics. He then joined the U.S. Air Force in January 1951. He was trained as a fighter pilot, flying F86 and F100 jets. His squadron was the first to test the performance of the F100, breaking the speed of sound while flying level. Oh, the stories he would tell! He was called to duty during the Korean War however his squadron received word, while en route, that the conflict was ceasing and they were able to return home.



In 1956 he met the love of his life, Jean Marie Arnold. After only 7 dates they were married on July 8, 1956 in Palos Verdes Estates. They spent their honeymoon driving to Bob's first assignment at Foster Air Force Base in Victoria, Texas, where he started his new job as a Technical Representative for North American Aviation. From there they moved to Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, where their first child, Susan, was born. A year later he was transferred to the headquarters of North American and they lived in Manhattan Beach for 2 years, at which time their son, Bobby, was born.

A year later, Jean's father, Mr. Arnold, invited his son, Perry Arnold, and Bob to become partners in Arnold's Hardware, at which time they moved to Sierra Madre, where their daughter, Jenny, was born. He eventually took over the store in Sierra Madre and was there until he retired in 2003.

He loved serving the community and was a President and past member of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club.

Bob started studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses in 1973 and thereafter he enjoyed helping others learn the Bible truths. He loved visiting patients and their families, giving comfort and encouragement from the scriptures. For years he went to Arcadia Methodist Hospital on a weekly basis, where even the hospital staff looked forward to his welcoming smile and kindness.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jean Hatfield, his children, Robert (Bobby), Susan, Virginia (Jenny), their spouses, Diane, Mitch, and Todd, his granddaughter Breanna, and her husband Mitch, grandson Nick, his wife Jennifer, and their son Mason. He is preceded in death by his parents and five older siblings.

In lieu of flowers we ask that you give your loved ones a big hug and a kiss.

The Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 29th at 3:00 pm.  
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## HUG VS. HARM: SIERRA MADREANS SPLIT OVER HOW TO HANDLE BLACK BEAR BOOM

By Zoie Matthew Jul. 25, 2023  
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Daniela Anino has generally been happy with her cozy home at the border of Sierra Madre, a tiny suburb in the lush foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. But lately, one of her neighbors has been exhibiting some boundary issues.

First, he started stopping by uninvited for dinner. Then she'd find him hanging around in her driveway at odd hours. Most recently, he's been breaking into her backyard to swim in her pool without permission.

He's entitled, pushy, and also weighs about 400 pounds and sports a thick coat of fur — because he is a black bear.

"This guy, I see him every day now," says Anino. "The younger bears come more during the day, they're more curious, they're not so respectful of the rules." Over the five years she's lived here, Anino says she's seen more and more bears wandering the neighborhood, and their behaviors have been getting bolder. Human encounters with black bears are booming all over LA's foothill communities — and that's left state and local officials at a loss over how to handle the ursine explosion.

"You have those that want you to harm the bear. And then you have those community members that want you to hug a bear. That's the reality of it," says Sierra Madre Police Chief Gustavo Barrientos.

Daniela Anino, who lives on the border of Sierra Madre, says this one young black bear has been repeatedly visiting her home in recent months — and even broke into her swimming pool last week. Photo courtesy of Daniela Anino.

In 2022 alone, police in Sierra Madre say they received 130 calls about bears — up from just over 100 in 2020. And last year, 17 of those incidents involved bears breaking into cars, homes, or swimming pools. "We've tripled — almost 300% — of incidents where the bear entered a residence or causes property damage," says Barrientos.

But while cops will respond to these calls, there's really not much they can do. Unless the animal is acting aggressive — which black bears almost never do — police policy is mainly to warn other people a bear is around, and to avoid making it angry.

"I think our citizens are under the impression that we go and, number one, we're going to shoot a bear, number two, start using some sort of force to move it northward. We don't do that. I think there's more harm with doing it than good," says Barrientos.

Some locals, like Anino, are fine with this live-and-let-live policy. She says the bears haven't caused her any real problems aside from sometimes dragging trash into her yard: "At least in my experience, I've been able to coexist with them peacefully."

In her eyes, bears have as much right to be here as people. And with so many cars around, she's more worried about the animals' health than her own. She just keeps her kids far away, and her garbage bins locked.

But other Sierra Madre residents don't feel so warm and fuzzy about the animals. Cynthia Compton keeps a stun gun on hand to scare the bears away because she's tired of them repeatedly raiding her bird feeder and trash bins. She says she fears for her safety. "I don't like it. It's nerve-wracking. I've seen him right there by my living room window. And I'm pounding on the window: 'Go bear, go, get out of here,' and pull out the stun gun," says Compton.

She says officials need to be doing more — if she had it her way, she would have all the bears shipped away. "I would like to see them be taken back to Yosemite where they came from. They don't belong here. This is not their native territory, they weren't here before humans," she says. "They're getting too comfortable around people and around people's houses and coming into people's houses."

Compton is right that the black bears now roaming the San Gabriel foothills are not native to the area. In the 1930s, bears were a big attraction in Yosemite National Park, where rangers created special "bear pits" filled with trash to attract them for spectators' entertainment.

Unsurprisingly, those bears acquired a taste for human food. Once they started breaking into coolers and cabins, they transformed from a novelty to a nuisance.

So, the state came up with a plan: Ship 27 bears to Southern California to re-place the California grizzlies that had been hunted into extinction in the state.

Those bears' many, many grand-cubs are the ones that roam the foothills to-day.

These descendants still haven't lost their taste for human food — which is part of why they're showing up more often in these urban areas.

"Bears in an urban environment, they can easily get



This bear discovered that bees and their honey had settled in a bird house on W. Mira Monte, so down it went. Photo by Sierra Madrean Susan Eigenbrodt

a full day's meal just by visiting all the bird feeders in the neighborhood, or all the garbage cans in the neighborhood," says Rebecca Barboza, a biologist for the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

As LA's foothill communities have crept closer to the mountains, climate change-related issues like fire and drought have made the forest less hospitable for bears, pushing more of them to make the commute to LA.

And that's paid off in terms of population growth. "The animals that are living in these urban areas are doing so well that they're able to reproduce more, and those offspring are able to survive to adulthood," says Barboza. "So we've got an unnaturally dense population, we believe, within the urban zone."

In Sierra Madre, officials say they've tried everything from banning the feeding of wildlife to implementing a program to distribute bear-proof trash cans to quell the problem — but the creatures just keep coming.

So, they're asking for backup from the state. In April, the Sierra Madre City Council passed a resolution to declare bears a public safety threat in the city. Less a policy shift and more a plea for help, it urged the state Department of Fish and Wildlife to beef up its bear-prevention efforts in the region.

Officials say the state helped create this problem to begin with — and they have a lot more resources to deal with it, too.

"We're very small, we're 11,000 people, we don't even have a traffic light in town. So you can imagine we don't have professionals. We don't have biologists," says James Carlson, a management analyst for Sierra Madre.

But Barboza from Fish and Wildlife says this isn't just a Sierra Madre problem — the number of black bears has tripled statewide over the past four decades, which makes figuring out a long-term solution tough.

"If we try relocation, if we try captivity, if we try euthanasia, there's still so many bears in the area. If one leaves, there's going to be another one that's going to start doing the same behaviors," she says.

Last year, the Department of Fish and Wildlife revamped its bear policy and created a whole team of human-wildlife conflict specialists who deal with bears on a case-by-case basis. Depending on the animals' behavior, the department might relocate or even put down an animal. But Barboza says at the end of the day, public education is still the best tactic they've got.

"If people are still leaving doors open, if they're still leaving garbage available, if they're still leaving food out for the bears, then nothing is really going to work."

She is, however, feeling hopeful about a new "trap, tag, haze" program the department is rolling out, which they have piloted in Lake Tahoe to mixed community response.

Under the program, state officials will capture the bears one by one, and tag them so they can track their movement. They say this will help them learn more about bear behavior, and give them a better sense of how many there actually are.

The final step is to haze the creatures with loud noises and beanbag projectiles, which they hope will drive the bears back into the woods for good. But, it remains to be seen how effective that will be — in Lake Tahoe, it's worked on some bears, while others have headed right back to the trash buffet.

So for now, Anino will probably continue getting visits from her furry neighbor. She doesn't mind — in fact, she says she'd miss the creatures if they were gone: "They are really cute. And when they come with the babies, their cubs, boy is it a beautiful sight."

## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Let's not light candles on your birthday; it's hot enough as it is."

"You were born in July as nature's present, along with some of the best fruits, flowers, plants, scorching heat and worldwide complaining that it's too hot."

"Always be yourself, there's no one better!"  
Selena Gomez (Born July 22nd)

"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you." Princess Diana (Born July 1st)

The picture today is of granddaughter, Emily's 13th birthday party. This piece of chocolate cake was incredible and we all got a bite. A small bite as she was watching us with beady eyes and pursed lips. Her mother's birthday is July 30th. Grandson, Luke's, birthday was July 11th, my next-door neighbor's birthday is July 25th. Gift cards are flying in all directions. Amazon gift cards are my favorite thing to give and also to receive. There are those who say gift cards are cold and impersonal. I totally disagree. They are wonderful, allowing the recipient to wander through all of Amazon looking for the perfect thing they simply can't live without. The small boys on my gift list are going for Lego sets and Roblox is also very popular.

Our daughter, Leah, has just landed at LAX and she and Chuck are on the freeway heading home to Sierra Madre. They have been in Africa for almost two weeks. "I'll be glad to get home, shower, and dress in different clothes than I've been wearing." As she was only allowed one bag — without wheels — I suspect she's really sick of everything she brought. If you look at my page on Facebook, you can see many of the pictures she took, all of which are amazing. She's petting elephants, close enough to lions and leopards to touch them, traversing rivers teeming with hippos and it's been the experience of a life

Thinking of experiences of a lifetime, here are a few of mine:

Learning to fly a Cessna 152 and surviving an afternoon flight through the Banning Pass, after leaving the Palm Springs airport, where the plane was bouncing up and down and my best technique was to let go of the yoke and let that baby fly itself. There was also praying involved.

Hot air ballooning with John, celebrating his 40th birthday. Beautiful going over the land around Perris, CA, so quiet with an occasional whosh when the pilot allowed more propane to raise the balloon. As the flight ended with champagne, it was a perfect experience.

Sitting in the warm ocean water in the Bahamas scrubbing moss off beautiful conch shells with sand. They still are here and there around my house as we brought them home wrapped in our clothes.

Swimming in the amazingly blue water in Greece, so clear you could see many feet down to the bottom.

Growing roses, lemons, oranges, grapefruit, tomatoes and enjoying them. Roses you have grown yourself are beyond beautiful and tomatoes you have grown yourself taste like nothing else in the world.



Like you, I have so many more and I'm so grateful I had them.

School starts for Emily on August 7th and for Jessie on August 9th. They will both be so glad to get back with friends and be out of the house. School supplies are piling up on the dining room table at their house and new Converse high-tops were part of Emily's birthday haul. They aren't the only ones who will be happy to see school starting. Parents everywhere are counting the minutes, having heard, way too many times, "I'm bored!"

School starts in just a couple of weeks and I came across this piece I thought I'd share with all the rest of you parents:  
A Parent's Back to School Prayer

Dear Lord, help them find where they need to go, and go only where You will lead. To lead boldly, even where few will follow, and follow only the path You reveal.

Reveal kindness to those who yearn, yearn for excellence in all they accomplish.

Accomplish in themselves the promise of all You've given.

Give them a desire for truth and passion for real learning.

Have them learn to give, to love, to forgive and encourage.

Stay by their sides and light up their souls.

Fill them, guide them, protect them and enliven them.

And by all this have them become the masterful creations You formed and longed for them to be, Even in their mother's womb.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope." Jer. 29:11

Yes, school starts soon and our hope above all else is that everyone they encounter will be kind. God bless our children and keep them safe.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
Where you'll find the Emma Gainsworth Kindle novelettes,  
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Tues	Sunny	Hi	100s	Lows	60s
Wed	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	60s
Thur	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s
Fri	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 22, 2023 5:30pm

#### THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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

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

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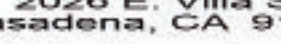
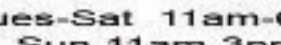
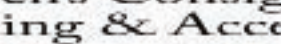
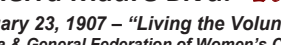
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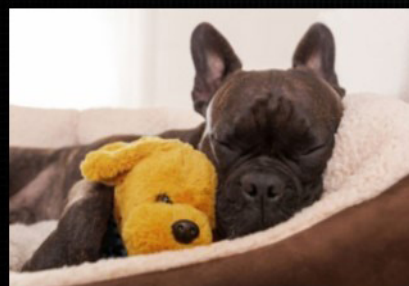
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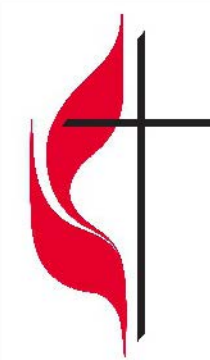
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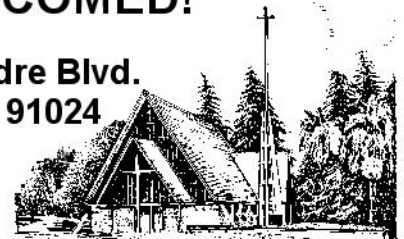
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## PPD Officers Disciplined for Drinking On-duty

Pasadena Police Chief Eugene Harris confirmed Wednesday the discipline of multiple officers after video surfaced Monday showing them drinking alcohol on-duty at a party.

According to Eugene Harris in late March, the Police Department received a complaint from former Pasadena Police Officer Omar Elhosseiny about on-duty PPD Officers consuming alcohol at a birthday party he hosted at his home back in January. The event was for his wife, a current PPD officer, and a teammate to the officers present.

An extensive internal affairs investigation was initiated, culminating in June. The outcome confirmed five on-duty personnel including a supervisor were present, three of which, the investigation confirmed, took a drink of alcohol in violation of Department Policy. Each has subsequently received discipline imposed by Harris.

"The policies are very clear as are the expectations of professional conduct," Harris said. "The imposition of discipline, in this case, is indicative of expected conduct and sound Department culture moving forward." He continued, "I'm very disappointed in the officers' conduct and have made expectations clear, as a matter of course."

## New State Library Park Pass Backpacks

Tim McDonald, Director of Libraries and Information Services, announced this week that Pasadena Public Library card holders can now check out the new California State Library Park Pass Backpacks. The California State Library Park Pass program, which provides free state-park vehicle day-use passes, has expanded its program to include California State Library Park Pass Backpacks.

These backpacks contain binoculars, wildlife and nature pocket guides, a magnifying glass, compass, and more! The California State Park Pass Backpacks are available at all Pasadena Public Library branch locations to check out for a three-week period.

The Parks Pass program, a partnership between California State Parks and the California State Library as part of the Outdoor Access for All Initiative, supports all Californians in exploring the outdoors and gaining the benefits of our parks. To learn more visit: [cityofpasadena.net/library/](http://cityofpasadena.net/library/).



## Officials Say Six Arrested in Killing Spree

Pasadena police investigators announced the arrests of six suspects Wednesday in connection with a series of murders in Pasadena and Rancho Palos Verdes killing three people.

During a press conference at the steps of Pasadena City Hall Police Lt. Keith Gomez said the victims were found in vehicles parked at scenic overlooks. He said the motive looked to be robbery. Although not named, Gomez said they believe those arrested are part of a criminal street gang. He said they were all being held in the Pasadena jail. The case was expected to be given to the District Attorney's office Friday.

He said Jessie Munoz, 32, was shot around 3:30 a.m. Saturday morning along a part Angeles Crest Highway patrolled by Pasadena police. A female passenger was unharmed.

Just days earlier, Jorge Ramos and Taylor Raven Whittaker were found shot just before 7 a.m. Monday along Palos Verdes Drive. Gomez believes the murders are connected.

According to Gomez Robbery / Homicide Unit detectives coordinated an operation Tuesday involving multiple specialized law enforcement units. The operation spanned several hours and occurred at

several locations throughout the County of Los Angeles. At 10:15 p.m., the arrest aspect of the operation was initiated, and the vehicle involved in the murder was pinned in by law enforcement personnel in the 7600 Block of Woodman Street in Panorama City. Five male adult suspects were taken into custody without incident. Two semi-automatic firearms were recovered from the interior portion of the vehicle.

A female suspect was simultaneously taken into custody in the 900 Block of West 85th Street in Los Angeles and a search warrant was executed at multiple locations.

The suspects are members of a Los Angeles criminal street gang. Detectives believe the suspects taken into custody are connected to other crimes that have recently occurred in Los Angeles County.

The U.S. Marshal's Pacific Southwest Region Fugitive Apprehension Taskforce, the Pasadena Police Department's Street Crime Unit, members of the Pasadena Police Department's SWAT and K9 teams, LAPD RHD, and LAPD Air Support Division assisted with the arrest/warrant operation.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call the Pasadena Police at (626)-744-4241 or report information

## Groundbreaking: Streets Improvement Program

South Pasadena officials, Commissioners, staff, and residents gathered Tuesday to break ground on a series of transformative street improvement projects, marking the commencement of a new era for the city. The groundbreaking event marks a significant milestone in the City's ongoing commitment to enhancing its infrastructure and ensuring a more vibrant, efficient, and pedestrian-friendly landscape.

At the groundbreaking event, Mayor Jon Primuth expressed immense enthusiasm for the upcoming projects, stating, "These street improvement projects will undoubtedly improve the connectivity throughout South Pasadena." The Mayor also mentioned the City's recent efforts in bringing together the community at the State of Streets Study Session meeting a few months ago that brought together the City Council, Commissioners, and the community to discuss the state of our streets and a path forward.

Some projects that the City has already initiated include: Multiple street improvements, including reconstruction and

resurfacing, the Slow Streets Program; Slow Streets Program, which includes the installation of traffic calming devices on various residential streets throughout the City; Fair Oaks Intelligent Transportation Systems (Rogan) Project, which improves American Disability Act (ADA) access along Fair Oaks Avenue, implements signal synchronization, bus prioritization, and advances traffic safety technology; Fremont Avenue and Huntington Drive Improvement Project, which features traffic safety improvements as well as pedestrian and cycling amenities currently underway and there will be a design workshops for community input this Fall.

The City's Public Works Department is continuing current projects and commencing new improvements. For any questions on upcoming projects or street improvements, please contact the Public Works Department by emailing [pwservicerequest@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:pwservicerequest@southpasadenaca.gov) or call (626) 403-7240.

anonymously by contacting "Crime Stoppers" at (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

## PWP Water is Life Art Winners



Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) announced Thursday that they selected first, second, and third-place winners, as well as three honorable mentions, in the 2023 "Water is Life" Art Contest. Held every year in partnership with the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), the contest is open to all Pasadena students in grades K-12 who reside within PWP service territory.

The first place winner was 9th grade student Olivia H. Second Place went to 2nd grade student Avery Y. and 3rd Place went to Nathan L. in Grade 6.

Student artists submitted creative artwork with messaging encouraging the community to conserve and use water wisely. PWP received more than 20 submissions. All six winning artworks were submitted to MWD for consideration in their annual Student Art Calendar.

"As a community-owned utility, PWP takes pride in empowering local youth about water conservation and sustainability through educational programs like the 'Water is Life' Art Contest," said PWP General Manager Sidney Jackson. "We thank Pasadena's talented student artists for their great entries, which help support PWP's commitment to environmental stewardship."

The winning students attended Hamilton Elementary School, Madison Elementary School, Sierra Madre Middle School, CIS Academy, Westridge School, and La Salle High School.

For more information about the "Water is Life" Annual Art Contest, visit [PWPweb.com/ArtContest](http://PWPweb.com/ArtContest).

## New L.A. County Landmark Designated in Altadena



*Iconic 116-year-old Craftsman-style Pearson House to be preserved in perpetuity*

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted Tuesday to designate the Pearson House, located at 931 New York Drive in Altadena, as a Los Angeles County Historic Landmark. The 116-year-old home is a two-story single-family residence that was built in 1907.

"The Pearson House is not just a house - it is a representation of the rich architectural heritage of Altadena," stated Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "By designating it as a Los Angeles County Landmark, we will make sure this beautiful home remains protected and preserved for generations to come."

The designation of the Pearson House as a County Landmark aligns with work underway at the County to preserve and

celebrate the architectural and cultural heritage and identities of unincorporated communities.

Examples of the Craftsman architectural style in Los Angeles County were constructed from 1905 to 1930 and are distinguished by wood shingle siding; wide overhanging eaves; casement, fixed-pane, and sash windows; low-pitched, cross-gabled roof with exposed rafters; a prominent partial-width porch with detailed supports and triangular knee braces; and use of stone detailing. The style was born from the Arts and Crafts movement, which originated in England in the late 19th century as a counter to the mass production and materialism of the Industrial Revolution. Arts and Crafts ideals emphasize the use of natural materials, quality of craftsmanship, simplicity of form, and attention to detail.

More information about the property, along with a copy of the resolution approved by the Board of Supervisors, is available at: [bos.lacounty.gov](http://bos.lacounty.gov).

## Installation of the Rotating Public Art Program Series IV

Director of Planning and Community Development, Jennifer Paige and the Cultural Affairs

Division announced the installation of new public artwork along North Lake A venue as

part of the fourth iteration of the City's Rotating Public Art Program Titled "Individuality n1."

This inaugural artwork is the first of six that will be installed throughout the city over the next month, and will be on display for a 36-month exhibition period.

Created by artist-duo and couple Dominic Panziera and Daniela Garofalo, the artwork is sited in District 5 at the intersection of North Lake A venue and Maple Street and is made of stone, glazed ceramic tile, concrete and

stainless steel. Series IV of the Rotating Program will include eight sculptural artworks to be installed at existing city-owned sites in each City Council District.

Established in 2011, the Rotating Public Art Program is intended to complement the permanency of both the Private Development and Capital Public Art Programs by placing artworks throughout the City that activate unusual locations, transforming small, often unnoticed areas into exciting destinations for visitors and residents to discover. By presenting original artworks at established locations, the program encourages residents and visitors to circulate throughout the city and experience each exhibition. For more information visit: [cityofpasadena.net/arts](http://cityofpasadena.net/arts).

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### San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

#### Summer Sunset Concerts

Friday, August 4, 18, Lacy Park  
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#### Meet & Greet the City Manager at Swirlz

Come and enjoy soft serve with City Manager, Philippe Eskandar, on Wednesday, August 9! Join us at Swirlz Soft Serve Parlor (2136 Huntington Drive) from 2 PM - 4 PM. Come chat, ask questions, and meet members of the community. We hope to see you there!

#### 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: [www.CityofSanMarino.org/PhotoContest](http://www.CityofSanMarino.org/PhotoContest).

#### Fall Community Services Guide

Check out the latest Community Services Guide to see Fall offerings and get details on upcoming events, classes, and lectures. Hard copies will be delivered to San Marino households next week. Registration begins on August 8 for residents and August 15 for non-residents.

#### Recent Happenings

The San Marino Fire Department participated in multiple training exercises during the week of July 17. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Engine 91 participated in a multi-company exercise with the Sierra Madre Fire Department. Engine 91 reviewed the City of Sierra Madre's pre-planned deployment zones that are designated as high risk for wildfire and toured the City's wildland-urban interface. The tour included the City's canyon area as well as new development projects located in the City's hillsides. Familiarization with these areas will enable San Marino Firefighters to effectively respond in the event of a wildfire requiring mutual aid response.

Engine 91 and RA 91 also participated in a multi-company Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC)/Fire Ground Survival drill hosted by the Pasadena Fire Department. The drill was also attended by resources from the South Pasadena, Arcadia, and Sierra Madre Fire Departments. The scenario was built off of Project Mayday statistics surrounding the fact that the majority of fireground fatalities occur in the first 7-10 minutes of an incident, frequently involve collapse or rapid-fire progression, and frequently involve more than one firefighter requiring assistance.

On Friday, July 21 the San Marino Fire Department conducted a night drill at the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center's parking structure. Firefighters who participated in the drill learned multiple methods to get a hose line in operation in a multi-level structure.

#### Annual Sidewalk Replacement Program to Begin

The City will begin the construction phase of the Annual Sidewalk Replacement Program next week. Each year, this program replaces approximately 1 mile of sidewalk at various locations throughout the City. The work includes replacement of sidewalk, driveway approaches, curb ramps, and curb and gutter. Residents on impacted streets will be receiving notices from the City's hired contractor, CJ Concrete, with additional details about the project timeline, what residents can expect during the project, and what the project's impact to the neighborhood will be. The City appreciates resident cooperation, as the sidewalk program helps improve the City's infrastructure and resident safety.

#### Street Sweeping Schedule

In keeping with the City Council's priority of well-maintained infrastructure, the Parks and Public Works Department works with Athens Services to ensure that the City receives comprehensive street sweeping services. Frequent street sweeping not only improves the appearance of the streets, but also prevents unwanted materials from flowing into storm drains, keeps job sites clean, and helps minimize tire damage. Residents can visit the Street Sweeping page on the City's website for more information.

#### Design Review Committee

Wednesday, August 2 at 6:00 PM; Barth Room and Zoom (Public Access)

### San Marino National Night Out August 1

Come join the San Marino Police Department for our annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 1, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.! 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.

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### MUSE/IQUE 2023 MUSIC = POWER

MUSE/IQUE continues its yearlong concert series, MUSIC = POWER with BERNSTEIN AT HEART: Learning is Living on Thursday, August 3 at 7:30 pm at The Huntington Library in San Marino and Sunday, August 6 at 7:30 pm at The Skirball Cultural Center in West Los Angeles. The ensemble is joined by soprano Anna Schubert, tenor Ashley Faatoalia and, from the Colburn School, Australian youth violinist James Birch.

Leonard Bernstein's legendary "Young People's Concerts" helped define our modern imagination. Four months after the Broadway debut of West Side Story, Leonard Bernstein's groundbreaking educational series with the New York Philharmonic was delivered to audiences worldwide via television. Inspired by Artistic and Music Director Rachael Worby's idol, we learn how these famed telecasts became a blueprint for learning and a lesson in the power of knowledge that still resonates today.

Program includes West Side Story "Mambo," Copland's Appalachian Spring ("Simple Gifts"); James Taylor's Fire and Rain (sung by Ashley Faatoalia); Ginester's Estancia - Malambo movement; John Lennon -

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In My Life (sung by Anna Schubert); Mozart - Concerto #4 - movement #1 (performed by Colburn violin soloist James Birch); Bach - Prelude in F minor; On the Town, "Times Square"; and West Side Story Concert Suite No. 1 ("Maria," "One Hand, One Heart," "Somewhere," "Balcony Scene" - sung by Ashley and Anna).

Broadcast to millions in America and abroad, the immensely popular series, "Young People's Concerts," was the winner of multiple Emmy, Peabody and Edison awards. Bernstein presented the unique blend of spoken words and music known as the "Young People's Concerts" throughout his tenure as music director of the New York Philharmonic, and for several years after. His enjoyment, and his audience's, can be seen vividly captured by the video cameras. He is an intensely interactive teacher, getting his audience to sing, springing a quiz full of trick questions, and singing a Beatles song to demonstrate a point.

To learn more about membership and attendance please visit: [muse-ique.com/membership](http://muse-ique.com/membership). MUSE/IQUE membership begins at \$225 and MUSE/IQUE members receive complimentary admission to all MUSE/IQUE events. Admission for non-members starts with a trial membership of \$100, which includes three consecutive performances. For information, please visit [muse-ique.com](http://muse-ique.com).

### Tournament Announces Second Annual Golf Classic

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation announced Monday the Second Annual Golf Classic presented by J.P. Morgan Private Bank on Friday, September 8. The event will raise funds that will enable the Foundation to continue its valuable work, including supporting non-profit organizations in the San Gabriel Valley.

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and community support, the Foundation will continue to award grants in the areas of sports and recreation activities, visual and performing arts and education.

The Foundation Golf Classic will be held at Brookside Golf Club in Pasadena, with the 19th Hole and Post-Golf Reception to follow at the historic Rose Bowl Stadium. The Golf Classic offers a unique opportunity, a chance to hit a golf ball onto the field where the Rose Bowl Game\* has been played for the past 100 years. Participants of all skill levels are welcome, from avid golfers to beginners looking for a fun-filled day of networking and friendly competition.

The Tournament of Roses is actively seeking sponsors to partner with for the Foundation Golf Classic. Contributions will make a profound difference in the lives of individuals and families throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

By becoming a sponsor of the Golf Classic, companies and individuals will have the chance to show their commitment to local organizations and those they serve through a diverse range of sponsorship opportunities. Benefits of sponsorship include brand exposure and recognition before, during and after the Golf Classic. Sponsors will be featured in all event-related materials, including press releases, social media promotions, signage and the Tournament of Roses website.

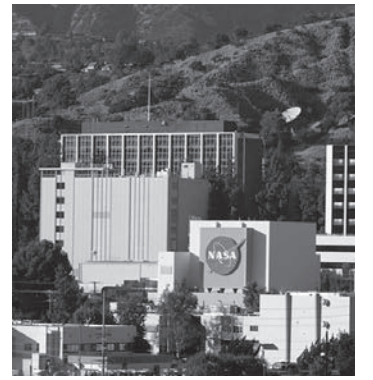
In addition to J.P. Morgan Private Bank, confirmed sponsors include Air-Tro Heating and Air Conditioning, Athens Services, BYD, Cerity Partners, Forest Lawn Memorial-Parks & Mortuaries, Four Roses Bourbon, Hahn and Hahn LLP, Lagerlof LLP, The Langham Huntington Pasadena, Los Angeles, Learfield, North Star Alliances, Certified Federal Credit Union, and Whittier Trust.

Interested companies or individuals looking to support the Foundation Golf Classic can find details on sponsorship opportunities contact the Foundation at [foundation@tournamentofroses.com](mailto:foundation@tournamentofroses.com) or call 626-449-4100.

Golfers interested in playing visit: [tournamentofroses.com/golfflclassic](http://tournamentofroses.com/golfflclassic).

### NASA Awards \$14 Million to Universities for Supportive STEM Efforts

Part of that effort includes the MUREP Curriculum Awards, which are being managed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.



NASA is investing more than \$14 million in 19 U.S. colleges and universities to grow their STEM capacity to participate in critical spaceflight research and prepare a new generation of diverse students for careers in the nation's science, technology, engineering, and math workforce.

"These awards help NASA reach students and institutions that traditionally have had fewer opportunities in cutting-edge spaceflight research," said Shahra Lambert, NASA's senior advisor for engagement. "We want the Artemis Generation to feel excited and prepared to join us in tackling the scientific and technological challenges of space exploration."

The new MUREP (Minority University Research and Education Project) Curriculum Award was established this year to help Minority-Serving Institutions strengthen their STEM academic offerings.

"Current research shows that developing new curricular pathways or adding to an existing STEM curriculum can help these colleges and universities attract more diverse groups of students to the kinds of research that align with NASA's needs," said Torry Johnson, the project's manager.

NASA awarded five institutions a total of nearly \$6 million to implement their curriculum-boosting projects. The selected institutions and their proposed projects are:

- Passaic County Community College, Paterson, New Jersey
- PCCC Urban Climate Change Initiative
- Prince George's Community College, Upper Marlboro, Maryland
- Establishing STEM Majors at Prince George's Community College
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Enhancing IDEAS at a Minority- and Hispanic-Serving Institution through research and education for underserved students in partnership with NASA

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas Remote-sensing and Analytics for Integrating Science Education with NASA SMD to Strengthen Student Research Capacity at MSI (RAISE)

University of the District of Columbia, Washington Developing NASA-infused Curriculum and Experiential Research for Student Success in Space Technology

The MUREP Space Technology Artemis Research opportunity supports NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD) by fostering and increasing MSI participation in research and technology development concepts that align with the agency's needs for upcoming Artemis missions to the Moon. The agency chose nine institutions, awarding a total of more than \$8 million to carry out their projects.

"When we return humans to the Moon, it will be thanks to the creativity and dedication of researchers across the nation," said Walt Engelund, deputy associate administrator for programs in STMD. "We're proud to partner with OSTEM to foster the future of technology development and create opportunities for these institutions to contribute to NASA's Artemis missions."

The selected institutions and their proposed projects are: Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, Pomona, California

CubeSat Technology Exploration Program (CubeSTEP) California State University, Los Angeles

Additive Manufacturing on the Moon: Exploring the Potential of Laser Wire Directed Energy Deposition for Metallic Component Fabrication

Cankdeska Cikana Community College, Fort Totten, North Dakota

The Research and Development of Extravehicular Activity Gait Assist Device

Delaware State University, Dover

Constraining Exospheric Water

Using Mid-IR Sensing and LIBS for Lunar Rover Missions

College of the Desert, Palm Desert, California

A Penetrolyzer for Extracting Oxygen and Hydrogen from Mars Regolith

Morgan State University, Baltimore

Muscular Atrophy Effects of Long Duration Human Exploration Mission on Vocal Fold Adduction for Airway Protection

University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne

DREAM: Developing Robotic Exploration with Agrobots and Moonbots

University of North Texas, Denton

Protective Thermal Electro-Chromic Coatings (ProTECC) for Lunar Exploration

The University of Texas at Arlington

Rotating Detonation Rocket Engines for In-Space Propulsion: Integrating Technology Development with STEM Engagement

The International Space Station Flight Opportunity provides a ride to low Earth orbit for mature, flight-ready research projects that align with NASA's science and technology priorities. This opportunity entails cooperation with NASA's International Space Station Research Office, mission directorates, and field centers.

"These awards offer researchers a valuable opportunity to leverage the unique microgravity environment of the International Space Station as a platform or testbed, allowing them to conduct authentic spaceflight demonstrations based on their preliminary ground-based research," said Dr. Kathleen Loftin, EPSCoR (Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) project manager. "By utilizing the space station as a proving ground, we accelerate the readiness of these technologies, bringing them one step closer to practical implementation."

NASA selected five institutions to receive \$100,000 each - \$500,000, total - to complete their projects. These institutions and their proposed projects are:

- University of Delaware, Newark
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- KRUPS: ISS Flight for Telemetry and Recovery
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Both MUREP awards were made through the annual Engagement Opportunities in NASA STEM FY 2023 solicitation. The EPSCoR ISS Flight Opportunity Award is also an annual solicitation. All the awards listed above have a three-year period of performance.

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, July 16th through Saturday, July 22nd, the Police Department responded to 1,040 calls for service, of which 84 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, July 16:

1. At 7:21 p.m., an officer responded to LA Fitness, 1325 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding the report of a theft. The victim stated he secured his wallet in a locker with a combination lock inside the men's locker room. He opened the locker and discovered money was missing from his wallet. It is unknown how the money was taken since the lock had no signs of force or tampering.

Monday, July 17:

2. At 8:18 a.m., officers were flagged down in front of Starbucks, 5 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a domestic dispute that had just occurred. The victim's boyfriend accused her of talking to other men, he then slapped her face and fled the scene on a bicycle. The victim was issued an emergency protective order.

3. At 6:27 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of Chang Dermatology, 100 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding the theft of catalytic converter. An investigation revealed the unknown suspect arrived in a Black SUV, removed the catalytic converter from the victim's vehicle, and fled the scene.

Tuesday, July 18:

4. At 10:41 a.m., officers responded to the Hale Medical Building, 301 West Huntington Drive, regarding a robbery that had just occurred. The suspect entered the location and grabbed a gray bag containing a hearing aid charger from the supply room. The victim attempted to retrieve the bag when the suspect swung the bag at the victim. The 32-year-old female from Pasadena was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

5. At 12:56 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 600 block of Sunset Boulevard regarding a missing elderly man who was last seen at 8:30 a.m. having breakfast. He had walked away from the residence without notifying anyone. He was located two days later in the city of Downey.

Wednesday, July 19:

6. At 7:46 a.m., officers responded to Izakaya Tonchinkan, 713 West Duarte Road, regarding the report of a burglary. An investigation revealed around 2:40 a.m., an unknown suspect forced entry into the location through a front window. The suspect stole a cashbox and fled through a rear door. The suspect was described as male with a beard, wearing a beanie, a light-colored sweatshirt with black writing on the front, light colored pants, and black shoes. He was carrying a large satchel.

7. At 8:11 a.m., officers responded to Hollywood Noodle, 48 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a burglary report. An unknown suspect smashed the front glass door to the location. The suspect ransacked the restaurant, stole two iPads, and fled the scene in an unknown direction.

Thursday July 20:

8. At 8:48 a.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of an apartment complex in the 600 block of South Santa Anita Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary that had occurred. The victim left her vehicle parked overnight and returned in the morning to find the front driver side window of her vehicle had been smashed. The unknown suspect ransacked the vehicle and fled the scene in an unknown direction.

9. At 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1100 block of De Anza Place regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed two male suspects entered the rear yard of the home and smashed a glass door leading to the master bedroom. The suspects ransacked the bedroom and stole jewelry and money from a safe before fleeing the scene. Both suspects were described as males with a thin build wearing sweatshirts and dark colored face masks.

Friday, July 21:

10. At 1:40 a.m., officers responded to the 500 block of North Altura Road regarding a solo vehicle colliding with a fire hydrant. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from her. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 45-year-old female from Arcadia was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

11. At 2:24 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a bicyclist near the intersection of First Avenue and Duarte Road for riding without a headlight. An investigation revealed the subject had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The 31-year-old male from West Covina was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, July 22:

12. At 2:32 a.m., officers responded to the parking lot of USC Arcadia Hospital, 300 West Huntington Drive, regarding a fight in progress. Hospital Security Officers were involved in a physical altercation with a combative patient. When officers arrived to assist, the suspect attempted to rush the officers. He disobeyed multiple commands to stop, and an officer deployed his taser to stop him. The suspect was ultimately taken into custody and neither the suspect nor any officers were hurt during this incident. The 46-year-old male from Long Beach was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

13. At 10:10 a.m., officers responded to Taco Bell/ KFC, 849 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. An investigation revealed at around 2:48 a.m. a male subject threw rocks at the drive-thru window causing \$2,000 worth of damage. The subject was located and found to be in violation of his parole. The 41-year-old male from Arcadia arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

## DUARTE TO HOST 2023 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 1

The City of Duarte will join millions across the nation as it hosts its Annual National Night Out (NNO) celebration on Tuesday, August 1 from 5:30-8:30 PM. Duarte family, friends and neighbors are invited to a fun event with the City's Public Safety Department at Encanto Park (751 Encanto Parkway).

Community members of all ages are welcome to enjoy an evening of food, activities, safety information and relationship building. Residents can look forward to free hot-dogs grilled by Duarte's very own Sheriff Deputies, along with chips and bottled water while supplies last.

This year's National Night Out celebration will feature Dunk A Deputy to raise funds for Duarte Public Safety Youth programs. Youth will also be able to enjoy face painting, inflatables, first responder vehicles on display and much more!

Resource booths will be available for attendees to access a plethora of valuable community safety information. Residents will have the opportunity to learn more about Duarte's Neighborhood Watch Program, and tips on crime prevention and emergency preparedness readiness.

National Night Out occurs on the first Tuesday of August every year. It is a community-building campaign that promotes police/community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. This event is part of the Public Safety Department's continued effort to promote law enforcement and community partnerships in support of the City public safety goals.

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY PETER DILLS



*Yes, the Mountain Views News Family is PhotoBombing (or Word Bombing) Peter's Column to wish him a very, very Happy Birthday.*

When I first stepped foot in Pasadena in the early 1970's there were just a handful of restaurants, and fewer steakhouses. If memory serves, there was the Western, Steer and Stein, Monty's, and of course Sizzler on Arroyo Parkway (yes, some considered that a steakhouse). Fast forward to 2021 and my, how times have changed! I sometimes think that Pasadena is the new Mecca for the beloved Cow!! There's not enough space in this article to name all the steakhouses, but some are better than others. I often wonder, as I am sure you do, is the meat coming from the same source, what is the best 2%, and if it's so special how come it's everyone's claim to fame? Grass Fed? Corn fed? Bone in? Boneless? For me, the way to go is dry aged. One of the best steaks I ever made at home was from a supermarket 50% off section.

So, what is the best steak house in Pasadena? Well, it might not be a "traditional" steakhouse that serves clam chowder or gives you a bread basket! Alexander's Steakhouse makes its home at the old McCormick and Schmicks location on North Los Robles - it has the same floor plan (picture a 60's James Bond Movie Geisha set with a Nuevo Art deco feel). Getting to the meat of the matter, a steak can run as much three digits, but before you think I've lost my touch with the everyday working class, I've said time and time again if you enjoy a meal it's worth it. Alexander's is a special occasion restaurant, but I am not just talking anniversaries or birthdays; I am talking about life. You deserve to give it a try.

The menu is divided into six sections starting with "For the table" (appetizers) and ending with Steaks - quite straightforward, I would say. I posted a few pictures on Facebook and a few comments there suggested Japanese Fusion. I've never been to Japan, but if that helps describe the menu let's use that term. Daughter Lauren and I loved the restaurant from start to finish. We started off with Hamachi Shots and dry aged tatakai (explaining the ingredients and the menu descriptions would just be confusing, so just enjoy the ride like we did). Like any great restaurant the menu is seasonal (my suggestion is to accept the bread service and put it on some bread, it's quite good). I think the hit of the night was the little gem salad with romaine, let's call it a close cousin of the Caesar with some kick to it. I am coming back just for this salad; it was that good. For you seafood lovers there are a few items again seasonal. However, we are land lovers and that what makes Alexander's stand high above the crowd. I have seen Wagyu steaks on menus at LA restaurants that are US-raised, but at Alexander's they have the real deal. All Wagyu is imported from Japan except for the Imperial Wagyu; Japanese Wagyu is graded A5 - ask your server for the definition. Whether it's chicken, pork, or steak I think the bone gives you the most tenderness, and the 18 oz. T-bone steak is a winner. Grilled in their open kitchen, it was so good I see-sawed about whether to finish it or take it home. My decision came easily since we also tried a variety of pre-main-course suggestions. The sides are traditional in name only; we had the blue lake green beans. The restaurant has a full bar with extensive wine list, and is only open for dinner. If you are a foodie, steak lover, or just want a special night out, I gave it two thumbs up.

#### What Else You need to Know

I actually started this review a few months ago just before our second shut down, so some items might have changed.

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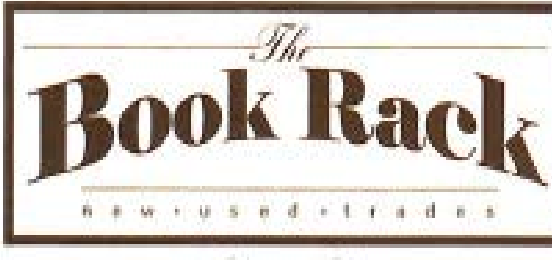
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### ROSE BOWL AQUATICS CENTER RECEIVES GRANT FOR WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Pasadena, CA - The Rose Bowl Aquatics Center (RBAC) is proud to announce the generous award of a substantial grant, totaling \$75,000 over three years, from the esteemed Pasadena Child Health Foundation (PCHF), a fund of the Pasadena Community Foundation (PCF). This significant contribution will be instrumental in supporting the Water Safety Program, a critical initiative aimed at providing every 3rd-grade student within the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) - including those with special needs - the invaluable opportunity to receive 15 consecutive swim lessons fully funded, thereby eliminating financial barriers for families. Water safety education is of paramount importance, especially for young children, and the RBAC is deeply committed to ensuring that every child, regardless of socio-economic background or physical abilities, gains access to life-saving water skills.

The Water Safety Program directly addresses this need, striving to reduce health disparities and create a safer community for all. Jeannine Bogaard, Program Director of Pasadena Community Health Foundation, expressed her enthusiasm, stating, "This momentous grant further solidifies our unwavering commitment to fostering the health and well-being of children throughout the Pasadena area."

The Water Safety Program goes beyond traditional swim lessons; it encompasses a comprehensive water safety curriculum and provides all necessary items, including swimsuits, goggles, and towels, to participating students. Over the past 33 years, this impactful program has reached an impressive number of students, leaving a lasting positive impact on the local community. "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Pasadena Community Foundation for their invaluable support in continuing to make the Water Safety Program a reality," said Jimmy Francis, President and Executive Director of the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center. "Through our partnership with PCF, we will continue to empower every 3rd-grade student in the Pasadena Unified School District with essential water safety skills, an investment that will have far-reaching effects on their health and well-being throughout their lives." As a leader in aquatic education, programming, and community engagement, the RBAC continually strives to enhance the well-being of the Pasadena community.

The grant from PCF to empower children with water safety and promote health equity represents yet another milestone in the partnership between the two organizations in their ongoing commitment to making a difference. About Pasadena Community Foundation Founded in 1953, the Pasadena Community Foundation is an advocate for local philanthropy and is dedicated to improving the lives of people in the greater Pasadena area.

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About the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center The Rose Bowl Aquatics Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to helping all members of our diverse communities invest in their health and wellness by providing exemplary aquatic educational, competitive, and recreational programs. It is home to the Rose Bowl

Aquatics Center Water Safety Program that provides EVERY 3rd-grade student in Pasadena Unified School District, including students with special needs, with access to water safety instruction. The RBAC includes two Olympic Pools, Therapy Pool, conference rooms, locker rooms, a café, and an aquatics merchandise shop. It hosts world-class swim, dive, and water polo teams and various programs including, water aerobics, warm water exercise, lap swimming, learn-to-swim lessons, and yoga.

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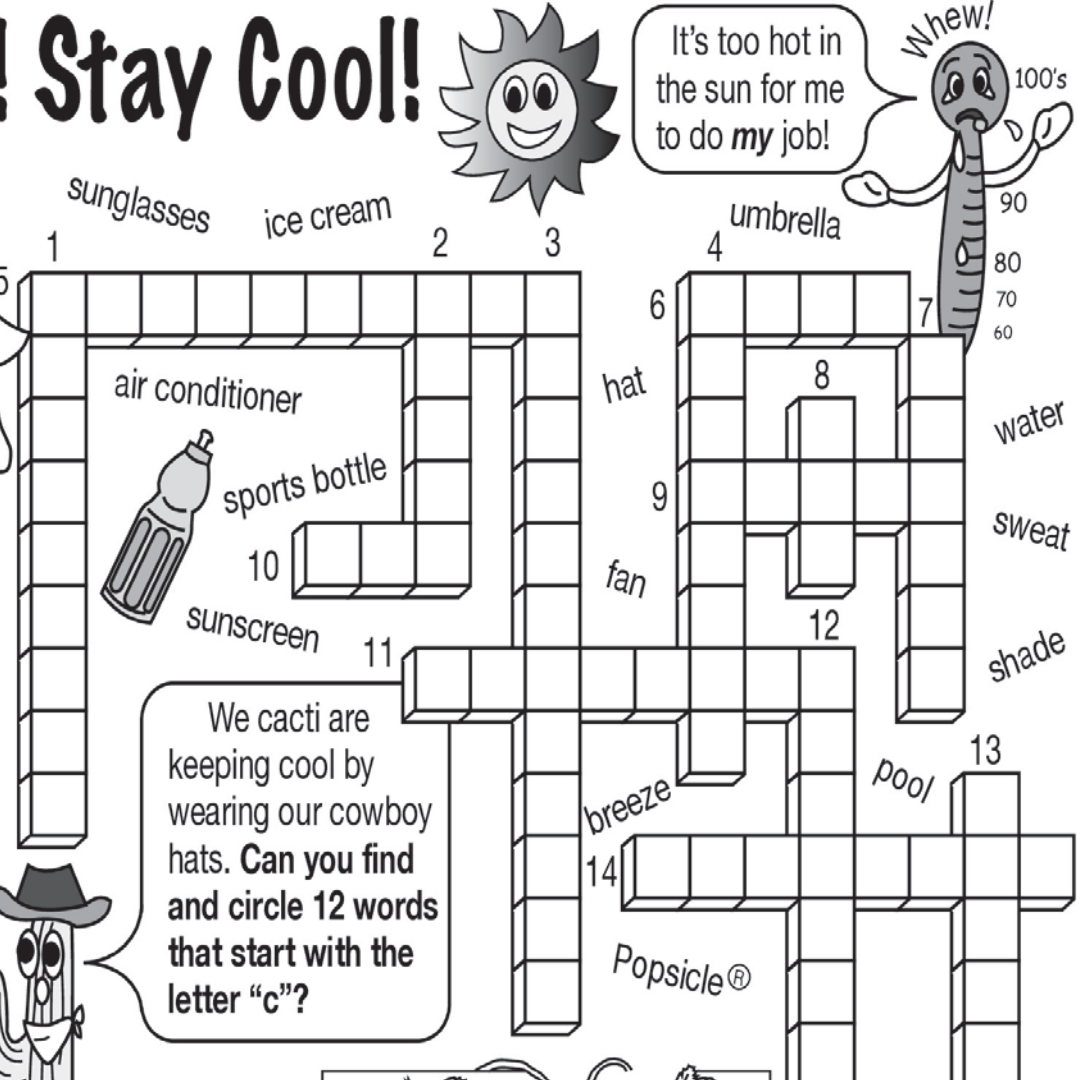
## It's Hot! Stay Cool!

Summer is here and that means plenty of sunshine and heat! It has been **hot** and we all want to be **cool**. We want to look cool, do cool things and keep cool while doing them.

Have you heard the expression "as cool as a cucumber?" I'm so cool that I get to be the guest host on the page this week while all of the regular animals are chillin' out on vacation. Now *that's* cool!

**It's important to keep your cool and yourself cool during sizzling, hot weather. Fill in the crossword puzzle with things that you can use to keep yourself "as cool as a cucumber."**

1. use it to protect your skin from burning
2. your body gives off drops of this to balance its temperature
3. holds liquid for biking and hiking
4. brand name for flavored frozen water on a stick
5. protect your eyes from the harmful rays of the sun
6. swim or float in this to keep cool
7. a gentle wind
8. moves air around
9. when the sun's rays are blocked, we are resting in this
10. cover for the head (bigger is better)
11. large one for the beach can protect your whole family
12. machine controlling temperature and amount of water in the air
13. H<sub>2</sub>O – drink plenty of this
14. sweet dessert; frozen cream and eggs



We cacti are keeping cool by wearing our cowboy hats. Can you find and circle 12 words that start with the letter "c"?


I hope the cat doesn't see me!

**Check the correct box.**  
To be as "cool as a cucumber" means to be:

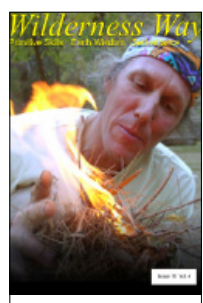
1. calm and relaxed

or

2. rushing and excited

I love the cool greens, blues and purples of the grapes. 

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**Review of "TWILIGHT OF AMERICAN CULTURE"**

by Morris Berman

Written in 2000, Morris Berman's book is an insightful look at American culture, and perhaps where we are going as a culture. His title word, "twilight," suggests we're on the decline. Berman takes great pains to define everything along the way so the reader knows precisely what he's thinking. He says that this is not some sort of academic exercise, rather, this is an effort to get at the most critical questions about who we are as Americans today, and where we are going as a culture.

*Do you think we're in decline?*

He quotes Neil Postman, author of "Amusing Ourselves to Death," in his introduction: "When a population becomes distracted by trivia, when cultural life is redefined as a perpetual round of entertainments, when serious public conversation becomes a form of baby-talk, when, in short, a people become an audience and their public business a vaudeville act, then a nation finds itself at risk; culture-death is a clear possibility."

*Does that sound like us?*

Berman covers a lot of territory in his book, and often makes references to the fall of the Roman Empire. He quotes many other authors who look at what's happening in the U.S., just so that we can all agree on the facts and not kid ourselves that things are really OK. Some examples of this decline are the crumbling school system and widespread functional illiteracy, violent crime, gross economic inequity, apathy, cynicism, and what he terms "spiritual death."

Either coincidentally or by design, Berman observes that the U.S. is evolving into a corporate oligarchy that merely wears the trappings of a democracy. (I wonder what Berman has to say about a candidate for president who brags about wanting to move the Presidency closer to a dictator, with his followers greatly approving?)

So Berman explains a little about the Roman Empire, and every state that has ever existed. He tells us that declines is inevitable and comes to each and every civilization, and it is only our arrogance to think that we can avoid this decline. Berman quotes Joseph Tainter, from his book "The Collapse of Complex Societies," pointing out that the combination of hierarchy, specialization, and bureaucracy takes more and more resources, and the trend is always towards the more complex, along with increasing class differences, greater costs, and more technology. Collapse is inevitable, according to Berman and the many authors he cites.

As societies weaken and decline, according to Berman, "The strong savage the weak, and there is no longer any higher goal than survival. Literacy may be lost entirely, or decline so dramatically that a dark age is inevitable." He points out that when resources got scarce in past smaller societies, they simply moved on. But today everyone wants to stay where they are. He explains that the solution – short term at least, is to "go vertical, that is generate another level of hierarchal control to solve your problems – a process that never ends. The whole thing is cumulative. Taxes rarely go down; information processing gets denser. Standing armies get larger, not smaller, and bureaucracies grow rather than shrink. Elites want – and get – more and more of the pie..."

Berman spends much of his time detailing the four factors that seem to always be present when a civilization collapses:

1. Accelerating social and economic inequality.
2. Declining marginal returns with regard to investing in organizational solutions to social-economic problems;
3. Rapidly dropping levels of literacy, critical understanding, and general intellectual awareness;
4. Spiritual death – that is, Spengler's classicism: the emptying out of cultural content and the freezing (or repackaging) of it in formulas – kitsch, in short.

Berman devotes many pages to backing up these factors with specific details, such as the great gap of income between CEOs and ordinary workers, how the upper top 1% income earners own more and more, problems with Social Security staying solvent, and many more examples.

He spends considerable time demonstrating these four aspects of cultural decline, so that his thesis is not simply a matter of opinion. There are many parallels to the Roman Empire, as well, so the entire book makes a lively discussion about where we are today as a country. Berman is somewhat of an optimist, and you realize that a culture in decline doesn't necessarily speed downhill, but that there can be many twists and turns along the way, what Berman calls transformations.

In the end, he tells us that cultural decline has happened to all cultures throughout history and that there is nothing we can do to stop that decline. But he does provide positive ideas for things that each of us can do, daily, in our own lives.

Berman suggests that in our daily choices we eschew such TV shows that are silly entertainment, and rather choose to view quality education instead. He suggests that we get more involved in things that truly make a difference, such as small town radio, the arts, local periodicals. In truth, Berman is short on the details, but does provide many examples of those people who he feels are doing the right thing as the culture declines.

His main thesis is that people who persisted with quality actions in bad times set the stage for a future renaissance, even if that renaissance is hundreds of years in the future. He cites the Irish monasteries that persevered literacy after the fall of the Roman Empire, and set the stage for the renaissance in a few hundred years. He calls such people New Monastic Individuals, the root of the solution to a country in decline.

Berman is not optimistic that the decline can be reversed, but he is very sure that we do not know exactly how it will play out. Still, there are many options along the way that individuals can and should do. I strongly recommend this book, and encourage you to use it as a study guide.

In future columns, I will share what a few other authors have to say about this subject, and what we can all do about it.

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**Katnip News!**

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Here is JACK! He's another one of our 4 "Cheese Babies." They were born in May and are being fostered with much love, so that they are sweet and friendly. You can see that Jack is a beautiful light orange boy. Last week I featured one of the girls, FON-TINA. There are 2 more: another boy and another girl, so be on the lookout for them, too. (Spoiler alert: They're all on our website's Very Young page.) We would like them to be adopted in pairs. See them all at [www.lifelineforpets.org](http://www.lifelineforpets.org), the Very Young page. Choose 2, or 1 if you already have a young feline friend at home. They are 2 months old and will be already spayed/neutered, tested,



Jack

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**Pet of the Week**

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## HOW DOES MEDICARE COVER PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

Dear Savvy Senior:

How does Medicare cover preventive health screenings? I'm due to get a physical and a colonoscopy this year, but I want to find out what I'll have to pay for before I go in. Just Turned 65

Dear Just Turned:

You'll be happy to know that Medicare covers a wide array of preventive and screening services to help you stay healthy, but not all services are completely covered. Here's what you should know.

## Free Preventive Benefits

Most of Medicare's preventive services are available to all beneficiaries (through Part B) completely free with no copays or deductibles, as long as you meet basic eligibility standards. Mammograms; colonoscopies; shots against flu, pneumonia, COVID-19 and hepatitis B; screenings for diabetes, depression, osteoporosis, HIV, various cancers and cardiovascular disease; and counseling to combat obesity, alcohol abuse, and smoking are just some of Medicare's lengthy list of covered services. But to get these services for free, you need to go to a doctor who accepts Medicare "on assignment," which means he or she has agreed to accept the Medicare approved rate as full payment.

Also, the tests are free only if they're used at specified intervals. For example, cardiovascular screening blood tests once every 5 years; or colonoscopy, once every 10 years, or every two years if you're at high risk.

Medicare also offers a free "Welcome to Medicare" exam with your doctor in your first year, along with annual "Wellness" visits thereafter. But don't confuse these with full physical examinations. These are prevention-focused visits that provide only an overview of your health and medical risk factors and serve as a baseline for future care.

## Cost Sharing Services

There are, however, a few Medicare preventive services that do require some out-of-pocket cost sharing. With these tests, you'll have to pay 20 percent of the cost of the service after you've met your \$226 Part B yearly deductible. The services that fall under this category include glaucoma tests, diabetes

self-management trainings, barium enemas to detect colon cancer, and digital rectal exams to detect prostate cancer.

For a complete list of services along with their eligibility requirements, visit [www.Medicare.gov/coverage/preventive-screening-services](http://www.Medicare.gov/coverage/preventive-screening-services).

If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage (Part C) plan, your plan is also required to cover the same preventive services as original Medicare as long as you see in-network providers.

## Hidden Costs

You also need to know that while most of the previously listed Medicare services are free, you can be charged for certain diagnostic services or additional tests or procedures related to the preventive service. For example, if your doctor finds and removes a polyp during your preventive care colonoscopy screening, you will pay 15 percent of the doctor's service fee. Or, if during your annual wellness visit, your doctor needs to investigate or treat a new or existing problem, you will probably be charged here too.

You may also have to pay a facility fee depending on where you receive the service. Certain hospitals, for example, will often charge separate facilities fees when you are receiving a preventive service. And you can also be charged for a doctor's visit if you meet with a physician before or after the service.

To eliminate billing surprises, talk to your doctor before any preventive service procedure to find out if you may be subject to a charge and what it would be.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://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

## SO THIS IS OLD AGE?



The other morning I got up; at least, I tried to get up, but the bones in every part of my body had organized a labor strike against me. I'm not quite sure what they were protesting.

As I lay there groaning over these bones, I did not realize how many bones I had in my body. I'm sure some bones in my body shouldn't be there, and I'll have to ask my mother how they got there. The only problem is, she's in a nursing home with dementia.

If I thought my bones were creaking when I was lying in bed, the bones were screaming a lot louder as I rolled over and got up. If I only knew what they wanted, I could help them.

As I wobbled out to the kitchen, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage some and said, "Well, old man. What's it like getting old?"

Even at this stage in life, my mind is active, and I had a very quirky response to that question, but fortunately for me, I did remember not to mention it.

I wobbled over to the table and sat down for breakfast.

After breakfast, I went to my office with a fresh cup of coffee, sat in my chair, and rambled through my mind.

This got me thinking about my grandfather. I now understand why he walked the way he walked. If only he were alive now, I could walk along with him.

I now regret all those years of making fun of him and my father as they get old. At the time, I never thought in a million years I would get as old as they were. But time has a way of changing your opinion about many things.

My wife came to the door of my office and said, "Do you remember your doctor's appointment for today?"

I didn't, so I got out my planner, and right there it was in plain sight, in my own handwriting, my doctor's appointment for 10 o'clock. Jotting things down in your planner so you don't forget something is great, but my problem is I forget to look at the planner.

Maybe this is the reason my bones were creaking this morning. They didn't want me to see the doctor because they knew I would tell him about my creaking bones, and he might do something about it.

I recently had a birthday and not sure which one because, throughout my life, I have had so many birthdays that it's hard to keep up. But this year, that birthday was a landmark in achieving old age.

I never knew what old age was, but now I'm beginning to comprehend it a little bit more.

At the doctor's, I complained to him about my creaking old bones and asked what I could do. He looked at me, smiled an old doctor's smile, and said, "That's the benefit of getting old and not dy-ing. Just exercise

more, and it will all go away."

It was easy for him to say because he's not my age. I hope I live long enough to see him when he is my age, so I can laugh at his creaking bones.

As we drove home, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked over at me and said, "Well, old man, what did the doctor have to say?"

"He told me," I said with a rather sour smirk, "that I need to eat more Apple Fritters each day. That will take away the pain in my bones."

Looking at me and not smiling, she said, "For your information, we will have broccoli for lunch today." Then she snickered one of her silly snickers.

If only I could remember to forget certain things, I wouldn't get into so much trouble. I just put on a fake smile, hoping she was joking.

My creaking bones are the least of my problems, at least for today.

Looking at her, I sweetly said, "Why don't we go out for lunch today? We can go to the restaurant of your choice."

She agreed, and we both smiled, and she pulled up at her favorite restaurant. As for me, I don't have a favorite restaurant; I just like a restaurant to serve food. But not so with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Nine out of ten restaurants that we go to, she doesn't like. This is one thing that I have not yet forgotten, so I let her choose the restaurant.

We got seated, ordered our lunch, and had a wonderful time together. The only problem with eating out with her is she always orders broccoli.

We were finished eating, and the waitress brought our check. I smiled at her and reached into my pocket for my wallet, and much to my dismay, it was not there. I forgot my wallet.

Just when you think you've got a problem solved, it turns out quite different.

"My dear," I said as sweetly as possible, "I forgot my wallet. Do you mind paying for lunch today?"

That was the most expensive lunch I've ever had.

As I was thinking about this I couldn't help but remember what David said. "When I kept silencing, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long" (Psalm 32:3).

What I take away from this is, when I keep silent about my age there other things that are going to give away my secret.

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## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

## WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR BUSINESS WHEN YOU GET SICK OR DIE? 4 FUNDAMENTALS TO KNOW

If you dream of one day leaving your company to your family, but you haven't properly included your business in your overall estate plan, that dream could become a nightmare for your heirs—and for your partners, team members, and clients, too. In fact, properly planning for what would happen to your business upon your death or incapacity is one of the most important things you can do for your company. Without a proper estate plan, the business you worked so hard to build could be in serious jeopardy when something happens to you. Not only that, but since your business is likely your most valuable asset, proactive planning is crucial not only for your company's continued survival, but for your family's future well-being as well. Fortunately, you can use a few basic estate planning strategies to make sure your business survives your incapacity or death. Although you should consult with a qualified attorney to determine the specific planning vehicles right for your particular business and family situation, the following estate planning tools are essential for nearly all business owners.

## 1. Living Trust

Putting your company in a customized and thoughtfully prepared revocable living trust is one of the best ways to ensure your business' continued success upon your eventual death or in the event of your incapacity. A living trust is a separate legal entity that effectively owns your share of the business, and allows you to document what will happen to your business when you can no longer run it yourself due to incapacity or death. Unlike a will, assets properly included in a trust are not required to go through the court process of probate. Instead, those assets are promptly transferred to the person, or persons, of your choice in the event of your death or incapacity. In this way, a trust allows for the smooth transition of control of your company, without the time, expense, and potential conflict associated with probate or guardianship.

Using a trust, you choose the individual(s) you want to run your company in your absence, whether that absence is permanent (your death) or merely temporary (your incapacity). Plus, trusts are not open to the public, so your company's affairs and its assets would remain private, and transfer of ownership can take place in your lawyer's office, not a courtroom.

## 2. Buy-Sell Agreement

If you share ownership of your business with one or more other people, you'll want to put in place a buy-sell agreement. A buy-sell agreement ensures that upon certain conditions—such as your death or permanent incapacity—the other owners are able to purchase your shares of the business, or it can stipulate that your shares will pass to your heirs.

A properly prepared buy-sell agreement can prevent

your family members from getting stuck owning a business they don't want and can't sell. And it also protects your surviving partners from being forced to deal with new owners they never planned on. The key to ensuring a buy-sell agreement works is to properly fund it, usually with life insurance.

## 3. Life Insurance

Unless your business generates significant revenue—and will continue to do so upon your death—that income might not be enough to support the ongoing operation and financially provide for your family. By purchasing and properly structuring your life insurance, you can offer your family, team, and clients a financial safety net, while your loved ones finalize your affairs, and your successor assumes control of the company.

If your business has multiple owners, you can pair life insurance policies on each partner with your buy-sell agreement. By doing so, your remaining partners can buy out your shares at a previously agreed-upon price, and the life insurance can help pay for the buyout, without leaving the business bankrupt.

## 4. Succession Planning

If you hope to pass control of your company to a loved one or team member, you'll need to create a comprehensive business succession plan to ensure the company doesn't crumble when you die. Beyond merely naming your successor, a proper succession provides stability and security by allowing you to lay out explicit instructions for how the company should be run once you are no longer around. From specifying how ownership should be transferred and providing rules for compensation of partners and team members to establishing dispute resolution procedures, an effective succession plan can provide the new owner with a detailed roadmap for your company's continued success and growth.

## Don't Put Your Business &amp; Family at Risk

Estate planning is every bit—if not more—essential to your company's continued survival and success as any other issue facing your business. If you've yet to put your estate plan in place, you owe it to yourself (and your family) to take care of this vital responsibility immediately.

And even if you have an existing estate plan, you should have an attorney review it regularly to make sure you've actually covered all of your bases and that your plan stays properly updated over time to account for changes in your life, assets, and the law.

Taking these actions now will not only help shield your company and family from unforeseen tragedy, but it will also give you the peace of mind needed to take your business to the next level. Best,

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## STUART TOLCHIN



### PUT THE LIGHTS ON SEARCHING FOR HAPPINESS

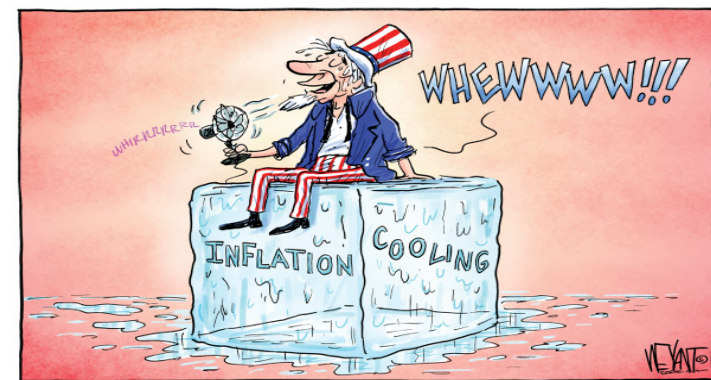
For over 45 years I have lived here in beautiful Sierra Madre in a special place we call the lower canyon. After living here for fifteen years I contracted to build a new house with three decks. It took about a year but soon there it was, a brand new house with four levels of stairs and observation decks on both sides of the house. I'm almost eighty now and I never thought of stair-climbing as a problem but it clearly now is a potential disaster. Nevertheless, the most pressing question for me now is what is necessary for me to be happy? Despite my worries about falling, the decks help as I will explain later.

Since I stopped practicing law about three years ago I have had a lot of time, too much time I guess, to try and manipulate my own feelings. My experience tells me that my "happiness" cannot be found in the eyes of others. What I crave is success in communicating with a deeper more authentic part of myself. Recently a neighbor who I have rarely spoken to mentioned to my wife that he and his mother regularly enjoyed reading my articles for the reason that they both found the columns so "vulnerable and earnest." That pleased me. It might be a sign that I am on the right track although my need for validation might actually be an obstacle. I just got a phone call from a friend and told her I couldn't talk because I was trying to finish an article that didn't seem to be making much sense. She advised "don't stress - just let it flow."

Speaking of allowing myself to become integrated into a positive flow I recently I began to volunteer at the nearby Los Angeles Arboretum. I have created a beautiful private space place for myself in front of a window overlooking the beauty of the gardens where I can familiarize with new book arrivals prior to writing brief descriptions of my reactions. While at the library I have spent a little time talking to the librarian who is herself an artist and the child of artists. I asked a simple question of what to expect when I look at a piece of art. She explained the absolute importance of not being involved with judging the art as good or bad. It is best to make no judgments but instead let the piece talk. Appreciate its colors, the time and materials necessary it took for creation. Look at the details and the shapes and allow a conversation with the piece to occur. Please be aware of this instruction as you continue to read this piece. It will help.

Luckily my house on the hill, with all of its levels and stairways is a great place to observe the ever-changing sky and clouds and birds travelling across the canyon and try to not worry about the breaking TV news I am missing. I do my best to relax and experience the great gift, the miracle of existence. The car crashes and global conflicts can wait. You too have been given this special gift the recognition of which lies deep inside all of us. How it got there I don't know but that is not necessary. Maybe that knowledge is what some people call faith.

Many of us spend our lives allowing that knowledge to be obscured. Instead we worry about what other people think of us and are busy judging ourselves. I am beginning to realize that all life, all existence, is a work of art and, just as the librarian instructed, it can be appreciated and not simply judged. My email address is [stuarttolchin@gmail.com](mailto:stuarttolchin@gmail.com) and I will be HAPPY to hear from you. The challenge of my search is probably not to search but to just observe, receive, and experience. I hope you can help me as I have tried to help myself by continuing to write these articles with the belief that it is possible to find myself.



### A/C HASN'T ONLY MADE LIFE COOLER

By Tom Purcell

As a heat wave hits America from coast to coast, it's hot outside — but cool inside, thanks to the triumph of air conditioning.

For most of human history, there was little people could do to avoid heat.

During the day, it drove people outside of their homes to enjoy the shade of a tree or to take a refreshing dip in a lake or river. At night, folks in cities slept outside on their porches, roofs and even fire escapes.

When I was a kid in the suburbs of Pittsburgh, few homes had air conditioning.

Our windows were always open with several fans bringing in the cool night air, as we drifted off to sleep comforted by their wobbling sound.

*Air conditioning changed everything.*

Homes used to have big windows, high ceilings, cross ventilation and large hallways to dissipate heat. This is no longer necessary, and most homes are sealed shut all summer long.

Commercial buildings used to have windows that opened but that isn't necessary, either.

Today's glass-plated buildings are designed to keep the light and air out, so that we are oblivious to whatever season it may be. AC dramatically changed our politics.

Before air conditioning, Washington D.C. was so hot, the halls of Congress were empty from mid-June to September.

Now they can spend lots more time working on — as former New York Times columnist Russell Baker put it — "... the promulgation of more laws, the deprivations of lobbyists, the hatching of new schemes for federal expansion and, of course, the cost of maintaining a government running at full blast."

Without A/C, heat was the great equalizer. The rich suffered just as much as the poor. All of that changed a little over 100 years ago when Willis Haviland

Carrier invented air conditioning. Department stores and movie houses were among the first to install A/C. Regrettably, the federal government soon followed.

It wasn't until the 1920s that A/C began making its way into residential homes.

Today, 90% of American homes have air conditioning, which is why tens of millions of young and old folks have been able to safely migrate to steamy places like Florida and the baking deserts of the Southwest.

A/C can literally be a life saver. Europe's unbearable 2003 heat wave killed more than 30,000 people. That's unconscionable at a time when a window A/C unit costs a hundred bucks at any big-box store.

The good news, according to Scientific American, is that by "2050, re-searchers expect the number of room air conditioners on Earth to quadruple to 4.5 billion, becoming at least as ubiquitous as cell phones are to-day."

Here's even better news: Technology innovation is making A/C units more efficient, less costly and less impactful on the environment.

Consider: A/C requires hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) to cool the air. HFC refrigerants are very effective at cooling the air inside our homes, but they are potent greenhouse gases that, as they leak from aging units, are bad for the environment.

An intense competition is under way among A/C manufacturers to replace HFCs with eco-friendly refrigerants and advanced filtration systems.

To further aid this effort, a global coalition of partners has joined hands to launch the Global Cooling Prize, a first-of-its-kind challenge to spur innovation in the A/C industry.

Meanwhile, A/C continues to be one of the greatest inventions to better the lives of millions — maybe the coolest American invention ever.

## RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH



### BARBARA MILLICENT ROBERTS aka BARBIE!

*This is quite possibly my most important column ever!*

Have you seen Barbara Millicent Robert's movie yet? I hear it's all the rage. The film stars Margot Robbie as Barbara, and Ryan Gosling as her beau Kenneth. You might know the movie more by its namesakes nickname...Barbie!

"Barbie" of course is the famous toy doll created by Mattel in 1959. "Barbie" was named after Mattel co-founders Ruth and Elliot's daughter, Barbara. "Barbie" was designed by design engineer Jack Ryan. Prior to Mattel, Jack helped design missile systems for the government. Ryan later married Zsa Zsa Gabor.

By the way, Barbie is not from Malibu. She's from Willows, Wisconsin according to the official Barbie website. When Barbie first arrived on the scene you could purchase her as a blonde or a brunette. Apparently blondes have more fun, because brunette Barbie was soon relegated to the Bargain Bin (alliteration accidental as always).

Barbie didn't smile for 12 years. Her lips were pursed until 1971. By the way Barbie is dating a younger man. Ken is two years Barbie's junior having been "birthed" in March, 1961. Ken first came with red swim trunks, sandals, towel and that's it. No shirt. Topless. Barbie and Ken were together for 43 years breaking up just before Valentine's Day, 2004. Barbie rebounded into the arms of a "Cali Guy" named Blaine Gordon. Fortunately Barbie and Ken reunited in 2011 on, you guessed it, Valentine's Day.

Barbie has six siblings. Skipper was born in 1964 and twins Tutti and Todd arrived in 1965. Tragically, Tutti was "discontinued" in 1971, replaced by Stacie. How cold hearted can that be? Kelly arrived in 1995, gone in 2010 replaced by Chelsea. And finally Krissy was born in the late '90s (Are you keeping up?)

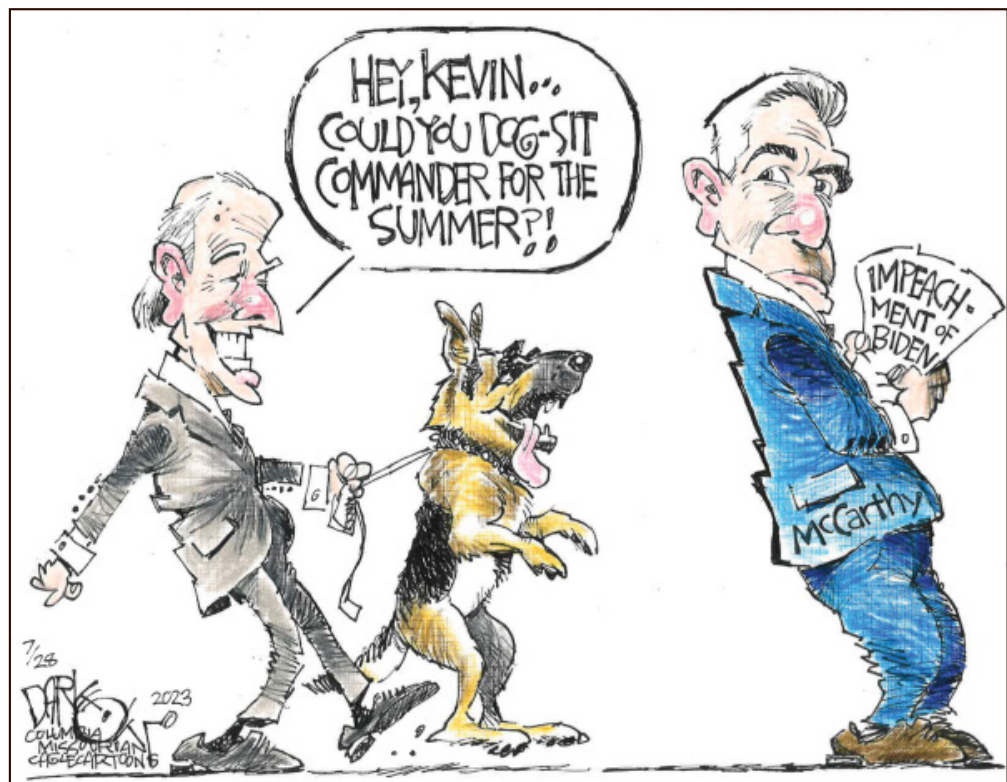
Speaking of revolving doors, Barbie had more than 40 pets: 21 dogs, 14 horses, 6 cats, 3 ponies, a parrot, panda, chimpanzee, giraffe and a zebra. A PETA spokesperson described her as "animal friendly".

Barbie has had close to 200 different careers. The arts, business, politics and science to name a few. She taught sign language, was a UNICEF ambassador, Canadian Mountie, and a rapper. Barbie has run for president six times. (She's a "Progressive" by the way.) Barbie beat Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to the moon by 4 years. The news reported that Miss Astronaut Barbie sashayed her way into space in 1965.

Barbie could be bought originally for \$2.99. Today she costs about \$10. The "Stefano Canturi Barbie" was auctioned off in 2010 to raise money for charity. The winning bid was \$302,500. Barbie came with a actual diamond necklace.

Finally, the best selling Barbie of all time is Totally Hair Barbie, released in 1992. 10 million dolls. And Bettina Dorfmann, a German fan of Barbie has 15,000 dolls.

Thank you Alex Daniel of BestLife Magazine for your indepth research.



HERE WE GO AGAIN. by Michael Reagan

The first Republican presidential primary debate is less than a month away and the GOP is hell-bent on making the same mistake it made in 2015.

For its first primary debate back then Republicans had a herd of medium-caliber presidential wannabes that was so large the party had to split them into two tiers based on their polling numbers.

Fox News hosted two crowded debates back-to-back on one night that were more useless than usual.

In the main event, 24 million Americans watched a chorus line of party heavyweights — Jeb Bush, Scott Walker, Mike Huckabee, Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, Rand Paul, Chris Christie and John Kasich — struggle to out-promise each other while they ganged up on Donald Trump.

In the preliminary debate Rick Perry, Bobby Jindal, Rick Santorum, Lindsey Graham, Carly Fiorina, Jim Gilmore and George Pataki tried to do or say something memorable that might explain why they, their wives and their mothers thought they were presidential timber.

Today, most of those 2016 dreamers have disappeared from the scene, become answers to trivia questions or appear on Fox News every 20 minutes doing commercials for pain relief or sleep aids.

Those over-crowded Republican debates in 2015 were a waste of time and energy that did the party, the candidates and the country no good. Plus, except for the entertaining Trump Factor, like most debates they were boring and unenlightening.

Apparently, the GOP's thinking about primary debates this year was, "Hey, let's make the same mistake again."

So far, seven of the 11 Republican candidates who've announced for the 2024 presidency have qualified for the Aug. 23 debate in Milwaukee.

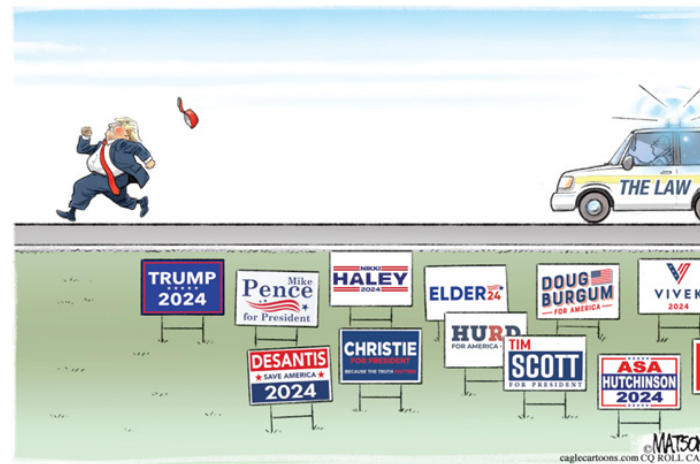
They are North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum, former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy, South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott and some rude former president named Donald Trump.

Former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson and former Vice President Mike Pence are still trying to meet all the polling and fundraising requirements they need to be included.

Ditto for former Texas congressman Will Herd and Miami Mayor Francis Suarez. Did I actually say the mayor of Miami? Really?

Other than Mayor Suarez, the Republican slate for 2024 is pretty impressive.

It's a deep, diverse and accomplished lineup of current and former public servants who should be



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thanked for their service — and then urged to drop out and endorse someone who can win in 2024.

Realistically, except for Trump and maybe DeSantis, the other candidates are kidding themselves and their supporters.

They have as much chance of becoming the 2024 Republican presidential nominee as my gardener and don't deserve to be included in a debate.

Meanwhile, our presidential debates are not really debates at all.

They're become places where candidates duck hard questions and instead deliver pre-packaged, poll-tested, 90-second answers that no one re-members the next day.

In a better world, our political debates would be limited to three or four candidates who are competitive.

In a perfect world, they also would be conducted by unbiased, skeptical journalists and would allow plenty of time for candidates to answer important policy questions and challenge each other.

Unfortunately, we live in the real world. Which is why we're going to con-tinue to get overcrowded debates, poorly constructed debates or no debates at all from the major parties and the major media.

The GOP's upcoming string of presidential primary debates will be another waste of time and energy. They will just be a series of TV tryouts to see who has the brains and guts to be Trump's vice president pick — which makes Pence's candidacy make even less sense.

I respect Pence, but he's never going to be nominated by president by a MAGA Republican Party. He'd have 75 million votes against him on Elec-tion Day. And anyway, he shouldn't be in the primary debates because he's already been Trump's VP.

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# HUDDLE UP



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## “TAKING CARE”

Summer is going fast, and time is getting short until we get back to “real life.” Regular activities are somewhat forgotten. It’s been several years since I have been an active... or a professional coach. (My wife says I am still and always a coach.. coaching everybody about everything.) I was reminded of this recently when I got an email from a player from years ago. He wrote that as he grows older, he realizes many lessons from his youth. One was that when he was

playing on one of my teams, we would do drills and sprints and lots of other conditioning activities. He said he used to hate it. Especially when I’d say, “I know you don’t like this now, but I am doing you a favor. You need to learn how to push yourself. Someday, you’ll thank me. Keeping going.” And today he believes I was right and he was thanking me all these years later.

So now, I need to practice what I was preaching all those years ago. We are mostly living longer, (thank goodness) so our parts are getting a bit worn out. But hopefully, we are getting older and wiser. We spend some time getting these parts checked out and somewhat repaired... doctor appointments, testing here and there. Like repairing the car, maintaining at the car wash. Keeping things supplied. I’ve been forced to start a stretching routine, and working on my ‘core.’ Even though I don’t like it and it takes time away from my regular day.

I know that if you don’t care about your own machine, nobody else will. And sometimes you have to do things you don’t want to. Today, we have some of the greatest support systems ever: Rehabilitation, surgeries, medications, therapies. The trick is to take advantage of this knowledge we now have.

No excuses. If you catch somethings early enough, you can often beat it, repair it, correct it. You need to be a ‘moving target’ and schedule your appointments yourself. Don’t wait for somebody to call you and let you know it’s time for the update. I’m saying this because if you are not healthy, you can’t play, and you always want to be as close to your one hundred percent as you can be. No matter what level of “play” or “life” you are at. Ending my lecture.

Conditioning is just a smart way of life. If you have kids, who are playing or are going to be playing on a team or active in sports, they must prepare for this. It might take a little bit of effort for you to get them off the couch. You can’t become a champion just by watching but by doing. Stretching, exercising, running, working out, weight training, eating well. It is important to do these things with care and some direction.

We should not get hurt trying to “get in shape.” In organized sports there should be a trainer getting the kids ready physically and mentally. If your kids are not athletes, it makes no difference. Studies show that we perform better at anything if we are physically fit.

Might be a message to all of us. Adults, kids, grandparents, aunts and uncles. If we don’t care about ourselves, no one else will. And we can be an example of how to prepare for and continue on with our lives. Keep ourselves tuned up, maintained, repaired and looking and feeling good. I tell myself that before those darned morning stretches that I don’t want to do, but will, because I’m being smart and caring about myself and my body. And for all you younger people and those taking care of youngsters... I am still coaching you up. Just think about this... we are putting some steel in the foundation.

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JEANETTE M. BAYER Case No. 23STPB07235

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JEANETTE M. BAYER

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

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

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 7, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 4 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

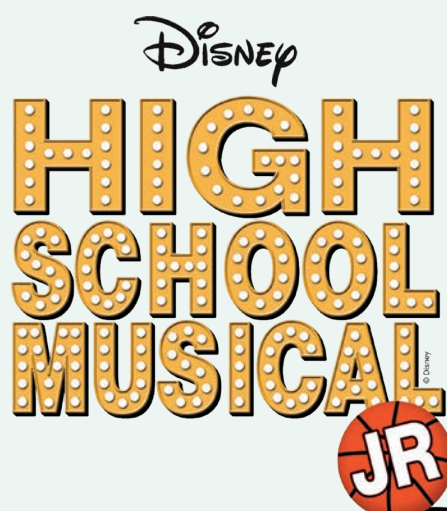
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

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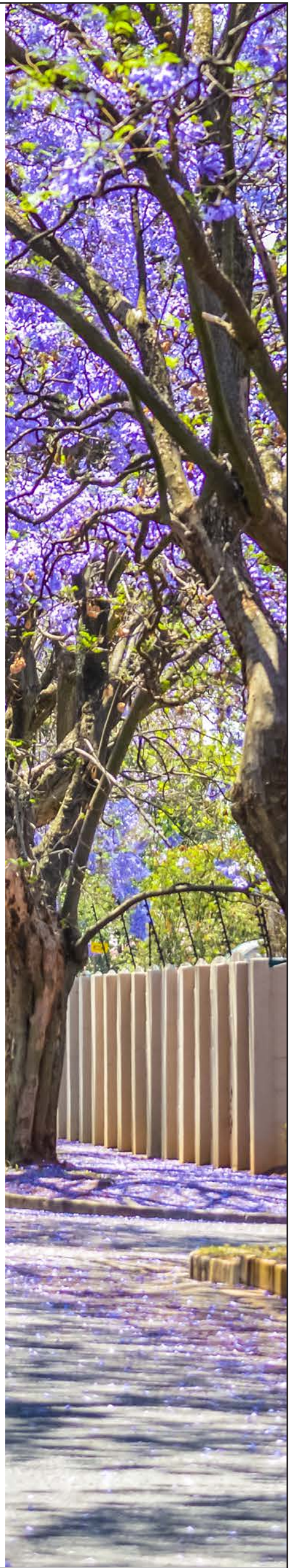
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