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WORLD PREMIERE MUSICAL THE RIGHT IS OURS! OPENS SEPTEMBER 8 AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE

The Right Is Ours! is about the extraordinary friendship of two women, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, whose efforts spurred the creation of the Women's Suffragist Movement, and the impact of that relationship on the suffragist movement and women getting the right to vote. "The Right is Ours!" is a powerful slogan created by Elizabeth.

Lloyd J. Schwartz directs the musical and has also written the book of the show. Two of his other plays, *An Evening with John Wilkes Booth* and *Independence: The Story of Dr. Mary Walker*, were performed at Sierra Madre Playhouse last year. He is the author of 43 produced plays, including *A Very Brady Musical*; *Gilligan's Island- The Musical*; *You and I*; *Classic Couples Counseling*; *Four Pilots for the Price of One*, and many more. He has also been a writer or producer for many of your favorite television shows, including *The A-Team*, *Alice*, *Love American Style*, *The Munsters Today*, *The Brady Bunch*, *What's Happening?* and many more.

Adryan Russ (Composer/Lyricist) writes for theater, film, television and recordings. She has also written music and lyrics for television and film, including *Young Sheldon*, *WandaVision*, *The Outlaws*, *Doubt*, *Godzilla vs. Hedorah*, *Holidate*, and more. Adryan has received many ASCAP Awards for popular music, cabaret and musical theater performances.

For *The Right Is Ours!*, Lloyd directs a cast that includes Anna Mintzer, Emily Abeles, Jacquelin Lorraine Schofield, Carlin Castellano, Paige Berkovitz, and Katherine Chatman.

The Right Is Ours! is the exciting story of brave and daring women who changed the world to give women a greater voice in their lives. One century later, there are still places within the United States threatened with voter suppression, so this new musical is especially relevant.
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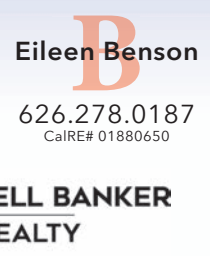
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Pickleball, an invigorating blend of tennis, badminton, and ping pong, has recently swept Sierra Madre. This growing phenomenon, praised for its accessibility and social nature, is attracting community members of all ages and skill levels.



Stay tuned as we dive into Sierra Madre's emerging pickleball scene and the community it's fostering. Find out why this fast-paced game is all the rage and where you can catch a lesson.

What Is Pickleball?

Played both indoors and outdoors, pickleball involves two to four players who use solid paddles to hit a perforated ball over a net.

This fun yet challenging sport offers plenty of health benefits, including improved coordination, balance, and even mental agility. Moreso than other sports, it can be played at a casual pace, making it an excellent way to keep fit, have fun, and make new friends.

The best part is that anyone can easily learn how to play pickleball. Once you've got the basics, you'll join the ranks of an estimated 36.5 million pickleball players across the US

Where to Play Pickleball in Sierra Madre

There's no need to travel outside of the city anymore. There are now pickleball courts near you. Sierra Madre Memorial Park

Known as a local hotspot for pickleball enthusiasts in Sierra Madre, this park is a fantastic place for a game. As the town's only dedicated venue, it plays host to a lively community of players who bring their own nets and create their own lines on the two outdoor courts. Access to the courts is free, and restroom facilities are readily available.

Final Thoughts

Pickleball is more than just a sport—it's a community, a means of staying fit, and a source of endless fun. Sierra Madre, with its engaging outdoor courts at the Memorial Park, offers an enticing invitation into this vibrant world.

Now it's your turn to join in on the action. Grab a paddle, head to the nearest court, and find out firsthand why pickleball has been the fastest-growing sport in America for three years running.

FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY BEST USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library announce that their HUGE HALF-PRICE BASEMENT Book Sale will be held on Friday, August 4, 2023 (3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) and Saturday, August 5, 2023 (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.). The Friends are moving from the library basement in October and need to reduce our inventory. Everything in the basement will be half-price for both days of the sale. Featured this time in the basement will be Comic Art featuring Captain America, Avengers, Tarzan, Street Fighter and many more. We also have a Very Large collection of Graphic Novels (Batman, The Watchman, The Preacher, etc.) All for HALF the marked price!! And this is your chance to buy the complete 2020 World Book set (again at half price) before school starts! Plan to come shop in the air-conditioned basement and find many, many bargains in New and Nearly New Fiction and Non-Fiction books.

The parking lot will have our Annual Back-to-School sale. Many, many children's books in great condition will be for sale as well as games, puzzles and school supplies. Teacher materials and books are available too! And check out our Bargain Books for older readers for only \$1.00 each; Paperbacks .25 each or 5/\$1. Don't forget the \$5.00 BAG SALE on Saturday in the parking lot!!

This sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Public Library. All proceeds will be used to support programs, services and acquisitions for the library.

Come early for the best selection and to talk books with knowledgeable cashiers and other book-lovers! The sale will be behind the Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. For more information, please visit us at our web site www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org, our Facebook page; our Instagram page or call 626-355-7186.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

It's August! It's hot! School doesn't start for another week! But, in case you needed reasons to love August, here are a few:

- August 1 - National Mustard Day, Respect for Parents Day
- August 2 - National Dinosaurs Day, National Coloring Book Day, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- August 3 - National Watermelon Day
- August 4 - National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- August 5 - National Oyster Day
- August 6 - National Root Beer Float Day, National Wiggle Your Toes Day



Yes, I could go on for the rest of the month, but there's enough to celebrate right there to make your day. And one more piece of useless information: There are 145 shopping days left till Christmas.

I came across the following somewhere or other and liked the idea so much I thought you'd like it, too:

"I have a decision I can make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice. I can spend the day in bed going through the difficulty I have with body parts that aren't working as well as they used to, or I can get out of bed and be thankful for the parts that still DO work! Each day is a gift and as long as my eyes open, I will focus on the new day and the happy memories I've stored just for this time in my life."

Happiness is like a bank account. You withdraw from it what you deposit. My choice is to deposit a lot of happiness into my memory accounts. Here's one that makes me happy every day: The picture today is of my sad, sunburned little orange tree. It has two oranges on it and looks tragic. Underneath, if you look closely, are two drip sprinklers which eventually create a small pool of water. Every day around 7 a.m. these drip sprinklers start dripping water around the base of the tree. Also, every day, a number of tiny little brown birds start gathering a little before 7 in anticipation of the coming water bonanza. These little guys jump on the sprinklers and bounce up and down, splash around, flap their wings joyously and have the best time imaginable. They get along nicely and take turns jumping on the long drip sprinkler. This is the best possible start to my day and always makes me think of that verse in the Gospel of Matthew (10:29-31): "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

A little more about birds, I had a family of Quail who laid their eggs under one of my cactus plants where there was plenty of shade and a little water. One day I noticed two adult Quail herding what must have been a dozen or more tiny little chicks from the cactus plant to my lemon tree and they spent the day there in the cool, damp shade. I hoped to see them the next day but they had packed their bags and moved on.

More happiness bringers: Give yourself the gift of flowers. I have them everywhere in my

house. Alstroemeria, which are always available at my grocery store for \$3.99 a bunch. They last for over a week and thanking God that the first thing I see every morning is flowers is a great way to start the day.

It's been incredibly hot everywhere and the most delicious feeling in the world is to step out of the heat and humidity and back into our air-conditioned houses. Yes, our electric bill makes us gasp when we open it, but life is so much better with A/C than without it. John and I suffered through about 44 years of stifling, mind-numbing heat in our hundred-year-old house on Alegria before we were finally able to install air conditioning, which made our life so much more enjoyable.

We continually offer thanks to the fine minds who came up with air conditioning and, thanks to Wikipedia, here's something you might not know about this best invention ever: The basic concept behind A/C is said to have happened in ancient Egypt, where reeds were hung in windows and moistened with trickling water. Water evaporation cooled the air blowing through the window, which also made the air more humid, beneficial in that dry desert climate. In ancient Rome, water from aqueducts was circulated through the walls of certain houses (think mansions) to cool them. Second century Chinese inventor Ding Huan of the Han Dynasty invented a rotary fan for air conditioning with 7 wheels, 10 ft. in diameter, manually powered by prisoners. (See, it just doesn't pay to tick off the Emperor!) Cornelis Drebbel turned summer into winter for James 1st of England by adding salt to water.

We, here in the 21st century just press a button and enjoy instant relief. Thank you, modern technology. We are beyond grateful!

Deposit a little joy into your happiness bank account today. Buy yourself some flowers.

What a joyful picture of Mr. Hatfield, who made Arnold's Hardware the best place to go for just about anything. John and I were frequent visitors and were never disappointed, always treated so well, no matter how stupid the (my) question was. He will be missed.

- August 25 - National Kiss and Make Up Day
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My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis There are treasures there! Trust me!

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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 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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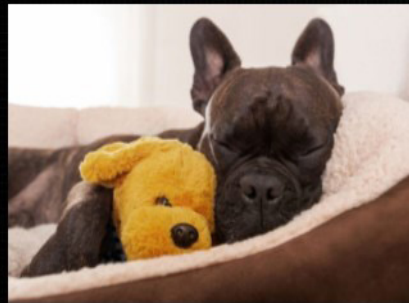


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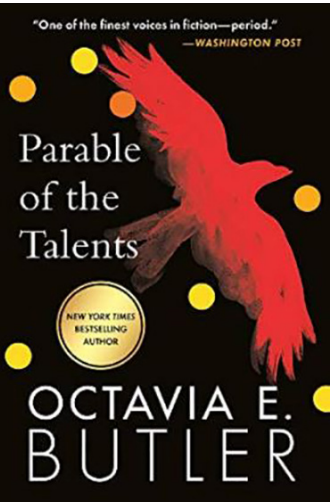
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Preserving Pasadena's Visual Legacy



The online free exhibition, Frozen Frames: Preserving Pasadena's Visual Legacy, is an on-going four-part series, bringing artistically and historically compelling images out of the deep freeze and into public view. The photographs come from among the more than 200,000 at-risk negatives that are now cryogenically preserved as part of the Museum's Great History Freeze project of 2015.

Curated by PMH Director of Collections Anuja Navare, the four-part Frozen Frames exhibition is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Michael Kadin with generous funding provided by The Paloheimo Foundation and the Kadin family.

For more information and to view the exhibition /pasadenahistory.org/exhibits/online-exhibition.

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Tournament Starts 2024 Royal Court Search

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses announced Tuesday that applications for the 2024 Rose Parade Royal Court are now up on the Tournament's website.

The 2024 Royal Court members will each receive a \$7,500 educational scholarship and serve as ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses, the Pasadena community and the greater Los Angeles area they said in a statement.

Officials said that all are encouraged to apply and participate in one of the initial interview sessions at Tournament House on Saturday, September 9 or Monday, September 11. Participants are selected based upon a combination of qualities, including public speaking ability, youth leadership, academic achievement, and community and school involvement.

Information about what to expect during the interview process and frequently asked questions can be found on the Tournament of Roses website.

They said Royal Court members experience countless benefits; becoming part of an organization dedicated to hands-on volunteerism, discovering opportunities to connect with and give back to the local community, developing public speaking skills and growing self-confidence. The Rose Queen® and Royal Court are iconic traditions, steeped in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses' history and will continue as a treasured legacy.

Royal Court eligibility requirements and additional information can be found at: tournamentofroses.com/about/royal-court/.

The 2024 Royal Court will ride down Colorado Blvd. on the Royal Court float in the 135th Rose Parade and attend the 110th Rose Bowl Game, both on Monday, January 1, 2024.

Royal Court Upcoming Events
Royal Court Initial Interviews
Saturday, September 09 (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.) or Monday, September 11, 2023 (3 - 6 p.m.)

2024 Royal Court Announcement
Monday, October 2, 2023 (9 a.m.)

105th Rose Queen Announcement & Coronation and Presentation of the 2024 Royal Court
Monday, October 30.

WWS Altadena Literary Panel

Women Who Submit Literary Panel & New Member Orientation

Join the Altadena Library on Saturday, August 12, at 10 a.m. for "Book Promotions: What to Know Whether Doing it Alone or With a Team," featuring founder of ACG Book Publicity, Alyssia Gonzalez, best-selling Dominican-American author, Jasminne Mendez, and sales rep at Hatchett Book Group, Julia Callahan; it is moderated by Tisha Marie Reichle-Aguilera.

Register as a WWS new Member. Registration closes Tuesday, August 8, and invitations will be sent Wednesday, August 9. (Note: WWS can only accept 20 new member participants. Acceptance will go to LA County residents on a first come, first served basis. If you do not receive an invitation, we encourage you to check out the list of WWS chapters on the website, womenwhosubmitlit.org. Schedule Aug. 12: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM: "Book Promotions: What to Know Whether Doing it Alone or With a Team" moderated by Tisha Marie Reichle-Aguilera

- This event is hybrid. Panelists will be on Zoom. 11:30 PM-1:00 PM: New Member Orientation Facilitated by Sakae Manning - This event is in person at the Bob Lucas Memorial Library. In order to become a WWS member, attendance is required. There are no fees to join.

The workshop will be shared with closed captions the week following at our Youtube channel: <https://bit.ly/3wiloFF>.

Bicycle Giveaway Brings Opportunity to Students



Supervisor Kathryn Barger, a former Pasadena City College alumni, spoke at a brief ceremony Monday at PCC that preceded a special bicycle giveaway for students who are or were foster youth.

"Today is about providing youth with a tool that equips them to continue their education, pursue a career, and achieve their dreams," said Supervisor Barger. "The foster youth here have determination and are juggling a variety of challenges. I'm proud to support their journey towards a brighter future."

Supervisor Barger commended One Bicycle Foundation, the non-profit organization that provided the twenty-four new bicycles at no cost to the PCC foster youth students. One Bicycle Foundation's Co-Founder and President, Shawn Bazikian - also a PCC alumni - was on hand and spoke during the ceremony. "We are very happy to partner with Supervisor Barger and PCC today," said Mr. Bazikian. "One Bicycle Foundation's mission has always been clear: empower youth. The bicycles

we provide serve as a source of encouragement. We want the foster youth that we're helping today to know they're on the right track."

Dr. Jose Gomez, PCC Superintendent and President, spoke of the importance of partnering with community colleges and the opportunities they offer. "Community colleges are powerful forces for good," Dr. Gomez stated. "They reach into neighborhoods and communities, helping elevate and transform individuals. Our PCC community is grateful and thanks everyone who made this day possible. Together, we can create a community that cares."

Several PCC students milled about an outdoor patio, where black bicycles in various sizes were arranged in a row, along with safety helmets. One PCC student, whose first name is Dulce, shared her appreciation for the support. "I take the bus to school, and this will be very helpful with my transportation issues. Even just getting around in my neighborhood to run errands or do other day-to-day activities will be easier now. Receiving a bike today shows that people really care."

Portantino Honored with Elected Office of the Year

Senator Anthony Portantino was honored recently with the Elected Office of the Year in Supervisor District 5 by the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) for his significant contribution in policy development and community engagement on behalf of the local economy. The Senator received the award during the organization's Business Makes Los Angeles County Work Awards at the Japanese American National Museum.

"I am honored to receive this award from BizFed and proud to support and advocate on behalf of our local economy, including small businesses throughout my district and LA County," stated Senator Portantino. "Small businesses are critical to the vibrancy of local economies because they generate a significant economic activity and increase local job opportunities."

"We're honored to recognize Senator Anthony Portantino

as one of our 2023 Elected Officials of the Year. The Los Angeles County business community is grateful to his staff for their grassroots, boots-on-the-ground efforts. We know it takes a dedicated team - and a sprawling network of partners - to make headway on tough issues," the Los Angeles County Business Federation said in a statement.

The Los Angeles County Business Federation is a non-profit grassroots organization that unites and amplifies the voice of business. Its members represent 420,000 employers with 5 million employees in Southern California, representing a broad and diverse range of business sectors. BizFed's membership includes chambers of commerce, trade associations, minority business groups, business improvement districts, economic development organizations, educational institutions, public agencies, and top companies.

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San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Family Storytime

Tuesday, August 8 at 10:30 AM, Children's Area

Storytime is back! Storytime features activities for children ages 5 and under that will promote early literacy and lifelong learning through songs, movement, fingerplays, and books. Storytime is also an opportunity for caregivers to learn ways they can incorporate learning activities into everyday routines. Storytime occurs weekly on Tuesday through October 3. Registration is not required. Please watch our social media for cancellations.

Huntington Nurses Health Screening

Wednesday, August 9 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Barth Community Room

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

Meet & Greet the City Manager at Swirlz

Come support local business 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. See you there!

Submit your photo by Friday, 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.

Annual Sidewalk Replacement Program Begins

The City's Annual Sidewalk Replacement Program began earlier this week in the southeastern portion of the City. Each year, this program replaces approximately 1 mile of sidewalk at various locations citywide. The work includes replacement of sidewalk, driveway approaches, curb ramps, and curb and gutter. Residents on impacted streets can expect to receive 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.

Parks & Public Works Recent Happenings

Over the past week, Parks and Public Works maintenance staff worked on the following tasks: removing fallen tree branches, palm fronds, and other debris from the public right-of-way; replacing streetlight bulbs and street signs; performing minor trimming of tree limbs and vegetation; repairing pavement and concrete; and performing various repairs at City facilities. Public Works maintenance staff also responded to multiple call-outs for fallen trees and tree limbs in the public right-of-way over the past week, and ensured the area was cleared in a safe and timely manner. Residents who wish to report non-emergency issues in the public right-of-way or City streets may do so via the San Marino Service Request Center: cityofsanmarino.org/report.

Fire Department Recent Happenings

On Monday, July 31 the San Marino Fire Department responded to a solo vehicle traffic accident with rescue on Duarte Road in our City. The accident resulted in a rollover of a vehicle with a victim trapped. The patient required extrication from the vehicle. Firefighters successfully extricated the driver through the rear of the vehicle. The patient was assessed for injuries by San Marino paramedics and transported to a local area hospital.

On Tuesday, August 1, Engine 91 and Battalion 9 responded to a reported two-story commercial structure fire on Fair Oaks Avenue in South Pasadena. San Marino Engine 91 arrived first on scene and advised South Pasadena Police Department to shut down traffic while fire personnel initiated an attack on the fire. Engine 91 discovered electrical problems in the breakroom of the building.

Contact 811 Before You Dig

Underground utility lines can sometimes be inches below the surface and hitting one of these lines while digging can cause severe injury, disruption to service, and can result in costly fines and repairs. Contact 811 before you dig to have buried utility lines marked. Here is how 811 works: MARK OUT your proposed project area in white paint or provide other suitable markings.

CONTACT Underground Service Alert at california811.org or call 811 to submit a location request at least two business days before digging.

WAIT TO DIG until we either mark our natural gas pipelines or you are advised that the area is clear.

Design Review Committee

Wednesday, August 16 at 6:00 PM; Barth Room and Zoom

Fiber Optic Cables Detect & Characterize Earthquakes



In California, thousands of miles of fiber optic cables crisscross the state, providing people with internet. But these underground cables can also have a surprising secondary function: they can sense and measure earthquakes. In a new study at Caltech, scientists report using a section of fiber optic cable to measure intricate details of a magnitude 6 earthquake, pinpointing the time and location of four individual asperities, the "stuck" areas of the fault, that led to the rupture.

For several years, Professor of Geophysics Zhongwen Zhan (PhD '14) and his team have aimed to show that repurposing fiber optic cables is a simple way to drastically expand our ability to measure seismic activity by producing a dense network of makeshift seismometers in a method called distributed acoustic sensing. The new study, appearing in the journal *Nature*, utilized only a 100-kilometer section of cable to precisely understand the complex mechanics behind a particular 2021 earthquake, suggesting that access to more cables would enable improved understanding of earthquake physics and ultimately better early-warning systems.

"If we can get broader coverage to measure seismic activity, we can revolutionize how we study earthquakes and provide more advance warning," says Zhan. "Though we cannot predict earthquakes, distributed acoustic sensing will lead to a better understanding of the details underlying how the earth ruptures."

There are about 500 seismometers throughout the roughly 56,500 square miles in Southern California, and each one costs up to \$50,000. On the other hand, utilizing fiber optic cables throughout the state could be equivalent to blanketing it with millions of seismometers.

To use a fiber optic cable as a seismometer, laser emitters are stationed at one end of the cable, shooting beams of light through the long, thin glass strands that make up the cable's core. The glass has tiny imperfections that reflect back a minuscule portion of the light to the source, where it is recorded. In this manner, each imperfection acts as a trackable waypoint along

the fiber optic cable, which is typically buried just below ground level. Seismic waves moving through the ground cause the cable to wiggle slightly, which changes the travel time of light to and from these waypoints. Thus, the imperfections along the cable's length act like thousands of individual seismometers that allow seismologists to observe the motion of seismic waves.

In this new study, the team examined the light signatures traveling through a stretch of fiber optic cable located in the Eastern Sierra Nevada during the 2021 Antelope Valley magnitude 6 earthquake. The section of cable was equivalent to 10,000 seismometers and was able to discover that the M6 was made up of a sequence of four smaller ruptures. These so-called "sub-events," like mini earthquakes, could not be detected by a conventional seismic network.

In collaboration with the laboratory of Nadia Lapusta, the Lawrence A. Hanson, Jr., Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Geophysics, the team was able to create an accurate model of the M6 earthquake based on the measured seismic activity. The model showed the timing of the four sub-events and pinpointed their exact locations on the fault region.

"Using fiber optic cable as a series of seismometers reveals aspects of earthquake physics that have long been hypothesized but difficult to image," says Zhan. "As an analogy, imagine your everyday backyard telescope. You can see Jupiter, but you probably can't see its moons or any details. With a really powerful telescope, you can see the fine details of the planet and moon surfaces. Our technology is like a powerful telescope for earthquakes."

The paper is titled "The break of earthquake asperities imaged by distributed acoustic sensing." Jiaxuan Li, postdoctoral scholar research associate in geophysics, is the study's first author. In addition to Zhan, Li, and Lapusta, additional co-authors are graduate student Taeho Kim and DAS scientist Ettore Biondi. Funding was provided by the National Science Foundation.

Written by Lori Dajose

Chu Honors Local Leaders at Leadership Awards Ceremony

Judy Chu held her annual Congressional Leadership of the Year Awards Ceremony last week to honor local leaders and groups in the San Gabriel Valley who have contributed to their communities through service and leadership. The Congressional Leadership of the Year Awards is an annual event recognizing the diverse leadership and volunteerism in the cities making up California's 28th Congressional District. Each of the awardees were selected from nominations submitted by members of their community.

"The selected groups and individuals received this honor because of the remarkable, commendable work they have accomplished in their field," said Rep. Chu. "The honorees are leaders who have stood out because of their drive and commitment to support our communities, help vulnerable populations, and carry us through difficult times. They are heroes that inspire us all."

The 2023 honorees are: **Building Bridges Award - The Claremont Forum**

Since 1986, the Claremont Forum has been dedicated to promoting wellness, education, and the arts, making a positive impact both locally and nationally. At the heart of its mission is the transformative Prison Library Project (PLP), which brings together a diverse group of volunteers to send books to incarcerated individuals across the country.

Businessperson of the Year - Abel Ramirez

Abel Ramirez is a longtime restaurateur known to many throughout Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley. A native of Yucatán, Mexico, Abel began his restaurant career at The Huntington Hotel and later served as the general manager for The Athenaeum at Caltech before opening the doors of El Portal in April.

Activist of the Year - Dianne Lewis

Dianne Lewis, Alkebulan Cultural Center (ACC), CEO: She has held this position since 2011. Dianne is a retired Educational Specialist from Los Angeles Unified School District.

Educator of the Year - Tin Tran

Tin Tran was born on April 8, 1968, during the Vietnam War's Tet Offensive. As the youngest of six, Tin's father was a South Vietnamese Marine Colonel, and his mother a civil service worker. After the Fall of Saigon in 1975, his family became part of the first wave of Vietnamese refugees, reaching California via Guam and Pennsylvania. Tin became a Social Science teacher, where he met his wife Sharon. He coached the Academic Decathlon program at Mark Keppel High School, achieving remarkable success,

emphasizing teamwork and character development.

Non-Profit of the Year - Sierra Madre Playhouse

The Sierra Madre Playhouse, a historic theater building, is gearing up to commemorate its centennial in 2024. Since its inception as a cinema during the silent film era, the Playhouse has transformed into an intimate, versatile performance venue and cherished community asset.

Volunteers of the Year - Foothills Community Scholarship Foundation of La Cañada Flintridge

Since 1964, the Community Scholarship Foundation has been inspiring and encouraging higher education to junior colleges, trade techs, vocational colleges, or other universities and learning institutions by awarding scholarships to local graduating high school students, including students that are homeschooled within the Foothills Community.

Youth of the Year - Nicolas Quach

Nicolas Kiet Quach is an education advocate, Alhambra Library Trustee, and a prominent young political leader. As a student at public schools in Alhambra, Nicolas has been actively engaged in empowering youth across the San Gabriel Valley, becoming a voice for effective community advocacy.

Non-profit of the Year - Friends in Deed

Friends In Deed (FID) is an interfaith organization that provides supportive services to meet basic human needs, so homeless and at-risk individuals and families can rebuild their lives. Celebrating more than 125 years of service, FID meets the needs of clients by leveraging a team of dedicated staff members, along with hundreds of volunteers.

Lifetime Achievement Award - Shirley Virginia Kelley Bellemeur

Shirley Virginia Kelley Bellemeur was born in Massachusetts on December 5, 1923. She grew up in Montpelier, Vermont during the height of the depression and at the age of 18 went to work in a local factory. It was from there that, in 1944, she was recruited by and joined the WAVES, the Women's Branch of the United States Naval Reserve during World War II. She was stationed at Naval Air Station Pensacola, where she worked as a "Rosie The Riveter" repairing war-torn battle planes, ultimately achieving the rank of Aviation Metalsmith Third Class. Mrs. Bellemeur proudly describes being "the only one tiny enough to climb into the inside of the broken wings to rivet from the inside." What she remembers the most about that time is that "we had a lot of fun."

For more information visit: chu.house.gov.

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/.

Free August Movies at Pasadena Senior Center

Friday movie matinees will be shown Aug. 11, 18 and 25 at 1 p.m. in the Scott Pavilion at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

Seating will be limited and registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Each member of the Pasadena Senior Center may reserve one additional seat for a nonmember guest 50 or older.

"Where the Crawdads Sing" (2020, PG-13) starring Daisy Edgar-Jones and Harris Dickinson - Friday, Aug. 11, at 1 p.m. A woman who had to raise herself in the marshes of the Deep South becomes a suspect in the murder of a man with whom she was once involved. The film is based on the novel of the same name by Delia Owen.

"A Man Called Otto" (2022, PG-13) starring Tom Hanks and Mariana Treviño - Friday,

Aug. 18, at 1 p.m. When a young family moves in near an old, suicidal grump who has given up on life following the death of his wife, they develop a friendship that will turn his world around. The movie is based on the 2015 Swedish film "A Man Called Ove" that was based on the novel of the same name by Fredrick Bachman.

"Sin La Habana (Without Havana)" (2020, NR) starring Yonah Acosta and Aki Yaghoube - Friday, Aug. 25, at 1 p.m. At the urging of his girlfriend, a frustrated Afro Cuban ballet dancer seduces a lonely Iranian Canadian divorcee to secure passage from Cuba to Canada where he plans to reunite with his girlfriend. Spanish, Persian and English with English subtitles.

To register or more information, visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.net.

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TWOHEY'S RESTAURANT IN SOUTH PASADENA (PRONOUNCED 2 EES)

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I sat down with a local restaurant manager, and he asked me "what's happening in the local restaurant scene?" Well, did you know that Pasadena is right behind San Francisco for the number of restaurants per capita? It makes me wonder why anyone would open a new restaurant with all that competition, but I know the answer: everyone thinks they can do it better. My friend, Tanya, owns Twohey's restaurant in South Pasadena (formerly in Alhambra) and she is one of the lucky ones. Her restaurant is thriving - in fact last Sunday we waited 30 minutes for a table before opting to sit at the bar. It wasn't a bad way to spend the Sunday morning. Twohey's is a diner/family restaurant that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

What to order? That's tough, I really like everything! If you are a morning person, try the French toast (one of my favorites). Since it was brunch time, I ordered the onion rings off the lunch menu. The beer was so cold that it comes in a frosted mug. Don't believe me? Go to my Facebook page to see (yes, I had a beer at 11AM - those three-mile Rose Bowl runs make it ok!!)

If your passion is for a lunchtime meal, I do recommend the burgers (yes, the Stinko burger is alive and well here at Twohey's!), and don't let me forget the ice cream specialties, one Sundae please, plus for you teetotalers, I recommend the Root Beer Float. Dinner is awesome too, short ribs and roasted turkey - indeed, a little of something for everyone. Tanya tells me next time try the fried chicken feast (will do!) or maybe the all-you-can-eat ribs. Geez, just writing about Twohey's is making me hungry again! The only misstep is the Twohey's Martini, I've tried it twice now and neither bartender can quite get it right.

I'd better stop here; my belly is getting exhausted!

Check out their web page at www.twoheys.com for hours and prices. Bargain Note: Happy Hour is from 3 to 6 PM

SOUTH PASADENA YARD SALE

Summer Yard Sale Will Benefit South Pas Tournament of Roses Float



A shopper at the May Yard Sale to benefit the South Pasadena float surveys a display of framed art for sale. The upcoming sale will be held Aug. 11 and 12 at the War Memorial Bldg., 435 Fair Oaks Ave., South Pasadena.

South Pasadena, CA, July 26, 2023 — A two-day yard sale will be held Friday Aug. 11 and Saturday Aug. 12 at the War Memorial Building to raise funds for South Pasadena's iconic self-built float. Items are needed for the sale and can be donated at the site three days prior.

More than \$140,000 must be raised in order for the South Pas float to ride down Colorado Boulevard in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade Jan. 1. Funds pay for flowers, steel and supplies while all labor is volunteer. The float committee previously held a yard sale in May and a golf tournament in June as part of the year-long fundraising effort.

Steve Fillingham, South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Committee member and yard sale coordinator, said, "This second yard sale will give the community an additional opportunity to donate to the cause and to find many hidden treasures at bargain prices."

On both days, Friday, Aug. 11, and Saturday Aug. 12, the sale will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The War Memorial Building is at 435 Fair Oaks Ave. Parking is available in the building's parking lot and on Fair Oaks Avenue.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RE: Colin Walker, Missing Hiker



Colin Walker, Overlooking The Arroyo Seco, San Gabriel Mountains, Photo By Sean Green

Long, for over two decades, did I and a small group of subtitlers have the honor and privilege to work with Colin Walker, and deeply did we admire, respect and enjoy Colin's kindness, his generosity of spirit, his intelligence.

Devastating is the loss of our sanguine, affable, fun-loving, hard-working friend and colleague, also a loving husband, a devoted father, a dedicated brother.

On Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 6:23 a.m., according to the Ring camera of a neighboring house, Colin departed from the Clamshell Canyon trailhead above Monrovia, never to return alive, and it would be until Tuesday, July 25, 2023, that his body was found by Sierra Madre Search and Rescue.

The search which was undertaken to find Colin and bring Colin home was startlingly paramount.

According to the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Facebook page, in addition to the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue team, these are the additional teams which helped to bring Colin home:

- Altadena Mountain Rescue
- Antelope Valley Search and Rescue
- California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES)
- California Rescue Dogs Association (CARDAs)
- California Search and Rescue
- China Lake Mountain Rescue Group
- Kern County Search and Rescue
- LASD Emergency Services Detail/Aero Bureau (Air5)
- LASD Mounted Search and Rescue
- LASD Reserve Forces Detail
- Los Angeles County Fire Department - Air Operations
- Malibu Search and Rescue
- Marin County Search and Rescue
- Montrose Search and Rescue
- Orange County Mountain Rescue
- Rim of the World Search and Rescue
- Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit
- San Bernardino Cave Rescue Team
- San Bernardino Mountain Search and Rescue
- San Diego Mountain Rescue
- San Diego Search and Rescue
- San Dimas Mountain Rescue
- San Geronimo Search and Rescue
- San Luis Obispo Search and Rescue
- Santa Barbara Search and Rescue
- Santa Clarita Valley Search and Rescue
- Upper Ojai Search and Rescue
- Ventura County Sheriff Aviation Unit
- Ventura East Valley Search and Rescue

In the search for Colin, to the people who represent every footstep that was hiked, every search dog that was followed, every horse and ATV that were ridden, every helicopter, drone and airplane that were flown, every coordination effort that was undertaken, down to the very person from Sierra Madre Search and Rescue with a medical boot on her foot at the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue facility who was there to help in whatever way she could save being out in the field, all of you contributed to resolving the seemingly impossible task of finding Colin in the backcountry.

To each and every one of these people, who donated their time and effort and life, and in such extreme heat, all for a person you had never met, I do express my utmost gratitude, especially to everyone at the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue who are the epitome of compassion, understanding, patience, professionalism.

You all are the salt of the earth. You are kindness personified. You inspire hope in humanity. You found Colin.

From Liz DeKam, Sierra Madre, long-time colleague and friend of Colin Walker's

PASADENA UNIFIED INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT RELEASES 100-DAY PLAN



Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Interim Superintendent Elizabeth J. Blanco, Ed.D., released her 100-Day Plan that aims to put a new Strategic Plan into action, prioritize equity among students, and

A trailblazer, Dr. Blanco oversaw the Academics Division, encompassing Pre-K-12 instruction, Special Education, multilingual programs, arts, gifted education, and college and career initiatives.

“Putting the Strategic Plan into operation is an opportunity to move our students, employees, and families to a culture of ‘with’ that elevates their voices and makes our District more responsive to their needs,” said Dr. Blanco. “Community engagement is at the heart of everything we do. In order to design and build a better future for PUSD, we have been working diligently to gather input from parents, students, teachers, staff, and all of our educational partners,” said Dr. Blanco. “This has been a team effort at every step along the way.”

continue work to support students furthest from opportunity.

The 100-Day Plan reflects her lifelong passion for social justice.

Dr. Blanco’s 100-Day Plan serves as the foundation for the first days of her tenure as Interim Superintendent and is based on the District’s newly adopted mission to empower every student to succeed. The goal is to make district operations more efficient and responsive to the needs of schools, students, and employees. The plan also focuses on creating a stronger system for district communication.

With over 30 years of dedicated service in public education, Dr. Blanco’s leadership embodies the principles of a servant leader. Prior to her appointment as Interim Superintendent, she was the Deputy Superintendent for PUSD, holding a prominent position on the Superintendent’s Leadership Team, where she spearheaded systemic change to foster equity, access, and enhanced student achievement.

The 100-Day Plan can be found at www.pusd.us/superintendent. A progress report will be shared at the conclusion of the 100 days with the Board of Education, PUSD leaders, staff, and education partners.

Dr. Blanco has served PUSD for a total of nine years. She holds a Doctorate of Education in Urban Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California; her dissertation focused on the role of superintendents in improving student performance in school districts.

Dr. Blanco also holds two Master of Arts degrees in Educational Administration and Special Education, and a Bachelor of Arts in Child Development from California State University, Los Angeles.

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3. Social Media campaign

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IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME! A MESSAGE FOR SIERRA MADRE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

As the 2023-24 school year quickly approaches, we hope that this summer has brought you the much needed time to rest and renew your energies. It is truly our honor and privilege to serve as the administrative team of SMMS, and we are re-turning once again with a qualified and dedicated team to support our students.

The following is some important information that you will need in the upcoming weeks.

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- August 7 - Teachers return for Professional Development (Office Closed)
- August 11 - 5:00 – 6:45 pm. – Welcome Back to School Event!
- August 14 - First day of school for all students. (School begins at 8:15 am)

Our teachers and staff have been preparing over the summer and refining their craft through a variety of professional development opportunities. We welcome this opportunity to collaborate with our school community to provide a comprehensive middle school program that supports a high achieving, safe and nurturing, and creative culture for every one of our students.

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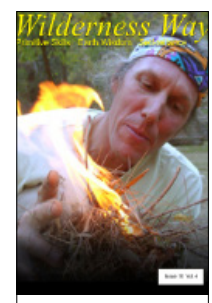
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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges [www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com]**REVIEW OF NEIL STRAUSS' EMERGENCY**

[Nyerges is an educator, and author of such books as "Urban Survival Guide," "How to Survive Anywhere," "Foraging California," "Self-Sufficient Home," and others. His website is www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com]

In last week's column, I reviewed Morris Berman's book, "The Twilight of American Culture," where he points out that all cultures have always declined, and he saw no reason why American culture could escape that fate. Along the way, Berman pointed out, cultures don't just go downhill, but often transform, and have ups and downs along the way. I recently gave a lecture based on this book, and I added the ideas from several other authors to broaden the perspective.

One entertaining book is "Emergency" by Neil Strauss, published in 2009. It's a thick book, 418 pages long, where Strauss takes us along on his survival adventure. He's a man who became very concerned that America was going to hell in a handbasket, and he didn't want to go down with the ship. He shares the facts as he sees them, and he spends the beginning of the book describing how he can find safe haven elsewhere, out of the United States. He takes us on his journey of off-shore banking, multiple passports, the logistics of actually getting out if there was an impending crisis. This is a man who was convinced that the U.S. was the worst place to be in the world and he was trying whatever he could to find refuge elsewhere.

That's the 25 cent version anyway. And though all of his re-search was correct, he made a fascinating and eye-opening discovery in his world travels: Wherever he went, there were people working just as hard to get INTO the U.S., as he was working to get out. Everyone wanted to come here to the United States of America. It made Strass start to re-think his whole survival plan. He decided to take another look at the United States, and see if perhaps he should set his sights closer to home.

Strauss takes us step by step in this journey, where he began to enroll in various sorts of survival classes here in the U.S., and describes his learning process. He didn't know it at the time, but he was learning how to live with less, and how to live with very little in the forest, or his own backyard for that matter.

Among the many classes he describes joining and doing his best to master, included Tom Brown Jr.'s Tracker School where he learned to make fire, make a lean-to and sleep in it, cold and rain notwithstanding. Remember, this is not a how-to book, but an entertaining book where the author explains how pathetic he felt, how vulnerable he felt in the big mean world, but by taking classes and learning hands-on, he slowly became confident in his own abilities, and his likelihood of surviving a disaster.

We're treated to a cast of characters who inhabit the "survival" world, such as firearms instructors, hard-core survivalists, the CERT training, and even me. Yes, among the many classes that Neil Strauss attended in his personal training program included the classes that I teach through the School of Self-Reliance. He described learning how to recognize wild foods, and how we created meals that we collected from the wild that day. He describes how he learned to make an archery bow from me, and how we made fire with the bow and drill. He even talks about how I eat poison oak to develop immunity - though I do not recommend it to others because our body chemistries are so different.

I barely remember Strauss at the many classes of mine he describes. He didn't say much. In fact, I only learned about his book because a friend alerted me to the fact that I was described in it. I guess I felt good that I could make someone else feel confident, and feel good about living in the United States, decline or not.

Strauss talks about how he enrolled in the CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) program, which is a nationwide program to get civilians trained and ready for emergencies.

Strauss talks about the training, the gear that he learned to use, and how the training altered his state of mind regarding emergencies. "Before I would run away from a problem or disaster, and now I was running to it," he explained.

Strauss also describes a self-imposed three-day survival experiment in his own home where he could use no refrigerator, no gas or electricity, and couldn't use the flush toilet. Everything had to be from the food, water, and gear he stored, and this was no small feat considering he lived in a smallish urban home.

As I said, it's not a how-to book, but it's loaded with practical experiences that anyone can adapt and apply. You can find copies on Amazon.

Sierra Madre residents who find this of interest should seriously consider attending some of the Sierra Madre CERT classes and lectures. For details, go to Sierra Madre Emergency Organizations • Index page.

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Katnip News!**SUPER SWEET "MISTY"**

Misty, age only 4 mo. old, is a gorgeous dilute tortoiseshell, and must be seen in purr-son to really admire her soft coloring.



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See more pictures of her on our website's "Very Young" page. The adoption application is on our website, as well: www.lifelineforpets.org. Submit the application and come for a meet & greet!

Pet of the Week

Two-year-old Emily is one-of-a-kind! With her beautiful fur and unique eyes, she's sure to turn heads on your daily walks.

Emily isn't just a pretty pup - she's curious, intelligent, and active. She has mastered several commands and would love to learn more. She's also a fan of toys - she gallops around the yard with a ball or rope toy hanging from her mouth, constantly entertaining the Pasadena Humane volunteers.

A husky like Emily can be a lot of work, and just as much fun! Emily is a people-pleaser, so even if she can be naughty at times, she is quick to make up for it by showering you with affection. This fun-loving gal can't wait to go on adventures with you!

Pasadena Humane is having a FREE adoption day on Saturday, 8/19 from 10:00 - 2:00. All dogs, cats and critters can be adopted for no charge, and no appointments are needed.

The normal adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines.

New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet.

View photos of adoptable pets and schedule an adoption appointment at pasadenahumane.org. Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

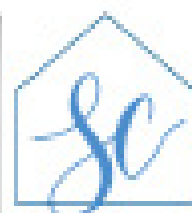
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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ISSUES PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID AND HUANGLONGBING

Between June 6, 2023 and June 30, 2023, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) collected citrus tree tissues and insect vectors in the cities and communities in Los Angeles County, including Duarte. The CDFA was able to confirm the presence of the causative bacterial agent of the citrus disease huanglongbing (HLB) in citrus tree tissue and the insect vector Asian citrus psyllid (ACP). Due to ACP being a vector for the bacteria that causes HLB and the rapid reproductive rate of ACP, there is a high potential for ACP to establish and spread, resulting in sudden future detections of HLB/ACP in Los Angeles County cities. As a result, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has issued a Proclamation Emergency Program to carry out immediate emergency action to prevent the preceding loss and damage to California's resources.

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PUT THE LIGHTS ON LESSONS FOR OLD MEN

This morning my wife and I are getting ready to pick up our granddaughter for swimming lessons. At four she has already had swimming lessons, ballet lessons, music lessons and some other kind which I have already forgotten. It occurred to me that as much as children need lessons old men like me could also be helped by lessons. On the weekend my granddaughter's parents, my son and I all went to a soccer game. See already we run into a problem. The parents of my granddaughter, my daughter and her partner are not married. They have been living together for many years and have no intention of marrying. In fact my daughter, a lawyer, is very opposed to the whole idea of marriage. Great, that is her business I guess but how do I refer to the two of them.

So sue me—what can I say, I'm an old man and it's not always easy to adapt to changing cultural standards. Another example of this kind of problem is how does one refer to past relationships without making a present spouse uncomfortable? My wife and I have been married pretty happily for almost thirty years but I did have a life before that. Secretly, I look at obituaries and I bet I'm not alone in this.

In the past few years I have learned that several past loves, or whatever you call them, have died. There is something very sad about this. Not only was I unaware of their death but I have had no time or place to even think much about it. My friend whose wife of over fifty years has recently passed away has spent the last six months, as he calls it, "grieving". Of course that is understandable but how does one "grieve" for old lost girlfriends. I was never even informed about their funerals. Actually that is a problem in our current culture wherein the old traditions don't meet current needs. The only funerals I go to, or am even informed about are the funerals of current friends, or the parents of friends or in-laws.

Speaking of current old and ageing current older friends, another problem we share is age differences with our partners. It is very common for men like me to have partners that are significantly younger. Generally, perhaps at one time, our future partners saw us as protective, economically stable, experienced, or for some reason attractive. Now the years have advanced. We have become hard of hearing; we have lost our sense of direction and while before we were reliable pathfinders, we now become lost or confused. Our driving is now in question and our partners insist upon being the drivers.

Another problem is that we are simply not prepared to be old. Recently at a sporting event I became separated from the rest of my family. We had all been seated together high up in tiered stadium seats and as we walked down the stairs I couldn't keep up. Nobody noticed and they all went to the bathroom or something. I just kept walking to the exit gates and was lost among twenty thousand people. I reached for my phone to call and, of course, it had no power.

Eventually, through the efforts of Security People, Sheriffs, and my son, after about 45 minutes we were reunited. I felt abandoned and humiliated.

There is an important lesson here for everyone; but, especially for elderly people. BE PREPARED. Keep a list of phone numbers in your wallet separate from your phone. When leaving the house check to see if your phone has power. Really the best advice for older men, as suggested by a friend of mine, is to marry an organized understanding woman who will help you to prepare. Unfortunately, his organized wife still becomes irritated at his lapses and she, and many others could benefit. My wife will proof-read this article as she is aware of my frequent errors but still becomes irritated at my increasing need for assistance. As things get even harder we do the best we can. WARNING we all should be prepared for changing and potentially more difficult times.

DINAH CHONG WATKINS



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES: PART I

"Anticipation, an-tiss-it-pay-eh-shun, it's making me wait, it's keeping me away-eh-eh-eh-eh-aate-ting..." Carly Simon's song of lovers and longing streams in my mind as I wait for the Green Line Transit bus. The official route schedules are promoted like hard evidence unearthed on "60 Minutes" but in reality, it's more of a wish list, like writing a letter to Santa.

I grumble but once I spot that lumbering, wide nose High Occupancy Vehicle lurching towards me my heart sparks with joy. I step up through the double folding doors and am enveloped in a cool jet of air conditioning or the warm breath of heat, depending on the season. If it's off hours, an unyielding grey, plastic seat - by the window no less, awaits my tired bones. If it's rush hour, then it's a loose hand strap, swaying 3 inches above my reach. The bus jerks to a standstill, I avail myself on the yellow safety poles lining the aisle. Note to self - bathe in Purell when I get home.

The transit bus. What other public conveyance allows you to travel a freeway's length of miles for less than a Starbucks Frappuccino and notify the driver with a buzzer when you want to get off? When I ride the bus, I've got the Public Transit Authority as my personal chauffeur. And the transfers! For the price of one ticket you can transfer between buses and even the subway. Yes, it's a long arduous trek and not really worth it except in the throes of a new found love or a One Day Sale at Baja Ranch Market.

In a subway car, all eyes are locked into their phone screens, earbuds barricading each other in their inner silos. But there's community on a transit bus. I once found myself visiting the sights in Manhattan, free of the conscripts of a TripAdvisor arranged tour group. No matching blue baseball caps for me, I'm big enough to take a bite of the Big Apple alone. In a rookie move, I boarded the city bus with a five dollar bill.

"Exact change only," said the driver.

"But, I don't have anything smaller..."

"Go ask the other passengers," he said as we pulled away from the curb.

Self-consciously, I walked down the aisle meekly waving my five dollar bill, whispering for change. New Yorkers are renowned for putting people in their place, was five bucks really worth getting dumped on? I was three rows before hitting the guy strewn out on the back row, it was likely he'd take my bill and give nothing in return. That blue baseball cap would look good on me now.

"Here honey, I've got change."

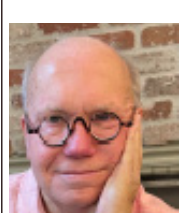
A woman, her face deeply etched from long hours and meager wages, leaned out from her window seat, and passed me dollar bills. It was my own "Miracle on 34th Street" moment. Who said New Yorkers were mean and rude? Not on a city bus - nope. When there's a couple of dozen commuters secured in a slow moving vehicle in the midst of bike messengers hopped up on Red Bull, illegal taxis, Door Dash drivers and pugnacious pedestrians, you bond for the ride.

Hey, my stop is coming up. I'll buzz my chauffeur.

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

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RICH JOHNSON



NOW THAT'S RICH QUIRKS

Are you quirky? Am I quirky? Do I look quirky?

If I were you, I wouldn't read my column this week. I'm ignoring it as I write it. I can only hope it fades from my consciousness.

I suppose all people have quirks. If you're a regular guy or gal, your quirks make you just weird. If you are a famous celebrity (like me), quirks make you look cute.

Let us take a peek at other famous people's peculiar quirks.

First off, it's hard to believe that Pamela Anderson and I have the same quirk...reflection phobia. Neither of us likes to look at ourselves in a mirror.

Kate Hudson, every morning, plunges her face into a bowl of ice and water for as long as she can.

Mark Zuckerberg is not a vegetarian. However, he only eats animals he personally kills himself.

If Kanye West comes to your house for dinner, don't be surprised if he falls asleep. Wife Kim says he can fall asleep anywhere and often does.

Cameron Diaz uses her elbows to open door knobs. She says it's a cleanliness obsession. No kidding.

Demi Moore is big into leech therapy. You heard it right. She attaches them and they detoxify her blood.

Jake Gyllenhaal doesn't bathe, telling us it is really unnecessary and our bodies naturally clean themselves. He does admit he works on his breath and manners.

Jim Carrey calls himself on the phone every day at 11:00am pretending to be someone from his past telling him some news.

Christian Bale has the habit of intentionally doing the opposite of all things lucky like walking under ladders.

Benjamin Franklin exclusively dated older women. He was the first "cougar chaser".

And not that we believe Andy Warhol would do anything weird...but listen to this: He would create time capsules. Fill each one with treasured objects. He even put a pair of legendary actor Clark Gable's old boots in a time capsule. At the time of his death he had 600 time capsules laying around. You can go see those time capsules at the Andy Warhol Museum (It's in Pittsburgh and cost \$35.)

Charles Dickens and I shared the same quirk. He was obsessed with brushing his hair. Me too. By the way, has anyone seen my hair? I can't find it.

Finally, very short notice promoting a concert you do not want to miss. IT'S TONIGHT, Saturday, August 5th at Nano Café. 6:30-9:30. The DooDrops! A group that performs 50's and 60's Doo-Wop and Motown hits. I'll be there. Come join us for dinner and quite a show. 322 Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre (626) 325-3334.

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What Are You Playing?

Outdoor Games crossword puzzle with clues like 'Careful, Petal!', 'Red Letter Day!', 'Word Bank' and 'Match the games to skills used while playing them: 1. ball games, 2. thinking games, 3. jumping games, 4. party games, A. singing, acting, B. hopping, skipping, C. catching, throwing, D. judging, remembering'

LEGAL NOTICES AND MORE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM FRENCH CASE NO. 23STPB07501

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JOHN WILLIAM FRENCH

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ERICA L. SIMMONS in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ERICA L. SIMMONS 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 with full authority. (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 08/23/2023 at 8:30 .m. in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST. LOS ANGELES CA 90012 STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE.

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 (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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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.

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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.

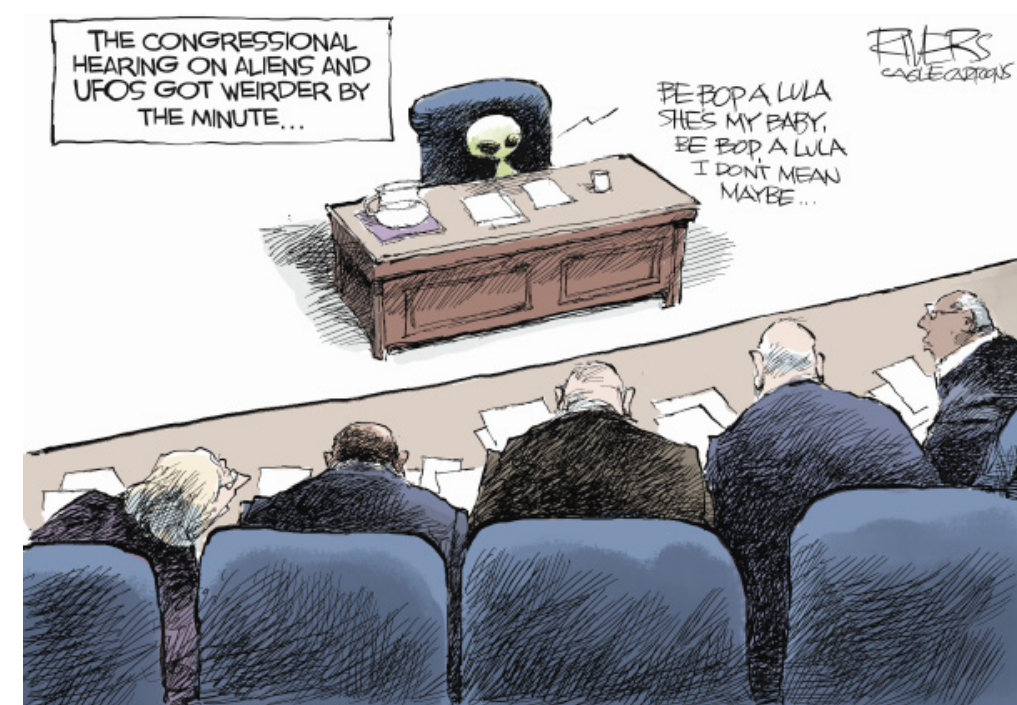
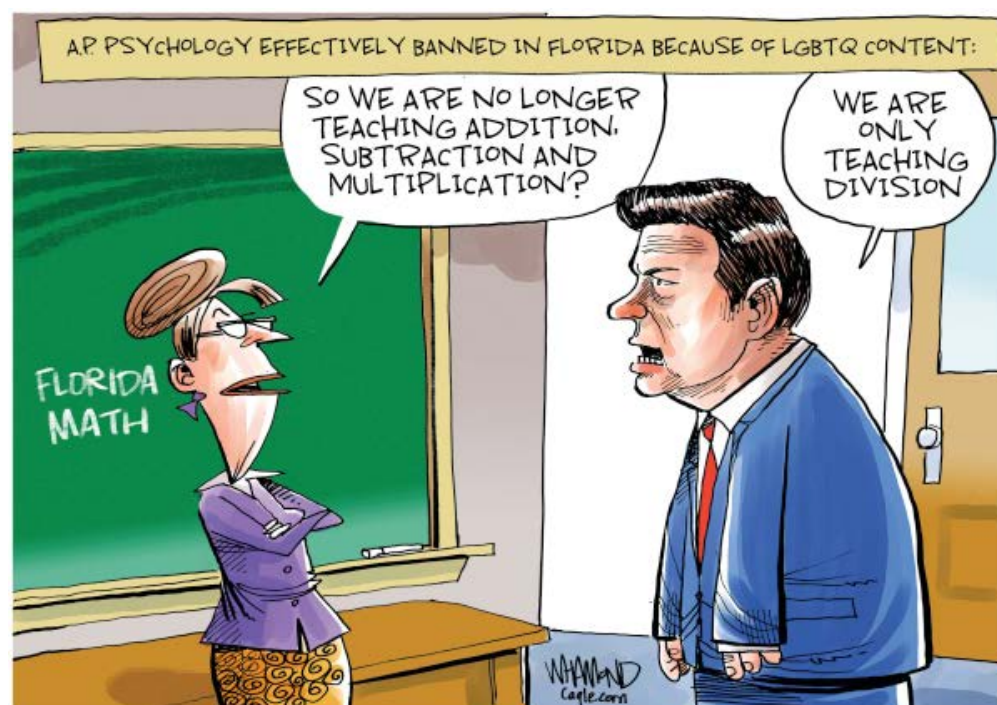
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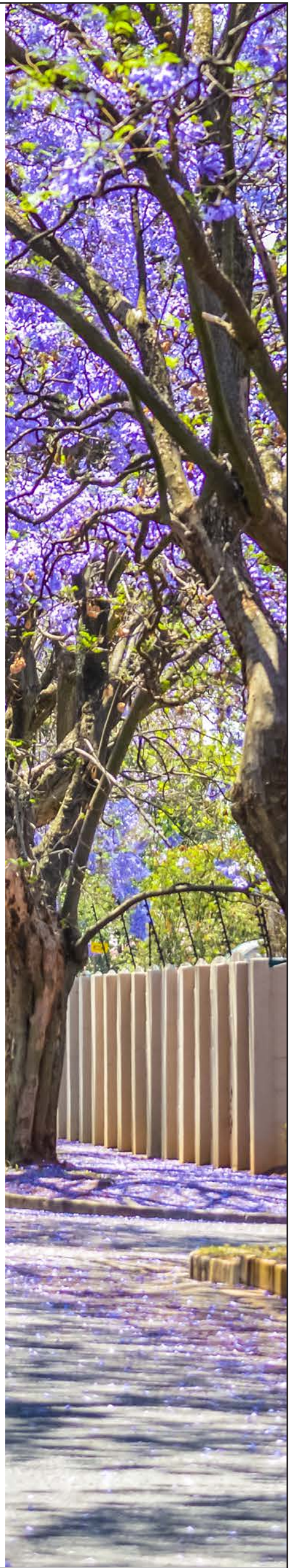
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