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RESIDENTS BEGIN SIGNATURE DRIVE TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY IN SIERRA MADRE

The peace and tranquility of Sierra Madre (save a Mountain Lion, Bear or nosy Raccoon or two, is the essence of what makes the town one of the most desirable places in the world to live.

The ability to live in a community knowing that in the event of an emergency, Police, Fire and Paramedics are available at a moments notice is cherished and has motivated a number of residents to take the proactive step of making certain that these services continue.

Residents James Walsworth and Ted Saraf recently filed a Notice of Intent to "petition within the City of Sierra Madre for the purpose of adding sections 3.38.010 through 3.38.150 to Title 3, Chapter 3.38 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, to implement a parcel tax to increase funding for personnel costs associated with police, fire and paramedic services within the City."

Sierra Madre has its own police department to serve the community and several years ago, the city transitioned from an All Volunteer Fire Department to a fully paid fire department. Before doing so, extensive research was done as to possible alternatives such as contracting with the County Sheriff Department and/or neighboring cities. In the end, it was revealed that such a move would not be cost effective and service to the community would most likely diminish. At that time, citizens passed a User Utility Tax to cover the expense of the two departments.

Since then, however, times have changed. Although Public Safety is the largest portion of the General Fund, additional resources are needed to sustain SMPD and SMFD. One major issue is the need to keep wages for Sierra Madre's Public Safety professionals comparable to other agencies serving cities of this size in order to avoid turnover.

Proponents of the tax state,

"Protecting the citizens of Sierra Madre is the highest purpose of the City's government. Fast emergency response times and crime prevention are necessary to maintain the high standard of living that Sierra Madre residents have historically enjoyed. Without an adequately funded Police and Fire Department, the City and its citizens are unnecessarily placed at risk from crime, property damage, slow 9-1-1 response times, and myriad public safety issues."

The City's general fund has historically been insufficient to fund a properly staffed Police and Fire Department, leading to myriad public safety ills. In order to avoid any public safety issues in the future, this measure would create a separate, special fund which will allow the City to properly fund its Police and Fire Departments, allowing the departments to offer competitive pay packages to officers as compared to other municipalities, improve recruitment efforts, and maintain fully staffed and functioning departments.

Setting up and funding this special set aside fund will allow the City to protect its citizens and maintain the high standard of living enjoyed by Sierra Madre residents."

You can read the complete notice, including the anticipated increase in parcel taxes on page 14 of this edition.

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THUNDER, LIGHTNING & MOUNTAIN LIONS....

SIERRA MADRE LAST WEEK!

Photos by Dirk Bolle



As if more rain combined with Flash Flood Warnings and Thunder and Lightning weren't enough, our wildlife neighbor pictured above, decided to take a stroll down Grand View on Wednesday for the second time in less than 30 days.

It was reported by witnesses and Channel 5 News, that "Video footage captured the big cat as it moved through the shrubbery of a Sierra Madre resident's home near East Grandview and Foothill avenues at around 1 a.m. The animal moved up toward the fence before it hopped over a retaining wall into a neighboring driveway.

After a moment, the mountain lion returned the way it had come and was last seen walking up the street and into the darkness of another resident's property.

On Thursday, rain poured on the city and caused rushes of water down Sierra Madre Blvd, the amount of which appeared to overwhelm the newly updated storm sewers. At press time, however, there were no reports of flood damage or accidents as a result.

Yes, just another week in the perfect little town of Sierra Madre.



FILE OF LIFE PACKET

Sierra Madre residents have the opportunity to participate in the FILE of LIFE program for FREE. This program allows residents to compile all their important medical information into a single packet, which can be quickly accessed by local paramedics in case of a medical emergency. Packets are available at the Fire Department and City Hall.

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Sierra Madre Civic Club brings to you the Sierra Madre Events Calendar

Sierra Madre Civic Club

March 7 – Membership Meeting, 7:30pm at Hart Park House.

April 6 – Annual Luncheon, 11am at Methodist Church.

April 12 - Educational Awards Applications due. See our website for more details.

Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce

March 17 – Wisteria Festival, 9a-5p. Explore local shops. Music. Food. Vendors. Auto Show. For shuttle tickets, go to Eventbrite.com

City of Sierra Madre

March 16 – Whale Watching Community Outing, 10a-4p. Tickets \$28. Call 626-355-5278 for more info.

March 21 – Lucky Bingo, 12:30p-2:30p at Hart Park House Senior Center. Cost is \$7 which includes Bingo, light lunch & prizes.

March 23 – Bark in the Park, 10a-2p at Sierra Vista Park. Entertainment; Pet adoptions; Low-cost vaccines; Vendors; Food Trucks; Giveaways

City of Sierra Madre & Sierra Madre Fire

March 2 & 3 – S.M.A.R.T. Chipper and Green Waste Weekend #1. Register on Eventbrite.com

To add your organization events, please send an email to smadreevents24@gmail.com



Every activity in which Civic Club participates or creates reflects our shared commitment to promote our community.

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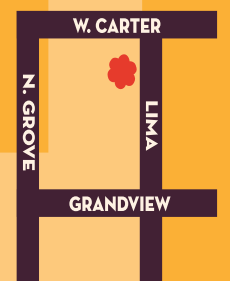
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Thur	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Fri	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 12, 2024 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@Cityof-SierraMadre.com by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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

The meetings will be streamed live on Foothills Media website at foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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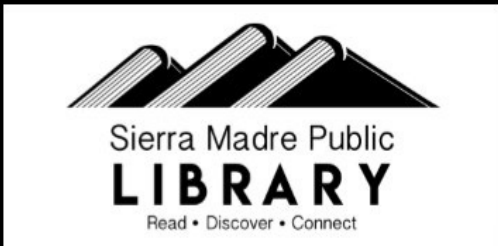
Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.



This week at the
Sierra Madre
Public Library

March 11—March 16

Monday

Baby Rhyme Time —In-person at 9:00am

Preschool Storytime —In-person at 10:00am

Wednesday

1-2-3D Printing—In-person at 12:00pm. Call to register

Board Library Teens—In-person at 4:00pm

Thursday

Tails & Tales—In-person from 3:30pm-4:30pm

Saturday

Digital Services—In-person from 12:00pm-2:00pm

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"I always prefer to believe the best of everybody; it saves so much trouble." Rudyard Kipling

"Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?" Lucy Maud Montgomery

No more discussion about rain. It's going to be Spring. It's going to be beautiful. The Wistaria is going to bloom like never before. All Sierra Madre's gardens will be absolutely awesome. Wildflowers will bloom on every hill and there will be peace in our little corner of the world. Trust me!

That quote by Rudyard Kipling up there at the top is a wonderful thought. I totally agree with it and live my life that way. However, there is currently a person or entity of some sort that is continually hacking into my computer, attempting to either rob me blind or drive me around the bend. I am not thinking the best of that person. The tech guy is coming tomorrow to see if he can find my menace and banish him forever to someplace unpleasant.

Last Friday, March 1st, was our daughter, Patti's, birthday. You will remember Patti is our Leap Year birthday girl. The 1st was also our granddaughter, Nicole's, birthday. Patti gave herself the gift of a lifetime some years ago on her birthday. Her daughter, Nicole. Happy birthday, Patti and Nicole, a few days late. I know the day was filled with joy, laughter and delight. These women are awesome.

And, speaking of awesome, I don't know if you've heard of this book: The Book of Awesome, by Neil Pasricha, which I bought for myself from Amazon for \$11.08. Neil listed so many absolutely awesome things in his book...small simple things. It got me thinking about all the awesome things around me. The picture today is of flowers...awesome!

Awesome is an adjective meaning extremely impressive or daunting, inspiring great admiration. You'll be able to whip up your own list of awesome things in about ten seconds because we are surrounded by awesomeness. Here are a few of mine:

- Being inside and watching rain pouring down outside.
- Watching the sun come up every day.
- The first cup of coffee in the morning. And a lemon muffin to go with it.
- Seeing a friend you haven't seen in a while.
- Reading a really good book.
- Finding a \$5 bill in your pocket.
- Getting a letter in the mail.
- Turning the seat warmer on in your car.
- Having a good hair day.
- Finding the sheets or towels you've been dying to have unexpectedly on sale.
- Flowers. Any kind of flower, any color, any shape.
- Weighing yourself and finding you've actually lost a pound or two.
- Unexpectedly seeing the full moon early in the morning.
- Watching a hummingbird build a nest in the tree outside your window.
- Knowing God loves us no matter what.
- Crawling into bed with clean sheets on it.
- Seeing pictures of your grandchildren doing adorable things.
- Going out to eat and finding you have rewards and your bill is \$10 less.
- Turning on your car and one of your favorite Jimmy Buffet songs is playing.

In a world where you can be anything you want to be...Be KIND!
"Until further notice, celebrate everything!" David Wolfe

Lent is here, which means Easter is on its way.
"The Crown" a story about what could have happened to
The Crown of Thorns that pierced Jesus' brow,
is now an actual book, in addition to a Kindle book.
"The Crown" will enrich your Easter experience.



Coffee with a Cop
Date: March 12, 2024
Time: 9:00am - 11:00am
Location: 1 Kersting Ct, Starbucks, Sierra Madre
Come meet your local officers and ask questions.

SIERRA MADRE WHALE WATCHING EXCURSION

Join the Community Services Department for its annual Whale Watching excursion in Newport Beach on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 10:00am-4:00pm. Enjoy a two hour narrated tour by Davey's Locker staff, charter boat with a two level viewing deck, and charter bus transportation to and from Newport Beach. Snacks are available for purchase on the boat, or lunches can be brought aboard. Transportation leaves from the Hart Park House Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024
Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Cost: \$28.00 per person
Registration Deadline: Thursday, March 14, 2024

Registration can be done in person at the Hart Park House Senior Center, or online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/online-registration. For more information call the Community Services Department at 626-355-5278.

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Mayor Gordo Headed to a Second Term



Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo had a sizeable lead in Tuesday's Primary Election and claimed victory with 81.95 percent of the vote against mayoral candidate Allen Shay who had 18.05 percent. At press time Friday Gordo had a total of 17,390 votes to Shay's 3,830 votes.

In a statement Gordo said he was grateful for the overwhelming support, "Together, we have achieved so much and I am excited to continue our work to enhance the quality of life in our city."

Gordo was elected to represent Pasadena's District 5 on the Pasadena City Council in March of 2001. He was elected Pasadena's third Citywide-elected Mayor on November 3, 2020.

Shay is a well known real estate broker, city activist and a former member of Pasadena's Northwest Commission.

Main Library Earthquake Retrofit Meeting

The City of Pasadena invites the public to the Central Library Earthquake Retrofit and Building Repairs Project Community Meeting on Wednesday at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the La Pintoresca Branch Library at 1355 N. Raymond Avenue.

This is the fourth in a series of community meetings from Spring 2023 to Spring 2024. The meeting series introduced the team, explained the seismic earthquake approach, updated the schematic design, and showcased the most current draft design and programs. The evening program will be led by the design team of Gruen Associates, with City staff from Libraries and Public Works available to answer questions.

As the city continues to move forward with community meetings and engaging residents, a survey is currently being conducted to obtain input on the future reopening of the Central Library. Residents are encouraged to participate by visiting PasadenaPublicLibrary.net. Pasadena City staff will provide translation for the meeting presentation in Armenian, Mandarin, and Spanish.

For more information about the Pasadena Library Central Library Retrofit and Building Repairs Project please visit the City's website at PasadenaPublicLibrary.net



Arroyo Seco Restoration Study Revived

A decades old Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study of the Arroyo Seco is being revisited after a new motion introduced Tuesday by Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

"This study is crucial to the future of the Arroyo Seco and its neighboring communities," Supervisor Kathryn Barger said. "Once completed, the study's results will be a blueprint that guides our County's efforts to both restore the tributary's ecosystem while enhancing flood protection to the Los Angeles County residents who rely on it."

Experts from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District said they are ready to move forward with the Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, which will identify essential improvements to the channel, maximize ecosystem restoration, and ensure flood protection for surrounding communities.

The study will focus on the nine-mile stretch between Devil's Gate Dam and the Arroyo Seco's confluence with the L.A. River. It will consider channel and bank improvements, as well as alternatives for habitat restoration and biological diversity to reduce flood risk,

increase local water supplies, and protect water quality.

The Arroyo Seco is a 22-mile tributary of the Los Angeles River draining an area of 47 square miles, including the Angeles National Forest, and portions of the cities of La Cañada Flintridge, Los Angeles, Pasadena, South Pasadena, and the unincorporated community of Altadena.

According to Barger, due to the large swaths of publicly-owned land adjacent to the channel, the Arroyo Seco offers excellent opportunities for multi-benefit projects that originate with water capture and purification by using Measure W funds. That water can then be used for a variety of purposes, such as cleaning aquifers and watering surrounding greenery at parks and other public spaces.

Initiated in 2005, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District entered into agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) on a joint effort for the Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study. However, the study faced a series of logistical hurdles and funding challenges. In 2017, due to a lack of federal funding, the Army Corps ultimately halted its work on the study and more recently indicated

that they will not resume this effort.

Supervisor Barger's motion terminates the agreement with the Corps and empower the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to expedite the implementation of the study. A working group consisting of cities within the Arroyo Seco Watershed and the Raymond Basin Management Board will support the efforts outlined within the study.

Pasadena Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament

The City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Department is set to host the 2024 Southern California Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament on March 15 through March 17 at the Victory Park Recreation Center.

The California Golden Gloves is one of the most prestigious boxing tournaments in amateur boxing that has been in existence since 1923. This tournament serves as a platform to promote amateur boxing and for amateur boxers to showcase their skills. It features male and female top-level competitors, ages 18 and older, from throughout Southern California.

General admission tickets are available for purchase at the door on tournament days only. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for ages 10 and under.

The City of Pasadena and the Villa Parke Boxing Program will proudly be represented by Fatima Martinez, Adriana Nunez, Diamond Machabie, Antonia Cole and Michael Diaz.

Victory Park Recreation Center is located 2575 Paloma St. The competition begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 15; noon on Saturday, March 16; and noon on Sunday, March 17.

For additional tournament information, contact Christian Camarena at (626) 744-6531 or chcamarena@cityofpasadena.net

Los Angeles Clarinet Choir to Perform in South Pasadena



Back by popular demand... the Los Angeles Clarinet Choir will perform a concert of Big Band Hits from the Golden Era, featuring guest jazz drummer Bernie Dresel at the South Pasadena Public Library Community Room on Saturday, March 23, at 3:00 p.m. The Library has partnered with the LACC several times in recent years to present very popular free concerts. LACC is a group of 13 clarinetists performing on soprano, soprano, alto, bass and contrabass instruments, under the direction of conductors Margaret Thornhill

and Victoria Ramos Dresel.

The program includes the 1952 standard, "Bernie's Tune" by Bernie Miller in a premiere arrangement by James McMillen, "Moonlight Serenade" by Glen Miller (1944), and "Mambo" from the musical Westside Story by Leonard Bernstein (1957), arranged for clarinets by Michael Lowenstern, along with works for clarinet choir by Sammy Nestico, Masamiz Amano, Bernard Hermann, and Alexis Ciesla.

For more information visit: southpasadenaca.gov.

Tournament Names Bands to March in 2025 Rose Parade



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association announced Monday the 20 bands that will showcase their talents in the upcoming 136th Rose Parade on January 1, 2025. Band visits by Tournament of Roses President Ed Morales are already underway. Bands have begun their fundraising efforts to prepare, centered around the parade theme, "Best Day Ever!"

Morales delivered the news to each band personally, eliciting emotions ranging from pure elation to heartfelt sentimentality and everything in between. Morales' unwavering commitment to building personal relationships with these talented musicians is palpable, as he eagerly anticipates the opportunity to cheer on each band member along their exciting journey to the highly anticipated Rose Parade.

Hailing from diverse corners of the world, including Denmark, Japan, Mexico and Panama, the bands will travel to Pasadena to participate in the parade, creating unforgettable memories as they march down Orange Grove and Colorado boulevards. In addition to some of the parade's long-standing participants, the 2025 Rose Parade will welcome new bands that are sure to leave their mark on parade history.

Bands are selected by the Association's volunteer members, based on a variety of criteria including musicianship, marching ability, and entertainment or special interest value.

The 2025 Rose Parade bands are listed below, alphabetically.

- 605 All Star Band from Arteria, Bellflower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Lakewood, Norwalk, CA
- All Star Marching Band Mexico from Puebla, Mexico
- Banda de Música Heriberto López Colegio José Daniel Crespo from Chitré, Herrera,

- Panama
- Fresno State Bulldog Marching Band from Fresno, CA
- Helsingør Pige garde (Elsinore Girls Marching Band) from Hornbaek, Denmark
- Homestead High School Mighty Mustang Marching Band & Colorguard from Cupertino, CA
- Kyoto Tachibana High School Green Band from Kyoto, Japan
- LAUSD All District High School Honor Band from Los Angeles, CA
- Pasadena City College Herald Trumpets from Pasadena, CA
- Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band from Pasadena, CA
- Pebble Hills High School Spartan Marching Band from El Paso, TX
- Rancho Verde Crimson Regiment from Moreno Valley, CA
- Salesians of Don Bosco Southern California High School Band from Rosemead, Bellflower, Boyle Heights/Los Angeles, CA
- Seminole High School Warhawk Marching Band from Seminole, FL
- The Jackson State University "Sonic Boom of the South" from Jackson, MS
- The Lincoln-Way Marching Band from Frankfort, IL
- The New England Honors Marching Band from MA, CT, RI, VT, NH, ME
- The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band from Carson, CA
- The University of Wyoming "Western Thunder" Marching Band from Laramie, WY
- The Woodlands High School Marching Band from The Woodlands, TX

Two bands will be added to the lineup when the universities participating in the 111th Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential are determined in December.

For details about the bands visit: tournamentofroses.com.

Police Chief & Library Director set for Donut Décor Showdown

In a messy, hands-on program at the Pasadena library, Police Chief Gene Harris and Library Director Tim McDonald will compete in a donut decorating contest along with fifteen other decorators.

The showdown is set to take place Saturday, April 20 at 2 p.m. in the Jefferson Branch Library.

Interested decorators ages 12 and over are invited to compete in the donut décor showdown. All materials will be provided. To compete, register with Tiffany Duenas at TDuenas@CityOfPasadena.net. Family, friends, and doughnut lovers of all ages are invited to cheer on the teams as they create freestanding structures using plain donuts, food decorations and basic supplies.

The Jefferson Branch Library is located 1500 E Villa St,

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San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

City website is switching to: SanMarinoCA.gov
Exciting News for our Community! Starting Monday, March 11, we're transitioning to www.SanMarinoCA.gov! Here's what this means for residents:

All website links and email addresses for the City will be listed as SanMarinoCA.gov or @SanMarinoCA.gov.

Can I still use old emails or web links I have saved? Absolutely! Everything will seamlessly redirect behind the scenes to our new web links and email addresses. You can still contact City staff in the same ways you always have.

Why the change? Thanks to Assembly Bill 1637, .gov is now a legal requirement, ensuring Enhanced Security, Compliance with Regulations, and official recognition as a government entity. This promotes transparency, accountability, and the utmost protection of your information.

Have questions? Call (626) 300-0788. We're here to make this transition as smooth as possible for you!

East Meets West Parent Education Club

Sunday, March 10 from 2 – 4 PM, Barth Community Room

This multicultural parent club presents professionals who share their knowledge and pass on skills to the local parents on how to raise their children in an international and competitive world. Although the program is presented in English, Mandarin speakers will be on hand to translate. Registration is not required.

Maker Mondays – Calling all Young Engineers or LEGO Fans!

Monday, March 11 at 3:30 PM, Barth Community Room

Is your child a budding engineer or LEGO fanatic? Then join us for this new monthly STEM program where kids ages 4-11 will build unique and open-ended creations with a surprise material each time. Will it be LEGOs or KEVA planks? Straw builders or a marble run? Only one way to find out! Registration is not required.

Delicious Destinations at Crowell Public Library on March 16

Join the San Marino Public Library Foundation for Delicious Destinations at the Crowell Public Library on March 16 at 6 PM! Roam the library and experience the destinations of South Korea and Portugal. Feast on the delectable tastes of these countries! This year, there are auction opportunities such as a rare ride on the Goodyear blimp, exceptional Dodge game suite experience, vacation homes, travel stays, behind the scenes experiences, and so much more! Get your tickets at deliciousdestinations.org today!

ROCK LACY! Battle of the Youth Rock Bands

Auditions: Saturday, March 23 from 9 AM – 1 PM, San Marino Community Center

Showcase Competition: Saturday, April 20 at 12 PM, Lacy Park

Calling youth rock bands ages 19 and under! Sign up for our inaugural ROCK LACY! Battle of the Youth Rock Bands, a competition of local bands to win the grand prize of 2 hours of studio recording time and a main stage performance at the City's 4th of July Independence Day Celebration! Complete the online application by March 14 at 5 PM. Finalists will be invited to an audition on March 23. Six bands will be selected to compete at ROCK LACY! on Saturday, April 20 starting at 12 PM. Open to any youth band in the LA County area. For more information, visit CityofSanMarino.org/Events.

The Great San Marino Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30 from 9 AM – 12 PM, Lacy Park

Egg Hunt Pre-sale wristbands: R: \$5 / NR: \$10

Egg Hunt Gate Price wristbands: R / NR: \$15

Pancake Breakfast: \$5

Bring your baskets, bunny ears, and appetite! This fun filled event includes crafts, games, pictures with the bunny, and giant egg hunts. Children will be grouped in age appropriate divisions and the first Egg Hunt will begin at 10 AM. The San Marino Firefighters Association who will also be serving their famous pancake breakfast beginning at 9 AM. This is a ticketed event; purchase Egg Hunt wristbands and Pancake Breakfast tickets online now through March 28!

Parks & Public Works

Restriping Work of Los Robles Avenue

Work is currently ongoing to restripe Los Robles Avenue from Huntington Drive to northerly City limits. The project includes the installation of thermoplastic striping and refreshing of existing pavement markings, stop legends, and curb painting. This project is part of the City's Annual Striping, Signing, and Marking Program, and will improve both driver and pedestrian safety. Residents should be advised of minor construction-related delays on Los Robles during the work, which is expected to be completed by the end of the week, pending weather.

Annual Sidewalk Replacement Program

The City will begin the Annual Sidewalk Replacement Program in mid-March. 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.

Meetings

Recreation Commission Meeting

Monday, March 11 at 6:00 PM; Barth Room and Zoom

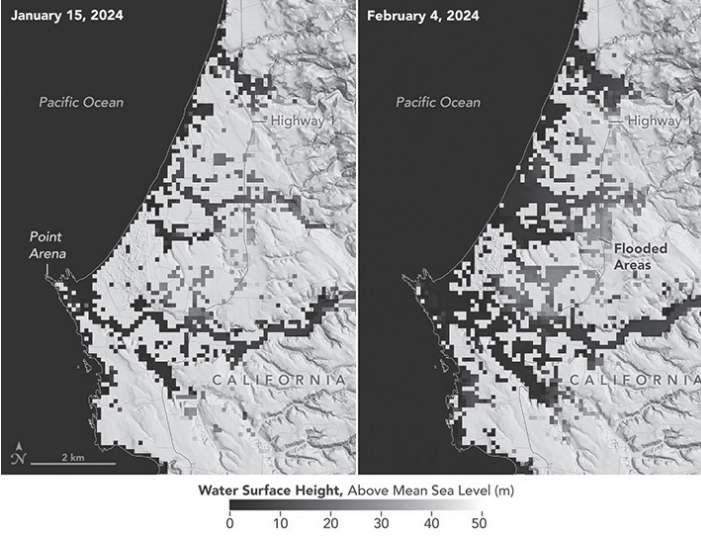
City Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom

Design Review Committee

Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 PM; Barth Room and Zoom

Satellite Catches Coastal Flooding During Feb. Storms



A series of atmospheric rivers drenched California in February, with record amounts of rainfall and hurricane-force winds sweeping across parts of the state. At one point, weather agencies posted flood watches for nearly the entirety of California's coast. The Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) mission captured data on some of the flooding near the community of Manchester, roughly 105 miles (169 kilometers) north of San Francisco. The satellite is a collaboration between NASA and the French space agency, CNES (Centre National d'Études Spatiales).

The image above shows the area on Jan. 15, before the rain and snow from atmospheric rivers, and then again on Feb. 4, after the first in a series of storms soaked California. Water heights are shown in shades of green and blue, with lighter hues indicating the highest levels relative to mean sea level. (Data for inland areas includes the height of the floodwaters plus the ground elevation beneath it.) Some coastal areas were flooded by both ocean tides and heavy rain, while others were likely flooded only by precipitation. Each pixel in the image represents an area that is 330 feet by 330 feet (100 meters by 100 meters).

Since December 2022, SWOT has been measuring the height of nearly all water on Earth's surface, developing one of the most detailed, comprehensive views yet of the planet's oceans and freshwater lakes and rivers. Not only can the satellite detect the extent of the water on Earth's surface, as other satellites can, but SWOT can also provide water level data. Combined with other types of information, SWOT measurements can yield water depth data in features like lakes and rivers.

"SWOT gives us information about flooding that we've never had before," said Ben Hamlington, lead researcher for NASA's sea level change team at the agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California. Satellites can provide

pictures showing how much of an area is flooded, but unless instruments are already installed on a river or at the coast, it's difficult to know how conditions evolve during and after a flood. "Data from the SWOT satellite, combined with other information, is filling in this picture," said Hamlington.

The SWOT science team made the measurements using the Ka-band Radar Interferometer (KaRIn) instrument. With two antennas spread 33 feet (10 meters) apart on a boom, KaRIn produces a pair of data swaths as it circles the globe, bouncing radar pulses off water surfaces to collect surface-height measurements.

Launched in December 2022, from Vandenberg Space Force Base in central California, SWOT is now in its operations phase, collecting data that will be used for research and other purposes.

SWOT was jointly developed by NASA and CNES, with contributions from the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) and the UK Space Agency. NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, managed for the agency by Caltech, leads the U.S. component of the project.

St. Patrick's Swing Band Concert

At the Pasadena Senior Center
Featuring the Great American Swing Band

Get ready to dance with the leprechauns at the annual Pasadena Senior Center St. Patrick's Day concert and dance, set for Saturday, March 16, at 1:30 p.m. All community members are invited to attend the event, which will feature the Great American Swing Band.

Bandleader and trumpet player Jodi Gladstone and vocalist Linda Vogel will be featured as the Great American Swing Band performs a variety of musical favorites from the Big Band era and beyond that will keep partiers dancing and tapping their toes. Light snacks will be available, and guests are encouraged to wear green to show their Irish spirit!

The cost is only \$8 for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and \$12 for non-members of all ages. Pre-registration for this popular event is suggested; only cash payments will be accepted at the door.

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

The Pasadena Senior Center's mission is to improve the lives of older adults through caring service with opportunities for social interaction, fitness programs, basic support and needs services, education, volunteerism and community activism. With 10,000 Americans per day becoming older adults, the center is a leader in addressing the issues of aging and provides innovative, cutting-edge, nationally recognized programs for this population group.

The Center is located at 85 E. Holly Street in Pasadena.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org.

Chambers Collaborate to Present Monthly Webinar Series for Small Businesses

Seventeen San Gabriel Valley Chambers of Commerce are collaborating bring a monthly webinar series to their members. The Renewal and Resilience: navigating the Future of Business in 2024 series begins on March 21st at 12noon. The series continues on the third Thursday of each month thereafter. There is no cost to join the webinar series and it is open to the public. Preregistration for each webinar is required.

First presentation on March 21st by executive leadership coach John Burt. A Pasadena Chamber member, Mr. Burt will discuss the current economic landscape for entrepreneurs, small business owners and managers. He will delve into the challenges and opportunities each will face in 2024.

The San Gabriel Valley Area Chamber Executives (VACE) are collaborating to bring this free series of webinars to our members. The Chambers of Pasadena, Alhambra, Altadena, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Claremont, El Monte/South El Monte, Glendora, Greater West Covina, Monrovia, Pomona, Regional Chamber (Walnut/Diamond Bar), Rosemead, San Dimas, South Pasadena, Temple City and Whittier Area are presenting Renewal and Resilience: Navigating the Future of Business in 2024.

"This is the first time the Valley Area Chamber Executives have gotten together to present an informational program to all of our members," said Paul Little, President and

Chief Executive Officer of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and Civic Association. "We put our heads together and developed a series of presentations on topics we thought would be important for our members."

The webinars are free and open to the public. Attendance is limited, so those interested in attending should sign up right away.

The Valley Area Chamber Executives (VACE) is an informal group made up of the staff leadership of Chambers of Commerce from throughout the San Gabriel Valley. VACE meets monthly to discuss issues of mutual concern. They collaborate on regional mixers and showcase events. They also support each other with ideas and assistance. Their meeting are often focused on brainstorming ideas to enhancing the Chamber experience for members.

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and Civic Association is a professional business organization. Since the earliest days of Pasadena, the Chamber has played a major role in the development of this internationally renowned city. Founded in 1888 as the Board of Trade, the Chamber's primary purpose has been the enhancement of the economy, business climate and the quality of life in Pasadena. The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce currently serves more than 1250 members.

For more information or to preregister visit: pasadena-chamber.org.

City to Hosts Two Meetings on Sewer & Refuse Rate Increase

The City of Pasadena Public Works Department is hosting two community meetings to present the proposed Five-Year Sewer Use Fee and Solid Waste Refuse Rate adjustments for implementation on July 1. The two community meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, March 19 • 5:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m., Robinson Park Recreation Center, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.
- Wednesday, March 20 • 5:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m., Victory Park Recreation Center, 2575 Paloma St.

Why the Proposed Five-Year Rate Adjustments?

Proposed Solid Waste Refuse Collection Fee - The Public Works Resource Recovery and Recycling Division actively manages the Refuse Program that provides integrated waste management services for over 27,000 residential accounts, a limited number of commercial service accounts, and all city accounts; manages the commercial franchise hauler system within the city; and organizes a variety of recycling opportunities and community outreach events. Funding to provide waste management services is supported through refuse collection fees, which have remained flat for residential customers since Fiscal Year 2012.

In February 2023, the Department of Public Works retained MSW Consultants to perform a cost-of-service study of the City's solid waste rate to ensure that fees generate sufficient revenue stay compliant with California Senate Bill 1383, statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, and cover current and future solid waste operations and capital expenses. The rate study findings recommend adjustments to the residential



and commercial rates for the next five-year period, between Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2029 to remain fiscally solvent.

Proposed Sewer Use Fee Rate Adjustments and New Rate Structure - The Sewer Use Fee is charged to users of the sewer system to pay for the cost of operating the system, ongoing maintenance, and needed capital improvements. The current fee is based on consumers' water use. Over the last ten years, with long-term statewide drought conditions and water conservation efforts, the amount collected has not kept up with the cost of maintaining Pasadena's aging sewer infrastructure and City has not raised the sewer use fee by more than the consumer price index since 2007.

In March 2023, the Department of Public Works retained Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to conduct a comprehensive cost of service rate study to evaluate and provide recommendations regarding the City's sewer use fee calculation methodology and rate amount. The proposed fee increase will maintain sewer services and the financial stability of the Sewer Conveyance System. The new rate structure has a fixed rate for both residential and commercial customers plus a volumetric rate based on water consumption.

For more information about the proposed Sewer and Refuse Rate adjustments, visit: CityofPasadena.net/Public-Works.

Registration is required! Visit www.southpasadenaca.gov/register to sign up or visit the link in our bio.

Ed Begley Jr. Author Talk

Monday, April 1st
7:00 PM
Library Community Room

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Ed Begley Jr., actor and longtime environmental activist, will join the Library to discuss his new memoir, *To the Temple of Tranquility...And Step On It!*

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

This program is part of our Sowing South Pasadena initiative, which will present a series of programs and activities from January through May that celebrate sustainability.

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Here's What's Going On Around Town in March!

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March 8

ArtNight Pasadena

Join in this citywide art and culture celebration as the city's museums and cultural institutions open their doors for Free. 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

March 9

Jurassic World at The Arboretum

Enjoy a blockbuster film and meet Blue, the Raptor from Jurassic World. Indulge in delicious food and engage in activities for all ages. 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

March 10

Barks and Brews at The Arboretum

Meet adoptable pets from Pasadena Humane, bring your canine friend for a tour of the garden, and enjoy craft beer and delicious bites. 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

March 17

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Join The Irish Center of Southern California in celebrating St. Patrick's Day with buffet lunch, live Irish music, and dance. 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

March 17

Sierra Madre Wistaria Festival

Tour the world's largest Wistaria vine and enjoy the festival including 100 crafters and food vendors. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

March 22

Cultivate: A Living Plant Museum at Descanso Gardens

Enjoy fascinating tours, live demonstrations, workshops and a DJ in the gardens. 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

March 23

Adult Night Hike: Wizarding Worlds of Plants at The Arboretum

Explore the magic of plants that have inspired legends, folklore, and wizardry for centuries. 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

March 24

Women's History Event: Exclusive Mansion Tour

Tour the historic Victorian Pasadena home of businesswoman Eva Scott Fényes on Millionaire's Row. Includes entrance into the Pasadena Museum of History galleries.

March 30

Spring Florals Workshop at The Langham

Learn the art of creating captivating floral arrangements, including selecting and arranging a variety of seasonal blooms. Includes champagne and small bites. 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

March 30

Spring Egg Hunt and Healthy Kids Day in Monrovia

Enjoy an afternoon of fun activities including carnival games, crafts, bunny photos, and egg hunts.

March 30

Spring Eggstravaganza at Arcadia County Park

Enjoy games, face-painting, crafts, and an egg hunt. 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Ongoing Events

March 14, 15, 16

Legally Blond: The Musical at The Arcadia Performing Arts Center

The award-winning high school theatre students of Arcadia Stage present this spectacular musical.

March 23, 24

Pasadena Spring Home Show at The Pasadena Convention Center

This inspiring home show features a wide selection of home improvement professionals in a fun, interactive setting.

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COURTS ISSUE RULING ON 600 FOOTHILL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT: CITY TO WEIGH LEGAL OPTIONS TO COURT'S DECISION

La Cañada Flintridge, CA

A court has found that the City of La Cañada Flintridge should process the proposed development at 600 Foothill Blvd. as a Builder's Remedy project. Builder's Remedy is a legal provision of the State Housing Accountability Act that prohibits cities from disapproving development proposals that are inconsistent with local zoning and general plan requirements if a city does not have a State-certified Housing Element. The City has claimed that the Builder's Remedy application for the development was not valid as the City had a "substantially compliant" housing element at the time the application was filed. The City Council will consider whether it should appeal the ruling or evaluate other legal options as it continues to defend itself and the community.

"I am proud of the work done by our City Council and City staff to implement a housing element which zones for 689 additional units, including 482 low-income housing units," said Mayor Gunter. "We have acted as a partner to the State to be a part of the solution to the housing crisis, and while I disagree with the court's decision in relation to this particular development, I respect the legal process and our City Council will work with City staff and legal counsel to decide on next steps."

The City of La Cañada Flintridge is committed to supporting statewide efforts to tackle the high cost of housing. The City has repeatedly demonstrated its willingness to work with the community, stakeholders and the State to ensure that the City can fulfill its share of the State's much-needed housing and the City stands ready to implement its identified housing programs and partner with the community and the State on this critical mission.

Importantly, the ruling affirmed that the City of La Cañada Flintridge did not act in bad faith. Moreover, the Court denied the petitioners' causes of action that claimed the City violated California's Density Bonus Law and the Subdivision Map Act.

"While I believe that our housing element complies with every request made by the State's Department of Housing and Community Development, we respect the legal process and we will now consider our next steps," said City Manager Daniel Jordan.

The City will continue to keep residents informed about developments in this legal matter.

ABOLITIONIST GRAVESITE IN ALTADENA GETS HISTORICAL LANDMARK NOMINATION

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion last week introduced by Supervisor Kathryn Barger, that nominates renowned abolitionist Owen Brown's gravesite to be designated as a Los Angeles County Historical Landmark.

A commemorative rustic stone and additional stones placed to mark the presumed outline of Mr. Brown's body currently identify his final resting place in Altadena, on a hilltop at the northern end of El Prieto Road.

"It is a great honor to nominate Owen Brown's gravesite as a historical landmark," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "His fight against slavery and unwavering commitment to treating all human beings with dignity, respect, and equality reflects his courage and vision. Preserving his gravesite will help future generations pay homage to his memory."

Supervisor Barger also thanked members of the Altadena community who have formed the Owen Brown Committee and have served as advocates for the historic landmark designation. Committee member and local Altadena resident Michele Zack provided public testimony during the Board of Supervisors' meeting. "It's a long time coming," Zack stated. "Altadena Heritage first nominated the site in 1989, but it was turned down. We have kept alive efforts to honor this sacred site – a memorial to those who fought to end slavery in America – for over 35 years."

Owen Brown was born on November 4, 1824 in Hudson, Ohio – one of twenty children from his father's (abolitionist John Brown) first family. At the time of his death, he was the last survivor of John's Brown's historic raid on Harpers Ferry. He died in Altadena on January 8, 1889. When his funeral was held, two days later in Pasadena, a local newspaper at the time reported, "It was a historic day in Pasadena."

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DUARTE APPROVED THE PICKLEBALL COURT CONVERSION AT ROYAL OAKS PARK



Did you know the number of dedicated pickleball players in the City of Duarte has almost tripled this year? Good news! The City has new pickleball courts on the way for our community to enjoy. This much-anticipated addition to the City's recreational facilities comes as a response to the voices of community members who have expressed their love for the sport.

At the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, the Duarte City Council approved the full conversion of one existing tennis court at Royal Oaks Park (2627 Royal Oaks Drive) to two permanent pickleball courts, and to paint pickleball lines on the other tennis court side to allow it to be used as a tennis court and/or pickleball courts.

In Duarte, there has been an increase in participation for its free Senior Center pickleball program at the Duarte Sports Park (1401 Central Ave). The program has grown to a three day a week, two-hour program offered at the six temporary pickleball courts, which will continue at Royal Oaks Park even with the addition of the new courts. With the approval of the Pickleball Court Conversion at Royal Oaks Park, there will be four additional pickleball courts: two permanent and two interchangeable.

The Royal Oaks Park Courts Resurfacing project is an approved Capital Improvement Project this Fiscal Year 2023/24, which means that this conversion will have no fiscal impact.

The City will provide updates on accessduarte.com and social media platforms as information becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

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Editorial

WHEN AN EXEMPLARY MEMBER OF THE ARMENIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY FALLS THROUGH IMMIGRATION CRACKS

Our immigration system is widely described as "broken." But that does not explain how it can disregard upstanding members of the Armenian-American community, allowing their cases to fall through the cracks, even after determining a member is fully eligible for the lawful permanent residency, or green card, they seek.

The United States Citizen and Immigration Services, known as USCIS, had a backlog of 4.3 million cases at the end of its fiscal year 2023. The agency, under President Biden and Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas, has recently reduced that backlog by a welcomed 15 percent. In another improvement, the government says it is currently taking about 19-20 months to make a decision on green card approvals, and it decides the cases on a first come, first served basis. And yet, the government routinely allows cases to simply fall through the cracks to remain forever undecided.

A case in point: Dr. Mikayel Abrahamyan, is a medical doctor from Yerevan, Armenia. He is part of a respected family of doctors who have dedicated themselves to caring for the poor, the disabled, and the victims of war and natural disasters. Dr. Abrahamyan lives in Los Angeles with his U.S. citizen wife, and their two small children, also citizens. They have been waiting, not 20 months, but five years for final approval of his green card. He is the kind of man this country should be proud to call a resident. His long history of charitable works includes creating free medical clinics in impoverished regions of Armenia, and delivering free medical care and basic necessities to war orphans – with a hug for good measure. Also a musician for social justice, he has performed at, or organized, charity events raising money to build accessible playgrounds for disabled children in California, and access to the arts for disabled and underprivileged children in Armenia. He is a dedicated husband and father, has obeyed all laws and immigration court orders – has never even gotten a parking ticket, has no convictions anywhere in the world, and actively creates a positive influence on his community. Dr. Abrahamyan and his wife, a graduate of UCLA and an entertainment producer, are business owners in Los Angeles. In addition, after earning several certificates of achievement in computer coding and algorithms during the pandemic, Dr. Abrahamyan is working with investors developing an app to help people access medical care more easily and economically. Dr. Abrahamyan and his wife are upstanding and appreciated members of the Armenian –American community in Los Angeles, yet they been left unjustifiably languishing for five years, awaiting final approval of Dr. Abrahamyan's green card.

Archbishop Pargev Martirosyan, Pontifical Envoy-at-large, of the Armenian Apostolic Church knows Dr. Abrahamyan well, and has worked with him to bring medical care and the arts to disadvantaged areas. The Archbishop calls Dr. Abrahamyan "a man of impeccable credentials who lives, not just speaks, a life of charity, kindness, integrity, caring for the less fortunate among us." The Archbishop recounts how the doctor "has cured people who felt no hope, shown orphaned children that there were still people who cared, used his medical training, artistry and intellect to put together ways to make life better for people who need to be lifted."

The US government itself has said exemplary things about Dr. Abrahamyan. They state, "You showed great professional character by providing crucial services to extremely needy patients." And they have called him "a positive role model for many." Using the legal term for obtaining a green card, the government has unequivocally confirmed that, "USCIS has determined that you are eligible for adjustment of status." Moreover, the government has assured Dr. Abrahamyan that he and his family have provided the government with everything they need to make the decision on his green card, assuring the family that nothing more is required in order for such decision to be made. And yet, the government has still failed to approve his green card, keeping Dr. Abrahamyan and his family in a state of anxiety and uncertainty for years and years. It has fallen through the cracks.

During these long years, Mr. Abrahamyan's wife has been admitted to the emergency room while pregnant because she suffered panic attacks over the uncertainty of their family's future. Dr. Abrahamyan, normally a picture calm, has also been diagnosed with a resulting stress-induced medical condition. While trying to raise a family and build a normal life together, they face the existential question of whether they may continue to build a thriving life here in Los Angeles as prominent members of the community. Or, will they be forced to leave everything behind and move to a third country where they don't know the language or the culture or have any family? This, due to their fear of moving their young family to Armenia after receiving threats when Dr. Abrahamyan spoke out about the corruption and undue influence of Russian-backed oligarchs in Armenia. The latter possibility seems impossible to imagine, a punishment even, for such respected members of the Armenian-American community here. The anxiety for this Armenian-American family of not being able to truly put down roots, or plan for their future is more than anyone should be expected to bear.

Unsurprisingly, the courts have often agreed. Recently, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal, in a case called *Muñoz v. United States*, determined it was "beyond the pale" for our government to leave a family hanging for years, while USCIS failed to comply with its legal obligations regarding decisions on granting residency. The Court ruled that these types of extraordinary delays violate a family's Constitutional due process rights – one of our most cherished rights.

Dr. Abrahamyan and his family do not deserve to be treated this way. The Armenian-American Community doesn't either. The government needs to approve the green card of this man who they have already found to be both "eligible" for his green card, and a "positive role model [of] great character" in the community. And let this family live in peace and certainty.



CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO SECURES OVER \$19 MILLION FOR 31ST DISTRICT PROJECTS, OVER \$1.6 BILLION FOR CLEAN WATER IN GOVERNMENT FUNDING PACKAGE

WASHINGTON, DC – Yesterday, Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-El Monte) voted to final-ize \$19,566,279 in Community Project Funding which she previously secured for the 31st District in the 2024 spending bills.

"The projects funded with this federal money will continue to address the vast needs of my district, directly benefiting San Gabriel Valley families and businesses," Napolitano said. "From ensuring a sustainable water supply and improving the daily commute for residents, this bill will create good-paying local jobs and help make our region healthi-er, safer, and stronger. Thank you to all of my constituents, cities, and local stakehold-ers who submitted requests. I am very proud to deliver these critical funds to my district."

Napolitano championed funding for 14 projects that will directly benefit California's 31st District residents, including:

- \$5,500,000 for the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority's San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund
- \$1,000,000 for the City of West Covina's Cameron Avenue Complete Streets Project
- \$1,000,000 for the City of Covina's At-Grade Rail Crossing Safety Improvements
- \$500,000 for the City of Industry's East-West Bikeway Project
- \$500,000 for the City of Irwindale's Public Library Improvement Project
- \$1,000,000 for the City of Azusa's East First Street and Baseline Road Street Improvements Project
- \$1,000,000 for the City of Duarte's Fish Canyon Trail Restoration Project
- \$850,000 for the City of Glendora's People Movement Phase 2 - Big Dalton Wash Ur-ban Trail
- \$850,000 for the City of La Puente's Activity Center
- \$850,000 for the City of South El Monte's New Community Facilities in New Temple Park
- \$4,116,279 for the Los Angeles County Development Authority's Norwood Library Facility Improvement – ADA Barrier Removal Project
- \$850,000 for the City of Monrovia's Recreation Park Renovation Project
- \$1,050,000 for the City of Baldwin Park's Rehabilitation of Baldwin Park Train Station
- \$500,000 for the City of San Dimas' San Dimas Avenue and Puddingstone Drive Bicy-cle and Pedestrian Improvement Project

Napolitano and her fellow House Democrats were successful in removing dangerous, extreme House Republican policies from these bills which attempted to make abortion illegal everywhere, slash efforts to fight climate change, and threaten our national security. Instead, these final bipartisan 2024 funding bills will help keep our communities safe, fight inflation, and boost our economy. The funding package also includes \$1.67 billion for the following water priorities Napolitano requested for her district and the Southern California region:

- \$140,406,000 for Water Recycling and WaterSMART
- \$67,000,000 for Moab Waste Cleanup
- \$787,000,000 for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- \$631,000,000 for the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- \$41,000,000 for Sewer and Stormwater grants
- \$5,400,000 for Water Infrastructure Workforce Development

Taken together, the funding for California's 31st District and the funding increases for critical government programs will continue to grow our local economy and support our communities. This legislation now moves to the Senate for approval and is expected to be signed into law by President Biden later this week.

What ABOUT the Water in Sierra Madre?

Chris Cimino shares Sierra Madre's water history!



Join us on Wednesday, March 27, 5:30pm at the Hart Park House for an engaging and informative presentation on the history of water in Sierra Madre. Our newly retired Director of Public Works, Chris Cimino, will share the details with us about everything you wanted to know, and more, concerning the history of where our water comes from – past and present – and the sometimes little known battles over our liquid gold.

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VOTES CAST BY PARTY:		
DEMOCRATIC	55.36%	REPUBLICAN 27.36%
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GREEN PARTY	.28%	LIBERTARIAN CRSOVR .01

NOVEMBER BALLOT CHOICES

The following persons survived last week's primary and their names will appear on the General Election Presidential Ballot:

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

Joseph R. Biden	484,856 (84.84%)	Donald J. Trump	225,793 (77.51%)
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UNITED STATES SENATOR - FULL TERM

Adam Schiff	349,453	Steve Garvey	251,240
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UNITED STATES SENATOR - UNEXPIRED TERM

Adam Schiff	334,452	Steve Garvey	280,380
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UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 28	Judy Chu (D)	63.24%	April Verlato (R)	32.58%
DISTRICT 31	Gil Cisneros (D)	21.4%	David Jose Bocic Martinez (R)	20.7*

CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE

DISTRICT 25	Elizabeth Wong Ahlers (R)	35.91%	Sasha Renee Perez (D)	30.76%
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CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY

DISTRICT 41	Michelle Del Rosario Martinez (R)	34.95%	John Harabedian (D)	31.98%
DISTRICT 48	Dan T, Tran (R)	42.72%	Blanco Rubio (D)	40.55%
DISTRICT 49	Mike Fong (D)	61.52%	Long "David" Liu	38.48%

STATE MEASURE 1 YES 53.93% NO 46.07%

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

George Gascon	22.89%	Nathan Hochman	17.36%
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5TH DISTRICT	Kathryn Barger	59.22%	Chris Holden	21.08%
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WELL? HOW MUCH DO I TIP?

My dearly departed pappy Elmer Dills would tell me, don't argue sex, politics and or religion, I must add tipping to the list. I have used this topic many times on my radio show, Dining with Dills on Radio to get the phones buzzing. Last week a caller asked about tipping at Jersey Mikes.

There is a law on the books, actually an old law that is now being enforced. The IRS classifies automatic gratuities as service charges that are taxable as regular wages and subject to payroll tax withholding. That might sound like a bunch of tax law mumbo jumbo, but what it means is that restaurants have to treat those tips like regular wages.

Typically, the IRS left it up to the waiter or tipped employees to declare that money. But with this change the waiter won't see those "tips" until payday—instead of the end of the shift. And restaurants will have to withhold federal income, Social Security and Medicare taxes on that money, too.

What it means for the diner is that those automatic 18% gratuity charges on tables of 6 or more may well be a thing of the past. The addition has been added onto large parties to ensure that servers are paid for catering to a large group.

That doesn't mean you should use this an excuse to start stiffing people. Remember, the minimum wage laws here in the States for tipped workers is still at a shocking \$7.25 an hour. (California thankfully pays all of it's workers, tipped or untapped, a minimum of \$15/hour.) The new rule actually went into effect in 2012, however the IRS postponed enforcement until later to give restaurateurs enough time to adjust and properly comply.

While it might seem great to have some freedom as a customer, the service industry isn't so excited about the idea.

Tips... To insure proper service. Here is my rundown and no it hasn't changed in twenty years of reviewing restaurants.

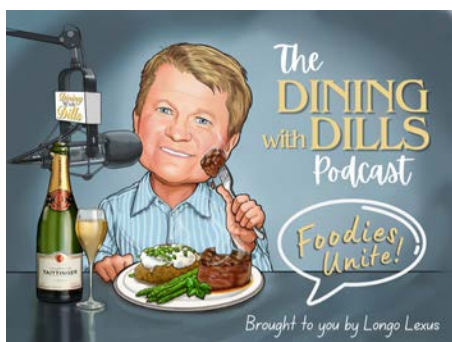
Anyone in any country that provides a service should be rewarded.

- 10% buffet plus \$2 directly to busboy that brought you water and had to clean up after the kids through Jell-O on the ground.
- \$1 for each drink at the bar
- \$2 for a to go order, as long as they got it right
- 12% fair service, means they brought you the food and came back with your check
- 15% Good service brought you your food and drinks and refilled drinks and asked how was it
- 18% Very Good service all of the above plus asked you if your meal was prepared to your liking
- 20-25% All of the above, brought items in proper order, waited for you to ask for check, asked if there is a validation needed and please ask for me next time.

One more note... I subtract 5% when the server blames the kitchen for a mistake, got it !!

This a fun conversation please follow me on Facebook !! Listen to my Podcast:

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About This Recipe
 "This traditional supper dish of sausages, bacon, onions and potatoes dates back at least as far as the early eighteenth century. It seems to be more of a city dish than a rural one: it was a favourite of Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver's Travels and dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin. In Dublin itself, coddle retains its reputation as a dish that can be prepared ahead of time and left in a very slow oven while the people who're going to eat it have to be out of the house for a while - making it an excellent dish for very busy people! The name of the dish is probably descended from the older word caudle, derived from

a French word meaning "to boil gently, parboil, or stew". The more recent version of the verb, "coddle," is still applied to gently cooked eggs, "Coddled Eggs". Please note, the sausages used should be the best quality 100% pork sausages you can get your hands on! This recipe would also work VERY well if cooked in a crock-pot, reduce the liquid by about half if cooking the coddle this way. Serve with Guinness and Irish soda bread. Although this is an easy to prepare one pot meal and its simplicity belies its amazing taste and flavour - comfort food at its best! Sláinte.

-- French Tart

Ingredients



- 4 1/2 lbs potatoes
- 2 large onions, peeled and sliced thickly
- 1 lb good quality pork sausages
- 1 lb bacon, piece thick cut
- 2 cups water
- 1 ham stock cube or 1 beef or 1 chicken stock cubes, if ham stock isn't available
- 3 -4 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Peel the potatoes. Cut large ones into three or four pieces: leave smaller ones whole. Finely chop the parsley. Boil the water and in it dissolve the bouillon cube.

Grill or broil the sausages and bacon long enough to colour them. Be careful not to dry them out! Drain briefly on paper towels. When drained, chop the bacon into one-inch pieces. If you like, chop the sausages into large pieces as well. (Some people prefer to leave them whole.)

Preheat the oven to 300F / 150°C In a large flameproof heavy pot with a tight lid, start layering the ingredients: onions, bacon, sausages or sausage pieces, potatoes. Season each layer liberally with fresh-ground pepper and the chopped fresh parsley. Continue until the ingredients are used up. Pour the bouillon mixture over the top. On the stove, bring the liquid to a boil. Immediately turn the heat down and cover the pot. (You may like to additionally put a layer of foil underneath the pot lid to help seal it.)

Put the covered pot in the oven and cook for at least three hours. (Four or five hours won't hurt it.) At the two-hour point, check the pot and add more water if necessary. There should be about an inch of liquid at the bottom of the pot at all times.

To Serve. Guinness, bottled or draft, goes extremely well with this dish (indeed, adding a little to the pot toward the end of the process wouldn't hurt anything). Another good accompaniment is fresh soda bread, used to mop up the gravy!

THE TASTING ROOM

OLD FRIENDS. OLD VINES.

I'm Gustavo Lira, Tasting Room Manager and Wine Buyer at The Bottle Shop in Sierra Madre with another wine and spirits selection.



Old Friends, they shine like diamonds. That's a verse from the late Guy Clark song "Old Friends." Guy was one of America's greatest singer/songwriters. I always think of that song when I am drinking Old Vine wines. Wines made from old vines shine like diamonds too.

What is an old vine? The Historic Vineyard Society has compiled a list of California's Historic Vineyards. The criteria for being on the list is as follows:

- 1) the vineyard is a currently producing California vineyard.
- 2) Original planting date at least 50 years ago.
- 3) At least 1/3 of existing producing vines can be traced back to original planting date.

Many believe that old vines produce wines with more concentration, flavor, depth, and character. I'll be featuring four wines that are considered old vine wines.

Two Shepherds Cinsault Ancient Vine, Bechthold Vineyard Lodi 2021 is produced from grapes sourced from 135-year-old Bechthold Vineyard in Lodi. This organically dry farmed vineyard is the oldest surviving Cinsault Vineyard in the world. Light bodied, delicate, refined. Gorgeous aromatics. A stunning example of Cinsault.

Scar of the Sea Alicante Bouschet, Galleano Ranch Vineyard Cucamonga Valley 2022 is sourced from a local organically dry farmed vineyard just 37 miles east of Sierra Madre. The Galleano Ranch Vineyard was planted in the 1890's. This wine has lift and vitality. Dark fruit, spice, leather, and plum notes bring this wine to an incredible finish.

Delicious local history in a glass!

Ergelet Brothers Red Table Wine, Contra Costa County 2022 is sourced from a vineyard originally planted in the early 1900's. The Del Barba Ranch Vineyard is dry-farmed. This wine is 55% Zinfandel, 17% Grenache, 17% Carignane, and 17% Mataro. It's a savory wine with freshness, black and red berries, licorice, and blood orange notes with a zesty and lively finish. A frigging tasty wine.

Bedrock Old Vine Zinfandel, California 2022 is sourced from over a dozen vineyards, some being planted back in the 1880's. This wine has been a favorite of mine for years. The 2022 vintage is a blend of 76% Zinfandel, 11% Carignan, 5% Petite Sirah, 4% Grenache and 3% Cinsault. It's always one of the best value wines around, as well as being one of the best made. There's gorgeous spice, fruit, and floral notes. It's fresh and vibrant and insanely good.

Join me next Thursday and Friday at The Tasting Room and taste all four of these amazing old vine wines. Bring an old friend with you and meet some new friends too.

Until next time - Salud!

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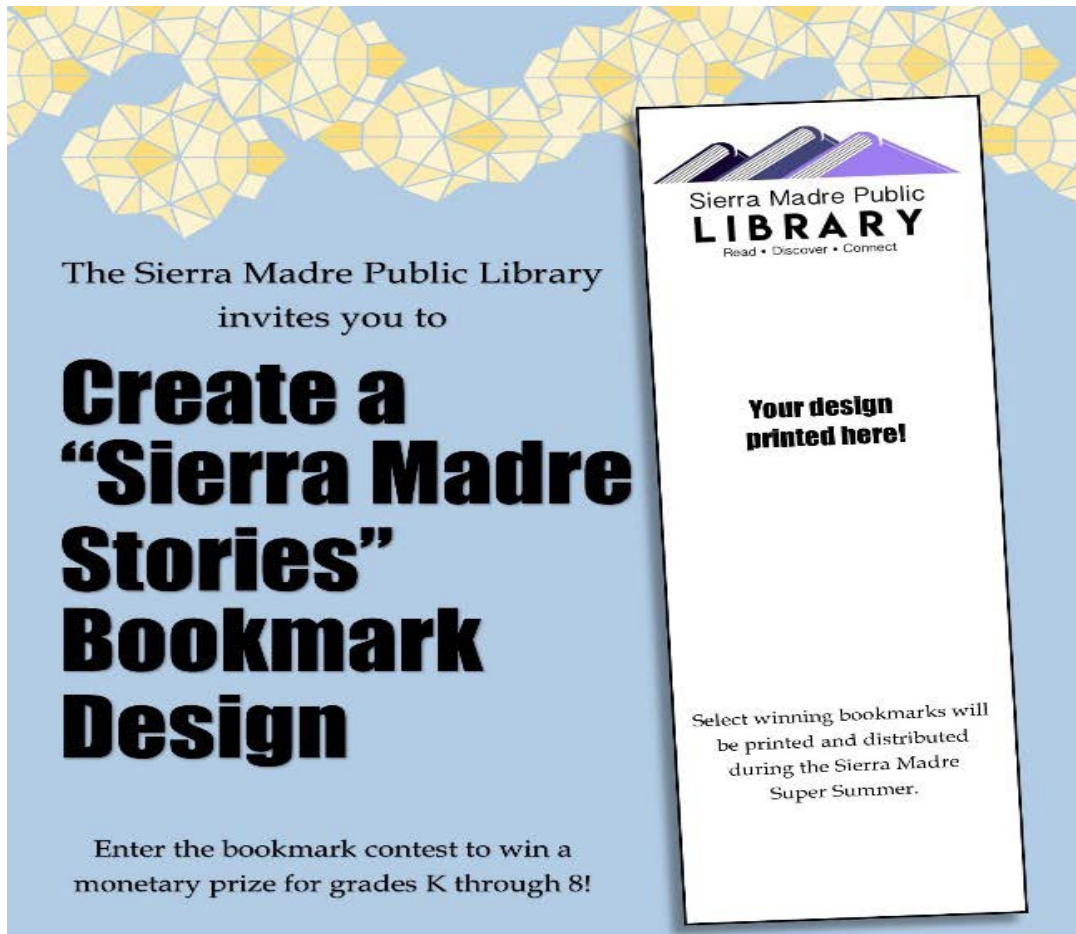
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Pick up your bookmark application at the Sierra Madre Public Library, on the Library website, and at schools in Sierra Madre starting March 4, 2024. Entries are due by April 11, 2024 at the Library.

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LOCAL RESIDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT BIOLA UNIVERSITY

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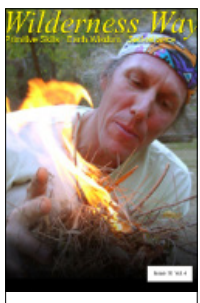
The following local residents were named to the dean's list:

- Josue Alvarenga-Flores from Monrovia, CA (CA) majoring in Kinesiology.
- Bethany Ang from San Marino, CA (CA) majoring in Computer Science.
- Amanda Arias from Duarte, CA (CA) majoring in Accounting.
- Kai Armstrong from Monrovia, CA (CA) majoring in Business Administration.
- Raychel Chang from Arcadia, CA (CA) majoring in Health Sciences.
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- Sadie Clancy from Monrovia, CA (CA) majoring in Nursing.
- Catherine Crabb from Altadena, CA (CA) majoring in Nursing.
- Elle Curtis from Monrovia, CA (CA) majoring in Biological Science.
- Juliana Grogan from Duarte, CA (CA) majoring in Bible, Theology, and Ministry.
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- Rachel Molina from Sierra Madre, CA (CA) majoring in Art.
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- Ava Robinson from Pasadena, CA (CA) majoring in Psychology.
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- Rebekah Tkach from Pasadena, CA (CA) majoring in Psychology.
- Hannah Wu from Arcadia, CA (CA) majoring in Allied Health.
- Matthew Yen from Arcadia, CA (CA) majoring in Cinema and Media Arts.
- William Yujuico from Pasadena, CA (CA) majoring in Chemistry.

"Inclusion in Biola University's Dean's List is reserved for students who demonstrate exceptional performance in their academic studies. This honor signifies hard work, engagement, and investment in scholarship," said Dr. Tamara Anderson, Tamara Anderson, Senior Associate Provost. "These attributes are the building blocks of continued success, not only in the classroom, but in the workplace and in the student's personal lives. We celebrate these students and their achievement, looking forward to their future accomplishments."

Biola University celebrated 116 years of impacting its surrounding communities this month by going back to its LA roots and serving the homeless community in downtown Los Angeles. Biola is a nationally ranked Christian university in the heart of Southern California. In a recently released study in the book Christian Higher Education: An Empirical Guide by Perry Glanzer, Biola scored the highest out of 570 Christian colleges and universities in North America for making Christian faith central to its identity, curriculum, community and policies.

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



[Nyerges is an educator and the author of over two dozen books including "Urban Survival Guide," "Extreme Simplicity," "Foraging Californai," and other books. More information at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com]

THE STORY OF HYKE FARMS

Hyke Farms is located in nearby Duarte, in an area that doesn't look like farmland.

As you drive closer to the towering foothills of the Angeles National Forest, and turn down a typ-ical street, you finally approach the Hyke residence. Unlike nearly every other property, this one has no front lawn, just lots of native plants – but still no indication that you're entering a little farming operation.

"Welcome to Hyke Farms," shouts Daniel Hyke with a smile, welcoming me to a short tour of his backyard farming operations. "Hyke Farms may be the tiniest farm in America," according to Hyke. What's the difference between a "farm" and a "garden"? Who knows? "I don't call it a garden," explains Hyke, "because gardens are for amateurs who want a distraction from their daily routines. What we've got going here is serious business." He continues, "I'd had this micro-farm going for over 20 years, mostly growing just tomatoes," he explains. Then, on a fluke, Hyke decided for the first time to plant a winter garden, something which can be done in Southern California because of the mild winters. "I planted four varieties of lettuce, spinach, cilantro, radishes, broccoli, turnips, carrots, peas, and kept a couple of bushes of cherry tomatoes going," he explains, pointing to the raised beds. "It was a real experiment," says Hyke, smiling.

He started the winter garden in mid-November of 2019. Three months later the worst pandemic in over a 100 years hit. "Suddenly, my wife Thuy (pronounced too-we) and I were afraid to leave the house. We were not about to head out to the local supermarket," he explained. "Luckily, a year before, we had stockpiled a 50 pound bag of rice and two 30 pound bags of pinto beans in the garage." Hyke's face lights up when he adds that "that first winter garden had been a huge success and was already producing ingredients for a large salad every night for the two of us. I couldn't believe my luck in planting it just fourteen weeks before Covid hit."

When the Hykes began their backyard farm, they had just four small plots. The farming operation has since expanded to 13 plots ranging in size from one square meter to three square me-ters. Now they have 23 square meters under cultivation, not including four fruit trees and two herb pots. That's 250 square feet, or a square 16 feet on a side. According to Hyke, that's the tiniest farm in America.

"I use high-intensity farming, which means I plant my crops much closer together than most professionals recommend. I get away with it because of my soil. Soil is everything when it comes to growing food. I probably have the most productive, per square foot, farmland in the country," declares Hyke.



Hyke began his gardening career when he was in the fourth grade in Dallas, Texas. "My father let me plow up half of the backyard. I was only 10 years old and I was growing corn, cantaloupe, beans, everything! I loved it."

His family moved from Dallas to Eagle Rock in 1964, and to Altadena in 1965. He and his wife Thuy moved from Pasadena to their nearby Duarte home in 1995.

THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL
Hyke is a retired school teacher who likes to think globally as he points out the environmental benefits of his operation. "When I want to make a salad, the food moves a few feet to my kitchen, not hundreds or thousands of miles across states or continents. Just think about the reduction of CO2 emissions – its huge! I am not relying on manufactured inorganic fertilizers or pesticides and all the mining, energy, and fossil fuels it takes to produce them."

The whole neighborhood benefits from the Hyke Farm. Thuy Hyke loves to give away food to the neighbors. Onions and cilantro go to their middle-Eastern neighbors down the street. Lettuce and tomatoes end up at her sister's house a few blocks away. And giant zucchini squash is delivered to their good friends Richard and Anna who also live in Duarte. Thuy enjoys sharing the abun-dance. According to her, it brings the community together.

Dan Hyke estimates that his little farm produces about 25% to 30% of all the food that him and his wife eat depending on the season. Hyke's father served in World War II at Pearl Harbor when it was attacked and in the Battle of Midway. Says Hyke, "I am very proud of my little farm, it's the American way you know – self-reliance. I hope my dad is watching."

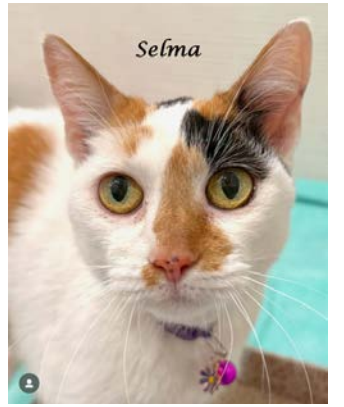
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**S E L M A —
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**LET'S TAKE
ANOTHER LOOK
AT THIS PURR-
FECT GIRL! SHE
ALMOST HAD
AN ADOPTION
BUT IT FELL
T H R O U G H — N O**



Pet of the Week

Hermes is a young and playful two-year-old pit bull mix who can't wait to meet you!

This handsome boy is fond of squeaky toys, treats, and sitting in the closest lap he can find. He's a 50 pound lap-dog who is not afraid to use his powers of persuasion (puppy-dog eyes) to get the attention he so clearly deserves!

Hermes will keep everyone he meets entertained with his silliness. He plays a version of "fetch" with himself-tossing every toy he can find airborne and pouncing on it when it comes down. It's like the canine equivalent of whac-a-mole.

Once he's had enough playtime, Hermes will show off his repertoire of tricks. He's very smart and

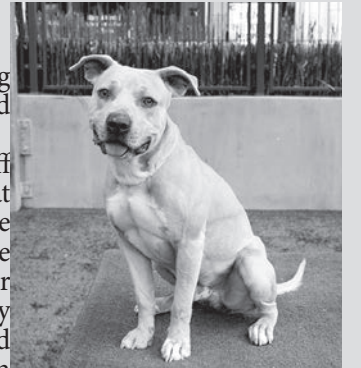
enjoys performing for rewards; pets and treats.

One of the staff members at Pasadena Humane has sponsored the adoption fee for Hermes, so his lucky family can spend that saved cash on some more squeaky toys and treats!

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

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New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well



BEAR-RESISTANT BARRELS



As part of the new program, the City of Sierra Madre has arranged for a 96-gallon bear-resistant barrel to be provided to all single-family residential customers. These barrels will be delivered to your home this fall. As part of this barrel deployment, Athens will collect your old container.

Be on the look out for additional information related to the upcoming bear barrel deployment timeline and your new organics program.

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CARING FOR CAREGIVERS: MANAGING STRESS WHILE PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SUPPORT

By Steve Scieurba

Caregiving is a noble endeavor, often fueled by love and compassion for a family member or friend in need. However, the responsibilities of caregiving can also lead to significant emotional and physical stress for those providing care. Recognizing and addressing caregiver stress is crucial for maintaining the health and well-being of both caregivers and their loved ones.

According to experts, caregiver stress can manifest in various ways, including feeling overwhelmed, experiencing changes in sleep patterns or weight, and struggling with feelings of anger or sadness. Physical symptoms such as headaches and other health problems can also arise as a result of prolonged stress. Left unaddressed, caregiver stress can lead to serious health issues, including depression, anxiety, and increased risk of chronic diseases.

Fortunately, there are steps caregivers can take to manage stress effectively. One key strategy is to ask for and accept help from others. Creating a support network of family, friends, and community resources can provide much-needed assistance with caregiving tasks and offer emotional support to caregivers.

Setting realistic goals and prioritizing self-care are also essential aspects of managing caregiver stress. Caregivers should focus on what they can do, break tasks into manageable steps, and say no to additional responsibilities when necessary. Engaging in regular exercise, maintaining a healthy diet, and getting adequate sleep are vital for sustaining physical and emotional well-being.

Additionally, seeking out support groups and social connections can provide caregivers with opportunities to share experiences, receive encouragement, and learn coping strategies from others in similar situations. Professional support from healthcare providers or counselors is also available for caregivers who may be experiencing significant stress or mental health concerns.

In conclusion, while caregiving can be rewarding, it is essential for caregivers to prioritize their own well-being in order to continue providing effective care to their loved ones. By recognizing the signs of caregiver stress and implementing strategies to manage it, caregivers can ensure they are better equipped to meet the challenges of caregiving while maintaining their own health and happiness.

HOW TO TAP UNDERUTILIZED BURIAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS

Dear Savvy Senior:

What types of funeral benefits are available to old veterans? My 83-year-old father, who has Alz-heimer's disease, served during the Vietnam War in the 1960s. Planning Ahead



Dear Planning:

Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) National Cemetery Administration actually offers a variety of underutilized burial benefits to veterans as well as their spouses and dependents.

Most U.S. veterans (both combat and non-combat) who didn't receive a dishonorable discharge are eligible for burial benefits. To verify your dad's discharge, you'll need a copy of his DD Form 214 "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty." If you don't have it, you can re-quest online at Archives.gov/veterans.

Here's a rundown of some of the different benefits that are available to veterans that die a non-service related death.

Military Cemetery Benefits

If your dad's eligible and would like to be buried in one of the 155 national or 119 state, territory or tribal-operated cemeteries (see VA.gov/find-locations), the VA provides a number of benefits at no cost to the family, including: a gravesite; opening and closing of the grave and perpetual gravesite care; a government headstone or marker; a United States burial flag that can be used to drape the casket or accompany the urn; and a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

If your dad is cremated, his remains will be buried or inurned in the same manner as casketed remains.

But be aware that funeral or cremation arrangements and costs are not taken care of by the VA. They are the responsibility of the veteran's family, but some veteran's survivors may be eligible for burial allowances.

The VA also offers a memorial web page called the Veterans Legacy Memorial for any veteran buried in a national, state, territorial or tribal cemetery. This allows families to post pictures and stories of their loved one online as a way to remember and honor their service.

If you're interested in this option, the VA has a pre-need burial eligibility determination program to help you plan ahead before your dad passes. See VA.gov/burials-memorials/pre-need-eligibility or call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117.

Private Cemetery Benefits

The VA also provides benefits to veterans buried in private cemeteries. If your dad chooses this option, the VA benefits include a free government headstone or grave marker, or a medallion that can be affixed to an existing privately purchased headstone or marker; a burial flag; and a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

Funeral or cremation arrangements and costs are again the responsibility of the family, and there are no benefits offered to spouses and dependents that are buried in private cemeteries.

Military Funeral Honors

Another popular benefit available to all eligible veterans buried in either a national or private cemetery is a military funeral honors ceremony. This includes an honor guard detail of at least two uniformed military persons, folding and presenting the U.S. burial flag to the veteran's survivors, and the playing of Taps.

The funeral provider you choose will be able to assist you with all VA burial requests. Depending on what you want, certain forms may need to be completed which are always better to be done in advance.

For a complete rundown of burial and memorial benefits, eligibility details and required forms visit Cem.va.gov.

Burial Allowances

In addition to the burial benefits, some veteran's survivors may also qualify for a \$948 burial allowance and \$948 for a plot to those who choose to be buried in a private cemetery. And \$231 for a headstone or grave marker allowance. To find out if your dad is eligible or to apply, see VA.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...MARCH BIRTHDAYS*

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Begins at 1:00pm **Senior Cinema**

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder
WHY DOES MONDAY HAVE TO FOLLOW SUNDAY?

The older I get, the more I wake up not knowing what day it is. That is particularly true on Mondays. My favorite day of the week is Sunday. I enjoy attending church, fellowshiping with other Christians, and, of course, the Sunday worship services. I enjoy Sunday morning and evening like no other time of the week.

Since I became a Christian about 65 years ago, I have only missed a Sunday service when I was sick or had some emergency. Sunday is the most important day of the week for me, and it has been for years. I don't see it changing anytime soon.

As much as I love Sunday, I can't say the same about Monday. Sunday is filled with joy and, rejoicing and delightful fellowship. I get up each Sunday morning with great expectations. Monday is a different story, filled with gloom, doom, and a "What day is it?" mentality.

When I wake up on Monday morning, I often don't remember what day it is. Monday is the kind of day that I can't remember anything that I've done for the week because I haven't done anything for the week yet. I often forget it's the first day of the week. Confusion seems to be my partner.

Tuesday is not so bad because I can somehow remember the day, some of the things I did on Monday, and my plans for the rest of the week. But on Monday, I have to start the week all over again, and who has the energy to do that?

I understand that Saturday is the day we prepare for Sunday. I get that, and I do it every week. There should be some kind of law making Monday a day to recover from Sunday's activities and prepare for the week ahead.

Often, I'll wake up on Monday morning, look at The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, and say very soberly, "What day is it?" Usually, she looks at me and says sarcastically, "I don't know; check your calendar." By Wednesday, I will be in my regular work mode and get up every morning eager to start work-ing on my weekly plans.

I've had a thought along this line. Sometimes, I'm going to sleep all day on Monday, get up Tues-day morning, and see if I remember what day it is. That might help me understand all this non-sense I wallow in every week.

I need to be very careful along this line. For example, if The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage knew I got up on Monday morning not knowing what my plans were for the day, she may make those plans for me. Believe me; she knows how to plan out every minute of every day.

That's one reason I need a calendar to schedule my plans for the week. It doesn't matter if I finish all those plans or not. It only matters that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage sees I have scheduled work for myself.

The problem is that on Monday morning, when I get up, I'm not even sure what day it is, and there is a certain danger that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage may come to my rescue.

After all these years, you would think I would have discovered a better way to plan my days.

The problem is that since my retirement, I have moved my office out of the church and into our home. When my office was in the church, I could get up Monday morning and say, "I gotta get to the church office and get started on my work for the week." I then could figure out what I was going to do for the day and the week ahead of me. That worked for many years.

I must say The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has taken advantage of this weakness of mine. On a Monday morning, when I get up and shuffle out to the kitchen, she greets me by saying, "What plans do you have for today?"

At that time, I usually mumble and confess that I don't know. Then she says, "That's good because we need to go across town and pick up a few things." Where she got the "we," I don't know.

After hearing this for a few years, I discovered she was talking about a whole day of shopping. Who knew?

Maybe I could plan better for Monday if I didn't get so excited about Sunday. Perhaps I could have some things on my "to-do list" that would occupy me for the whole day. Of course, even if I have such a list on Monday morning when I get up, I sometimes can't even remember my name.

It will be a shocking Monday when I get up very lucid, remember my name, and have a plan for the day all in my head. I don't think The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would recognize me that day.

In all of my frustration, I was reminded of Philippians 4:6 - "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

My frustration only brings stress into my life. Each day, I need to discipline myself to give the elements of my life over to God. Only He can sort out my life in a way that glorifies Him. Learning to pray for everything solves my problems.

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STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON



THE UNTIED STATES OF AMERICA

One thing I learned in school is that being clever can help me get through a lot of tough times. Times like today. What you see in my caption is not a typographical error. It is my attempt to use cleverness to recover from the results of the elections which took place on Super Tuesday. Actually, the results were no surprise. As Bernie Sanders explains in his comments this morning "This is it." The election will once again be between Joe Biden and Donald Trump. And, frighteningly, at this point most polls have Trump in the lead. Bernie warns "I happen to believe that if Trump is elected once again this November, the 250-year-old experiment of modern democracy in this country may very well come to end."

I don't trust anyone anymore. I think everything I read is calculated misinformation designed to mislead and manipulate and I don't like it. Maybe Bernie is just trying to scare us so that we will contribute money to the Democratic campaign. I do think it is important that Trump to be defeated but I believe that there is a more important problem to be faced. A defeated Trump or even a Trump Super-Patriot imitation could run in following elections if the major problem remains. How can such a huge percentage of the American electorate be so ignorant, willingly uninformed as to actually support a Monster such as Donald Trump. We should go back to Thomas Jefferson to understand. He proclaimed that an "informed electorate is an absolute prerequisite to a Democracy." In a Democracy the elected officials are intended to be SERVANTS of the people NOT THEIR AUTOCRATIC DICTATORIAL MASTER. Abraham Lincoln made it clear in his famous Gettysburg Address given at a time that the entire country was at war in an attempt to keep the Nation united. One thing we all remember from School is the concluding words of the Gettysburg Address in which he reminds the country that the nation will stay united and that the government of the People, by the People, and for the People, shall not perish from the earth." Yes, we remember the words but was it ever discussed in Schools what those words meant. Are deeper meanings and their importance ever discussed in School?

Talking about the Schools brings me to my real point. My friend Gene, in 2017 after retiring from 30 years of practicing Law, volunteered as a tutor in the elementary Schools of New Mexico. The result of this experience was a book he wrote, illustrated by his 5 grandchildren, in which he laments the conditions of these chronically underperforming Schools. He dedicated the book to the teachers "who get up each morning and go to school. Gene describes the condition of the teachers who still try, in a system that is beyond broken, to teach all too many students who don't care, have completely given up, hate school, are scarred by their home lives such that they are disruptive, defiant, insolent, and antagonistically behind where they should be and probably will remain so forever.

This situation not only exists in New Mexico but is also an appropriate description of Schools all over this Country! In Gene's book all kinds of suggestions are made for reforming the educational system including mentoring programs, limiting teacher/student ratios, not limiting students by requiring memorization rather than understanding, and importantly failing to find areas in which each student can have a feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment. Other suggestions are made as to how to assist working mothers and single-parent families.

Today most Americans seek diversions rather than seeking information and understanding pursue other kinds of short-term goals. Consequently, they remain ignorant and uninformed about the workings of the government and as we have seen all too recently they are easy prey for larger-than-life autocratic personalities.

Efforts must be made to drastically reform the educational system or as Bernie Sanders predicts the experiment of modern democracy will end; but I don't think the experiment is ready to die yet. Realize how Germany has recovered from Hitler and reunited itself. We can do the same if we recognize the real problem and provide satisfactory learning experiences for each student and help for the families. Democracy is worth the trouble and our most talented and clever minds should be made aware of the need and use their gifts for a more responsible purpose. By the way did you vote or listen to the State of the Union speech?

TOM PURCELL



GET THIS: MEN AND WOMEN'S BRAINS ARE DIFFERENT.

Using a powerful, first-of-its-kind artificial intelligence model, Stanford Medicine was able to determine with a 90% success rate whether or not an MRI scan of human brain activity was coming from a male brain or a female brain. "The findings, the investigators suggest, help to resolve a longstanding controversy about whether reliable sex differences exist in the human brain," reports Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News.

Controversy?

I grew up an only boy with five sisters. My father and I figured out more than half a century ago that men and women have innately different brains.

However, prior to about 20 years ago, according to Stanford Medicine Magazine, the neuroscience community thought the difference in male and female brains was due to cultural influences.

You know, the old argument that boys like toy trucks because toy trucks are pushed on them as children and little girls like dolls because dolls are pushed on them.

But in the early 2000s those claims were disabused by a variety of studies, according to Psychology Today that, put simply, showed the circuitry in male and female brains is wired differently and these innate differences result in different behavior.

It's not to say a male brain is better than a female brain, or vice versa.

But Stanford Medicine Magazine says that women generally have greater reading and writing abilities than men.

They're also better at retrieving information from their long-term memory — especially everything we've done wrong since the moment we met them.

A 2014 University of Pennsylvania study found that females routinely use both sides of their brains in a highly coordinated manner, whereas men often use only one.

Women would be shocked if they knew how many things we use only half a brain to do.

For example, one study found that the male brain doesn't pick up as many sensory cues as a woman's.

When a man walks into his home, for example, he isn't likely to notice dust — which, I'm told, consists of fine, dry particles that settle on furniture.

That's one reason men do one-third as much housework as women, according to Fast Company — and also why, according to the great humorist P.J. O'Rourke, we clean our place about once every girlfriend.

The male brain also has superior visual-spatial awareness. We're better at navigation, creating and using tools or understanding abstract concepts, such as geometry.

Our noggins are wired for larger spaces, such as the garage, the backyard, the golf course, or, some ancient time ago, hunting woolly mammoths out in the wild with our buddies.

Sure, some men are neat freaks and homebodies and some women are sloppy and couldn't care less about the inside of their homes.

But on average, where biology is concerned, it's clear male and female brains are different.

For instance, notes Stanford Medicine, why are women more prone to suffering depression, while men are twice as likely to have issues with drugs and alcohol and 10 times more likely to suffer dyslexia?

Personally, I think a man is at his best when he finds a lifelong companion whose female brain is strong in multiple ways in which his is weak.

Look, surely we can all agree we don't need an MRI to know that men and women have different ways of thinking.

To borrow from legendary humorist Dave Barry, we all know which parent is more likely to drive off from the supermarket with the baby still in the baby seat he had set on the roof of the car.

RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH



WILL ROGERS...NEVER MISS A GOOD CHANCE TO SHUT UP

In this week's column I am pulling from the treasure chest of my favorite analyst on America: William Penn Adair Rogers aka Will Rogers. He was born as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation in Oologah, Oklahoma, November 4, 1879. A lifelong Democrat Rogers did support Republican Calvin Coolidge in 1924. Will's only political office was as Mayor of Beverly Hills which allowed him to joke about do-nothing politicians...such as himself.

In upcoming columns, I will tailor by adding political quips and quotes of Will's. His observations will aid our perspective. For now, I will revisit his more general commentaries on life, etc. The first quote I encompassed in the title of this column...and confess it is a dictum I have routinely ignored my whole life:

"Never miss a good chance to shut up."

So, less of me and more of Will:

"Things ain't what they used to be and probably never was."

"Common sense ain't common."

"There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works."

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression."

"Give her a day, and then in return Momma gives you the other 364."

"Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else."

"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today."

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

"Everyone is ignorant, only on different subjects."

"When you find yourself in a hole, quit digging."

"Always drink upstream from the herd."

"In this country people don't vote for, they vote against."

"When you're through learning, you're through."

"What the country needs is dirtier fingernails and cleaner minds."

"I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."

"We can't all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by."

"If stupidity got us into this, why can't stupidity get us out?"

"I'm not a real movie star. I've still got the same wife I started out with 28 years ago."

"Do the best you can, and don't take life too serious."

Of particular value to me are these two (This also refers to cats):

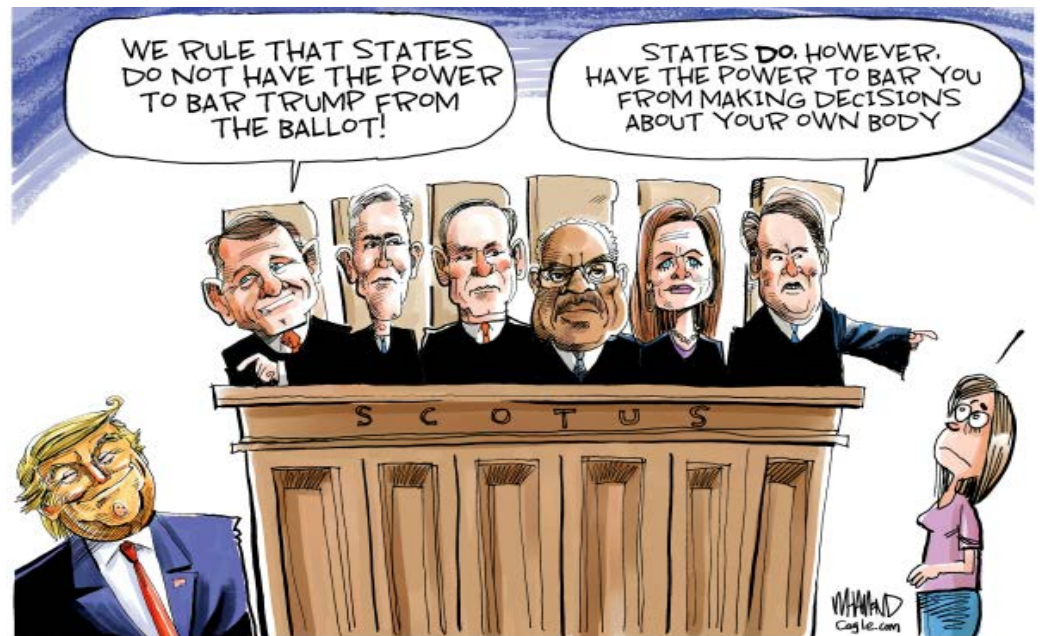
"When God created dogs, He just sat back and smiled."

"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die, I want to go where they went."

"I'll end with this spoken by the Amazing Mr. Rogers:

"Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously, and the politicians as a joke, when it used to be vice versa."

-Rich



NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE PETITION

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appears hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the City of Sierra Madre for the purpose of adding sections 3.38.010 through 3.38.150 to Title 3, Chapter 3.38 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, to implement a parcel tax to increase funding for personnel costs associated with police, fire and paramedic services within the City.

A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

Protecting the citizens of Sierra Madre is the highest purpose of the City's government. Fast emergency response times and crime prevention are necessary to maintain the high standard of living that Sierra Madre residents have historically enjoyed. Without an adequately funded Police and Fire Department, the City and its citizens are unnecessarily placed at risk from crime, property damage, slow 9-1-1 response times, and myriad public safety issues. The City's general fund has historically been insufficient to fund a properly staffed Police and Fire Department, leading to myriad public safety ills. In order to avoid any public safety issues in the future, this measure would create a separate, special fund which will allow the City to properly fund its Police and Fire Departments, allowing the departments to offer competitive pay packages to officers as compared to other municipalities, improve recruitment efforts, and maintain fully staffed and functioning departments. Setting up and funding this special set aside fund will allow the City to protect its citizens and maintain the high standard of living enjoyed by Sierra Madre residents.

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Sierra Madre, CA 92024
Dated: 3/1/2024

INITIATIVE MEASURE TITLE AND SUMMARY PREPARED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY UNDER ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 9203

TITLE Sierra Madre Public Safety Special Tax

SUMMARY

Public Safety Services

The City of Sierra Madre is a full service city, in that it provides police, fire, and paramedic services in-house, instead of contracting with the County of Los Angeles or a third party for those services. The Sierra Madre Police Department's and Sierra Madre Fire Department's personnel costs are paid for through the City's general fund revenues.

Purpose of Public Safety Special Tax

This initiative measure would supplement the City's existing general fund expenditures by imposing a special parcel tax on property owners. Unlike a general tax, which is imposed for general governmental purposes, a special tax is imposed for a specific purpose. This initiative measure is a special tax imposed to specifically fund police, fire, and paramedic personnel costs, defined to include salaries and benefits.

Tax Rate

The rate of taxation is based on the character of the property:
• Single-family residential parcels - \$480 per parcel per year;
• Multi-family residential parcels - \$576 per parcel per year; and
• Non-residential parcels - \$660 per parcel per year.

Certain parcels are exempt from the special tax upon application, including:

- Any parcel that has remained undeveloped for the past six months;
 - A single-family residential parcel owned and occupied by someone 65 years of age or older with a combined household income qualifying as a low-income household;
 - A single-family residential parcel owned and occupied by persons with a combined household income qualifying as a very-low income household; and
 - Any parcel owned by a religious organization or school that is exempt from property taxation under California law.
- If approved, the initiative measure will take effect July 1, 2025, and remain in effect until July 1, 2032. The parcel tax rate will increase annually based on changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), All Items, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. The increase will be no lower than one percent per year.

Accountability Measures

The special tax funds will be deposited into a separate, special account, to avoid the intermingling of special tax revenue with general fund revenue. By January 1st of each year, the Sierra Madre Finance Director must file an annual, public report with the Sierra Madre City Council which provides:

- The amount of special tax funds collected and expended; and
- The status of any project required or authorized to be funded pursuant to this measure.

Signature

If you sign this initiative petition, you will help place this initiative on the November 5, 2024 ballot.

If you do not sign this initiative petition, you will not help place this initiative on the November 5, 2024 ballot.

/s/ Aleks R. Giragosian, City Attorney

3/6/2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: STANLEY L. TIMMINS CASE NO. 24STPB02076

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of STANLEY L. TIMMINS.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BRIAN HILTON, CONTROLLER, KENSINGTON SM GP LLC DBA THE KENSINGTON SIERRA MADRE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

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

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 in this court as follows: 03/25/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024025979
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AYA HEALS 4770 KESTER AVE #02 SHERMAN OAKS, CA. 91403. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SARINEH HUCAPIAN MILLIGERDY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/05/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024031622
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ART 823 E WINDSOR RD GLENDALE, CA. 91205. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARTUR PERIKHANYAN. Signed: ARTUR PERIKHANYAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024031551
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JW HANDYMAN SERVICE 61802 TUJUNGA AVE NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91066. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JEFFREY THOMAS WEYLAND. Signed: JEFFREY THOMAS WEYLAND OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024031349
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CALEV HEALTH CENTER 3312 FLOYD TERRACE LOS ANGELES, CA. 90068. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CALEV, INC. Signed: CALEV, INC. MIKE RAPOPORT, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/19/2019. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024032743
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MIGUELITO TO SANGUYO CARE SERVICES 20946 SCHOOLCRAFT ST CANOGA PARK, CA. 91306. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DARREN T. GALLO. Signed: DARREN T. GALLO OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/13/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/19/2019. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024032326
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TOSH CONSTRUCTION 23679 CALABASAS RD #28 CALABASAS, CA. 91302. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DARREN T. GALLO. Signed: DARREN T. GALLO OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/13/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/19/2019. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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Signed: T.L.S. PARTS, INC. GEVORG TRUNYAN, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/14/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024036174
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as YM14 ENTERPRISES 3715 MARKET ST STE 112 GLENDALE, CA. 91208. AON 2019325022 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YURMOV 14, LLC. Signed: YURMOV 14, LLC. YURA MOV-SISYAN, MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024032524
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as COSMETIC & IMPLANT DENTAL CARE 14100 KATY STREET VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. AON 2919210 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MEHRZAD FIROZBAKHTEH DENTAL, INC. Signed: MEHRZAD FIROZBAKHTEH DENTAL, INC., MEHRZAD FIROZBAKHTEH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/05/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024031663
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALFARO DENTAL LAB 7322 BALCOM AVE RESEDA, CA. 91335. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAIME MAURICIO ALFARO ANGEL. Signed: AIME MAURICIO ALFARO ANGEL, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/13/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/20/23. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024032570
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALFARO DENTAL LAB 7322 BALCOM AVE RESEDA, CA. 91335. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAIME MAURICIO ALFARO ANGEL. Signed: AIME MAURICIO ALFARO ANGEL, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/13/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/20/23. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ALHAMBRA COURTHOUSE
150 WEST COMMONWEALTH
ALHAMBRA, CA. 91801

SUMMONS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
TONY H. XU

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
HSI-YANG CHEN AND AMY CHEN

CASE NUMBER: 23AHCV02418

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below:

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al de

mandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo

protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

CASE NUMBER:
(Número del Caso):
23AHCV02418

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
ALHAMBRA COURTHOUSE
150 WEST COMMONWEALTH
ALHAMBRA, CA. 91801

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

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THE GREEN FIRM, P.C.
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PASADENA, CA. 91101
(626) 432-1699

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. 24LBPC00001

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

PETITIONER TIA RENEE TAYLOR HAS FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT – SOUTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT -GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name:
TIA RENEE TAYLOR
Proposed Name:
TRISIAHMA APPOLOMIA AMLODOMG

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 03/29/2024 at 8:30 A.M. in Dept. S27 at GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE 275 MAGNOLIA AVE. LONG BEACH, CA. 90802.

THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

TIA RENEE TAYLOR
Petitioners Appearing Pro Per
2808 ATLANTIC AVE. #235
LONG BEACH, CA. 90810
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March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RUDOLPH M. LOPEZ CASE NO. 21STPB05371

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by R. Michael Lopez in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that R. Michael Lopez 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 the authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. 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 in this court as follows: 3/22/2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 2-D located at 111 N. Hill Street, 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 prior to 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 1250. A request for a Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

R. Michael Lopez, Petitioner.
112 LePage Rd.,
Folsom, CA. 95630
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TORRES TRUCKING 14702 CHATSWORTH DR MISSION HILLS, CA. 91345. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SAMUEL TORRES. Signed: SAMUEL TORRES OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024031083
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HERRMINE POGHOSYAN 9650 SUNLAND BLVD SUNLAND, CA. 91060. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JANET BERNDSON JOHNSON. Signed: JANET JOHNSON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/14/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024031731
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PM SHELBY 8919 TOPANGA CANYON BLVD WEST HILLS, CA. 91304. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARINE POGHOSYAN. Signed: MARINE POGHOSYAN OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024035527
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MISHSEL DIR GHAZARIN 2019 MANNING ST BURBANK, CA. 91505. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MISHSEL DIR GHAZARIN OWEN. Signed: MISHSEL DIR GHAZARIN OWEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024035589
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FREDDIE FADEZ 8105 CANTALOUPE AVE PANORAMA CITY, CA. 91402. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FREDDIE HELIODORO PINEDA. Signed: FREDDIE HELIODORO PINEDA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/14/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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HUDDLE UP

With **HARVEY HYDE**



“USC DEFENSIVE DEVELOPMENT”

In my mind, defense has always been the backbone of any great football program. Yes, offense pleases the crowds and fans, but defense wins championships!

The defensive mind set: “Wear the offense down/ deliver the blow/ make the tackle/ force the turnovers/ take away the big plays/ find the football and go get it!” It should be fun to play defense and not have any question about our ability to stop the opponent and win the game. Defense has as much right to the football as the offense.

This has not happened at USC over the past several years. They have become soft, lost confidence and the confidence of fans that “defense will get us back the ball.” Why? Simply because defense has not been the focus. It’s been “showtime!” Attention has been on receivers, wide open offenses, scoring big. Focus has not been on the balanced concentration needed to be a success in all possible situations.

Other team defenses have been able to get to USC offenses. Some quirks with the Trojan offense: no 2-back sets; not using the tight ends; no going under center with the QB in short yardage; not developing successful running series to keep the defense off balance. They can’t win a PAC-12 championship with a Heisman Trophy winner at Quarterback? Better defense could have helped.

Defensive changes at USC have been overdue. Coach Lincoln Riley finally has figured it out that what they were doing wasn’t working. So let’s clean house on the defensive side of the ball. New coaches. That’s the answer? Maybe.

Coaches need to know that it starts with players that they can motivate and develop. Players have gotta be put in positions that fit their mindset and ability, taught to understand their assignment and not be thinking about what they should do. You can’t ask players to perform assignments that are impossible to achieve. Let’s get the best eleven players on the field, and establish strength in each position.

The reason so many highly-ranked high school players have not worked out is because of lack of development, and being asked to play a position that does not match their skills and abilities. Recruiting on defense was not a priority. I say get the players who can play.... Not the “maybes.” Get great local players, then look to the national scene. Coaches need to have material to work with that can be used to build that strong defense. Balanced recruiting is key. Let’s not overload certain positions with kids who want to play but lose confidence because they don’t get their turn.

The new defensive staff has made their goals known in their recent press conference to media that was a good presentation.

Coach D’Anton Lynn, the new Defensive Coordinator has discussed his philosophy that lays down his plan on how to build a defense: Coaching, personnel, development.

Defensive Line coach Eric Henderson (from the Rams) tells a story of his success and the sacrifices one must make to succeed on and off the field. I enjoyed the message.

Linebacker Coach, Matt Entz (North Dakota State) says it all. He came to SC for great traditions, where one could move to a power 5 head coach job, have the pride of wearing an SC jersey. He is looking for size, speed and power in his backing crew.

Coach Shaun Nua is a holdover (USC) and will coach defensive ends to bring strength and maturity to that position.

Secondary Coach Doug Belk (Houston) was a defensive coordinator with experience who will coach a group of athletes who have struggled. (but I did like their performance in the Holiday Bowl. His goal, no missed tackles, play shoulder tackling, move those feet, bring players to the ground. It’s not a difficult game.

All four new coaches were strong, committed and proud to be Trojans. By the way, new running back coach Anthony Jones (TCU) will add to the offense mix. This all sounds great, however, believing in yourself and teammates is critical. Both offense and defense need to feel confident about both sides of the ball. Now.... the next question: What about special teams? Direction is badly needed! What’s up coach? OR maybe you already know. You may have told us and I missed it.. At any rate... the season opens with LSU on Labor Day Weekend in Las Vegas! Huddle up and Buckle up!

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We’ve all been there. We know what our bodies are capable of, especially when it comes to our workouts. But sometimes, it just seems easier to do less. Maybe we convince ourselves that skipping a run is ok or lifting lighter weights is better than doing nothing. Over the years, I’ve seen many fitness participants who were once super fit and strong end up losing that edge. Life throws curveballs – a move, tighter finances, or other unexpected changes – and suddenly, the whole workout routine gets upended. Figuring out how to shift gears, how to make sure you’re still keeping up your fitness, and holding onto the gains you worked hard for becomes a real puzzle. It’s a challenge to navigate these changes and make sure you’re not giving up on all the benefits you’ve earned through your efforts.

If you’ve been engaged in strength training, stretching, cardio, hiking, or other physically demanding activities, it’s crucial to recognize that simply “going for a walk” isn’t a comparable substitute. While taking occasional breaks or easing up on intensity can be beneficial and even necessary at times, consistently opting for a less demanding approach can lead to significant consequences in the long run. It might seem like not pushing yourself to your full potential (as opposed to not exercising at all) won’t make a noticeable difference, but the results are impactful. Think about some of these potential outcomes that you may not be fully aware of.

While your physical fitness may not undergo a drastic decline, there’s a notable risk of falling short of your maximum potential when it comes to cardiovascular health, muscular strength, and endurance. The commitment of time and effort to exercise is rooted in the belief that it’s worthwhile – to maximize these efforts, pushing your limits is crucial. When you opt for less intense or varied exercises, you inadvertently limit your progress. This can affect development in terms of muscle growth, weight loss, or reaching overarching fitness objectives. It’s also more likely that you’ll spend more time exercising without reaping the full spectrum of benefits. You’re investing more hours without witnessing a proportional return on your fitness investment. To get the most out of your commitment to exercise, embracing challenges and pushing beyond your comfort zone is indispensable.

Opting not to push your physical limits not only risks hitting a plateau in your results but also impedes the potential for continuous improvement. In the realm of activities involving skill development, backing off may mean missing opportunities to improve technique, coordination, and overall proficiency. The human body is remarkably adaptive – it adjusts to the level of exercise it regularly encounters. Actively challenging yourself becomes the catalyst for breaking through plateaus and unlocking ongoing enhancements in performance and results. When you refrain from pushing your boundaries, you inadvertently extend the duration of your workouts without reaping commensurate benefits. A scenario where the time spent exercising doesn’t align with the outcomes achieved. Embracing challenges ensures that each session contributes to your overall progress, creating a positive cycle of advancement and accomplishment.

Not giving it your all may also lead to a lack of motivation over time. Achieving and surpassing personal goals can be a strong motivator for continued exercise. Doing less than what you know you can do starts a process of gradual decline. Staying in your comfort zone erodes the psychological rewards that come with conquering challenges in your fitness journey. To make the most of your commitment to exercise, actively seek challenges, consistently push beyond your comfort zone, and enjoy the satisfaction of achieving and exceeding your personal goals.

Remember exercise isn’t just for your body. Your brain needs it too. Reap the cognitive benefits of working out. High-intensity exercise has been linked to improved cognitive function and memory. By not exercising to your full potential, you may miss out on some of these cognitive benefits. Mental health is vitally important too. While you may still experience some benefits from moderate exercise, pushing yourself to your full potential can lead to greater releases of endorphins, contributing to an improved mood and mental well-being.

It’s important to strike a balance between pushing yourself and allowing for adequate rest and recovery. Learn to recognize when your body needs rest or when you can push a bit harder. Become aware of when you can do “just one more.” Obviously if your body is showing physical signals such as fatigue, soreness, and pain it’s time to back off a little. But if not, and you just don’t feel like it, remember it’s a lot harder to get fit than stay fit. Instead of just treading water, focus on propelling yourself forward.

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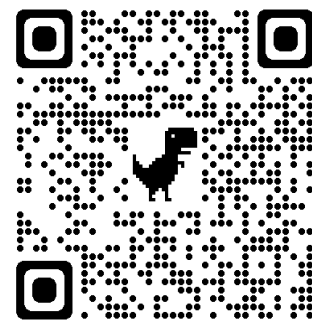
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