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Time Begins March 9

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2014 SIERRA MADRE WISTARIA FESTIVAL

SUNDAY - MARCH 16, 2014

MEASURE UUT – YOUR CITY, YOUR CHOICE



Editorial By John Capoccia, Member of Sierra Madre City Council

later, people are moving here for the same reasons. Let’s ensure that future generations feel the same. Please take a hard look at what your tax dollars do to keep Sierra Madre the wonderful place that it is before you vote.

You’ll recall that when I ran to serve you on our City Council two years ago, I was against Measure 12-1, which was similar to what’s before you in Measure U, but different in significant ways. I was against Measure 12-1 because:

1. It would have automatically raised your utility tax to 12% on June 30, 2013 without a council vote (I didn’t think a 12% tax was necessary and I still don’t)
2. It was premature. The current 10% tax rate is scheduled to sunset starting July 1, 2015. There was no need to make a decision three years early while still sorting out the effects of the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency and the recession, and before giving the new council a chance to assess Sierra Madre’s finances
3. Public Safety was fully funded in the then-current budget. I did not believe that public safety would have been in jeopardy had Measure 12-1 failed, and thus far there have been no harmful effects

Two years have elapsed, and your City Council and staff has continued to exercise prudent expense management. Allowing the UUT to sunset will be detrimental to keeping Sierra Madre the terrific place as we know it.

First, some background. We’ve had a Utility Users Tax since 1993. The original UUT was implemented to mitigate the effects of Proposition 13, which limited property taxation below the rate of inflation. Property Taxes are the main source of revenue to fund municipal operations for most, if not all cities. Sierra Madre was forced to find new sources of revenue or cut services below a level that its citizens would tolerate. Sierra Madre was also

affected by the demise of small “mom and pop” retailers in favor of big-box. As a result, our sales tax revenue is miniscule, approximately 2% of our General Fund revenue. Most would agree that it’s a good thing that we don’t have big-box or other chain type retailers here in Sierra Madre, but the penalty is diminished revenue.

In 2008, Measure U was placed on the ballot to raise the UUT from six percent to twelve percent, and it expanded the categories of utilities to be taxed. There were two reasons for the tax increase. One was to give our Police Department a raise in pay, as their compensation fell significantly behind their peers in the San Gabriel Valley. The other reason was to provide continuing funding for our newly formed Paramedic program, which was implemented the year before using start-up money from the sale of the canyon fire station. A citizen’s committee recommended the utility tax increase that was placed on the ballot.

It’s interesting to note that at the time Measure U was placed on the ballot, Sierra Madre had received four years of healthy property tax revenue increases as a result of the huge run-up in residential property values. Even with the revenue surge, the citizen’s committee recommended the UUT increase. Sierra Madre’s voters agreed with the recommendation, approving Measure U by 62%. I’m sure it helped that the Council Members Kurt Zimmerman, John Buchanan, Don Watts, Joe Mosca, and Enid Joffe unanimously supported the tax and were signatories to the “Argument in Favor” that appeared on the ballot.

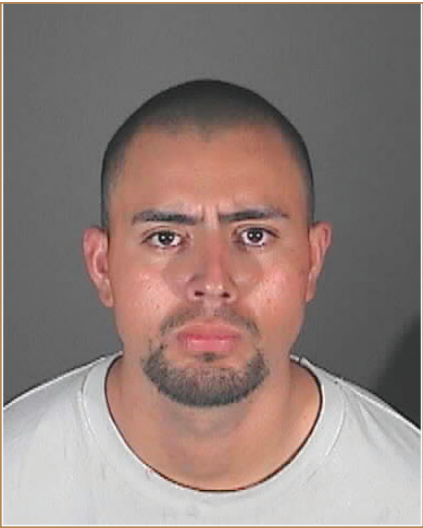
Our Police officers were given raises in three consecutive years of 9%, 8% and 7%, which merely served to bring them from far below their peers in the San Gabriel Valley, to where they are now, which is at or very near the bottom.

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SMPD ARREST SUSPECT IN KERSTING COURT BURGLARY

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

Sierra Madre, CA On Wednesday afternoon Sierra Madre Police Department received multiple calls of a person that was being very aggressive in soliciting for money in the Kersting Court area. The individual, later identified as 33 yr. old Ismael Villarreal of Pasadena, was also seen going in and out of several businesses in the area as well as looking into parked vehicles. Officers arrived on scene within minutes of the call and when Villarreal saw the first police unit arrive in the area he took off running. He was later located in the Buccaneer Bar and taken into custody without incident. The investigation revealed that Villarreal was taking money from the tip jars at several of the local business and had driven to the area in a vehicle that was stolen out of Fontana.



Villarreal was booked at the Los Angeles County Jail for Commercial Burglary and Grand Theft Auto and is being held on \$20,000 bail.

WISTARIA FESTIVAL SHUTTLE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!



Shuttle tickets to ride up to view the Wistaria Vine at the annual Wistaria Festival are still available for purchase! The 2014 Wistaria Festival will take place on March 16th, 2014.

The Festival features tours of the world’s largest blossoming plant, certified by the Guinness Book of World Records. Each year, the property owners upon whose land the vine sits open their homes to allow thousands to view the vine. Dozens of Sierra Madre residents volunteer to act as docents at the property, telling the story of the vine, which was originally

planted from a 1-gallon pot that was purchased for \$0.75 in 1894. In addition to the tours of the vine, the two main downtown streets of Sierra Madre are closed to traffic so that crafters and artists can set up booths to display and sell their arts/crafts. Downtown village shops are open, and musical acts perform at multiple outdoor venues. Memorial Park is transformed into a combination Kids/Food zone and a hub of information about local non profits.

The shuttle to the vine from downtown avoids a long uphill walk from downtown to the neighborhood in which the vine sits. Tickets for the shuttle are \$15 for adults. Seniors (over 65) and children (6 to 16) receive a discounted rate of \$7. Children under five ride for free. Families of 6 or more can ride the shuttle of \$30. (No more than 2 adults).

You can purchase tickets on the chambers website, www.sierramadrechamber.com or by stopping by Savor The Flavor, Beantown or The Bottle Shop. Additional information on the festival can be found in Section B of this paper.

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ELECTION COVERAGE

On April 8, 2014, voters in Sierra Madre will go to the polls and select three people from a field of four to sit on the City Council. They will also vote on a local ballot measure to extend the city’s current User Utility Tax Ordinance.

The Mountain Views News will provide our readers with comprehensive coverage of this election. Each week, as we have done in the past, we will profile the candidates and give each of the candidates the opportunity to introduce themselves to our readers by answering the following questions:

1. Why are you running for City Council?
2. What are you going to do for Sierra Madre?
3. How do you plan on accomplishing your goals?

(All candidates are being asked to answer the same questions and their answers will be published unedited.)

The paper will also review the pros and cons of the proposed User Utility Tax Ordinance. The schedule will be as follows:

March 8th	Candidate Rachelle Arizmendi
March 15th	Candidate Noah Green
March 22nd	Candidate Eugene Goss
March 29th	Candidate Forum Review

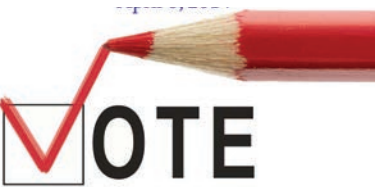
It is our sincere hope that each candidate will submit their answers so that we can share them with our readers. A separate letter has been sent to each candidate asking them to participate.

In addition to the candidate spotlights, we will attempt to cover the various forums sponsored by local organizations. Where possible, the unedited video of these forums will be broadcast on the papers website.

Our reporting on this election will be as fair and objective as possible. However, please keep in mind that our columnists are always free to share their opinions. Their opinions are their opinions and may or may not reflect the position of the paper. This is true in all things, not just this election.

We will also provide for you the calendar of important dates regarding the election. It is our goal to do whatever we can to help you make an informed decision on April 8, 2014.

Susan Henderson, Publisher and Editor



SIERRA MADRE KIWANIS CLUB PRESENTS:

USER UTILITY TAXES - The Pros and Cons

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 12:00 noon

The Lodge in Sierra Madre

33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca.

SIERRA MADRE WOMAN’S CLUB & CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENT:

COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Call: 355-5111 for details

Sierra Madre 2014 City Council Candidate

RACHELLE ARIZMENDI

I am running for City Council to help maintain and enhance the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

For the past 14 years, I have been the Education Project Director for a large non-profit organization, managing an annual budget of over \$20 million and 300 employees serving thousands of children and their families at 27 schools. I have the knowledge and experience to establish and enforce fiscal discipline.

As a long-time Sierra Madre homeowner, I am dedicated to maintaining home values. That means, I will work towards limiting and controlling development to preserve the unique charm of Sierra Madre.

As a part-time PCC faculty member, I know the importance of strong neighborhood schools. I will work with the PUSD to make sure our neighborhood schools receive our fair share of resources. I am endorsed by the organization representing PUSD teachers.

My civic engagement activities include serving on the City of Sierra Madre’s Community Services Commission, serving as a member on the LA Child Care Planning Committee, the PBS SoCal Advisory Committee, and other non-profit boards.

With your support, I will make certain that Sierra Madre is on the right track by working to:

- Establish and enforce fiscal discipline
- Limit and control development
- Keep downtown an appealing and neighborhood friendly area
- Work with the PUSD to improve our neighborhood schools

In addition, I will prioritize Public Safety, Neighborhood Protection, and Water issues. This includes working proactively with our police department, city employees, community members, and exploring other possible sources of funding.

I’ll work to keep Sierra Madre a beautiful, safe place where individuals, seniors and families can flourish. I will always give priority to the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

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I respectfully ask for your vote.



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Sierra Madre, Ca.

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Wed:	Ptly Cldy	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 626-355-7135

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, March 11, 2014
6:30 pm

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

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

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



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MONDAY - 10 - 11 am

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WHEN:

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WISTARIA THRIFT SHOP SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA MARCH 27, 28, 29, 2014

The Wistaria Thrift Shop, run by the Sierra Madre Woman's Club at 550 W. Sierra Madre, will hold their Spring Extravaganza on Thursday, March 27, Friday March 28, and Saturday, March 29. Hours are from 9am to 2pm.

The largest part of the huge event has been moved into their vintage clubhouse, Essick House, with every room in the historic building will be filled with a quantity of merchandise at bargain bottom prices. Clothing for all family members, a multitude of household and kitchen items, books, toys, craft supplies, gift items and so much more. Shop Chair, Elma Flores, says the variety and quality of merchandise will give shoppers an early start on Easter buying.

All proceeds support club philanthropies. For more information call the shop at 626 355-7739. The Wistaria Thrift Shop at the rear of the Essick House will also be open

ONE BOOK ONE CITY FINISHES ON AN INSPIRING NOTE

**Author Brings Her Book
Alive to capacity crowd**

Maisie Dobbs, the Sierra Madre Public Library 2014 One Book One City choice, concluded a month of exciting free events with an extremely well-received appearance by the author Jacqueline Winspear.

Winspear spoke about World War I and its effect on England, and its setting for her mystery novel featuring an extraordinary young woman living in World War I era England and France. A reception followed the talk and copies of books in the Maisie Dobbs series were available for purchase and signing by the author.

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I and Winspear's talk capped a month of programs with a World War I theme.

A Children's Airplane Flying Contest, and Jim Constantian with his 1916 Victrola phonograph and original recordings from the era, started the month's celebration. The Library displayed artifacts from World War I, World War I award-winning poetry by Christopher "Kit" Adde, and the Teen Docents conducted virtual tours of Sierra Madre in the World War I period.

Other events included: Catherine Adde's "tour" of Cambridge, London, the English countryside and the battlefields of France where the story took place. Wings, an epic World War I silent action drama that featured spectacular aerial sequences of vintage dog fighting and a romantic angle featuring Clara Bow. The Sierra

Madre Historical Preservation Society presentation of author and historian Michele Zack who spoke about life in Sierra Madre during the years up to, including, and following WWI.

"Thanks from the Library's One Book One City Committee go to the Sierra Madre Community Foundation, the Sierra Madre Civic Club and the Sierra Madre Rotary Club for their financial support, and to the Historical Society for their program featuring Michele Zack, and the Woman's Club, the Sierra Madre Playhouse, & The Gooden School for letting us use their fine facilities for programs," said Rob Stockly OBOC chair and Board of Trustees chairman.

Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024, (626) 355-7186, www.cityofsierramadre.com/departments/library.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, February 23, to Sunday March 2nd, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 300 calls for service.

Monday February 24, 2014

At 8:39 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 400 block of Ramona Ave. regarding theft of figurines from a front yard. The location was monitored by a security camera system, which revealed to Police Officers that the incident actually occurred on Monday, February 17, 2014 at approximately 4:00 pm. Two suspects were seen entering the yard and removing the figurines. Vehicle and suspects were seen leaving location east bound on Ramona and out of sight. Later that day officers found the vehicle and the suspects were taken into custody.

Tuesday February 25, 2014

At 5:03 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 200 block of Mariposa Ave. regarding a theft of United Parcel Service packages. Victim advised Police that several packages were stolen from resident's front porch. An area check was conducted for any evidence or leads, but no suspects were found.

Sunday March 2, 2014

At 3:19 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 100 block of Colony Drive, regarding an attempt break in to a residence. Victim advised incident occurred between Thursday, February 27, 2014 and Friday February 28, 2014. Resident discovered that a screen had been removed from her window, another screen had been cut, and there were pry marks on the window. Suspects were unable to gain entry into the residence.

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE.....THE SOCIAL SIDE

By Deanne Davis

"The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls." Pablo Picasso

"Every artist was first an amateur." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Creativity takes courage." Henri Matisse

Had an amazing time Monday, touring the Creative Arts Group. You know, that nice building on North Baldwin with the big suns out in front. If you haven't been there, you need to check it out. Executive Director, Kristin Naran, graciously took me all over their facility and I saw so many exciting, beautiful and affordable things. There is currently a new show going on at the CAG Gallery: the "Faculty Show" which will continue through March 28th where the teachers are exhibiting their own work in ceramics, glass fusing, painting, enameling and more. If you recall last Friday night, even though it was pouring on a Noah's Ark scale, Kristin was happy to report that they had an excellent showing of guests for the Faculty Show opening!

Creative Arts has been in Sierra Madre since 1960 and in their current location since the '70s. They own their entire property and have added a building with spacious classrooms behind the gallery. Here's something I bet you didn't know, Creative Arts Group does wonderful things with our local schools to introduce young students to the joys of art.

Soozee VanDyke Woods, who specializes in ceramic tile, each piece of which can be an art statement on its own or part of a fireplace or backsplash, but so vivid and unique, teaches a class for 5-8 year olds on Mondays called "Mid-Day Mud!" where these little people are introduced to the joys of clay. Soozee is also part of the ImaginArt Program in our local elementary school. First through fifth graders walk over from Sierra Madre School and have the opportunity to work with clay on projects connected to their curriculum. During my tour with Kristin, I got to see some of the projects the kids have been working on, for instance, tradition has it that third graders get to work on witches and they can't wait to get to third grade to create their own Halloweenish witch. I saw a bird (or guinea fowl) which will eventually be fired in one of the three kilns (two gas, one electric) which will have small holes for each young potter to insert feathers into his or her bird's back. There were three-dimensional fish with open mouths, and each piece was so very different, so very singular...just like the kids who are making them. Kristin also told me that all the projects for the ImaginArt Program are supported by donors such as The Spero Foundation, Civic Club, Rotary, Sierra Madre Community Foundation, Kiwanis and the Creative Arts Group Alliance. I liked that! Here's something else cool: All the clay is recycled to create new clay. Nothing is wasted.

Soozee VanDyke Woods and her partner, Tracy Chamberlin, are also the force behind Ramona-Paloma Tile Studios right here in Sierra Madre. Soozee is passionate about exposing young people and adults, too, to art. Here's a calendar item for you, Mid-Day Mud will be happening again this spring.

Also met Debbie Schweiner, who teaches ceramics/wheel-throwing/sculpture. She got her start at Creative Arts Group taking classes as a child and has been teaching for the last twenty years. Her favorites are the kids, nine+, as these are the ones who really have an interest in ceramics. Debbie says the children are so creative and innovative and they continually surprise her with their take on each project. Debbie is also on the Creative Arts Group Guild Board and is Vice-President this year. Her very first ceramics class teacher, Jean Taylor, is still teaching in La Canada as she approaches her 90th birthday. Apparently, Art can keep you young!

Walking through the Creative Arts Gallery, I saw so many things that I wanted to take home with me right that minute! Glassware that would make

a glass of milk an experience, and a glass of wine an epiphany; pottery, vases, no two things alike. Paintings in every medium: acrylic, watercolor, oil. A tiger in black and white and a lion so lifelike I expected him to leap off the canvas! Creative Arts is very involved in featuring emerging artists like 15-year old Camellia Steele, whose brilliant acrylic works are hanging now. The lighting is perfection, showcasing each piece and painting and jewelry! Oh My! Jewelry! Earrings, necklaces. And they have puppet classes! There was a marionette, a large bird with many moving parts that seemed to be begging for some young person to be pulling her strings. The next puppetry class starts the week of April 7th and it will be Alligators & Crocodiles! Off loom weaving with Ferne Jacobs, renowned fiber artist, will be



Teacher, Debbie Schweiner; Executive Director, Kristin Naran & Teacher, Soozee VanDyke Woods



Above - 3D Fish in the making by grade school students . Bottom Wall hanging by Debbie Schweiner

coming up in the spring session. So many things to do, to learn at Creative Arts Group. One of the most exciting places in town, especially now during the Faculty Show.

Next time you need to gift shop, go to Creative Arts! I certainly intend to. In fact, there will be a special sale of student work in the front patio during the Wistaria Festival, which is coming up the weekend of March 16th. And my birthday is very soon... think I'll suggest that the adorable John stop in at Creative Arts Group!

"Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen." Leonardo da Vinci

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." Pablo Picasso

Check out my book, *Walking Sierra Madre friends! "A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter."* It's available on Amazon.com and at the following link: <https://www.createspace.com/4561071> And at the bookstore at Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena!

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CHOICE-(cont.from pg. 1)

Nevertheless, the higher pay has allowed the Sierra Madre police department to attract better candidates and raise the standard for professionalism and integrity. We now have a better police department as a result. The UUT increase also allowed us to fully fund our Paramedic program, the cost of which is approximately \$500,000 per year, to better serve our increasingly aging population. The number of paramedic-only calls has been increasing steadily year over year, and our response times are superlative, an average of just over 4 minutes.

We all dislike paying taxes. As a fiscal conservative, I abhor waste and inefficiency, and cringe every April after filing my tax returns and thinking that my tens of thousands of hard-earned dollars goes to federal and state programs that I don't believe in. As a Council Member, I resent having to comply with state mandates that waste your tax dollars, provide a comfortable living for bloated bureaucrats, and consume our City's precious staff time. However, at the local level, and especially here in Sierra Madre, your tax dollars provide for your safety and security, common public facilities and community

programs. Your local tax dollars are used efficiently for your benefit, and are spent primarily on basic services that you collectively value.

Next week, I'll take a closer look at our what your tax dollars provide for you and your community. Then I'll review our revenue prospects other factors and will summarize my view.

I'd love to discuss with you and hear your ideas on the best way to manage the Sierra Madre's resources. If you'd like, please call me on 355-6407, or you can email me on jcapoccia@cityofsierramadre.com.

Holden Seeks Second Term

Assemblymember Chris Holden filed paperwork last week officially seeking a second term representing the 41st Assembly District which includes Pasadena.

“Our petitions, we got the required number of signatures and we have been raising money,” Holden said.

During his first term he had seven proposed measures signed into law include providing more funds for domestic violence shelters, ensuring tax breaks for military personnel, helping small businesses and creating economic opportunity for pioneering start-up companies.

Holden also serves on the Appropriations Committee; Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee; Labor and Employment Committee and the Assembly Committee on Legislative Ethics. Asm. Holden also sits on the Transportation Committee where he continues his efforts in promoting light rail to connect the Foothills region and Los Angeles.

The 41st Assembly District includes the communities of Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, La Verne, San Dimas, Claremont, San Antonio Heights, Alta Loma and Upland. The primary elections are on June 3 and general elections on November 4.



Chris Holden

Pet of the Week



Frasier is an eight-year-old gray domestic shorthair cat. He enjoys roaming around and exploring new places. He's very gentle and sweet. He even likes to talk!

Frasier's regular adoption fee is \$70, which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, the first set of vaccinations, as well as a free follow-up health check at a participating vet. Frasier also qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program in which his adoption fee is waived for adopters 60 years old and older. New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet. Ask an adoptions counselor for more information during your visit.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 to ask about A349662, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday – Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters from phone calls or email. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at www.pasadenahumane.org.



Robinson Park Renovation Approved

The city council voted Monday night to approve an \$802,000 contract for Phase II of the Robinson Park Recreation Center Renovation Project. The new agreement with local architectural firm GKKworks includes Schematic design services, Design development services, community engagement and outreach among other things.

The renovation will increase the current facility at 1081 North Fair Oaks Ave to approximately

30,000 square feet and will also expand recreational activities.

Some councilmembers, including Steve Madison, Margaret McAustin and Victor Gordo were troubled with the idea of changing the bidding process midway, although, the original architect Gonzalez Goodale chose to opt out. The Council voted in September against entering into a \$750,000 contract with Gonzalez Goodale amid community complaints.

Pasadena Media Holds Soft Opening

After being closed to the public for almost a year, the local public access cable television station Pasadena Media held a soft opening Tuesday —showing off their brand new studios on South Los Robles Ave.

The occasion was marked with a cake cutting. Members of the public were also given tours of the facility which includes a large and small studio and training areas.

Executive Director Keri Stokstad told about 25 community producers, which attended the ceremony; an



official ribbon cutting by Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard would take place April 2.

For more information visit pasadenamedia.tv or call (626) 794-8585.

St. Patrick's Tea Dance at Pasadena Senior Center

Shamrocks, leprechauns and pots of gold will be in abundance Sunday, March 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Scott Pavilion at Pasadena Senior Center when tea sandwiches and sweet treats will be served.

The Great American Swing Band will perform musical favorites for listening pleasure and dancing, whether guests want to dance cheek to cheek or break out in lively jigs! People with limited mobility are encouraged to sway to the rhythm as they enjoy the music from their tables.

JPL March Events Calendar

MARCH 13-14: FREE LECTURE – MEASURING ATMOSPHERIC CARBON DIOXIDE FROM SPACE – NASA'S ORBITING CARBON OBSERVATORY 2

Fossil fuel combustion and other human activities are now emitting more than 35 billion tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) into the atmosphere each year. The ocean and plants on land emit more than 20 times as much CO₂ into the atmosphere as humans do, but they reabsorb almost as much, along with about half of human-produced emissions. Ground-based measurements accurately record the global impact of these processes on Earth's atmospheric CO₂ budget and its trends. However, their resolution and coverage is not adequate to identify the "sources" emitting CO₂, or the natural "sinks" absorbing this gas. The Orbiting Carbon Observatory – 2 (OCO-2) is NASA's first satellite designed to measure atmospheric CO₂ with the accuracy needed to identify these sources and sinks. After its launch in July 2014, its spectrometer instruments will record more than 100,000 CO₂ measurements each day. Free lectures on March 13 at JPL; March 14 at Pasadena City College; both at 7 p.m. http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/events/lectures_archive.php?year=2014&month=3

MARCH 15: OCEAN SCIENCE BOWL

JPL, in association with USC, will co-host the 15th annual Los Angeles regional competition called the "Surf Bowl". The 2014 JPL Regional Ocean Sciences Bowl will be held on Saturday, March 15, at JPL in Pasadena. Twenty-four teams of students and coaches from local high schools will participate. The winner of the Regional Ocean Sciences Bowl "Surf Bowl" will have the opportunity to compete in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl finals in Seattle. <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/events/nosb.cfm>

MARCH 20-22: FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION

The FIRST Robotics Competition is a national engineering contest that immerses high school students in the exciting world of engineering. Teaming up with engineers from businesses, universities and research institutions, the students get a hands-on, inside look at the engineering profession. In January, student teams across the country received the same box of parts and have six weeks to design, construct and test their robot. The teams then compete in a spirited, no-holds-barred tournament complete with time clocks, referees and cheerleaders.

The next Los Angeles Regional FIRST Robotics Competition will be held at the Long Beach Arena. <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/events/first.php>

The total budget for phase II will also increase to \$9.3 million from \$8.3 million according to city staff. The needed funds will go to furniture, fixtures and equipment they said.

GKKworks will hold the first of 36 planned community meeting over construction plans at the end of this month. City staff expects construction to begin winter 2016 and be completed in spring of 2018

DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint Planned

Pasadena Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Friday, March 14, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

In California, this deadly crime led to 802 deaths in 2012 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows nearly 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver. "Over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed 4 lives and resulted in 63 injury crashes harming 83 of our friends and neighbors," said Pasadena Police Chief Phillip L. Sanchez.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving. Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Guest Curator to Speak about Exhibition

Guest Curator Chip Tom will speak about the exhibition, The Other Side: Chinese and Mexican Immigration to America at a special lecture Saturday at 2 p.m. The exhibition presents a collection of visual narratives about the Chinese and Mexican immigrant experiences. Through the works of five contemporary artists, the exhibition explores the recurring issues of immigration, border relations and labor practices that have persisted throughout U.S. history and remain timely today. Artists featured are Andrea Bowers, Margarita Cabrera, Tony de los Reyes, Zhi Lin and Hung Liu.

Survey; Stores Promote Unhealthy Products

Ninety-seven stores in Pasadena were surveyed last summer as part of a new statewide survey on unhealthy products at nearly 7,400 businesses offering retail sales of tobacco. The results were announced Wednesday by the California Department of Public Health in conjunction with city health department officials from Berkeley, Long Beach and Pasadena.

"We've made a lot of strides in recent years but this survey shows that tobacco and other companies offering unhealthy products continue to find new ways and new products to entice our youth, many times in stores just a few blocks from schools," said Dr. Eric Walsh, the City's Public Health Officer and Director of the Pasadena Health Department. "We need healthier stores for a healthy community. Consumers have a right to select and have healthier food options available. As health officials, we want to work with retailers, partners and parents to protect our kids to achieve this health goal."

None of the stores were identified by name. Of those 97 stores, almost 58 percent displayed some form of exterior advertising or signs that promoted unhealthy products while only about 13.5 percent featured similar advertising for

healthy products.

Averages both statewide and throughout Los Angeles County indicated about 71 percent of the stores surveyed showed unhealthy product advertising and just 12 percent had healthy product advertising according to the survey.

The survey then looked at the product marketing and the availability of healthy and unhealthy options offered for sale such as alcohol, junk foods, sugary beverages, sodas, fresh fruit, vegetables and milk.

The survey showed that many of the stores sell tobacco within 1,000 feet of schools. In Los Angeles County, nearly 40 percent of the businesses were within the 1,000-foot radius while statewide the percentage was about 27.5 percent and 32 percent in Pasadena. In Los Angeles County, less than half of those businesses surveyed sold any fresh fruits and vegetables. Statewide, the number was about 42 percent and about 38 percent for the Pasadena-based businesses surveyed.

Full statewide and local survey results are on the website, www.HealthyStoresHealthyCommunity.com. For more information about the Pasadena Public Health Department visit ci.pasadena.ca.us/publichealth.



Artnight Pasadena Returns

Come celebrate the best of Pasadena's creative, artistic community as ArtNight Pasadena returns from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, March 14, 2014 with free admission to 16 exciting, world-class arts and cultural venues. There's something for everyone during this exciting, family fun, four-hour cultural extravaganza featuring a wide array of dance, music, visual arts and other activities. Free shuttle buses will help provide transportation to each location.

Among the many highlights on March 14 for ArtNight, www.artnightpasadena.org, are: Reinvigorate your senses with Light Bringer Project's Sensory Overload of creative edibles and installations at 175 N. Euclid Ave.

Relive your artistic youth with PUSD's student artwork exhibition "No Boundaries 9" at Paseo Colorado or revisit centuries past with the Norton Simon Museum's exhibition of masterpieces.

Revive your dance grooves at Lineage Performing Arts Center, 89 S. Fair Oaks Ave. or with Muse/Ique at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, 300 E. Green St.

Reexamine the lifelong artistic pursuits of design icon Ray Eames at Art Center College of Design, 1700 Lida St., or recognize reoccurring themes

of immigration by artists' work at the USC Pacific Asia Museum, 45 N. Los Robles Ave.

Kids can create with the MobileMuralLab at Kidspace Museum, 480 N. Arroyo Blvd., or experience new media at artWORKS Teen Center, 2914 E. Walnut St. Both kids and adults alike will get a lift from the unique aviation exhibition at the Pasadena Museum of History, 470 W. Walnut St.

Remember, admission to all venues is free and free shuttle buses are provided by the City of Pasadena to and from all locations using City Hall as the primary hub. Several venues also will feature co-located food trucks offering for-sale meals and treats.

For those interested in providing their own transportation, try ArtNight by bicycle! Visit www.cicle.org/event/artnight-pasadena-by-bike for details. Make sure your bike is in good repair and has all appropriate lights and reflectors for a fun night ride.

ArtNight is produced by the City's Cultural Affairs Division, Planning & Community Development Department, in collaboration with the participating arts and culture institutions. For accessibility assistance to the venues or shuttle transportation, or for information in braille or large-print format, call (626) 744-7062.

Learn How to Produce Your Own TV Show

In anticipation of Pasadena Media opening new studios at 150 S. Los Robles Ave, they are offering free television-training programs for producers. Plan to attend an orientation to discover the right classes for you. Producers' Training teaches how to produce shows for The Arroyo Channel. Studio Production/Equipment training is also offered to volunteer crewmembers. In addition, on-going training will soon be

Class Offerings 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Nightly

Producers Training	Monday March 10 at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Orientation Training	Monday March 17 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Introduction to Field Production	Wednesday March 19 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Producer's Meeting	Thursday March 20 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Citizen Journalism Digital Film Group	coming soon coming soon



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available in citizen journalism and digital film groups. Call the office (626) 794-8585 or go to PASADENAMEDIA.ORG and explore what Pasadena Media has to offer.



“What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt

READ ACROSS AMERICA:
Monrovia’s Alex Zucco at Options

Most Monroviaans know Alexandra Zucco as the President of the School Board who recently was voted back into office because of her skills, commitment and fine work.

This past Monday, Alex put on her other hat, Field Representative for Assemblyman Chris Holden, 41st District. Monrovia’s Assemblyman was hard at work in Sacramento, so in conjunction with Read Across America, Ms. Zucco came to Options and delighted the children with a book she had since childhood, Fletcher and Zenobia. After that great story, the youngsters were treated to a Dr. Seuss book about feet; Alex then had all the children stand up and form a circle. All the feet were counted; then if you had various color shoes, shoe laces or Velcro, you had to put your foot forward at different times! Great fun!



In Monrovia, adjacent to the “Y” is a bungalow that houses the “Options Head start” and “Options Preschool” programs. Because there is SO MUCH MORE than preschool and daycare to Options, I’d like to share a little background and acquaint readers with Options many great available programs!

In 1981, Options began as a single school age program. Today it is a highly recognized nonprofit child development, family resource and provider support agency that serves approximately 10,000 children and families annually with 750+ professional staff. Options operates 100+ after school programs and licensed child care centers on more than 60 school campuses and community facilities throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Options’ programs cover every aspect of child development from birth through 12 years old. Birth Through Two Years includes prenatal and parenting training, education and support; infant and child care, referral and support services, daily nutrition and child care financial assistance programs to low income parents.

Preschool: 3 to 5 Years provides enriched high-quality half-day and full-day preschool education, parenting workshops and trainings, resource, referral and support services for parents seeking child care, daily nutrition, including healthy meals and snacks, and child care financial assistance to low-income parents.

School Age: 5 to 12 Years offers After-school enrichment programs, Before and after school child care programs, Child care referral and support workshops, Parenting workshops and trainings, Daily nutrition, including healthy meals and snacks, and Child care financial assistance programs to low-parents.

Child Care Providers have access to Pre-licensing assessments and business support services, Childhood development resources and support, On-going child care provider training and education, workforce development and opportunities, childhood nutrition training and reimbursement to providers who serve healthy meals.

The MAIN OPTIONS numbers are OPTIONS CHILD CARE SERVICES DIVISION, 13100 Brooks Drive, Suite 100, Baldwin Park, CA 91706, (626) 856-5900, www.OPIONSICC.ORG

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A WINTER VISIT

By Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges is the author of “Guide to Wild Foods,” “Enter the Forest,” and “How to Survive Anywhere” who leads regular survival classes. For more information, contact him at www.ChristopherNyerges.com or Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041.]

I had never been to Mount Lowe before, though I’d been to Echo Mountain many times. This was the mid-1960s. My friend George from the neighborhood was in

the Boy Scouts and he’d been up there with his troop. So one winter day he offered to lead the way to the old Mount Lowe Camp.

We hiked to Echo Mountain from the top of Lake Avenue, and then hiked into Castle Canyon. I realized I was unprepared for snow when we were about halfway to Inspiration Point and my feet were already wet and cold. I was wearing some old suede shoes, which were not waterproof. My friend assured me that we were “almost there,” but every step was getting more and more difficult, and my feet were cold. I also saw the value in snowshoes during that hike, since my feet kept sinking into the holes in the snow that I made with every step. I was working hard step by step. Since then, I have worn crampons on my boots, as well as primitive snowshoes that I have fabricated from willow branches. The primitive snowshoes take about an hour or so to make, and you need some long flexible branches (I used willow), a knife or clippers to cut the branches, and some sort of cordage.

I did not have snowshoes on that first cold day to Inspiration Point and Mount Lowe Tavern. Occasionally, where we could not readily see the trail due to the thick drifts of snow, we would step out too far and our foot would go right into the ground and we’d have to jump back to keep from falling off the cliffs.

My friend began to tell me about the “tavern” -- I had not heard of it before. He was explaining the people who went there, and what they did, and for some reason, he did all his explaining in the present tense. I had pictures of a modern ski lodge up there, and I was mentally counting the change in my pocket and wondering if I’d have enough for a hot chocolate and maybe, just maybe, I’d have enough money so I could buy some chicken noodle soup.

I was looking in the direction of where my friend said it was, figuring I’d be the first one to see the smoke coming from the chimney. Imagine my great shock when we hiked up to the little saddle of Inspiration Point and he said, “We’re here.” “We’re where?” I exclaimed.

“Inspiration Point. This is where it was. And the old tavern is actually down where the camp is now.” His use of tense seemed more accurate now, and after a few questions, I realized to my chagrin that I would be having no soup or chocolate that afternoon.

My feet were completely wet, and cold, and only moving around kept me feeling somewhat com-

fortable. It seemed a little easier hiking that quarter mile down to the old tavern site. There was a lot of snow, and there was much more left of the old site back then than you will find today. It was a wonderful and mysterious place with the stone walkways, and walls, and little trails. Only the cold kept me from exploring even more, though I returned many times to the tavern site in the years that followed.

On that day, we struggled to make a small fire, using up our matches. We had a tiny fire, which we fed pine needles, and we managed to get it bigger but we didn’t get any warmer. I think that all the fire we generated was merely steaming off the water in the wood, and we felt very little heat. George had some dried soup which we tried to cook, and I recall having a “lunch” of lukewarm “soup” with crunchy needles. But I was cold and hungry and even crunchy not-hot soup was better than nothing.

Occasionally a wind would pass through the area and we’d hear the loud wind in the treetops and lots of icicles and snow would drop from the trees. It was very much a Christmas scene. After a while of not-getting warm by the not-warm fire, we kicked some snow over it, and ran most of the way back down to the city.

On a more recent visit to Echo Mountain just a few years ago, I was hiking around with my hiking class from Pasadena City College. It had been a drizzly and cold day, and after we explored the ruins, we went over by the large fireplace area to have our lunch. We were surprised that a man in a t-shirt was sitting nearby, and he’d cleaned out the fireplace for his shelter. We started talking, and we were admiring all the arrowheads he’d just made from the bits of glass he’d collected from around Echo Mountain.

He said he was very skilled in wilderness survival, and he made some sort of a bet with a friend about whether or not he could spend 10 days in these mountains with nothing but the clothes he was wearing. That was apparently his second day there. He knew about some edible plants, though there wasn’t much to collect. He had the tools for making fire with a bow and drill, and he’d made a quickie bow and some arrows, and had nearly finished making a batch of arrowheads.

He said he was going to catch squirrels to eat, and maybe other animals. We were all mighty impressed and asked him lots of questions. I gave him my magnesium fire starter, and then we departed. I told him I wanted to hear how he did in those 10 days, and gave him my address and phone number. I never did hear from him again, though I assume that if things got really tough, all he had to do was walk a few miles down to the city. It was winter, and some snow had actually fallen close to Echo Mountain, so it would have been a cold 10 days.

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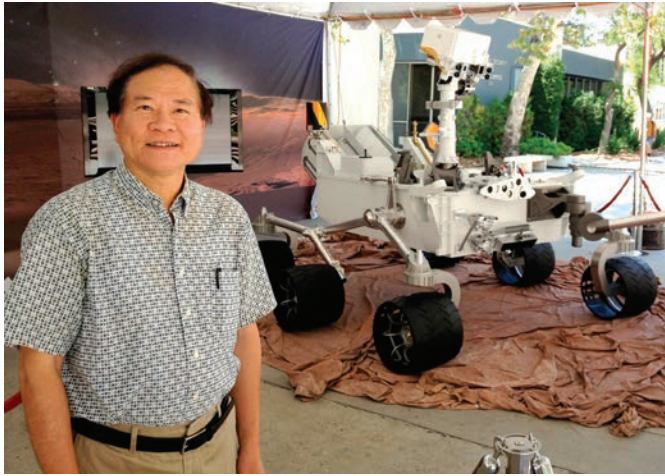
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From Arcadia's Best

ARCADIAN AWARDED BY NASA



Edward Wong with actual size mock-up of Curiosity

Arcadian Edward Wong recently received high honors from NASA and Space Flight Mechanics for his critical work on the guidance system that guided the Mars rover Curiosity to its highly successful rendezvous with the Red Planet. His awards were presented during the 24th AAS/AIAA Space Flight Mechanics Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico in late January.

Wong's work was recognized as NASA Software of the Year for 2013 for NTR no. 44630 49100: "Mars Science Laboratory Flight Software" and he was awarded NASA's Space Act Award for the Development of a significant scientific or technical contribution entitled Mars Science Laboratory Flight Software NPO-CC-006, that has been determined

to be of value in the conduct of an aeronautical or space activity of NASA.

The presentation was made in recognition of his contribution to the National Space Program and to the mission of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (where Wong works) by the NASA Inventions and Contributions Board.

In addition, his technical paper, AAS 13-328, "The Development of the MSL Guidance, Navigation and Control System for Entry, Descent, and Landing," was named the best paper at the AAS/AIAA Space Flight Mechanics Meeting, where he received a Certificate of Merit recognizing technical and scientific excellence at the conference organized by the AAS Space Flight Mechanics Committee and the AIAA Astrodynamics Technical Committee.

By Scott Hettrick

HOLI CELEBRATION!

Celebrate Diversity! Families are invited to a Hands-On Saturday program on March 15, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. to celebrate the coming of Spring, and the season of Love through this colorful, fun, festive frolic! The cultural festival of Holi is celebrated in Punjab, India, Nepal, and many other cultural areas. During the celebrations several stories are re-told about Krishna, Kama-Deva, Shiva and Holika. Come join in the fun for an afternoon filled with stories, art, music, and games at the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage. Programs and admission to the Museum are always free.

The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, immediately behind the Community Center. The hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. (Closed on Sundays and Mondays and 12-1 daily).

For more information, please call 626.574.5440 or visit the Museum's website at <http://museum.ci.arcadia.ca.us>.

About the City of Arcadia

Nestled in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, Arcadia is an 11.38 square mile community with a population of just over 56,000. Located approximately 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, Arcadia is a full-service charter city governed by a five-member City Council, elected at large. Recognized for exceptional education and recreation opportunities and beautiful neighborhoods, Arcadia is also defined as the "Community of Homes" and has twice been designated the "Best City in California in which to Raise Kids" by Business Week Magazine.

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process. If interested in attending please call the Arcadia Community Center, 626.574.5130. It is important to bring the following items for enrollment; birth certificate, US passports or resident alien card, proof of income (recent paychecks and 2012 tax forms), proof of Los Angeles residency (driver's license, utility bill, phone bill or rental agreement), social security cards for everyone applying. This informative free enrollment clinic is open to all ages. Lunch will be available, first come first serve for \$2.00.

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Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, February 23rd, through Saturday, March 1st, the Police Department responded to 1,103 calls for service of which 113 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, February 23:

1. Around 1:10 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Station Bar, 1218 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a physical fight in progress. The unknown suspects fled the location prior to the officer's arrival. During contact with two of the victims, a 23-year-old Hispanic male and a 25-year-old Hispanic male, the officer discovered one was under the influence of a controlled substance and the other had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Both subjects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At approximately 10:25 p.m., officers conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle for numerous traffic violations in the area of First Avenue and California Street. The officer observed the 23-year-old Chinese male driver run several stop signs and drive backwards with no headlights on. He was arrested for Reckless Driving. The passenger, a 24-year-old Hispanic male, was also arrested for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Both subjects were transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, February 24:

3. Just after 4:00 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 000 block of West Longden Avenue regarding a domestic dispute. A verbal argument between two male subjects resulted in a physical altercation. The officer determined the 23-year-old Chinese male was the primary aggressor as he punched his boyfriend in the face, causing visible injury. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

4. At about 3:30 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of the 210 freeway onramp and Michillinda Avenue after noticing the front passenger was not wearing a seatbelt. A records check revealed the driver, a 71-year-old White female, had a suspended license. The officer discovered the vehicle belonged to the passenger, a 54-year-old Hispanic female, who had no insurance, expired registration, and was displaying a fraudulent registration sticker. Both subjects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, February 25:

5. Just after 1:00 p.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Skate Park, 100 South Second Avenue, regarding two subjects smoking marijuana at the location. The officer discovered one of the subjects, a 16-year-old White female, was in possession of marijuana. She was cited in the field and released to her father.

6. Around 4:58 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The victim discovered unknown suspect(s) opened a Nordstrom credit account in her name and charged approximately \$8,000 without her consent. She believed her personal information was compromised through a recent incident of mail theft.

Wednesday, February 26:

7. At approximately 1:10 p.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of South Santa Anita Avenue regarding a transient check. The male subject was loitering in the area earlier in the day and was now sitting on a bus bench drinking a can of beer. The 45-year-old White male was cited in the field without incident.

8. Around 11:23 p.m., an officer was dispatched to an apartment complex in the 000 block of South Old Ranch Road regarding a burglary report. The victim discovered someone had forced entry through the kitchen window and stole various electronics and jewelry. Several pieces of evidence led the victim to believe a family member was responsible. Further investigation is being conducted by the Detective Bureau.

Thursday, February 27:

9. At about 6:15 a.m., an officer responded to Unocal 76 gas station, 701 West Huntington Drive, regarding a theft report. Upon opening for business, the manager discovered unknown suspect(s) removed the credit card reader from one of the gas pumps. No evidence or witnesses were located.

10. Shortly after 2:20 p.m., officers responded to a suspicious occupied vehicle parked in front of a residence in the 1000 block of South Tenth Avenue. Upon contact with the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from inside the vehicle and observed an open container of alcohol sitting in the center console. The 28-year-old Hispanic female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, February 28:

11. At approximately 7:02 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the area of Huntington Drive and Santa Clara Street regarding a stalled vehicle. An investigation revealed the 18-year-old Hispanic male driver was under the influence of alcohol and had open containers of alcohol inside the vehicle. A records check revealed the passenger, a 24-year-old Hispanic male, had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Both subjects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

12. Just after 1:00 p.m., an officer responded to Sport Chalet at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. A 42-year-old White male suspect concealed fishing supplies inside his jacket and exited the store without making payment. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, March 1:

13. Just before 1:00 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for driving with no headlights on and lane straddling on Huntington Drive at First Avenue. The male driver failed to yield and led the officer on a short pursuit until he collided into a center median in the area of Foothill Boulevard and Tindalo Road, resulting in no injuries. An investigation revealed the 51-year-old White male was under the influence with a blood alcohol level of about 0.15 percent. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

14. Around 12:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Abercrombie & Fitch at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a burglary report. Employees discovered over \$700 worth of fragrances were missing from a display shelf. Review of video surveillance revealed an organized retail theft crew entered the store and stole the merchandise while no one was looking. The suspects are described as three Black females, each approximately 20 to 30-years-old.

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DUARTE STATE OF THE CITY PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION, MARCH 19

DUARTE, CA – Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly will present her assessment and future vision for the community at the annual State of the City address on Wednesday, March 19 in the City Hall Courtyard presented by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. "Duarte: Rising into the Future" is the theme for this year's event. The reception and presentation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Duarte City Hall, 1600 E. Huntington Dr. Tickets to the reception are \$10 per person.

For more information and reservations, call Duarte Chamber of Commerce, (626) 357-3333. Tickets can be purchased online at duartechamber.com under the Events section on the homepage.

THOMAS GUZOWSKI TO SPEAK AT CESAR CHAVEZ SERVICE DAY PROJECT IN DUARTE

DUARTE, CA. March 5, 2014 – Thomas Guzowski, Regional Coordinator at the Cesar Chavez Foundation will address volunteers at the City of Duarte's Cesar Chavez Service Project on March 29 to be held at Westminster Gardens. Guzowski oversees after school programming administered by the Foundation that targets under-served communities.

The annual Cesar Chavez volunteer Project, sponsored by the Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley, Duarte's Promise – The Alliance for Youth, and Westminster Gardens, will kick off at 9 a.m. on the 32-acre campus of Westminster Gardens located at 1420 Santo Domingo. A pancake breakfast provided by Westminster Gardens will keep volunteers well fed as they complete a beautification project on a public parking area of the campus. Volunteers will also receive custom event t-shirts, lunch and be eligible for raffle prizes.

The event is one of a number of volunteer projects coordinated annually by Duarte's Promise – the Alliance for Youth throughout the community. For more information, call Duarte's Promise – The Alliance for Youth at Duarte City Hall, (626) 357-7931 ext. 267 or email at duartespromise@accessduarte.com.

FRIENDS OF THE MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY HALF-PRICE BOOK SALE

MONROVIA- Friends of the Monrovia Public Library will hold their monthly Half-Price BookSale in the Friends Store throughout the month of March. This month, adult books and media with a dark green dot on the spine are half-price. While some items are individually priced, regular prices range from

\$0.25 to \$2.00. Visit the Friends Store (Monrovia's only Bookstore!) early for best selection.

The Friends Store is located inside the Monrovia Public Library. Store hours are Monday- Wednesday, 10 a.m. -5 p.m. and Thursday-Saturday, noon -5 p.m.

The Friends of the Monrovia Public Library promote the Library by encouraging a greater use and appreciation of the literary, educational, and cultural advantages the library offers to the community.

AND... Save these dates! May 15, 16, and 17. On Thursday, May 15, from 5 pm.-8 pm. The Friends of

the Monrovia Public Library will hold our 2014 General Membership Meeting and a "Members Only Preview Sale" from 6 pm. to 8 pm. Membership must be current and may be purchased at the door. Friday and Saturday: May 16, and 17 is Our Spring Book Sale. The hours are: Friday, May 16: noon- 5 pm. and Saturday, May 17: 10 am. – 5 pm.

Friends Store at the Monrovia Public Library
321 S. Myrtle Avenue, www.friendsofmonroviapubliclibrary.org

Monrovia Police Blotter

Highlighted Activity for the Weekdays of March 3-5, 2014

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 404 service events, resulting in 60 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter.

Commercial Burglary – Suspect Arrested

March 3 at 2:30 p.m., loss prevention from a business in the 500 block of West Huntington phoned police to report a female subject inside the store that was concealing merchandise. Police arrived and waited outside for the subject to leave the store. The female exited the store and was detained by loss prevention. She was escorted back into the store by loss prevention and a police officer. The female subject was arrested for burglary.

Possession of a Controlled Substance / Recovered Stolen Firearm – Suspect Arrested

On March 4 at 12:43 p.m., a parking control officer was dispatched on a parking problem in the 900 block of Diamond. When she arrived, she had dispatch run a computer check on the license plate of the vehicle. She discovered the computer return on the license plate did not match the type of vehicle. An officer was requested and when he arrived, he smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The officers opened the vehicle and saw marijuana mulch in a box. They inspected the vehicle further and recovered 12 pounds of marijuana. In the trunk, they located a honey oil extraction lab and equipment, along with 14 grams of honey oil product. They located the owner of the vehicle and were given consent to search the residence. They recovered a stolen firearm from inside the residence. The suspect was arrested and held for bail.

Tip of the Week

Don't Depend on the Luck of the Irish to Get You Home Safely – Stay Safe and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

On Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, the Monrovia Police Department will be participating in the regional "AVOID the 100"

Anti-DUI Campaign. Officers will be deployed to provide DUI enforcement to stop and arrest alcohol and drug-impaired drivers in the Department's ongoing traffic safety campaign.

DUI saturation patrols will deploy on March 17, 2014, between the hours of 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. in areas with high frequencies of DUI collisions and/or arrests.

If you are hosting a St. Patrick's Day party:

Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you serve is involved in an impaired driving crash.

Make sure all your guests designate a sober driver in advance or help arrange ride-sharing with other sober drivers.

Serve lots of food and include lots of non-alcoholic beverages at the party.

Keep the phone numbers for local cab companies handy and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of driving impaired.

Also, if you are attending a St. Patrick's Day Party:

Designate a sober driver before the party begins and give that person your car keys.

If you do not have a designated driver, call a cab, sober friend, or family member to pick you up.

Never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive drunk.

Always buckle up.

Alcohol, not only dangerously impairs your driving skills, it impairs your judgment. If you see a friend under the influence of alcohol – don't let them get behind the wheel.



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READY, SET, GO!



Students, Parents and Teachers suited up for Sierra Madre Elementary's Annual Jog A Thon on Friday. Teams of students from each grade, coordinated by color made the 'rounds' trying to run as many laps as possible. Pledges were gathered by the students from family and friends and based on observations Friday, these children will be collecting a lot of 'dough'.

Photo by S. Henderson/MVNews

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS APPLY BY APRIL 18 FOR NEW PWP \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP

PASADENA, Calif.—Announcing an investment in the City's youth, Pasadena's Water and Power Department (PWP), www.PWPWeb.com, is offering two new college scholarships to Pasadena high school seniors who can devise creative new ways to promote water conservation and renewable energy.

The new PWP Educational Scholarships are open to all Pasadena Unified School District high school seniors planning to attend college. Completed applications must be submitted by midnight, April 18, 2014 by email only to wdeleon@cityofpasadena.net.

"We meet so many bright young students each year during community events and field trips, and they're always so willing to share their excitement and ideas," PWP General Manager Phyllis E. Currie said. "This is our way of harnessing that creativity for the good of the community while preparing the next generation for higher education and the workforce."

For complete details and to download an application in Microsoft Word, students can visit www.PWPweb.com/Scholarship. Applicants can also call (626) 744-6970 for information in English and Spanish.

This is the first time these scholarships will be awarded. PWP officials hope to make this an annual program. First Place will earn \$5,000 and Second Place will earn \$1,000. Students must provide proof of acceptance for the 2014-15 school year to any accredited two-year or four-year college or university. Applicants must write a statement of 300 words to 500 words answering one of these questions:

1) Water scarcity is a major issue and topic of concern. How can Pasadena Water and Power do a better job of communicating the importance of water conservation to young adults?

OR

2) Renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power are going to play an important role in our future. What type of energy source do you feel is best for our environment?

Awardees will be notified by email by April 28, 2014. Scholarship winners will be presented with their awards at Pasadena's annual Earth and Arts Festival on May 3, 2014 at Memorial Park.

Applicants can utilize computers and Internet resources for free at the Pasadena Public Library if they do not have access at home or school.

For more information about PWP visit www.PWPWeb.com. For more information about the City of Pasadena, visit www.cityofpasadena.net, follow us on Twitter @PasadenaGov, online at www.twitter.com/PasadenaGov or call the Citizen Service Center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (626) 744-7311.

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PASADENA UNIFIED PRESENTS PARENT EDUCATION SEMINAR ON THE TRANSITION TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Pasadena, CA --- Making the transition from elementary to middle school can be exciting ---and daunting for students and parents. To help ease the transition, Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) counselors and teachers present Middle School Prep for Parents, a parent education seminar on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Blair Middle School, located at 1201 S. Marengo St., Pasadena.

Designed for parents of students who will enter sixth grade in the 2014-2015 school year, the seminar includes a guide to middle school curriculum and the new Common Core state learning standards. Counselors will discuss the daily schedule, passing periods, the transition to semesters, the requirements to promote from middle to high school and an overview of electives. Counselors, teachers and parents will also discuss how the involvement of parents changes during the middle school years, how parents can help their children master important organization and planning skills, and how parents can partner with school staff to help adolescents excel during the crucial and occasionally awkward middle school years.

Middle School Prep for Parents is sponsored by PUSD's Family Resource Center which supports parents, teachers and staff in building partnerships for student achievement. For more information on this and other parent education opportunities, visit www.parent-center.pasadenausd.org.

DATE/TIME:

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show
POMPEII

With trailers making this movie seem as if it does not have a story, I had extremely low expectations for 'Pompeii'. I thought it would just be an hour and a half of the volcano exploding and people dying in the fire. However, when I sat down and watched this film, I found myself pleasantly surprised.

After his entire tribe is wiped out by Roman Senator Corvius (Kiefer Sutherland) and his general, Proculus (Sasha Roiz), the young Milo (Kit Harington) becomes a slave and eventually becomes a gladiator. He travels to Pompeii, where his hopes turn to earning his freedom, when he discovers Cassia (Emily Browning) and his entire world is turned upside down.

'Pompeii' surprised me with its interesting plot, well written script, intelligent dialogue, and gorgeous visuals; this is not the watch-the-CGI-volcano-explode movie I thought it would be. What really fueled the fires of 'Pompeii' was the time that was taken to make sure this would be a good movie.

COPPOLA

Francis Ford Coppola's love for wine didn't just didn't happen overnight. His grandfather, Agostino Coppola, had a passion for wine back in the 1920s, when he used to make wine in the basement of his New York apartment. Francis purchased his own vineyard in Rutherford, California in 1975 using the proceeds from his movie "The Godfather". This plot was a part of the historic Inglenook Winery. After tireless effort by the whole family, the winery produced its first vintage in 1977 under the Niebaum-Coppola label. After many years of success, the family purchased the Inglenook Winery in its entirety in 1995. Almost twenty years later Coppola is producing more than

1,000,000 cases a year.

I first discovered the Director's Cut Pinot Noir at a wine tasting at Pavilions Market in Newport Beach, and recently caught up with a glass at Cameron's Seafood Restaurant in my hometown of Pasadena. It made sense - the Director's Cut Pinot Noir goes perfectly with a large prawn shrimp cocktail or a hearty bowl of clam chowder in a sourdough bread bowl.

The grapes are sourced from a select few wineries near the Russian River Valley. The winemaker, Corey Beck, mentioned a hint of seaweed taste. While that's a good thing when discussing Pinots, I felt that it was more of a cherry aftertaste. Either way you will be pleased with the quality and the price.

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1 cinnamon stick, broken into several pieces
1 teaspoon mustard seeds
1 teaspoon black peppercorns
8 whole cloves
8 whole allspice berries
12 whole juniper berries
2 bay leaves, crumbled
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
2 pounds ice
1 (4 to 5 pound) beef brisket, trimmed
1 small onion, quartered
1 large carrot, coarsely chopped
1 stalk celery, coarsely chopped

DIRECTIONS

Place the water into a large 6 to 8 quart stockpot along with salt, sugar, saltpeter, cinnamon stick, mustard seeds, peppercorns, cloves, allspice, juniper berries, bay leaves and ginger. Cook over high heat until the salt and sugar have dissolved. Remove from the heat and add the ice. Stir until the ice has melted. If necessary, place the brine into the refrigerator until it reaches a temperature of 45 degrees F. Once it has cooled, place the brisket in a 2-gallon zip top bag and add the brine. Seal and lay flat inside a container, cover and place in the refrigerator for 10 days. Check daily to make sure the beef is completely submerged and stir the brine.

After 10 days, remove from the brine and rinse well under cool water. Place the brisket into a pot just large enough to hold the meat, add the onion, carrot and celery and cover with water by 1-inch. Set over high heat and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover and gently simmer for 2 1/2 to 3 hours or until the meat is fork tender. Remove from the pot and thinly slice across the grain.

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by Chris Leclerc



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It is no secret to the citizens of Sierra Madre that our village is blessed with a plethora of treasures, some more hidden than others. If you happen to be a resident who spends time walking around town, it is likely that you've brushed elbows with a furry, four-legged friendly fellow named Lex Woofler who, as it turns out, is one of Sierra Madre's most precious hidden treasures. And, if you did happen to come across this cute, kind canine, there is no doubt that he most definitely caught your eye.

My first encounter with Lex Woofler (Lex, for short) was on a warm summer evening while he was out walking with Karol Ballard, one of his beloved owners, and I was walking one of my canine clients on the same street. I couldn't resist initiating a chat with Karol, mainly to get a closer look at that beautiful babe she had on leash. Lex is a gorgeous black and white border collie, and I mean it when I say I could see him smiling at us from across the street! Karol took the time to let us meet and greet, and even invited us to come into their backyard where the two dogs enjoyed a play date. Let me just say that Lex turned out to be the host with the most, and Karol and Lex's other owner, Kathy Mickaliger were both equally inviting and charming.

I later connected with Lex Woofler through his Facebook page (yes, he has his own page, thank you very much!), at which time I learned that he is a renowned model and actor! Who knew we had a famous four-legged film star living among us, right here in our hillside village? When I told Karol I had questions about how Lex broke into his acting career, much to my delight she was kind enough to accommodate my curiosity.

Q: So, Karol, Lex is an amazing dog. He is ever so smart, oh so sweet and absolutely gorgeous. Where did you find such a gem of a pup?

A: Kathy and I had lost our two elderly dogs, Kody and Sedona in quick succession, and the heartbreak was enough for us to vow never to get another dog. A couple of months later, we were enjoying a barbecue at the home of our best friends John and Karen "KK" Suarez in Monrovia, and they asked us how we were handling our loss. We admitted we felt a void and were thinking maybe, at some point, we might consider opening our hearts and door to a cat-friendly dog that needed to be rescued. Well, without skipping a beat, they jumped on the chance to tell us about how their neighbor who had a dog that needed a loving home right away.

Their neighbor had a year-old border collie they had gotten from a family who'd moved into an apartment and could no longer provide for him. They thought Lex might make a good companion for their 80-pound, domineering German shepherd, but at only 40 pounds, lean and lanky little Lex became more of a victim than a companion to the aggressive shepherd, so after months of trying to work things out, the owners decided it was time to find Lex a new home.

Lex burst into the backyard BBQ, thrilled to see everyone, ran around like a Banshee, and excitedly bounced up into our laps. We looked into his eyes and realized he had one blue eye and one brown eye. Our

first thought was about the two beloved dogs we'd just lost. Kody had 2 blue eyes, and Sedona had 2 brown eyes. The sign was undeniable - they had sent us an angel! We decided if Lex was cat-friendly, he was in. When he walked into our kitchen where our cat Buddha lay in his chair, the look on Buddha's face was pure joy. He missed his dogs! They had a smooch-fest right then and there, and we had a dog that would change our lives!

Q: How old was Lex when you got him? And, how long have you had him?

A: He was 1 ½ years old, all gangly-legs, gawky and wiggly when we adopted him, and we have had him ever since. We have to be coy about sharing his age, after all he is an actor! Let's just say he's over 21 in dog years.

Q: How did Lex Woofler get his name?

A: It's a spoof on Lex Luthor, legendary villain and enemy-number-one of Superman. However, as Lex himself told animal communicator, Lydia Hiby, "My name is Lex WOOFer. Our names may sound the same, but unlike Lex Luthor, I am a good guy!" That's when I first realized that Lex "gets" everything!

Q: What prompted you to introduce Lex into the wonderful world of entertainment?

A: I was producing a short film, and Lex accompanied me to the set. He loves going places and being around people. The lead actress, Concetta Tomei is an animal lover and she immediately fell in love with Lex. It was her idea to add him to her character's side in the film. Lex nailed the part like a pro! A friend had given me several books about border collies and they all said the same thing: border collies need to be given a job to do, or it is just plain cruel. They tend to get frustrated without a purpose to serve. So, I decided if Lex was going to have a job, it should be one that pays!

Q: What was Lex's first acting part?

A: Lex's first part came when he was just a puppy. I got in touch with his breeder, after he'd started modeling and acting, and she recalled that Lex was one of a litter that had been used in a Target print ad depicting an adult border collie with a shoe, and border collie puppies shown with baby shoes. Sarah Clifford was the trainer for that shoot, and she confirmed the story. Interestingly enough, Lex told Lydia, the communicator that he had been on that shoot. At first I assumed Lex was relating a story he'd heard Sarah tell, but Lydia said to me, "Absolutely not, Lex WAS there." And indeed it was true; Lex was on that shoot. Mind blown!

Lex's first big-time gig came in 2009 when Sarah sent us to Newport Beach for a Ralph Lauren Rugby and Chaps division photo shoot. He took to it like a duck to water. In fact they were able to use the very first



photo they took for the ad. The crew asked me how long Lex had been modeling, and I said it was his first time. They told me he was definitely in the top one percent of dog models, and they had worked with many. I credit his godmother "KK" who is a photographer and loved to take pictures of Lex along with her own dog (Lex's BFF) whenever she could. She is the one who taught him to really hold a pose.

Q: Does Lex have his own personal chef on set, like a lot of other famous actors do?

A: As a matter of fact, he does have his own personal chef - me! But he also loves the craft service table, especially the little carrots. There's always some sort of chicken morsels on set too, so I try to put together something special for him, for which he is always very appreciative. Oh, by the way I am also Lex's hair & make-up artist, chauffeur and masseuse!

Q: How do production companies go about finding Lex for projects?

A: Studio trainer Sarah Clifford's company, AnimalSavvy.net has Lex listed on her website for hire. She and I both submit him for calls. We also get referrals from people who've worked with him on past projects. Sarah trained Uggie for "The Artist" and the original French bulldog in "Modern Family". Some of her projects have won Academy Awards and Emmys! She's been a great teacher to both of us, and an avid supporter of Lex's career.

Q: From my experience visiting your home, Lex seems like a real down-to-earth kind of guy. He doesn't seem to have let his fame and fortune go to his head, wouldn't you agree?

A: The best part of being an animal actor/model is that you get to be around so many other dogs and people. He has a vast capacity for warmth and love; no room for snobbery in his heart!

I had so many more questions for Karol, about Lex and his glamorous career, but due to space and time limitations, I'm afraid I have to end it here. I feel honored to know this fabulous, famous four-legged furry treasure of Sierra Madre, and I hope you get to meet him too! For more information about Lex Woofler, check out his Facebook page, or visit these websites to learn more about his success as an animal actor:

<http://www.hallmarkchannel.com/acrushonyou> ~ Feature film "Crush on You" airs March 20th on Hallmark Movie Channel

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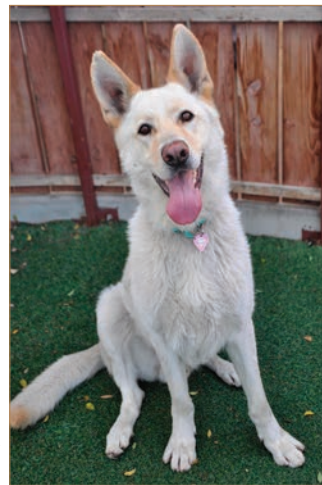
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PET OF THE WEEK

MORENA: ANIMAL ID #A4678061

Morena (A4678061) is the type of deserving creature that you just want to love! Morena (also known as Onyx) is a stunning one-year-old black and white female Short Haired Chihuahua mix puppy who was left at the gate of the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on February 20th. Weighing 7 ½ pounds, Morena sports a shiny blue-black coat and struts like a diva on a leash. She is a little shy at first, but quickly warms up to people and loves to be petted and pampered as she cuddles on a soft lap. Morena seems to be housebroken and she gets along fine with other dogs. This petite pup will make a spectacular indoor companion for anyone in any living situation, especially someone in an apartment or condo. To watch a video of Morena please visit the following link: <http://youtu.be/CbErcC2yXrU>



To meet Morena in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Morena, please reference her animal ID number: A4678061. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Morena or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

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So increasing the challenging poses and still calming the breath teaches you to breathe in challenging situations. We also focus on back strength. To meditate – you must have a strong spine that can sit straight for a while, but also a strong healthy spine helps handle stress.

In addition to getting some of the nervous energy under control, strengthening and loosening the joints and muscles, yoga balances your prana. Prana is that wonderful life force energy inherent in everything. We can't see it, but we certainly know when our energy is low. Yoga teaches us to work with it and balance it. It then teaches us to cultivate it and direct it. This is done through breath and concentration exercises. The gathering of energy and the focused direction of it are what make yoga so unique and wonderful. You can give less energy to the things you don't want in your life and direct more energy to the things you do want. Sure that can sound simple, but practice makes.....it easier. If nothing else, you can come to a yoga class and just move and chill. The best and most important part of class is the relaxation.

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The most important thing that a person can do to protect their eye sight is to NOT smoke. Smoking dramatically increases a person odds of developing cataracts or macular degeneration. Smoking also, exacerbates dry eye syndrome and allergic eye conditions.

Next to smoking, proper rest for your eyes is very paramount. This is especially true if you work at a computer. It is important to take even a small break every half hour or so to give your eyes a rest.

Eating your greens, not just your carrots is very important to eye health. Green leafy vegetables are the best like kale and spinach, which contain the phytochemical lutein. Lutein is a naturally occurring carotenoid that studies show, may reduce the risk of cataracts and macular degeneration. Try to include a serving of at least one of these in your diet daily.

Lastly, vitamins such as Vitamin C, Vitamin E, beta carotene, Zinc and copper are essential for eye health. Of course the best way to get these vitamins is from whole foods or whole food supplements. Lowering your insulin levels is also very important. This can be done by avoiding sugar and processed foods such as pastas, breads and cereals.

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Dear Searching:
To help keep older drivers safe and extend their driving years, there are a number of affordable products you can purchase today that can easily be added to your mom's vehicle to help with many different needs. Here are several to consider.

- Entry and Exit
If your mom's limited range of motion is hampering her ability to get into and out of her vehicle, consider these products:
- **Standers Metro Car Handle:** This is a small portable support handle that inserts into the U-shaped striker plate on the doorframe that helps with getting out of a car.
 - **CarCaddie:** This is a nylon strap handle that hooks around the top of the door window frame for entry and exiting help.
 - **Swivel Seat Cushion:** A round portable cushion that turns 360 degrees to help drivers and passengers rotate their body into and out of their vehicle.

- Vision Helpers
If your mom has a difficult time looking over her shoulder to back-up or merge into traffic, or struggles with sensitivity to glare, these products can help.
- **AllView Mirror:** This is an oversized rear view mirror that attaches to the existing rear view mirror to widen her rear visibility and eliminate blind spots so your mom can see traffic without significant neck or body rotation. It also helps during parking.
 - **Blind Spot Mirrors:** These are small convex mirrors that stick to the corner of the side view mirrors to improve side and rear vision.
 - **Backup Camera:** To eliminate blind spots and avoid turning around when backing up, this device (which costs around \$100) comes with a wireless night vision camera that attaches to the license plate and a small monitor that mounts to the dash or windshield.



- **Sun Zapper Glare Shield:** This plastic tinted visor clips on to the existing sun visor to remove sun glare without obstructing vision. It also has a special sliding shield that lets you block extra-bright glare spots.

- Arthritic Hands
If your mom's arthritis makes turning the ignition key, twisting open the gas cap, or gripping the steering wheel difficult and painful, consider these devices:
- **Key Turner:** This is a small plastic handle that attaches to the car keys to provide additional leverage making it easier to turn the key in the ignition or door.
 - **Gas Cap Removal Tool:** To help at the pump this long handled device works like a wrench to make loosening and tightening the gas cap much easier and it fits most gas caps.
 - **Steering Wheel Cover:** It fits over the steering wheel to make it larger in size and easier to grip.

Short Drivers
If your mom has shrunk a little over the years to the point she needs help seeing over the steering wheel or reaching the pedals, consider a "wedge seat cushion" which is an orthopedic cushion that supports the back and elevates her a few inches. Or, "foot pedal extensions," (see [pedalexenders.net](#), [drive-master.com](#) or [summiteasy.com](#)) that allow her to reach the pedals while keeping her 10-to-12-inches from the steering wheel.

Seat Belt Aids
The "Easy Reach Seat Belt Handle" is a six-inch rubber extension handle that attaches to the seat belt strap to make it easier to reach for seniors with mobility loss. And a "seat belt shoulder pad" that fits around the shoulder strap protects the neck and shoulder from rubbing and chafing.

Where to Buy
All of these items (except the pedal extensions and backup camera) cost under \$50, and can be found online at [amazon.com](#). Type the product name in the search bar to get a variety of options.

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

KATIE Tse.....This and That

LINGUISTIC SHRINKAGE FOR OUR TIMES

If you like classical piano music, are a closet old person like myself, or both, you may remember the legendary Victor Borge. Borge was as well loved for his musical mastery as he was for his hilarious stand up acts. Performing before American audiences and coming from a Danish background, Borge crafted many signature routines that parodied American culture and the English language.

One of his most popular numbers was called "Inflationary Language," in which Borge took words containing numeric values and increased them by one. For example, "tennis" became "elevenis," and "wonderful" turned into "twoderful." Great stuff! However, in this massive financial regression, I propose that we institute "Deflationary Language."

We can start by settling for only 30 flavors at Baskin Robbins. Fifty six varieties of Heinz products will have to suffice. NASCAR fans will attend the Indy 499. Girls may enjoy reading "Sixteen Magazine" and shopping at "Forever 20." Fashionable people would be dressed to the eights. You will not be able to connect with your friends quite as much on "threesquare."

"Pepsi One" would be "Pepsi Zero," as "Coke Zero" would be "Coke Negative-One." "S'mores" would become "Enoughs." "Smart and Final" will become "Smart and First." Yuppies will have to acclimate themselves to Incomplete Foods Market, rather than "Whole." "Bed, Bath, and Beyond" would need to stop at just "Bed and Bath." The Dollar Tree store would become the 99 Cents store, and the 99 Cents store would be

decreased to 98 Cents. A few restaurants would have to be renamed, like "Numero Cero" and "Smaller Caesar's" pizzerias. Motorists will pump gas at the Union 75 Station. "Payless" will be "Pay Even Less!"



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The "Ocean's Eleven" movies would go in reverse order (e.g., "Ocean's Ten," etc.). "Final Fantasy" would be all the name implies, instead of coming out with its 13th edition. Classics like "The Dirty Dozen" would be reduced to "The Dirty Eleven." The iconic eighty's high school show will be renamed "91023." "Two and a Half Men" would either be "One and a Half Men" or "Two Men," depending on how drastic CBS needs to be. Kate Gosselin is ahead of the game by having already eliminated Jon. Even newspaper articles might need to be cut short. "This & That" might become just "This."

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS

FYI: TIPS FOR STAYING HEALTHY IN YOUR 70S, 80S, 90S...

Aging can be defined as: "progressive changes related to the passing of time." While physiological changes that occur with age may prevent life in your 70s, 80s and beyond from being what it was in your younger years, there's a lot you can do to improve your health and longevity and reduce your risk for physical and mental disability as you get older.

Research shows that you're likely to live an average of about 10 years longer than your parents—and not only that, but you're likely to live healthier longer too. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 40.4 million Americans (about 13 percent) were 65 years of age or older in 2010 and by the year 2030, almost 20 percent of the total U.S. population will be 65+.

So how do you give yourself the best possible chance for a long, healthy life? Although you aren't able to control every factor that affects health as you age, many are in your hands. Some keys to living a long, healthy life include:

Make healthful lifestyle choices—don't smoke, eat right, practice good hygiene, and reduce stress in your life

- Have a positive outlook
- Stay as active as possible—mentally and physically
- Take safety precautions
- See your health care provider regularly and follow his or her recommendations for screening and preventative measures


One of the most important things you can do to stay healthy in your golden years is to maintain your sense of purpose by staying connected to people and things that matter to you. However, this isn't always easy—especially in a society that all-too-often views older people as a burden.

Visit your local senior center. Spend time with at least one person—a family member, friend or neighbor—every day. Volunteer in your community, attend a local event, join a club or take up a new hobby.

HELPFUL HINT: *Natural Insect Repellent* - Mix 2 drops of oil of peppermint or lavender with 2 teaspoons of almond or sweet oil and dab on the skin

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE - There was a farmer who planted apples. He was disturbed by some local kids who would sneak into his farm at night and eat the apples. He came up with a clever idea that he thought would scare the kids away for sure. He made up a sign and posted it in the field. The next day the kids showed up and they saw a sign hanging that read, "Warning!! One of the apples on these trees has been injected with cyanide." So the kids ran off, made up their own sign and posted it next to the sign that the farmer made. The farmer showed up the following week. He looked over the field and he noticed that no apples were missing, but a new sign hung next to his. He drove up to the sign and read: "Now there are two".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... March Birthdays

 Clare Marquardt, Karen Blachly, Carla Duplex, Ella Guttman, Viky Tchatlian, Mary Cooper, Georgina "Snooky" Greger, Sun Liu, Helen Wallis, Joan Crow, Nancy Fox, Nan Carlton, Martha Cassara, Rita Johnson, Mercedes Campos, Dorothy Webster, Terri Elder, Carol Cerrina, Amy Putnam, Sally Contreras and Lori Cooper. (Thanks Pat Birdsall for putting this list together.) To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required, however you must be 60 years old or more.

Quote of the Week: Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but rising every time we fall. - Confusius



ACTIVITIES: Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Park House (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

YMCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale Senior Café: Monday-Friday at 12:00 Noon

(Participants are urged to arrive no later than 11:45 A.M.) All seniors 60 and up can take part in the lunch program. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for those 60 and over and \$3.75 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary as space is limited. Please call 24 hours in advance...626.355.0256

Free Balance Class: Monday, January 27th 11:00 to 11:45 with Shannon Vandeveld. A variety of balance exercises are practiced; all ability levels are encouraged and welcomed.

Free Blood Pressure Testing: Held Second Tuesday of the month from 11:00 am-12:00 pm: No appointment necessary.

Bingo: Every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm Cards are only .25c each!

Free Chair Yoga: 11:00 to 11:45 Every Wednesday morning. Join Paul Hagen for this free class that focuses on senior yoga techniques. No reservation is necessary!

Free Legal Consultation: Pasadena attorney Lem Makupson volunteers on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. He focuses on estate planning, trusts, wills, probate, conservatorships and business law. *Appointments are a must! Please call: 626.355.7394 to make yours

Birthday Celebrations: The 2nd Thursday of the month the Senior Center celebrates the birthdays of our patrons at 12:30 pm. Please join us for free cake and ice cream and "celebration." (The cakes are provided due to a generous donation from the Sierra Madre Civic Club.)

Game Day: Every Thursday at 1:00pm. Poker is usually the game of choice, or should I say chance? Board games and other card games are also available.

Free Strength Training Class: Every Friday from 1:00 pm -1:45 pm Conducted by long-time volunteer, Lisa Brandley. The class utilizes light weights for low-impact resistance training. Weights are provided by the Sierra Madre Senior Center.

Senior Citizens Club: Every Saturday at the Hart Park House (Senior Center). Brown bag lunch at 11:30am; Club meeting at Noon; Bingo 12:30- 3:30 pm. Only .25c per card.

Lunch and Learn- "The Story of Old Pasadena" Wednesday, February 26th. 12:00- 1:00 pm Hart Park House Senior Center
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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



CONGRATULATIONS, IT’S AN ESTATE PLAN! HOW TO PROTECT YOUR NEWBORN FROM BIRTH

During the process of becoming new parents, most couples also become experts at planning – scheduling birthing classes, designing the new nursery, coordinating childcare ... and that’s just the proverbial tip of the iceberg.

But unfortunately, one of the most important things you can do to protect your child is often overlooked: an estate plan. Here are five important considerations you need to discuss with your personal family attorney when setting up an estate plan once your new baby is born:

Guardians and trustees. Parents who delay choosing a guardian for their children often do so because they cannot agree on the “perfect” choice. Guess what? There is no perfect choice – and if you don’t make a choice, the courts will choose for you. You can always amend your decision later if you change your mind. When choosing a guardian or trustee, you need to think about who shares your beliefs and who will naturally be a part of your child’s life. And you need to make sure whomever you choose is willing to take on the responsibility of raising your child if you are unable to do so.

Education. The cost of college is already sky-high; can you imagine what it will be like in another 18 years? You probably want to start saving right away, either through a 529 plan or an educational trust so you can realize some tax benefits while you save.

Passing on your assets. Assets cannot pass directly to children under the age of 18, so you will need to think about setting up a trust and naming a trustee to manage the assets you would leave your children. You also need to examine your beneficiary forms for retirement accounts and insurance policies to be sure your trust is named as a beneficiary.

Avoiding probate. Probate is one of the worst things your loved ones can be forced into just after you’ve passed. Talk to your attorney about setting up a living trust so your heirs can avoid probate and your assets can pass directly to them.

Asset protection. If you are married and have an estate of more than \$10.5 million, you will want to discuss asset protection strategies that will help you minimize estate taxes and protect assets for your heirs.

If you’re ready to protect your children through estate planning, call our office today to schedule a time for us to sit down and talk. Because this planning is so important, I’ve made space for the next two people who mention this article to have a complete planning session at no charge. Call 626.355.4000 today and mention this article.

RICH Johnson

100



In mathematics, the number 100 is the square of 10. In science, 100 is the boiling temperature of pure water (Celsius at sea level of course). In religion, 100 is the number of times a religious Jew is expected to utter a blessing per day.

In Greece, India, Israel and Nepal, 100 is the number you dial to get the police. In the United Kingdom, 100 is the operator telephone number. In entertainment, 100 is the number of episodes a TV series needs to be considered for syndication. In sports it’s the record number of points scored in one NBA game in March, 1962. Remember who? Wilt Chamberlain.

When you think of 100 do you think of the number as a lot? I guess it’s all relative isn’t it? If you make \$100 off the sale of your house, it definitely is not a lot. If you find a hundred kruggerands (South African gold coins worth approximately \$1400 apiece) buried in your back yard that would be a lot. 100 parking tickets on your car is a lot. 100 pennies in your Christmas bonus envelope is not a lot.

Why my fixation on the number 100? Well, since you ask, this week the Barry Rich and Lisa radio show recorded our 100th program.

100 must seem like a gigantic number to my partners Barry and Lisa, when one considers they have had to sit and listen (and look) at me 100 times. I am so thankful to my partners for letting me play with them on the radio. I am thankful for Jim Moran for creating Radio Fishbowl/Village Vine which gave Barry, Lisa and me a reason to turn on the record button. I’m thankful to James Faulkner, Jeff Rudisill, Gene Goss, Tina Salvatore, Susan Henderson, Carol Canterbury, Catherine Adde, Dean, and Andrea for all helping to create and sustain the local internet station. I’m also thankful to Chuck (Lisa’s ball and chain), and Lydia (Barry’s unbelievably gracious, beautiful and talented wife) for letting me play with their significant others every week.

Now, as of the writing of this column I am still unaware if I have advanced to the finals in the Next KABC Talk Star Contest. Thank you to those who helped me by voting for me. And thank you to those who thought about voting for me. Special thanks to Ms. Jane Fuller who kicked me (metaphorically) in the you-know-where with her you-know-what, to get me to enter the contest.

And thank you mostly to Barry and Lisa for fulfilling the Herculean task of making me better than I am (on the air at least).

I’d also like to thank the Academy...oh, sorry. Finally, I’d like to thank fellow Columnist/ Attorney Stuart Tolchin. I’m not sure why I’m thanking him, other than he’s my friend and I think it will make him happy. And a happy lawyer is a severely compromised lawyer and we could sure use a lot more of those kinds of lawyers (just doing my part). Have a great week.



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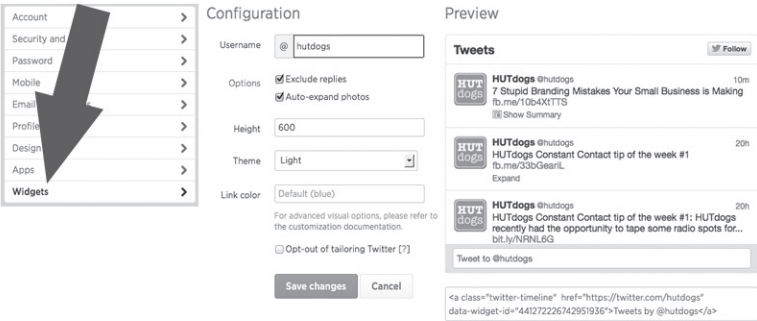


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Tips of the Trade:
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by Luther Tsinoglou

DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME

When you hear that someone managed to sell a home without representation, it's likely that the sale was to a family member, close friend, or a tenant who was already renting and living there. These exceptional cases are not the norm, and there are powerful reasons why it is so difficult to make a sale "by owner."

The biggest roadblock is that For Sale By Owners (FSBOs) aren't included in the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) that licensed agents and organizations use. A sign in the yard and an ad in the newspaper are no match for the widespread exposure gained from a listing visible on the MLS. Since the FSBO has no listing agreement providing for a sales commission, many agents won't show these homes with no promise of compensation. Again, this greatly reduces the number of potential buyers exposed to the offering, not to mention the fact that buyers who do express interest will not have been screened by a professional to determine their qualifications.

Perhaps the most hazardous aspect of selling "by owner" is the potential for legal oversights and complications. Real estate transactions are loaded with potential liability for unrepresented and unwitting sellers. One overlooked form or improper disclosure could generate an expensive lawsuit. Just as you wouldn't enter the courtroom without an attorney, you shouldn't sell your home without professional representation.

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THE WORLD AROUND US

Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



DIAMONDS IN THE TAIL OF THE SCORPION

A new image from the European Southern Observatory's La Silla telescope in Chile shows the bright star cluster Messier 7. Easily spotted with the naked eye close to the tail of the constellation of Scorpius, it is one of the most prominent open clusters of stars in the sky—making it an important astronomical research target.

Messier 7, also known as NGC 6475, is a brilliant cluster of about 100 stars located some 800 light-years from Earth. In this new picture from the Wide Field Imager on the MPG/ESO 2.2-meter telescope, it stands out against a very rich background of hundreds of thousands of fainter stars, in the direction of the center of the Milky Way.

At about 200 million years old, Messier 7 is a typical middle-aged open cluster, spanning a region of space about 25 light-years across. As they age, the brightest stars in the picture—a population of up to a tenth of the total stars in the cluster—will violently explode as supernovae. Looking further into the future, the remaining faint stars, which are much more numerous, will slowly drift apart until they become no longer recognizable as a cluster.

Open star clusters like Messier 7 are groups of stars born at almost the same time and place, from large cosmic clouds of gas and dust in their host galaxy. These groups of stars are of great interest to scientists, because the stars in them have about the same age and chemical composition. This makes them invaluable for studying stellar structure and evolution.

An interesting feature in this image is that, although densely populated with stars, the background is not uniform and is noticeably streaked with dust. This is most likely to be just a chance alignment of the cluster and the dust clouds. Although it is tempting to speculate that these dark shreds are the remnants of the cloud from which the cluster formed, the Milky Way will have made nearly one full rotation during the life of this star cluster, with a lot of reorganization of the stars and dust as a result. So the dust and gas from which Messier 7 formed, and the star cluster itself, will have gone their separate ways long ago.

The first to mention this star cluster was the mathematician and astronomer Claudius Ptolemy, as early as 130 A.D., who described it as a "nebula following the sting of Scorpius"—an accurate description, given that, to the naked eye, it appears as a diffuse luminous patch against the bright background of the Milky Way. In his honor, Messier 7 is sometimes called Ptolemy's Cluster.

It derives its present name from the French astronomer Charles Messier (1730–1817). Messier is most notable for publishing an astronomical catalog consisting of [nebulae](#) and [star clusters](#) that came to be known as the 110 "[Messier objects](#)." The purpose of the catalogue was to help astronomical observers, in particular [comet](#) hunters such as himself, distinguish between permanent and transient visually diffuse objects in the sky.

In 1764 Messier included it as the seventh entry in his Messier catalogue (<http://messier.seds.org/xtra/history/m-cat.html>). Later, in the 19th century, John Herschel (son of Planet Uranus discoverer William Herschel) described the appearance of this object as seen through a telescope as a "coarsely scattered cluster of stars"—which sums it up perfectly.



The star cluster Messier 7

Courtesy European Southern Observatory

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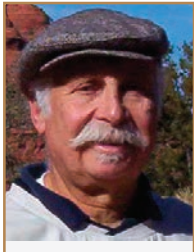
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STUART Tolchin.....On LIFE DREAMING IS JUST A START

Last week a couple of friends of mine came to visit from New Mexico. Their presence pulled my wife and I out of our usual comfort zone. Our friends had never been to a horse race and so, about a week ago, I got up at sunrise and drove over to Santa Anita to see what time races began. What I discovered at sunrise was a whole unknown world. As the sun rose the mountains glowed pink and gold and I found myself among hundreds of people completely engrossed in what they were doing. Horses were being exercised as people with stop watches monitored their movements. Other people were studying their crumpled newspapers as intensely as potential lawyers preparing to take the Bar Examination. Some never study that hard again.

Perhaps these early risers at the track were ordinary people; but they didn't seem to be ordinary that morning. Everyone around had that look of what I think of as a hard-working dreamer. Today was the day they were going to get rich or, to put it another way, today was the day they were going to discover some secret that would change their lives. At least that's how I thought they all looked. A few hours later when my wife and our friends went to the track to view the races and bet things seemed very different. Because it was a Thursday, I guess, we were all allowed to enter for free because we were senior citizens. We arrived in time for the second race and looked at the horses and watched the post-parade and found our way to the betting windows and placed our bets. Our friends won forty dollars on their first bets while my wife and I lost ten dollars.

It's funny how elated our friends were by winning those few dollars. Getting in for free had excited them but now winning their first bet had reached into their souls. I could see them imagining that they would win forever and that there was something special about them. As they collected and counted their winnings I saw many other people throwing their losing tickets to the ground. The look of these disappointed people was a very different look than the look of the dreamers I had seen in the morning. Reality had already struck these disappointed bettors, reminding them that they were just ordinary people, and it was only a little after noon.

We stayed for a few more races and our friends won a couple of more bets while my wife and I made

only losing bets. For me losing felt right. It occurred to me that winning was something out of the ordinary which probably required getting up at sunrise and studying the horses, their past performances and their present condition. It took a great deal of extra effort. Is it that extra effort that assists people to rise out of the ranks of the ordinary and to actually win their bets. I didn't win my bets so I wouldn't know.

I thought about this same question of what it takes to be more than ordinary as my wife and I watched the Academy Awards presentation on Sunday night. What I saw was a large congregation of people very pleased just to be there. Many had taken the time to be beautiful and to be stunningly dressed. Even the nominees in the technical categories, who were frequently not physically beautiful, had that special glow that seemed to say "I have proved it, I am not ordinary". When a winner was announced and allowed to make a short speech something real seemed to emerge beneath the pro-forma words that thanked everyone who supported their success. What I got from the speeches was the feeling that the winners truly believed they deserved their awards. They were up there celebrating not because they were just lucky. Hard work, study, sacrifice, belief in their own talents had placed them in the position of being honored. It was as if each of them was saying "I am not ordinary; look what I have done."

Sure these people are frequently paid a lot of money but it's not about the money and it shouldn't be. Talks of money taint the whole society and obscure the fact that what is of importance is a connection to one's life and the ability and the clarity to take the opportunity to create something and to dream. As important as is the dream is the belief that one can achieve that dream and to work toward those ends.

Really many Americans of my generation have been fortunate enough to sort of get in for free. We were born in the right place at the right time with great opportunities to imagine ourselves achieving all kinds of things. Most of us did not take full advantage of these opportunities and, like me, wonder about what more can be done. Certainly there's more to life than golf, watching television, and finding low price early restaurant dinners. No matter one's age there is still time to imagine, to create, and to change dreams into realities. Sometime; but that's just a start..



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

CHURCH AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE

I have been going to church for more years than I care to remember. If I tried to remember how many years it is, I might then

remember how old I am. Knowing how old I am does not have any appeal to me.

I rather like going to church. I do not go to church because I have to. I go to church because it is a wonderful place and it is filled with wonderful people. Are there hypocrites in the church? Yes, a whole lot more.

You would be surprised at the people that go to church. No matter how crazy you might be, I am sure there will be somebody to relate to in any church you go to. Church is not for the perfect, just for those who love the Lord. I think I could make myself comfortable in any Christian church.

I do not always have to amend my thinking. Lately I had to amend this thinking that I could make myself comfortable in any Christian church.

In the news recently was the snake handling church in Kentucky. These people believe that you can pick up a poisonous snake and if it bites you, it will not kill you. I know the Scripture they use for that, but I am not sure they understand what that Scripture really means.

Someone said to a friend of mine, "You mean that if God told you to pick up a snake you wouldn't do it?"

Without any hesitation, my friend said, "He hasn't and I ain't."

The fact that the minister of that church died from a snakebite might bring into question the validity of what they believe. Go ahead; play with a poisonous snake in church if you want to. Me, I let those things alone and I pray they let me alone.

I would not feel comfortable in that church I am sure.

Then I learned of some other church. I guess in America, there are all kinds of churches for all kinds of people. And in America sanity is not a prerequisite of anything, just look at our politicians. I guess the only thing more insane today than politicians are some preachers, and I happen to be a preacher, hopefully not of the insanity kind.

One of my goals is to keep my insanity at a low level every day that I live so nobody really sees it.

Then I learned of a church in Virginia. I have often had a lot of respect for Virginia and visited quite a few times. Some great men and even presidents have come from the state of Virginia. You can imagine how alarmed I was to hear about this new church.

When somebody told me about it, I thought

they were saying it was a "Knewest church." I never heard of such a thing. My question quite naturally was, what is it that these people knew. I am constantly open for any new information so my curiosity went up.

Then my friend pulled out his smart phone and showed me a videotape that was on the news about this church. It was not a "Knewest church" but rather a nudist church.

When I watched it, I laughed because I believed my friend was playing a prank on me. There are stupid people in the world, I admit, but I think even stupidity has a limit.

He finally convinced me that this was a real news story of a real nudist church in Virginia. Fortunately, the people who produced this video for the news strategically blurred out certain parts of the video of which I am everlastingly thankful.

It is a legitimate church and the motto, according to the pastor, is that they do not want to judge people by the clothing they are wearing. Really! How about judging people by the clothing they are not wearing?

I have a hard time seeing through that kind of theology. I like to get down to the bare facts, but this is absolutely incredulous.

Of course, it does save a lot of time in the morning trying to figure out what you are going to wear to church. You do not have to look at several neckties to see which one fits with this suit.

Apart from the sheer ridiculousness of this sort of matter, one matter truly annoys me. Where do they keep their offering? On second thought, I do not want to know.

Then a brilliant idea sloshed its way through the corridors of my mind. What if these two congregations had a convention together? The snake handler's and the nudist churches get together for an annual convention. Can you imagine the craziness of such a thing as that?

Then I got to thinking about it again. That would be grossly unfair to the snakes. Who in the world would they bite first? On the other hand, would they grow legs and run for the nearest door?

I remembered what Jesus said to Peter referring to the church. "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

The church does not belong to men or any one man. It belongs exclusively to God. The more churches look like the world around it the less pleasing it is to Jesus, the head of the church.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483.

LEFT TURN /RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"God, in his infinite wisdom, has so ordained it that when man destroys his racial purity, it can never be redeemed."

- former Mississippi Sen. Theodore Bilbo, 1946

Bilbo shared the prevailing religious conviction of his time, condemning any "re-defining" of marriage that would permit interracial couples. Using the Bible as cover for bigotry is nothing new.

Greg Welborn wrote last week that the veto by Gov. Jan Brewer (R-AZ) of the bill allowing businesses to discriminate against gays (based on "religious conviction", of course) was in response to "a small minority of activists".

Those "activists" included the Arizona and Greater Phoenix Chambers of Commerce, who in a letter expressed "a fervent desire for Arizona to be a welcoming, attractive destination for the top talent that will be the cornerstone of our continued economic growth", along with top employers like Apple, Marriott, Delta and American Airlines, J.P. Morgan Chase and American Express. They, and most Arizonans, have had it with inmates taking over the asylum at their statehouse.

The bill's purpose wasn't to address any expressed need, but to divide people. Over a decade ago, Karl Rove put anti-gay marriage initiatives on state ballots - not because of any expressed need, but to divisively energize and draw to the polls the voters he wanted; bigots fearing the "others" responsible for their problems and not bright enough to realize their state likely had an anti-gay marriage law on the books already.

Pitting one group against another is nothing new, here or abroad. In a former Soviet Republic, stories spread of persecution of the ethnic Russian minority, tensions were stoked, and Vladimir Putin sent forces south to "protect" the ethnic brethren.

This happened in Georgia in 2008. Sort of like today in Ukraine, except then nobody was accusing the president of being "weak and indecisive"; Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) wasn't on talk shows blaming events on the president's "feckless" foreign policy (George W. Bush, presumably, had plenty of "feck".) Putin made that move despite a U.S. administration with a record of seven years demonstrating a disturbingly casual, alarmingly eager attitude towards committing our forces overseas.

Commentators on Fox News simply acknowledged what was happening in Georgia, that there was not much we could do about it and that it really didn't affect us, anyway. President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice ultimately did go public in condemning the incursion into Georgia, according to NBC News, "after five days of fierce fighting that may have killed 2,000 people".

Critics today are those who derided the air strikes under President Clinton which ended the slaughter in the Balkans, and Obama's support missions over Libya which helped bring an end to Kaddafi (both of which achieved their goals without any American casualties), because they didn't entail massive commitment of ground forces - depriving war profiteers of opportunities for multi-billions in "support" contracts.

Their goal is not to address any expressed need, but to divisively energize those believing

whatever bad things happen, here or abroad, it's got to be Obama's fault.

The tone has softened over the past few days, though. Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) suggests our response should be to approve construction of the Keystone XL pipeline; the prospect of Canadian tar sands oil flowing through our heartland on its way to China some years from now would no doubt cause Putin to rethink his options. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) asserts it all goes back to Benghazi.

The first meaningful outside engagement in this conflict, it appears, was launched by German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who tried to make clear to Putin what was at stake. Europe may rely on Russia for a third of its natural gas (the major pipeline running through Ukraine), but more than half of Russia's revenues comes from energy exports. The message was that Europe could more easily make do without its imports from Russia than Russia could do without its export revenue.

Putin himself might be "living in another world", as the Chancellor put it, but the oligarchs he relies on are presumably more grounded in reality. Almost immediately, Russia's major state-controlled oil and gas producer took a \$12 billion hit in value. The ruble plummeted against other currencies, with a consequent leap in the cost of imports. From Germany, these imports include not only the Beemers and Benzes oligarchs have become accustomed to, but the high-technology expertise upon which Russian industries rely.

Kremlin strategy is to inflame divisions among Ukrainians; Europe-leaning nationalists in the west, ethnic Russians in the east and Muslim Tatars in Crimea. The Obama Administration, meanwhile, is forging a unified response among our allies. In his first public remarks after the incursion, Putin mocked our "you're either with us or against us" posture. He seemed unaware that was the proclaimed stance of the previous administration; that under our current leadership, the goal is one of unified, international resolve.

In Ukraine, leaders realize their future depends on their ability to achieve "one nation, indivisible".

In Arizona and elsewhere, they've followed the Kremlin strategy; focusing on how to exploit divisions between us to advance political goals.

Bill Clinton put it best in his first Inaugural Address; "There is no 'us' and 'them'. There is only 'us'."

From the time of our Revolution, we've been the land of E Pluribus Unum ("Out of Many, One"). In 1956, though, at the height of the "Red Scare", our official motto became "In God We Trust"; the words "under God" having been added to our Pledge of Allegiance two years earlier.

The message there could be interpreted as being, although we generally share the Founding Fathers' commitment to an indivisible "We the People", "with liberty and justice for all", we're willing to give you an "out" if you want to claim such a commitment would be contrary to your "religious conviction".

And finally - didn't singer Julie London have a hit some decades past with "Crimea River"?

WHY THE UKRAINE MATTERS GREG Welborn

The Sochi Olympics were a success, not just for the athletes who won, not just for the visitors who came and left without a terrorist incident, but mostly for Vladimir Putin. Putin desperately needed to put forth an image of a modern, sleek, "member of the international community". President Obama also needed the imagery to be successful to camouflage his feckless, lead from behind foreign policy. Recent events in Ukraine have now revealed the lie behind both these fantasies. Eventually, the truth always presents itself. Vladimir cares not a whit about the international community, and Obama's foreign policy is a disaster.

Unbelievably, there are those who don't think these revelations matter. Ukraine is a far-off, insignificant land, they argue, and who controls it will simply be an historical footnote. In fact, it does matter; it matters a great deal to Eastern Europe, Western Europe and to the United States.

Russia has sought to expand, conquer and control from the days of Peter The Great forward. The communist revolution hinted that the "imperialistic" goals and policies of the Czars would come to an end, but the truth was that the communists simply redefined the goals of imperialism: they still sought to conquer their neighbors. They just did so in the name of an ideology. The result was the same. The iron curtain was not constructed to keep us out of Eastern Europe, but to keep Eastern Europe captive to Moscow.

Weakness, indecision and appeasement in the west only exacerbated the problem. Russia engaged in proxy wars across the globe. They sought to throw democracy on the trash heap of history. It was only Reagan's policy of strength and confrontation that ended the cold war and freed millions. Western Europeans and Eastern Europeans celebrated one of the great political, humanitarian and moral victories in modern history.

Vladimir Putin called it "the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the 20th century". He has sought to reverse it ever since. Those are his words. As with the pronouncement from so many politicians, we have been tempted to dismiss them as simply propaganda for his political base. Putin's physical seizure of Crimea and political seizure of Eastern Ukraine demonstrate the truth and intentionality of his words.

Putin is seeking to restore the old Soviet Union. Without the Ukraine, that goal is impossible. With the Ukraine, the goal is not just possible, but probable. Events in the Ukraine, if left unchecked, will hurl the world

backwards where hostilities will increase, freedom will be lost and the United States directly threatened.

There has been no time in history when appeasement worked, when it achieved the peace it sought to secure. All it has ever done is delay the inevitable - war! World War II is the best historical reference, but too many in America consider it ancient history. So, if we must relearn the lesson with examples from the modern era, consider Iraq, Iran and Syria. We've abandoned Iraq, and Al Qaeda is on the ascension. We failed to confront Iran's nuclear ambitions, and they continue to develop the bomb they will export when given the chance. We blinked when Syria crossed the red line, and the civil war has been escalated.

But more importantly, Putin has gained confirmation of the weakness in President Obama's character, of his incapability to meaningfully defend U.S. interests or democratic principles anywhere in the world. With the issue of west's resolve settled, Putin simply took over what he wanted. What possible hope is there that he won't continue to seek hegemony over every other country once controlled by the Soviet Union? He said he would, and he just took the first step.

Meanwhile, almost as a dark comedic aside, China just announced another (this ain't the first) 10%+ increase in military spending. The signs are absolutely unmistakable. When a political and/or leadership vacuum is created, someone always rushes to fill it. We lie to ourselves if we think the new leader is always the good guy and further deceive ourselves if we believe the transition will always be peaceful. They rarely are.

Hitler's actions were "peaceful" except to those who were enslaved and murdered in occupied lands or to those who finally had to pay the ultimate price to liberate a continent. Winston Churchill decried World War II as the most unnecessary war because decisive action could have prevented it. The Ukraine matters because it is a critical opportunity to prevent greater tragedy and greater loss of life later.

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by Catherine Addé



Last Sunday my Niece Addi and I were among 700 fortunate people sitting along the red carpet to watch the luminous Oscar nominees, while they greeted the press, each other and then strolled in to Hollywood's Dolby Theatre for the 86th Annual Academy Awards. We 'Fans' in the bleachers would cheer when an A list star would walk by. Meryl Streep, Will Smith, Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Julia Roberts, Bruce and Laura Dern, Bono, Bette Midler, Harrison Ford to name a few, were very gracious. They, like Julia, actually saluted us, bowed, or mouthed 'thank you'. Others whom I won't name, did not wave or turn around. Matthew McConaughey came over to chat and Leonardo di Caprio pulled out his camera/phone and took a picture of all of us, giving us the thumbs up and a big smile. One of our fellow bleacher creatures commented: 'Yep, that's right, because after all, it IS all about us.' We all agreed, I chimed in with something like: "If we didn't purchase tickets to see their movies, they wouldn't have jobs, there'd be no award ceremonies, no big Hollywood business." Leonardo and the others get this. It is all about the fans who are ultimately the customers. On that carpet (which incidentally is actually Raspberry in color), those stars were acknowledging their customers. And we were appreciative.

Though I was pleased to be there, I couldn't help but think about the culture of 'Celebrity Worship' which has often struck me as shallow, over the top and excessive in the grand scheme of things. I admit I was excited to see some of my favorite film stars in person but had mixed emotions about the whole thing. That gown that just sashayed by, didn't it cost more than I make in a year, and the salaries of some, more than I might make in a lifetime?

I reminded myself however of the many different causes spotlighted by those with celebrity status, the Princess Diana's and Angelina Jolie's of the world, for example. Perhaps this was my 'ah ha' moment, that through all the glitz and bling, the sweet acceptance speech of Lupita Nyong'o and the heartfelt one from Jared Leto, that I decided to ignore the cynic whispering in my ear, and instead focus on the bounty that this film industry has brought:

-Jobs, worldwide to thousands of those in ancillary services-everything from tourism to the entertainment industry

-Awards to behind the scenes professionals making movie magic, like Sierra Madre's own Ron Henderson and his Academy Award

for Scientific and Technical achievement this year!

- For local film fans and a few lucky ones in the bleachers, the chance of a lifetime to see what many would love to see, up close and personal: THE major event in our own back yard.

After the red carpet event, we were escorted from the bleachers to the El Capitan Theatre to watch the Oscars telecast on the big screen complete with catered dinner. Most memorable of all was Steve McQueen's acceptance speech for the best picture of the year: Twelve Years a Slave. Much of the world's attention, thanks to mass media, was on this man and his final words of the evening: "I dedicate this award to all the people who have endured slavery. And the 21 million people who still suffer slavery today."

The International Justice Mission states that very figure on their web site as the number of victims of human trafficking worldwide today, in the 21st century.

Let it sink in - the number of victims is TWENTY ONE MILLION!

Last, although I love fun and lighthearted movies as much as anyone, I'm glad that Twelve Years a Slave won Best Picture. Because with the gigantic spotlight shining on Hollywood's movie industry last Sunday night, I'm hopeful this will make millions of people aware and moved to act, knowing that it's time to end the horrid, disgraceful human trafficking and slavery for good.



All photos by Catherine Adde



SEAN’S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

By Sean Kayden

SHE SIR

The Austin, Texas quartet She Sir started playing together nearly a decade ago. After a series of hiatuses and a couple of EP's along the way, the band has lastly released their full-length debut record, "Go Guitars" this past February. I just discovered this unique and disparate band. She Sir's finesse is demonstrated in their music style. They quoted as Fleetwood Mac being their biggest influence, but lesser known bands such as My Bloody Valentine, Slowdive, and a cluster of other early 90s bands specializing in reverb would be better examples of being influential. I've always had a penchant for this dreamy sort of pop music. It's absolutely calming and sometimes transcendent. While She Sir is perhaps not breaking any new ground, their music is a fine example of nostalgia. I'm in love with their shoegaze tendencies. Bright melodies, tight arrangements, subtle rhythms make up most of "Go Guitars." She Sir's debut dream pop album hits all the right melancholic chords.

"Go Guitars" is a thirty-two minute dream from beginning to end. Each track effortlessly transitions into the next. The richly textured melodic sound alongside Russell's Karloff soft and compelling vocals is indeed a marvelous conjunction. "Bitter Bazaar" is the arguably the best track on the record, but a difficult decision to be made given the caliber of songs. It starts off slow and then there's a rush of blood straight to the head. Vivid guitars create a reverie soundscape that allows the listener to be taken away to another place and time. However, this could also be said for "Warmwimming." The low tempo "He's Not A Lawyer, It's Not A Company" is exquisitely divine. It's a heavenly treat. Majority of "Go Guitars" is simply just that. The short-lived experience is worth every bit of the journey.

While other bands seem to be heading down a road, not sure where it is taking them, She Sir is headed down a path. They know where they want to go and following them may be just be the resolution after all.

Artist:	She Sir
Album:	Go Guitars
Label:	Shelf Life
Release Date:	February 25th, 2014

While the genre She Sir occupies in isn't commercially popular, it's still a delight for those with a proclivity for 90s reverb, shoegaze and dream pop. The band has ten iridescent tracks that could have been something you'd hear twenty years ago. However, She Sir allows for each track to be amazingly up to date. After what appeared to be a laborious effort to get where they are, all I can say that the results are incredible. Tuneful, meditative, and graceful are just few of the things to describe the record. If you want to get lost for a few hours, take "Go Guitars" for a few spins. You never know what you'll discover on each go around and that's the true beauty of this album for each individual.

Grade: 9 out of 10
Best Tracks: "Bitter Bazaar," "Warmwimming," "He's Not A Lawyer, It's Not A Company," "Condensedindents"

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Darin Dahms is highly regarded for his many stage roles in shows including "A House With No Walls," "A Tale Told by an Idiot," and "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me." He is also a director, producer and writer, winning awards for "Butterflies of Uganda," which he co-wrote with friend Sonke Weiss. Dahms received an MFA from the University of South Carolina and is a lifetime member of the Actors Studio.

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Jeff’s Book Picks

By Jeff Brown

PRESENCE: THE ART OF PEACE AND HAPPINESS - VOLUME 1 BY RUPERT SPIRA

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PRESENCE: THE INTIMACY OF ALL EXPERIENCE - VOLUME 2 BY RUPERT SPIRA

All that is known is experiencing and experiencing is not divided into one part (an inside self) that experiences and another part (an outside object, other or world) that is experienced. Experiencing is seamless and intimate, made of "knowing" or Awareness alone. This intimacy, in which there is no room for selves, objects or others, is love itself. It lies at its heart of all experience, completely available under all circumstances.

THE TRANSPARENCY OF THINGS PAPERBACK BY RUPERT SPIRA

The purpose of Rupert's book is to look clearly and simply at the nature of experience, without any attempt to change it. A series of contemplations lead us gently but directly to see that our essential nature is neither a body nor a mind. It is the conscious Presence that is aware of this current experience. As such it is nothing that can be experienced as an object and yet it is undeniably present. As we take our stand knowingly as this conscious Presence that we always already are, and reconsider the objects of the body, mind and world, we find that they do not simply appear to this Presence, they appear within it. We are led to see that it is in fact this very Presence itself that takes the shape of our experience from moment to moment while always remaining only itself. We see that our experience is and has only ever been one seamless totality with no separate entities or objects anywhere to be found. Rupert also has many YouTube videos and a website.

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by Jimbo Berkey

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9-10	Comedy movies

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My Picks of the Week	
Monday	Shadows on the Stairs
Tuesday	Notorious but Nice
Wednesday	I'll Sell My Life
Thursday	His Private Secretary
Friday	Trapped by Television
Saturday	Something to Sing About
Sunday	King Kelly of the USA

Make sure you have your popcorn ready, gone to the potty, cushions fluffed and your are comfortable. There are no interruptions during the movie. The films are not edited for time or content.

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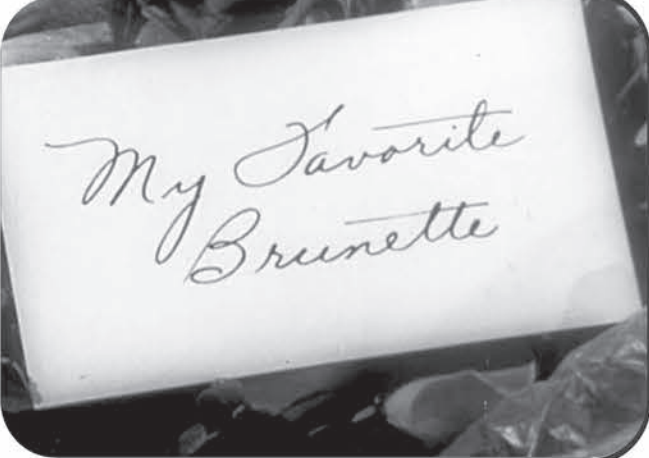
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THIS WEEK ON 98

Monday 3.10.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Iron Furnace Trail and much much more
11 to 12 pm	Successful Failure
1 to 2 pm	Shadows on the Stairs
3 to 4 pm	The Stoker
5 to 6 pm	The Mad Monster
7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	Shadows on the Stairs
Tuesday 3.11.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Jerry Lewis and much much more
11 to 12 pm	That Gang of Mine
1 to 2 pm	Girl from Calgary
3 to 4 pm	Notorious but Nice
5 to 6 pm	The Amazing Mr. X
7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	Girl from Calgary
Wednesday 3.12.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	McDonal Craig Farm and much much more
11 to 12 pm	Pride of the Bowery
1 to 2 pm	Zis Boom Bah and Live Wire
3 to 4 pm	I'll Sell My Life
5 to 6 pm	The Ghoul
7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	Zis Boom Bah and Live Wire
Thursday 3.13.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Painting, Cooking and much much more
11 to 12 pm	Chasing Trouble
1 to 2 pm	His Private Secretary & Half a Sinner
3 to 4 pm	Roar of the Press
5 to 6 pm	The Ghost Train
7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	His Private Secretary & Half a Sinner
Friday 3.14.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Sand Sculpting
11 to 12 pm	Second Honeymoon
1 to 2 pm	Trapped by Television
3 to 4 pm	Beggars in Ermine
5 to 6 pm	Bloody Pit of Horror
7 to 8 pm	Bonanza, Mr. & Mrs. North, Sherlock Holmes
9 to 10 pm	Trapped by Television
Saturday 3.15.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 10 am	Saddle Mounting Roundup
11 to 12 pm	The Texan & West of the Divide
1 to 2 pm	Buffalo Stampede
3 to 4 pm	Two Fisted Law
5 to 6 pm	Paradise in Halrme
7 to 8 pm	Something to Sing About
9 to 10 pm	Buffalo Stampede
Sunday 3.16.14	Movies
7 to 8 am	Children's Programing
9 to 11 am	Michelle Rae Music
11 to 12 pm	Bonanza Special
1 to 2 pm	I Killed that Man
3 to 4 pm	The Boy in the Plastic Bubble
5 to 6 pm	Melody for Three
7 to 8 pm	King Kelly of the USA
9 to 10 pm	I Killed that Man



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STATEMENT File No. 2014-053383

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NEO GENESIS WEB, 3649 GARNET ST, STE 205, TORRANCE, CA 90505. Full Name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS D. DE LEON, 3649 GARNET ST, STE 205, TORRANCE, CA 90505. This Statement was conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS D. DE LEON. This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/27/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This fictitious Name Statement was filed from the County Clerk's office was filed in the office of the County Clerk.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 2014-037156
The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: BANCHY'S FLOWERS, 1210
E. FLORENCE AVE., L.A., CA 90001. Full
name of registrant(s) is (are) BREND A
PADILLA, 747 E. 110th ST. L.A., CA 90059,
NANCY MORALES, 747 E. 110th ST.
L.A., CA 90059. This Business is conducted
by: CO-PARTNERS. Signed: BREND A N.
PADILLA. This statement was filed with
the County Clerk of Los Angeles County

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-037290
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SWEET THINGS BY MEG, 13619 E. LANNING DR., WHITTIER, CA 90605. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOHN P. GAINES, 13619 E. LANNING DR., WHITTIER, CA 90605. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOHN P. GAINES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/11/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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). Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-040690
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE CRYSTAL CRADLE; THE CRYSTAL CONNECTION, 759 E. CASAD ST., COVINA, CA 91723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CAROL ARIELLA SHIRA LEWIS, 759 E. CASAD ST., COVINA, CA 91723. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CAROL ARIELLA SHIRA LEWIS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/13/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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). Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-037217
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FRITON POOLS, 1657 GRANADA PL., POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHAD STEVEN DELK, 1657 GRANADA PL., POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHAD STEVEN DELK. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/11/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-034208
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TWIN TRUCKING, 1330 1/2 W. 218th ST., TORRANCE, CA 90501. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SIMON RODRIGUEZ, 1330 1/2 W. 218th ST., TORRANCE, CA 90501. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SIMON RODRIGUEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/07/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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). Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-036954
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNDERGROUND WEST, 5941 S. WESTERN AVE. UNIT B, L.A., CA 90047. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUANA RAMIREZ, 5941 S. WESTERN AVE. UNIT B, L.A., CA 90047. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUANA RAMIREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/11/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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). Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-034084
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WICKS FURNITURE OUTLET, 11151 183rd ST., CERRITOS, CA 90703. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SCOTT DU, 11151 183rd ST., CERRITOS, CA 90703. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SCOTT DU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/07/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/07/2014. NOTICE- This Fictitious

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). Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-037041
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YOGA FOR LISTENING PLEASURE; DOLPHINE WOMAN, 900 E. 1st ST. #311, L.A., CA 90012. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MCC TEXTILES, LLC, 15 PALOMA AVE. #46, VENICE, CA 90291. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: MEREDITH CARTER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/11/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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). Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-037083
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ZEN SPA, 2276 FOOTHILL BLVD., LA VERNE, CA 91750. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LYNN BIZ GROUP, INC., 1525 S. PROSPECT #A, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JUNRUI LI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/11/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious 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). Publish: Mountain Views News
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FILE NO. 2014-039967 OF STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CORINA HENRIQUEZ, 5564 GAGE AVE., BELL GARDENS, CA 90201, has have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name of: CORINA'S BEAUTY SALON, 5568 GAGE AVE., BELL GARDENS,

CA 90201. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 01/31/2012, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2012017364. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 02/13/2014. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: CORINA HENRIQUEZ/OWNER. Publish: Mountain Views News
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FILE NO. 2014-037918 OF STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JUAN MANUEL MENDEZ, 9560 GLANDON ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706, has have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name of: J&J CLEANING SERVICES, 9560 GLANDON ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 09/16/2013, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2013193496. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 02/12/2014. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: JUAN MANUEL MENDEZ/OWNER. Publish: Mountain Views News
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FILE NO. 2014-033831 OF STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CRISTINO MARTINEZ, 518 E. 32nd ST., L.A., CA 90011, has have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name of: J.M. FLOORS, 518 E. 32nd ST., L.A., CA 90011. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 10/08/2013, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2013210686. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 02/07/2014. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: CRISTINO MARTINEZ/OWNER. Publish: Mountain Views News
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FILE NO. 2014-033875 OF STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PAMELA CAZARES, 230 E. 106th ST., L.A., CA 90003, has have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name of: MARRAKECH BEAUTY SALON, 9219 SAN PEDRO, L.A., CA 90003. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 06/25/2012, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2012126634. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This

statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 02/07/2014. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: PAMELA CAZARES/OWNER. Publish: Mountain Views News
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FILE NO. 2014-036127 OF STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KIM H. SHAW, 249 GLENDORA AVE. UNIT 1, LONG BEACH, CA 90803, has have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name of: PRIVATE COURIER SERVICE, 249 GLENDORA AVE. UNIT 1, LONG BEACH, CA 90803. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 10/18/2013, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2013217875. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 02/10/2014. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: KIM H. SHAW/OWNER. Publish: Mountain Views News
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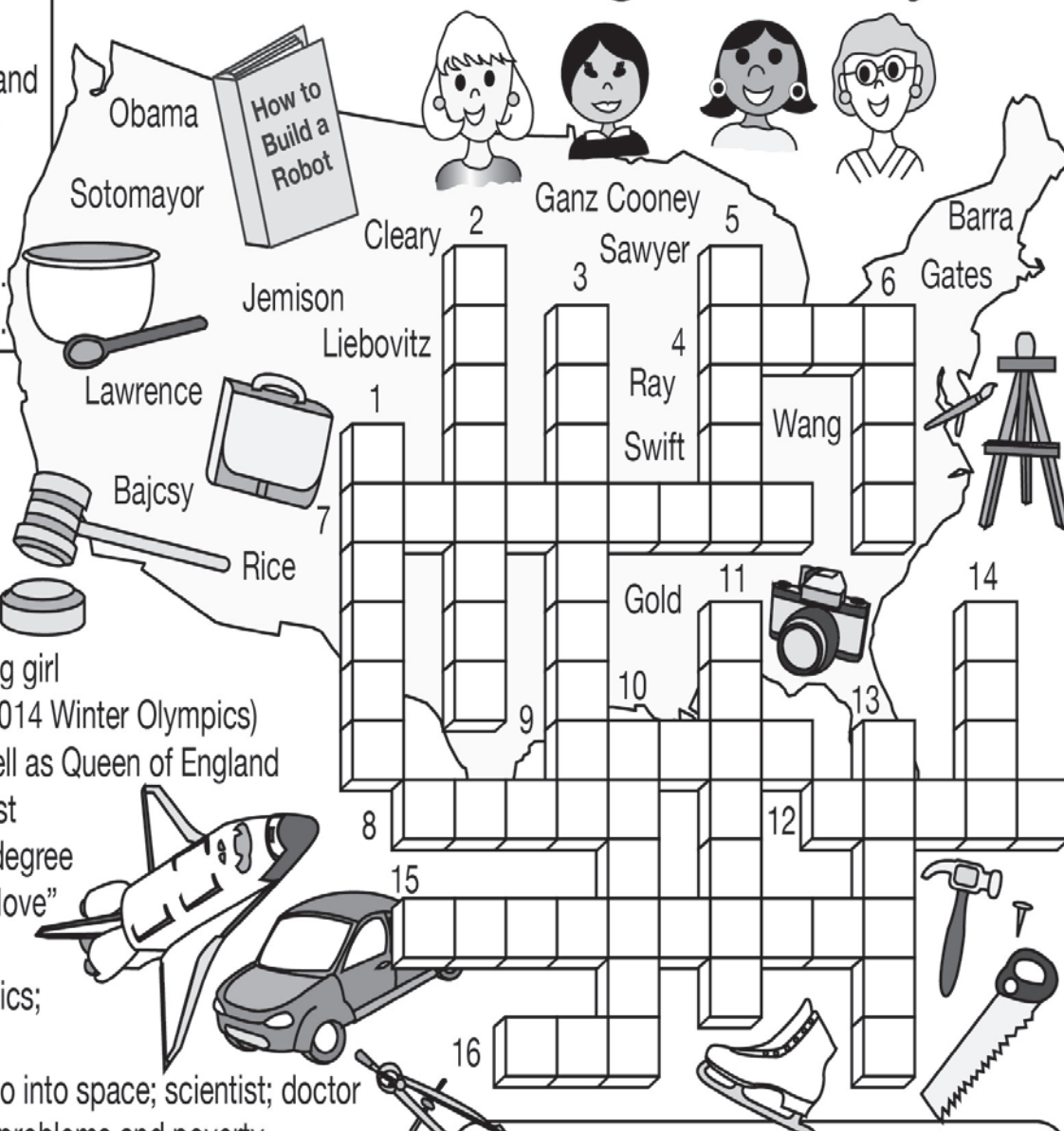
In colonial times, women in America did not have the right to own property, vote or hold government office. Women worked hard raising families, and tending homes and gardens. They made clothes, candles and many other items their families needed.

Over the years, new laws, better education, and changes in people's attitudes have helped more women choose the lives they wish to lead. Many women pursue careers while sharing the work of raising families.

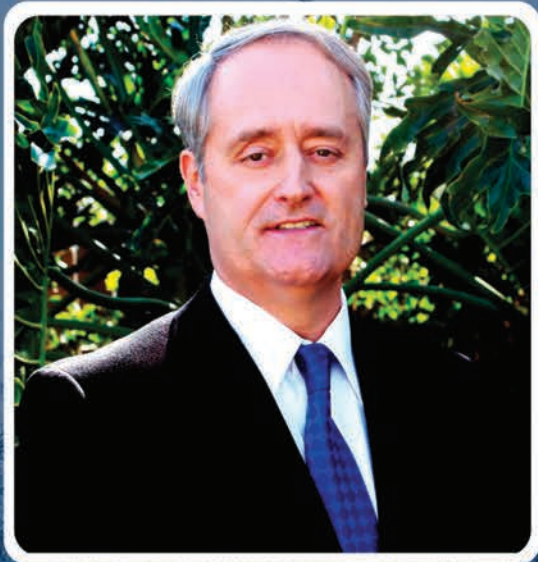
Read the clues to fill in the last names of women leading the way:

1. Beverly _____ : author of more than 30 books, 91 million sold worldwide; book *Dear Mr. Henshaw* won the 1984 Newbery Medal
2. Jennifer _____ : popular actress, *X-Men* and many other films
3. Sonia _____ : first Hispanic woman on the U.S. Supreme Court
4. Vera _____ : fashion designer; wedding dresses; china, crystal
5. Taylor _____ : country music star who sings about life as a young girl
6. Gracie _____ : figure skater, won Bronze medal in team event (2014 Winter Olympics)
7. Annie _____ : famous photographer of actors, rock stars - as well as Queen of England
8. Mary _____ : the head of GM, a car company, the seventh largest company in the world; graduated college with electrical engineering degree
9. Michelle _____ : The First Lady, a lawyer, known for her "Let's Move" program and encouraging people to eat fresh foods for better health
10. Dr. Ruzena _____ : computer scientist who specializes in robotics; her work allows robots to react to their environments
11. Dr. Mae C. _____ : first African-American female astronaut to go into space; scientist; doctor
12. Melinda _____ : started charity that helps to fight world health problems and poverty
13. Diane _____ : one of America's most trusted T.V. news anchors
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Fight to maintain our own police department. I do not support contracting out to the Sheriff's Department. Our police, fire and paramedics must be a top priority.

Lead the effort to begin upgrading the city's infrastructure that suffers from years of deferred maintenance.

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- **Insist on substantial yearly progress in addressing the backlog of trees that need trimming.**

Propose new water conservation ordinances to encourage water conservation efforts and streamline and simplify the permit process for such projects.

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