

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATIONS GIVE THANKS FOR YESTERDAY, PREPARE FOR TOMORROW’S VETS



Sierra Madre’s VFW 3208 was at the center of all Veteran’s Day activities this year, beginning with their annual service in Memorial Park on Sunday, November 9th. Congresswoman Judy Chu bestowed a Certificate of Congressional Recognition on three local heroes, World War II Veterans Ken Anhalt and Art Contreras and Korean War Veteran Bud Switzer. Chu also congratulated VFW 3208 for their generous donation of \$10,000 to a veterans health care center planned for the San Gabriel Valley. Robert Spencer the keynote speaker, discussed the Koran and his new book, “Arab Winter Comes To America” and the current threat of terrorism by Islamic extremists. On Veteran’s Day, Tuesday, November 11th, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club hosted a luncheon for VFW 3208 with a menu in honor of Navy servicemen and women - selected items from The Galley on the USS Carl Vinson. The guest speaker at the Kiwanis event was Denise Wadsworth representing United For Vets the organization spearheading the effort to establish The Veteran’s Health Center Of the Foothills. She too acknowledged the contribution of VFW 3208 and encouraged the public to support the project. In her speech, she reminded the group of the lack of health care facilities for returning Vets in the area. Currently, Veterans requiring medical hospital care must go either to the VA in West LA or Long Beach.

Pictured above left to right: VFW 3208 Commander Dave Loera, WWII Vet Ken Anhalt, Korean War Purple Heart recipient Bud Switzer, WWII Vet Art Contreras and U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu.

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COUNCIL STAYS FOCUSED DESPITE VERBAL ATTACK BY FORMER MAYOR

by Susan Henderson

On Thursday, at a special meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council to continue their review of the reorganization of City Hall, the budget and the general plan, no one was prepared for what happened during public comment.

Former Mayor Nancy Walsh approached the public podium and began an emotional, vitriolic rant which included personal attacks on the current council.

Walsh, who according to the statement she submitted to the City Clerk, is angry about the reorganization of City Hall. She accused at least two members of the council and the City Manager of embracing a reorganization agenda that would destroy the city. “We are about to do something at best, inappropriate and at worst illegal.” She also stated that this alliance had already bankrupted the city’s water company.

Her presentation was laced with expletives as her emotions appeared to boil over. She even went so far as to compare two council members and the city manager to predators that lure children with candy.

Walsh, who served on the council from 2010-2014, chose not to run for re-election earlier this year.

The task of reorganizing city staff is part of the budget process in anticipation of the \$1 million dollar loss of revenue that is the result of the failure of the Utility User Tax increase. Since that time, the City Manager and the Council have been trying to reconfigure staff in a manner that will continue to provide services to the residents.

In Walsh’s written and spoken comments, she suggested that the Sierra Madre Water Company had been bankrupted. It has not. Audits performed by outside accountants confirm that the water company is solvent. Moody’s Credit

Rating Service did downgrade the city in 2013 because of Sierra Madre’s failure to sufficiently raise revenues enough to cover its bond obligations. However, in the last letter issued by Moody’s in July, the agency indicated that there would be no further downgrade at this time.

Despite Walsh’s claims of conspiracies, collusion, and malfeasance, the council proceeded to focus on the matters on the agenda. As Mayor John Harabedian stated when asked to respond to Walsh, “As a leader, my objective is to be above the bickering and personal attacks that we are seeing now and have seen in the past. I want this council to work through our differences and come up with solutions that will benefit all of our residents.”

The council did move on through the agenda. It declined by consensus a request to impose a city wide Property Inspection Ordinance which would have had an adverse financial impact on sales, rentals and/or leases in Sierra Madre. It also confirmed the remaining issues on the city’s reorganization, continued deliberations on the budget and made additional progress on approving the city’s general plan.

On a more positive note, the city has received a grant of \$78,000 from the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the council approved the use of \$48,000 of it to be used to assist residents with turf removal. The remaining funds will be used for things such as water audits to help residents find ways to reduce consumption and educational materials on water conservation.

The council’s next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6:30, a Special Meeting on the General Plan.

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IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR - THE SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR HELP!

A unique aspect of our float this year will be the use of a particular succulent in a geometric design. But we need to find enough of this variety, *aeonium haworthii*, pictured right, to make the design work. These plants are very common in the gardens in and around Sierra Madre, so hopefully some of you can help us.

Don’t cut your plant now!! If you have some to donate, call the float barn at 626-355-7005 or email us at volunteers@smrosefloat.org with your name, phone number and address and we will come out and look at your plant.

On our website we have a color photo – it shows a red edge to the “rosette”. We want both the red edged and the all-green variety. We will be ready for them in early December. Now for the details – each “rosette” needs to be between 2 ½ - 3 ½ inches across and have an attached stem of at least 1 ½ inches. We don’t want to destroy your plant – we just need a handful of rosettes from each one.

SMRFA is also looking for people to help with a variety of things. Volunteers are needed to help with feeding the volunteers (grilling, serving and clean-up for lunch and dinner), helping with the sales booth, shuttling around the area picking up supplies and helping to coordinate the volunteers. We also need help on the 31st selling left-over flowers and cleaning up after the float moves out. It takes a village to produce a beautiful Rose Parade float which is why the City of Sierra Madre has been so successful for so many years.

Do you have an RV that could sleep 6 on New Year’s Eve? The SMRFA float crew needs a heated place to sleep while parked near the parade route and would be grateful for a one-night loan. We can provide a letter documenting your donation of the use of your RV for tax purposes.

If you can help with any of these items or if you have further questions, please contact Bonnie, the SMRFA Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteers@smrosefloat.org or leave a message at the float barn (626-355-7005) and include your name, phone number and how you would like to get involved.

This year’s Rose Parade Theme is “Inspired Stories and the Sierra Madre Entry will be “I Think I Can”.



THE CIVIC CLUB SHOPPE RETURNS TO THE WINTER VILLAGE FESTIVAL



On Nov. 29, the Sierra Madre Civic Club Shoppe will be back in Kersting Court as part of the Sierra Madre’s Chamber of Commerce’s 2014 Winter Village Festival - formerly Dickens Village/WhoVillage).

As in years past, we offer beautiful hand knitted items such as hats, scarves and baby accessories. This year we are expanding our offerings to include handmade jewelry, quilted Christmas stockings, Christmas ornaments, note cards, ceramics, and even a few quilts. These one-of-a-kind items are hand made by members of the Sierra Madre Civic Club and their friends and will get your holiday shopping off to a wonderful start.

All proceeds from the sale of the Shoppe support Civic Club’s philanthropic donations to local non-profits and Club’s educational awards to local high school seniors. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to buy wonderful handmade treasures while supporting community organizations and youth.

ASCENSION INVITES THE VILLAGE TO GIVE THANKS

Soon, the American tradition known as Thanksgiving will be upon us. As we gather together with great enthusiasm for amazing food and fellowship let us remember to be grateful for all the blessings in our lives.

Sierra Madre’s Village Church (Ascension) invites the community for celebration of the liturgy of Thanksgiving and worship during the Thanksgiving Mass on November 27th at 10:00 a.m. at Church of the Ascension, 25 East Laurel Avenue in Sierra Madre.

This event makes for a wonderful family outing to meet new neighbors and check out a wonderful community church. For more information, please call (626) 355-1133 or visit: www.ascension-sierramadre.com.



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Tues:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Thur:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	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, November 18, 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.

SIERRA MADRE CITY
MEETINGS

City Council

Special Council Meeting

NOVEMBER 18, 2014 - 6:30 pm

The final agenda and staff reports will be available online no later than Friday night. Enter the date "09/30/2014" for the complete agenda packet.

Can't make it to the meeting, but still want to share your thoughts? You can mail or drop off a written statement to City Hall or email city@cityofsierramadre.com before 5:30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

Upcoming Public Meetings

Agendas and staff reports will be posted online 72 hours before the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place in the City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Monday, November 17:

Community Services Commission, 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 19:

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission, 7:00pm

Thursday, November 20:*

Planning Commission, 7:00pm

**These meetings will be recorded and aired live on Time Warner, Channel 3 and streamed online.

WATERWORKS COMMUNITY
ADVISORY BOARD

Applications now being accepted for the Sierra Madre Waterworks Community Advisory Board. The Community Advisory Board (CAB) was created to provide residents and the community an opportunity to be a part of the planning process for aquatic services at the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center. The CAB consists of seven distinct positions representing: swim lessons, swim team, lap swimming/water aerobics, recreation swim/social user, a Waterworks Aquatics staff, Community Services Department staff and Community Services Commission liaison. Each of the community positions serve one year terms and are appointed by the a selection committee consisting of the Waterworks Aquatics staff, Community Services Department staff and Community Services Commission liaison. The CAB meets on a once a month basis throughout the year. Upon completion of the one year term, members of the CAB can reapply for appointment. Applications can be turned in to Sierra Madre Aquatic Center, located in Sierra Vista Park at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

For more information on the CAB please contact the City at 626-355-7135 ext. 703 or Waterworks Aquatics at 626-836-1200.

FAREWELL TO SIERRA MADRE
ICON NEIL THE PIG TO BE HELD
ON NOVEMBER 23RD

Sierra Madre Icon, Neil "The Pig" Emerson, passed away on November 8th after exceeding the life expectancy for a Vietnamese Pot Belly pig by at least five years. Dr. Kathleen Emerson, Neil's sister has announced that an informal Memorial Celebration of his life will be held on the grounds of his home, 382 W. Montecito on Sunday, November 23, 2014 from 1:30 - 3:00. The public is invited.

Neil, who made national news last year when an ill fated attempt was made by the Pasadena Humane Society to 'evict' him, has been one of Sierra Madre's Treasures for almost two decades. He is preceded in death by his mom, Diane Emerson.

<http://issuu.com/mtnviewsnews>

The Sierra Madre Interact Club joined members of the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church to prepare and serve dinner to homeless families in the Family Promise support program.

The Sierra Madre Interact Club is a Rotary-sponsored community service club for young people ages 13-18. The club meets on Monday evenings at 7:15PM, across the hall from the choir room in the United Methodist Church at the corner of Sierra Madre Blvd and Michillinda Ave.



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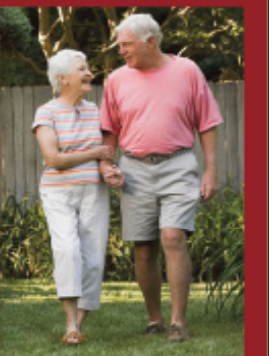
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REMEMBERANCE DENIS PETER KEEGAN

Denis Peter Keegan, son of the late James Joseph Keegan and Virginia Bland Skinner, passed away peacefully Monday November 10th, surrounded by his wife and loving family. Denis had courageously fought a rare genetic kidney disease for many years.

Denis was born on December 17th, 1949 in South Orange New Jersey. He was the youngest of five children. As a child, Denis enjoyed summering on Long Island with his family and fishing off the New Jersey shore. As a young man Denis attended St. Peter's University graduating with a liberal arts degree in English.

Denis worked for non-profit organizations as part of the Foundation and Development team for over 40 years. He worked for St. Patrick's College in Maynooth, Ireland, living in Europe while doing so in the late 1970s. In 1980, Denis returned to New Jersey and worked for community hospitals including Cooper Community Hospital in Camden, New Jersey for more than 15 years. It was at Cooper Hospital that Denis met the love of his life, Karen, who managed the hospital gift store. The two were married in 1991. In 1997, Denis moved to Los Angeles where he continued his career at the National Children's Cancer Foundation, the Red Cross in a similar capacity and most recently as an Executive Director with White Memorial Medical Foundation in East Los Angeles.

Denis enjoyed reading science fiction novels, gourmet cooking, fishing, and hosting parties for families and friends. He was an accomplished conversationalist and engaged everyone he met with thoughtful discussion and repartee.

Denis has a family who loved him greatly. He is survived by his wife Karen, who was his consummate soul mate and life partner, and with whom he enjoyed European travel, gourmet food, and spending time with his grandchildren. Denis has four children: Patrick Keegan, Peter Keegan, Katharine Lewars and Madeline Romo. Denis was grandfather to four grandchildren: Colin Keegan, Broderick Keegan, Lucas Lewars, and Payton Romo. Denis's siblings also survive him: Brother Jim of Long Island, Brother Mel of Fountain Valley, California, brother John of Fanwood, New Jersey, and sister Mary of Hampden, Maine.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to be made to the Creative Arts Group (Foothill Creative Arts Group 108 N. Baldwin Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024), the Sierra Madre Civic Club (SMCC, PO BOX 413 Sierra Madre CA 91025), the Rotary Club of Sierra



Madre California (Rotary Club of Sierra Madre P.O. Box 863 Sierra Madre, CA 91025), or White Memorial Medical Foundation of Los Angeles (<https://12596.thankyou4caring.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=298>). Services were held at the Mater Delorosa Retreat on Friday, November 14th at 10:00AM, at 700 N. Sunnyside Ave. Sierra Madre.

REMEMBERED JOY

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!
I follow the plan God laid for me.
I saw His face, I heard His call,
I took His hand and left it all...
I could not stay another day,
To love, to laugh, to work or play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
And if my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss...
Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.
My life's been full, I've savoured much:
Good times, good friends, a loved-one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief—
Don't shorten yours with undue grief.
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,
Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow*

Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Beauty is about being comfortable in your own skin. It's about knowing and accepting who you are." Ellen DeGeneres

"...and wearing a really good sun block every single day!" Julia Rocks

If you haven't met Julia Rocks yet, you are missing out! I spent a delightful hour with her in her studio on Montecito, which is in the historic Sierra Madre Ice House, the original ice house building, dating from the late 1880's. Julia has done wonderful things to this place, which was where Sierra Madre folks backed their horse and buggy up to the dock and got big blocks of ice loaded on to take home with them. The dock is gone, but the rest of the ice house remains, including the original hand-laid oak floors, beamed ceilings, the 3" to 5" cork insulation which keeps Julia's place cool in summer and warm in winter and the original tile in the bath. Julia has worked with site owner, Thomas Mackie, to create a beautiful place to relax and enjoy a facial.

As a lot of you may recall, the ice house was the principal source of ice for Sierra Madre till around the late 1940's, early 50's, when refrigeration was available to all and there was a Frigidaire in almost every kitchen which had to be defrosted on a fairly regular basis. Truly the worst job ever. We had one of those when we first got married, a Philco, which was old when we got it. It only got defrosted when it reached the point where we couldn't get the ice cube trays out anymore. The family scattered when I announced that today was defrosting day and, thinking back on it, I don't blame them! Pans of hot water, chipping out icebergs, it was ugly.

When the block ice business ended, the ice house became a vending station for a number of years where you put in a quarter and got a bag of ice. Eventually, that, too, ended and the ice house was vacant till the guys from the Sierra Madre Brewing Company took it over and it became a fun place to sit outside, enjoy a glass of wine or their very own Ice House Lager, visit with friends and relax for an hour or so at the end of the day. After that it was a warehouse and storage place and, like all unloved places, just got dingier and sadder. Julia Rocks, however, saw the potential! She and Mackie have painted, repaired, rejuvenated and made the Ice House beautiful. The walls are bright, paintings just right, and Julia has modernized without losing the building's original flavor.

Julia's Jack Russell terrier, Jack, is her official greeter and mascot and one friendly little guy. He was a rescue puppy and adds to the ambience of Julia's Professional Skin Care Studio. What goes on there, you ask? Wonderful things! There are a number of different types of facials available and all products are formulated from natural ingredients. A licensed clinical Esthetician for 30 years, Julia says that all anyone needs for the best skin possible are: A good cleanser, a really good moisturizer and a really really good high SPF sun block. Julia has beautiful skin!

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, November 2nd, to Sunday, November 9th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 354 calls for service.

Monday, November 3rd

At 2:25 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the station lobby regarding an identity theft report. The victim informed Officers that on October 7th, her wallet was stolen by an unknown suspect. She reported her debit and credit card stolen to her bank, but the unknown suspect had made a \$2,000 withdrawal from her account before the bank closed the accounts. Then on Monday, November 3rd the victim was contacted by a rental car company and was asked to return the car that had been rented. The victim stated she did not have any rental car in possession, nor did she ever rent one. The rental car company informed the victim someone had rented a car in her name with a credit card. Officer advised the rental car company to report the vehicle stolen. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.

Wednesday, November 5th

At 4:38 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 80 Block of E. Laurel Avenue regarding a suspicious occupied vehicle. The call to dispatch informed Officers the potential of high risk as the reporting party stated a handgun was possibly seen being held by one of the vehicle occupants. Officers arrived shortly, locating the vehicle, and safely apprehended the vehicle's occupants. Upon questioning, Officers were informed by the young men that they had airsoft guns and were using them to shoot an apple. They also informed Officers a small child came across them, and may have been frightened mistaking it

In addition to facials, Julia offers what she calls "The Permanent Cosmetic Advantage," micropigmentation, where a pen-like probe implants pigments just below the top layer of skin to give you permanent eyebrows, eyeliner, lip liner. Think of it, waking up each day looking ready to greet the world! As my friend and fellow Sierra Madre author, Fay Angus, says, in her book, "Between Your Status and Your Quo," "Let me die with my eyebrows on!" Julia has been involved with City of Hope for many years and has used this process with cancer patients who have lost their eyebrows and eyelashes, in addition to their hair. Needless to say, it makes a huge difference to these folks.

Julia is passionate about what she does and wants all of us to take care of our skin. She told me that thing about sun block 25 SPF or more on a daily basis several times. She loves Sierra Madre, has been in business here for at least 15 years, and is a contributor on a constant basis to community events. There's an umbrella table and chairs in her front patio and if the gate's open and the umbrella is up, she invites you to come on in and say hi. Julia's a southern girl, who arrived in California when her Dad, who was in the thoroughbred racehorse business moved the family here to what is really the horseracing hub! Her brother is an equine dentist! Did we even know there were equine dentists?

Julia Rocks is available Monday through Saturday on an appointment basis only, and there is parking behind her studio, right where the train used to drop off the ice blocks. Here's her phone number: 626-836-6522. The studio is at 61 E. Montecito and you can take a look at her website, too: [HYPERLINK "http://www.juliarocks.net"](http://www.juliarocks.net) www.juliarocks.net. Besides, you've gotta meet Jack!

If you like Walking Sierra Madre, you oughta take a look at my book!

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Candidate Filing Period to Open on Monday

The City Clerk's Office issued the Notice of Election for the March 10, Primary Nominating Election for the City Council and the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD). The official nomination period for candidates is open from Monday, through Friday, Dec. 12.

Eligible Pasadena voters will cast their ballots next year to elect local representatives to four-year terms for Pasadena Mayor and City Council Districts 1, 2, 4 and 6 and for PUSD Board of Education members representing District Seats 2, 4 and 6.

For election information, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/cityclerk/election or call the City Clerk's Office at (626) 744-4124. The City's election web page will be updated regularly as candidates file nomination papers.

Candidates for the City Council and PUSD elections are encouraged to attend one of the informational workshops held by the City Clerk at 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, and at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014. Both workshops will be held in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Room S228. Candidates will learn about the nomination filing process and local election laws and will have the opportunity to ask questions.

The City is in need of poll workers and accessible polling locations for the consolidated City and PUSD primary election on Tuesday, March 10, and for the general municipal election on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Poll workers and polling sites are critical components of the election process. Contact the City Clerk's office at (626) 744-4124 to sign up as a poll worker or to host a polling site. Your assistance as a poll worker is especially needed if you speak Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese or Spanish.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the March 10, 2015, and April 21, elections.

Pet of the Week



Stacy is a 2-year-old female spotted white Pit Bull. She loves playing with toys, especially fetch with a ball. Walks well on a leash and is friendly with everyone. Stacy is a wonderful dog who is looking for a forever home!

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.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 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.



Missing Church Group Found Alive

By Dean Lee

One person was injured after Altadena search and rescue teams found 15 missing hikers Monday after they went missing from Eaton Canyon — the group had set out for a planned trip to the area's waterfalls. According to reports the group Master Guides associated with a Seventh Day Adventist church in Huntington Park, ranging in age from 14 to 36, were found on a steep mountainside 9 a.m. Monday. They had to be airlifted out of the area. The group reported missing 9:30 p.m. Sunday, spent the night in the canyon. They

Hong Kong Umbrella Movement Invades Doo Dah



The Great Firewall of China Marching Brigade of Visual Artists Guild will be represented at the Pasadena Doo-Dah Parade today to bring attention in support of Hong Kong Umbrella Movement for Hong Kong people's right to vote and to stand for election.

In 1997, Hong Kong, a British colony, was returned to China under the Sino-British Joint Declaration with the condition that Hong Kong would be able to maintain its state of autonomy.

In 2007, the Beijing government agreed that there will be universal suffrage allowing all of the Hong

'Shop Pasadena' Campaign Designed by Art Center

To encourage local residents and workers to shop in Pasadena, the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the Grow Your Community, Shop Pasadena promotional campaign to encourage patronage of Pasadena stores during the holidays.

The campaign is a partnership with City of Pasadena, Chamber members, the Pasadena Chamber and the Agency, a student-run advertising cooperative at Art Center College of Design.

"We all have memories of that favorite retailer, restaurant or entertainment venue that is no longer in business. We are also reminded of our local unemployment figures and the difficulty many have in finding work," said Pasadena Chamber President and CEO Paul Little. "We all appreciate the excellent services provided by the City of Pasadena to support the quality of life in our neighborhoods."

Sales tax dollars, business license fees, property taxes and other assessments paid by commercial interests return a dividend to the City of Pasadena to pay for essential services such

Kong citizens to elect their chief executive by the year 2017; however this August, Beijing announced that candidates for Hong Kong chief executive must be first nominated by a committee of 1200 appointed people and have to be approved by Beijing.

The people in Hong Kong call it Fake Universal Suffrage, and felt that they have been betrayed. In late September, students started their protest. When Hong Kong's police began using tear gas and pepper spray against the peaceful demonstrators, it galvanized the people of Hong Kong to join the protest.

as police and fire protection and also support our local public schools, parks and Pasadena City College. The Chamber and the City encourage everyone to think local when buying during the holiday season and beyond.

The prosperity of everyone in Pasadena is dependent on the financial health of our local business community. Supporting local businesses is very important to the ongoing economic vitality of the entire Pasadena area.

"It is in everyone's best interest to promote the vitality of our local businesses that contribute to the excellent quality of life in Pasadena. Each dollar retained in Pasadena, pays a dividend to our community." According to Mr. Little. "Spending in Pasadena preserves local jobs, maintains local businesses and even saves travel time and gas."

The campaign features bus shelter ads that will be on display throughout Pasadena from mid-November to mid-January. The ads were designed in partnership with The Agency, a student-run advertising cooperative at Art Center College of Design. Bus shelter ad space is generously donated by CBS Outdoor.

down for the night." The group was a mix of experienced and unexperienced hikers, "We had some new people and unexperienced caused panic and that just becomes a whole train wreck," one of them said. Authorities said Five people have died in the area since 2011. They also said the hikers were not found in an area of the canyon, leading to Eaton Canyon's upper falls, closed to the public in July.

Thanksgiving at the Local Senior Center

Gobble gobble. The Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., will continue its Thanksgiving tradition this year by offering a traditional turkey feast with all the trimmings Thursday, Nov. 27, at noon for members and non-members.

They'll even do all the cooking and cleanup, so all you have to do is come!

You, your family and friends will sit comfortably at beautifully decorated tables and a delicious Thanksgiving meal, specially prepared by Chef Vince, will be served at your table. You'll savor all your favorites: roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, salad, beverage and dessert.

Prepaid reservations must be received at the front desk no later than Nov. 24. The cost is only \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members of all ages.

For more information visit www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org or call (626) 685-6724.

Founded in 1959, the Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that offers recreational, educational, wellness and social services to people ages 50 and over in a friendly environment. Services are also provided for frail, low-income and homebound seniors.

Antonovich's Veteran's Day Message

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich made the following statement Tuesday.

"On Veteran's Day, our nation honors our brave soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who have dedicated themselves to the defense of our country and the advancement of the freedom and liberty that makes our republic the greatest in the world. We pray for those who have died, those with us today, and those currently serving to advance our resolve to preserve liberty and peace throughout the world. For your service, sacrifice and courage, you have earned our permanent gratitude and respect. Thank you and God bless you and your families."

McDade Shooting Report Ordered to be Released

The judgment put on hold for 20 days to allow for appeals.

By Dean Lee

A Superior Court Judge Thursday ordered the city to publicly release a long awaited Office of Independent Review report detailing the events around the officer involved 2012 shooting death of Kendrec McDade.

"Superior Court Judge James Chalfant entered the judgment in the case regarding the release of the OIR report, directing the City to release the OIR Report with redactions consistent with what the City had proposed, plus some minor additional changes by the judge himself" said Pasadena Public Information Officer William Boyer. "Judge Chalfant, however, stayed the judgment for 20 days, allowing other interested parties to pursue this matter with the Court of Appeal."

Pasadena Police Officers Association attorney Richard Shinee has promised to file an appeal.

Although Boyer said, if appealed, the report would not be released until sometime next year; he also said the city was satisfied with the ruling.

"The City is pleased with Judge Chalfant's decision to release a redacted version of the report. It is the City's hope that the matter can be resolved quickly should an appeal be filed so that



Kendrec McDade

the information can be provided."

Shinee said that any appeal would seek to either stop the full report released or release a more heavily redacted version. Boyer said about 20 percent of the document has been redacted, most of it related to personal information of the police officers.

In March 2012, Pasadena Police Officers Jeff Newlen and Matthew Griffin shot unarmed 19-year-old McDade to death after a 911 caller falsely claimed he had a gun. McDade was shot March 24, as he ran from police along Sunset Avenue.

The caller, Oscar Carrillo, plead guilty to two misdemeanor charges related to the 911 call and was sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Covered California Open Enrollment Begins

Covered California, the State's online marketplace to purchase affordable health insurance, will begin open enrollment today. To help celebrate the onset of open enrollment, the Pasadena Public Health Department, ChapCare, Young & Healthy and AIDS Service Center will hold a special enrollment event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 1855 N. Fair Oaks Ave, the ChapCare Fair Oaks Health Center.

The open enrollment period ends Feb. 15, 2015, but anyone who needs to enroll is encouraged to attend the Nov. 15 event sign up now.

The multi-agency partnership known as "Covered Pasadena" will have Certified Enrollment Counselors to provide free enrollment assistance. For individuals ready to enroll, bring the following documents, which are needed to apply:

- Photo identification such as a California driver's license, DMV ID or passport
- Proof of California residency—driver's license or utility bill)
- Proof of legal residency such as Social Security Number, resident alien card,

employment authorization card, Naturalization Certificate

Proof of income from recent tax return form or recent paystubs

Know date of birth

Eligibility to receive health insurance through Covered California is based on U.S. citizenship, household size and monthly income. There will also be staff to help enroll in Medi-Cal, My Health LA, and other healthcare programs.

Through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (also known as "Obamacare"), each person who does not have health insurance in 2014 will receive a penalty of \$95 or 1 percent of annual income. Covered Pasadena is encouraging all to seek enrollment assistance on Nov. 15. The open enrollment period ends Feb. 15, 2015.

For more than 120 years, Pasadena's Public Health Department has worked to promote and protect the health of the greater Pasadena area. Visit the Department online at www.cityofpasadena.net/publichealth.

Learn How to Produce Your Own TV Show

New Citizen Journalism training starts Wednesday nights, learn how to report news using social media skills.



PASADENA MEDIA

Producers' Training teaches how to produce shows for The Arroyo Channel. Studio Production/ Equipment training is also offered to volunteer crew members. In addition, on-going training will soon be available in citizen journalism and digital film groups. Call the office (626) 794-8585 or go

Class offerings days and nights weekly
Station Schedule
Citizen Journalism Training
Wednesday November 19 at 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Studio Camera & Floor Manager
Wednesday November 19 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Citizen Journalism Training
Wednesday November 26 at 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Closed - Thanksgiving Observance
Thursday November 27 - all day
Orientation
Monday December 1 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN? ARRESTED FOR LEWD ACT WITH A CHILD

On November 10, 2014, at approximately 6:44 P.M., officers of the Arcadia Police Department were dispatched to the Westfield Mall located at 400 S. Baldwin Avenue on a report of a sexual battery involving a minor. The officers also received information the suspect was being detained by mall security personnel.

Preliminary investigation determined the victim was a 10-year-old male, who was fondled by the suspect while in the restroom of the "Dave & Busters." The victim notified his mother soon after the incident had occurred. The mother chased the suspect as he left the restroom, which alerted the business managers of Dave & Busters. The managers resumed the chase and caught up with the suspect and detained him. Mall security personnel responded and detained the suspect until the police arrived. The suspect was identified by the victim and was placed under arrest for a violation of California Penal Code Section -288(a)—Lewd Act with a Child (under 14).

The suspect was identified as Kwan Chow, 31-years-old, of Monterey Park. He was transported to the Arcadia City jail for booking and was transferred to the Los Angeles County Inmate Reception Center for housing. Chow's bail is currently set at \$200,000.00.

Through the course of the investigation, detectives have identified an additional 10-year-old male victim who was also fondled in the restroom at Dave & Busters. Chow has also been identified as the suspect in this case. Detectives are looking for additional victims who may have experienced similar circumstances in or around the men's bathroom at Dave & Busters within the recent past.

Anyone with information on this incident OR any others is encouraged to contact the Arcadia Police Department at (626) 57-5123, Case # 14-5527. If you prefer to provide information ANONYMOUSLY, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the tip page at Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers.



Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, November 2nd, through Saturday, November 8th, the Police Department responded to 952 calls for service of which 121 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, November 2:

Just before 12:00 p.m., an officer responded to a robbery in progress in the area of Second Avenue and Bonita Street. The officer determined the victim, a 19-year-old Hispanic male, and suspect, a 21-year-old Hispanic male, are acquaintances and have fought on previous occasions. During this altercation, the suspect retaliated by assaulting the victim and stealing his marijuana. A records check revealed the victim had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Both men were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The victim did not need medical attention.

At approximately 11:24 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of 24 Hour Fitness, 125 North First Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect smashed the driver's window between 10:30 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. No loss was reported at the time of the report.

Monday, November 3:

At approximately 11:45 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 300 block of Monte Vista Road regarding a possible burglary. An investigation revealed three Black males, ages 19, 20, and 21, attempted to burglarize two residences before ultimately being arrested. The first residential burglary

occurred in the 1100 block of Altura Terrace.

Tuesday, November 4:

Around 12:02 a.m., an officer responded to Ready Pawn, 42 East Live Oak Avenue regarding a commercial burglary. The officer discovered unknown suspect(s) cut a hole in the roof to break into the location. Once inside, the suspect(s) unsuccessfully tried to pry open the safe. No witnesses were located and the suspects were not seen. The investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, November 5:

Shortly after 12:16 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and Santa Clara Street for a broken tail light. The officer discovered the driver was never issued a license. The 26-year-old Hispanic male was cited and released in the field. The vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

At about 8:10 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) acquired the account information to five \$100.00 gift cards belonging to the victim and made purchases without her permission. The gift cards were in their original packaging at the time the victim discovered the theft.

Thursday, November 6:

At approximately 2:05 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Duarte Road and Santa Anita Avenue for speeding. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected the odor of alcohol emitting from inside the vehicle. An investigation revealed the driver, a 26-year-old Chinese male, had a blood alcohol content greater than .08%. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 5:49 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of Alster Avenue regarding a burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed two unidentified Black males entered the home through an unlocked bedroom window, stole a safe, and fled in a black vehicle. Both suspects are described as 18 to 24-years-old, medium build, with short black hair. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, November 7:

Just after 1:51 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Peck Road and Clark Street for not having a front license plate. An investigation revealed the vehicle was stolen out of West Covina and the passenger, a 38-year-old Hispanic female, was in possession of stolen property. The driver, a 33-year-old Hispanic male, and passenger were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At about 8:00 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of West Forest Avenue regarding a burglary report. The officer determined unknown suspect(s) removed the screen and broke a bedroom window but no loss was reported at the time of the report. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Saturday, November 8:

Just after 9:23 a.m., officers responded to McDonald's, 143 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a fight in progress. As officers attempted to arrest the 28-year-old Hispanic male suspect, he resisted and attempted to flee. Officers ultimately arrested him and transported him to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 11:10 a.m., officers responded to Dave and Buster's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a report of lewd acts with a child. An investigation revealed an unidentified Asian male, approximately 20 to 29-years-old, touched a 10-year-old boy's buttocks while in the men's restroom. This suspect is believed to be the 31-year-old Chinese male arrested on November 11th for a similar incident that occurred at the same location.

"FRENCH MUSIC FOR PIANO, 4 HANDS" CONCERT

"French Music for Piano, 4 Hands" is the theme of the upcoming concert in the "Music in Sacred Spaces" ongoing series at Church of the Good Shepherd. Pianists Timothy Durkovic and Stephen Cook are the "4 Hands" sharing the one piano. Their music will be that of French composers Francis Poulenc, Gabriel Faure, Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel. The concert will be presented at 3 p.m., Sun., Nov. 16, in the chapel at Church of the Good Shepherd, United Methodist, 400 W. Duarte Rd. The requested donation is \$15; students with ID, \$10. For more information: 626-447-2181 or www.cgsunm.org.

NOVEMBER 22

Arcadia Woman's Club

Free! HOLIDAY FAMILY FAIR

A Benefit for CHOICES
10am-4pm

The Arcadia Woman's Club has partnered with CHOICES, a 501C3 non-profit based in Arcadia since 1991, who assist adults with developmental disabilities to live successfully on their own. Together, we invite you to the **FREE Holiday Family Fair** - a fun-filled day for the entire family!

- * Holiday Vendors with new & unique items, both classic and vintage.
- * Food Trucks offering a variety of food and beverages for purchase.
- * Free Fun Activities for the kids - Face painting, ornament making, games, etc.
- * Raffle Prizes - tickets on sale at event.

ARCADIA WOMAN'S CLUB
324 S. FIRST AVE. (CORNER OF DIAMOND & 1ST)
ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA 91006

For more information please visit www.arcadiawomensclub.org

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DUARTE AND MONROVIA HONOR VETERANS



Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz with Air Force Staff Sergeant Justin Rivera who spoke at BOTH Duarte & Monrovia events.

By Joan Schmidt

Duarte's "Honoring All Who Served" began with a warm welcome by Mayor Liz Reilly who told us of the city's new banner program for current military residents, and City of Hope has provided funding for the first thirty banners. American Legion Post 44's Chuck Keen did the Invocation, and Army National Guard H & H Troop, 1-18 Calvary posted colors. Duarte resident Melinda Smith performed a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem, followed by Earle

Sweeney's Pledge to the Flag. Guest Speakers were First Lieutenant Earl Heflin, US Army who served in Korea's DMZ Zone and Staff Sergeant Justin Rivera, US Air Force who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Lt. Heflin, a military "brat" told stories of growing up and highlights of his career; he felt "Freedom is not free. If you can read, thank a teacher, if you can read in English, thank a Vet."

Staff Sergeant Rivera hails from New York and thanked the Mayor and above-mentioned Vets for bringing him to Duarte to speak and all present for being part of the tribute. When Sgt. Rivera was in high school, he was a "knucklehead, had no respect for the flag or National Anthem". That changed when a fellow student was killed in combat. A visit to an Azusa elementary school touched his heart when a first grader distinguished "Veterans Day honors all Veterans, but Memorial Day honors the soldiers in Heaven".

Assemblyman Roger Hernandez read the list of all Duarte military, followed by Melinda Smith's "God Bless America". (Irving Berlin wrote this popular tune in 1918, but wasn't performed till 1838-Kate Smith on Armistice Day) Mayor Reilly ended the program by reminding us that Veterans should be thanked every day!

Later that morning Scott Sinclair, President Allied Veterans Council welcomed us in Monrovia. Colors were posted by VFW #2070, Willie Williams, Al Noll, Ron Handy, Brian Harley and Mike Johnson. Monrovia High Band performed the National Anthem, followed by the Pledge (Scott Sinclair) and Invocation by Chaplain Ron Wardwell, Post 2070. Sinclair introduced dignitaries- Monrovia's Mayor Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor Pro Tem Becky Shevlin, Council Members Tom Adams and Larry Spicer, City Manager Oliver Chi, City Clerk Alice Atkins, City Treasurer Steve Baker, Police Chief Jim Hunt and Fire Chief Chris Donovan; Arcadia Mayor John Wu and City Clerk Gene Glasco.

Congresswoman Grace Napolitano spoke of our Veterans and their sacrifices

for our country; they are entitled to services. Her Field Rep, Hector Elizalde handed out flyers explaining various services. There is a new Women's shelter in West Covina providing for fourteen vets and their families. Mental health is also an important concern that she is working on.

Congresswoman Judy Chu, who was "honored to be here today" told about her father, a Veteran who fought in World War II and how grateful she is to our Vets.

The Band played "America the Beautiful" followed by Lt. Col. Charles West recognizing all Veterans present; Scott Sinclair, the Blue Star Families. Lt. West placed the Memorial Wreath, and the 2070 Color Guard presented the 48-state flag, followed by "Battle Hymn Variations" by the HS Band. Janine Coyne, Secretary/Treasurer of VFW # 2070 read the explanation of the 13 folds of the flag as the flag was folded by Commander Willie Williams and Chaplain Mike Johnson. Final Benediction by Ron Wardwell, Taps by Josue Silva and Justin Beblaw, Monrovia HS Band, a Moment of Silence and Retiring of the Colors by #2070 Honor Guard concluded the ceremony. Another wonderful tribute!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD FOOD DRIVE

The Monrovia Public Library Teen Advisory Board is hosting a food drive for the holidays in partnership with the Foothill Unity Center. Food Needed for the Food Drive include: cake/brownie/cookie mixes, canned fruit, canned meats, canned soups, canned veggies, canned yams, cereals, cornbread mix, frosting, gravy, Jell-O, mashed potatoes, pasta, rice, salad dressing, stuffing mix, etc.

Donations can be dropped off in the lobby of the Monrovia Public Library from November 5 - December 18, 2014.

For more information, please contact the Elizabeth Schneider at the Monrovia Public Library at (626) 256-8275.

Battery on a Peace Officer / Delaying & Obstructing a Peace Officer - Suspect Arrested
On November 6 at 1:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 400 block of Monrovia regarding a 16-year-old male who was refusing to go to school and causing a disturbance. When officers arrived, the juvenile refused to obey the officers' commands and became combative with them. The subject pushed one of the officers and a struggle ensued. The other officer deployed the Taser. The juvenile was arrested and taken into custody without further incident. No one was injured.

Vehicle Burglary

On November 7 at 6:41 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 900 block of West Huntington. The vehicle was parked in a hotel parking lot and sometime during the night, the suspect(s) forced entry through the rear lift gate. The suspects took the third row seats, luggage, and camera lenses from the SUV. The investigation is continuing.

Fraud / Possession of a Controlled Substance / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Five Suspects Arrested

On November 7 at 9:59 p.m., officers went to a motel in the 700 block of West Huntington regarding subjects occupying a motel room using possible fraudulent identification. The officers went to the room and contacted the subjects. They found five subjects inside, two of whom were attempting to hide possible contraband under the bed. Several of the subjects were in possession of false identification cards and had warrants for their arrest, and one subject was in possession of methamphetamine. The room was determined to be rented using false identification information.

Officers searched the room and found evidence of a credit card fraud/forgery operation, including over 100 modified, altered, and blank debit cards, credit cards, and gift cards, as well as an embossing machine, two credit card stripe readers, and machinery for effacing credit cards. The officers also found two vehicle titles with the information bleached out, drug paraphernalia, several computers, cell phones, and USB drives. All five suspects were arrested. During the booking process, officers discovered several of them had given false information regarding their identities; the additional offence was added to their charges.

Vandalism

On November 8, several incidents of vandalism were reported throughout the city. The suspect used black spray paint to write graffiti on homes, vehicles, walls, etc. The suspect has not yet been identified. The Special Enforcement Team officers have been notified. The investigation is continuing.

Stolen Bicycle - Suspect Arrested

On November 8 at 2:30 p.m., police were alerted to a stolen bicycle taken from the area of Alta Vista and Huntington. The bicycle and suspect were located in the 100 block of West Cypress. The bicycle was recovered and the suspect was arrested. The suspect was taken into custody and housed pending his court appearance date.

Warrant - Suspect Arrested

On November 8 at 5:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to a business parking lot in the 100 block of West Foothill regarding a hit and run traffic collision. The accident was minor,

and the victim did not desire prosecution for the hit and run. An officer had located the suspect driving in the area of Huntington and Myrtle and stopped him. The driver was found to have two no-bail warrants and was arrested for the warrants only.

Vandalism - Suspect Arrested

On November 9 at 12:25 a.m., a citizen called police to report a male subject vandalizing their neighbor's residence in the 200 block of Madeline. Officers responded to the area to search for the suspect. An extensive area search was conducted and the suspect was located. The witness positively identified the suspect. The reporting party will be contacted and informed of the Monrovia Police Departments Graffiti Bounty program; they will be rewarded with \$100.00 for reporting this vandalism incident, which led to the arrest of the suspect.

Petty Theft

On November 9 at 7:23 p.m., a petty theft of a cell phone was reported at a business in the 100 block of West Foothill. The victim reported the suspect had just stolen her cell phone off a table inside of the business and fled the location, heading west towards Linwood and into an apartment complex. Officers arrived and searched the area, but were not able to locate the suspect. The investigation is continuing.

Shoplifting - Suspect Arrested

On November 11 at 1:51 p.m., officers responded to a business in the 500 block of West Huntington on the report of a suspect that had just stolen merchandise. The suspect grabbed merchandise from the store and ran out the door without paying and continued running. Officers arrived in the area and he was quickly apprehended nearby. The property was recovered and the suspect was arrested.

Warrant - Suspect Arrested

On November 11 at 3:55 p.m., officers were dispatched to a house in the 500 block of East Cypress regarding a disturbing the peace incident. When they arrived, they contacted a belligerent, intoxicated male who seemed to be the cause of the disturbance. A computer check revealed the subject had five outstanding warrants for his arrest. He was arrested and taken to jail, where he was housed until his court appearance.

Shoplifting - Suspect Arrested

On November 11 at 4:16 p.m., a 45-year-old male suspect entered a business in the 500 block of West Huntington. He was recognized by store security for committing previous thefts at the location. Security watched him take items into a bathroom and come out without them. He had cut the security tags off the items inside the bathroom and concealed the items under his clothing; he then exited the store without paying. The suspect was stopped and arrested for shoplifting.

Residential Burglary

On November 11 at 6:09 p.m., a residential burglary was reported in the 100 block of Mauna Loa Drive. The victims left their home at 7:30 a.m. with all windows and doors secured. They returned home at 5:30 p.m. and saw drawers, cabinets, and closets throughout the home had been ransacked. The sliding glass door in one of the bedrooms

was ajar and the front door was closed, but now unlocked. Some plants used to cover a doggie door to the rear of the home were pulled away from the house and the panels covering the doggie door were removed. It appears the suspect(s) entered the home through the doggie door. The suspects took several pieces of jewelry, some cash, and other miscellaneous items. The investigation is continuing.

Daytime Residential Burglaries

On November 12, three daytime residential burglaries were reported to police in the afternoon hours. The burglaries occurred in the 200 block of North Magnolia, the 200 block of McKinley Place, and the 400 block of Todd Lane. Entry was made through open windows and, in one case, through a door leading from an attached garage. All three houses were ransacked and small, high-value items were taken. The investigations are continuing.

Suspicious Circumstances / Warrant - Suspect Arrested

On November 12 at 4:27 p.m., police received a call reporting two suspicious male subjects that were loitering near a red vehicle. The reporting party believed one of the male subjects was possibly reaching for a gun. Officers arrived and detained the subjects. The subjects were extremely uncooperative with police. One subject was determined to have a no-bail warrant for auto theft from Glendale Court. He was arrested and taken into custody without incident. No gun was located.

Vehicle Burglary

On November 12 at 8:47 p.m., a vehicle burglary was reported at a business in the 700 block of East Huntington. The victim was in a gym working out when the suspect(s) gained entry through the driver-side door. Once inside, the suspect(s) took the victim's purse, cell phone, watch and credit cards. The investigation is continuing.

Domestic Violence - Suspect Arrested

On November 12 at 11:00 p.m., police responded to a domestic violence incident in the 300 block of East Lime Avenue. A male and female who are in a dating relationship were involved in an argument. The male subject took the female subject's cell phone. He held the phone over her head so she could not get it. She then kicked him in the groin and grabbed her phone. Once she had her phone, she took his phone from his pocket and threw it down on the ground, breaking the phone. Officers arrived and determined the female subject to be the aggressor; she was arrested. Both subjects signed refusal to prosecute forms.

Stolen Vehicle

On November 13 at 2:41 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from a residence in the 400 block of West Palm. The victim's wife was arriving home at about 2:00 a.m., and as she was pulling up, her husband's truck was pulling away from the curb. She called her husband to ask him why he was leaving for work so early and found he was still in bed. They reported the vehicle stolen to police and the investigation is continuing.

ROSE QUEEN AND ROYAL COURT TAKE TEA WITH GIRLS OF HILLSIDES



The Rose Queen and the Royal Court visited the girls of HillSides for an afternoon of tea and crafts on November 6. From left to right: Emily Alicia Olivas, Veronica Sara Mejia, Mackenzie Joy Byers, Rose Queen Madison Elaine Triplett, Simona K. Shao, and Bergen Louise Onufer.

Royalty came calling to the Pasadena campus of HillSides on Thursday, November 6, when Rose Queen Madison Elaine Triplett and the Royal Court attended a tea party with the girls who live at HillSides.

During the visit, the girls had a chance to learn some fun facts about their royal guests. They found out, for example, that Princess Mackenzie Joy Byers played “Belle” in her school’s production of Beauty and the Beast, that Princess Emily Alicia Olivas’ favorite food is french fries, and that the Rose Queen and Princesses travel by van instead of Cinderella’s carriage. They also discovered a deeper truth about these ambassadors for the Tournament of Roses and the City of Pasadena: “They’re very kind,” one little girl said.

“These young ladies are leaders in our community, and it’s wonderful for the children at HillSides to spend time with such positive role models,” said Joseph M. Costa, HillSides chief executive officer. “We know how busy the Rose Queen and Royal Court are, and we really appreciate that this year, as in years past, they have

found time for the children of HillSides.”

Several of the princesses said they already knew of HillSides before their visit, and one, Princess Bergen Louise Onufer, had once volunteered at a HillSides event. Princess Veronica Sara Mejia admitted she had a “soft spot” for HillSides. “I am interested in pursuing a career in mental health, and feel the employees here are so admirable in their work,” she said.

Tea at HillSides was the Queen and Royal Court’s second event of the day. During the weeks leading up to New Year’s Day and the Rose Parade, they will make as many as 100 community and media appearances, culminating with the 126th Rose Parade and the 101st Rose Bowl Game.

HillSides, headquartered in Pasadena, is a premier provider dedicated to improving the overall well-being and functioning of vulnerable children, youth, and families in Los Angeles County. For more information on HillSides, please visit www.hillsides.org.

SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES ACROSS COUNTRY ASK FOR VOTES IN 2014 RED RIBBON PHOTO CONTEST

Throughout October, in conjunction with the 29th Annual Red Ribbon Week®, families and schools worked to decorate their homes and campuses to promote living healthy, drug-free lifestyles. Now they need your votes to win the grand prize: \$1,000 for their school’s drug prevention programs and an iPad for their family or classroom.

PATRICIA JONES, a student at Sierra Madre Elementary School in your community, is one of this year’s contest entrants. She need as many votes as she can get to win one of the top prizes in the contest. Voting is easy and the deadline is Nov. 19th. Simply visit www.RedRibbon.org/vote and decide which entry you feel best represents this year’s theme: “Love Yourself. Be Drug Free™”. You may vote up to 10 times per day in support of your favorite photo. “This contest ensures students hear our Red Ribbon Week message from multiple channels – at school and in their homes,” said NFP President Peggy Sapp. “It gives parents a natural way of bringing up the topics of drug abuse and prevention – and the importance of

making smart decisions in the future.”

The National Red Ribbon Photo Contest, sponsored by the National Family Partnership® and co-sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, was created in an effort to prevent drug use and educate youth during Red Ribbon Week and beyond. A total of ten students and one school will be announced Dec. 5th as winners of the 2014 National Red Ribbon Photo Contest. To learn more about Red Ribbon Week, visit www.RedRibbon.org.

THE NATIONAL FAMILY PARTNERSHIP was established in 1980 and is a national leader in drug prevention, education and advocacy. Its mission is to lead our nation’s families and communities in nurturing the full potential of healthy, drug-free youth. Red Ribbon Week is the nation’s largest and oldest drug prevention campaign. NFP created the campaign in response to the 1985 abduction and murder of DEA agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena. Learn more about NFP at www.nfp.org.

CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD FOR 2015 LOCAL ELECTIONS OPENS NOV. 17, 2014

PASADENA, Calif.—The City Clerk’s Office issued the Notice of Election for the March 10, 2015, Primary Nominating Election for the City Council and the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD). The official nomination period for candidates is open from Monday, Nov. 17, 2014, through Friday, Dec. 12, 2014.

Eligible Pasadena voters will cast their ballots next year to elect local representatives to four-year terms for Pasadena Mayor and City Council Districts 1, 2, 4 and 6 and for PUSD Board of Education members representing District Seats 2, 4 and 6. For election information, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/cityclerk/election or call the City Clerk’s Office at (626) 744-4124. The City’s election web page will be updated regularly as candidates file nomination papers.

Candidates for the City Council and PUSD elections are encouraged to attend one of the informational workshops held by the City Clerk at 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, 2014, and at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014. Both workshops will be held in the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Room S228. Candidates will learn about the nomination filing process and local election laws and will have the opportunity to ask questions.

The City is in need of poll workers and accessible polling locations for the consolidated City and PUSD primary election on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, and for the general municipal election on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Poll workers and polling sites are critical components of the election process. Contact the City Clerk’s office at (626) 744-4124 to sign up as a poll worker or to host a polling site. Your assistance as a poll worker is especially needed if you speak Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese or Spanish.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the March 10, 2015, and April 21, 2015, elections.

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THE REEL DEAL: INTERSTELLAR

by Ben Show

In many cases, sci-fi films about space exploration derive themselves from many other films and books. However, in the case of ‘Interstellar’, all of the ideas come from three places: ‘2001: A Space Odyssey’, ‘Contact’, and the mind of Christopher Nolan. Another dust bowl threatens the Earth in the near future. A man struggles to connect with his son and daughter. The remnants of NASA search the stars for another home. These three stories intertwine in many ways as humans try to find a way to keep themselves from dying on Earth. ‘Interstellar’, at nearly three hours long, is a truly massive movie; not only in length, but also in story elements. Yes, there are some moments that could have been cut to make the film a little more streamlined but, overall, the directing, acting, and screenwriting from everyone who was involved was enough to make this movie an instant sci-fi classic.





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TO BRING OR NOT TO BRING YOUR OWN WINE?

Recently I dined at a very upscale restaurant in Beverly Hills and became friendly with the owner, he told me that he flies from coast to coast monthly to take care of his restaurants in New York City, being the curious sort that I am, I asked my new friend what is the biggest difference in NYC patrons to that of us Angelinos, without hesitation he said that we "Hometown folk" make no hesitation about bring in our own wine into restaurants, in New York City it is frowned upon but he has learned to accept it as a part of doing business here in Los Angeles. He said that his food costs for a steak can run up as much of 40%, but he can triple the price of a bottle and more for a wine by the glass.

My friend Robert Simon owner of Bistro 45 and A/K/A Bistro describes it this way
There a two school of thoughts restaurants that take a casual look at their wine list and those restaurants that you can and should trust to have a great \$30 bottle of wine or a \$300 bottle of wine. If you trust the restaurant order from their menu, if it's a special occasion then bring a bottle and buy a bottle.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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For me I contend that corkage is generally meant as a courtesy for customers looking to savor a special bottle. Unfortunately, this isn't often what customers do. Instead, people will bring bad wine or argue over the fee... Here are a few of my tips on this, first, call the restaurant about their policy, though I'd feel more comfortable taking a bottle to a restaurant that I am considered a regular at. Second, Bring only a bottle that is not on their menu, if it is, ok, bring one and buy one of theirs. Third, though the restaurant sommelier is almost a thing of the past, ask the owner/manager if they'd like a taste. Lastly Number Four, if they have waived the fee or if the corkage is reasonable you must tip as if you bought the wine at the restaurant

Considering how much I eat out, I don't bring wines to restaurants that often. Sometimes it's easier not to do all the work. There is, however, one place where I wish I could always bring wine: weddings.

Notes: I have a new Blog please check it out <http://superchilipete.tumblr.com>

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 2 cloves garlic, divided
- 6 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 large bone-in chicken breast, (10-12 ounces), skin removed, trimmed
- 1/3 cup pearl barley
- 1 15 ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1 cup trimmed and diagonally sliced asparagus, (1/4 inch thick)
- 1 cup fresh or thawed frozen peas
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse salt
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup lightly packed torn fresh basil leaves
- 1 strip orange zest, (1/2 by 2 inches)

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat; add onion and celery and cook, stirring, until beginning to soften, 2 to 4 minutes. Grate or finely chop 1 clove garlic; add to the pan and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add broth, chicken and barley. Bring to a gentle simmer. Cover and cook over low heat until the chicken is cooked through, about 20 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a plate with a slotted spoon. Return the broth to a simmer and cook until the barley is tender, 20 to 30 minutes.
 2. Meanwhile, shred the chicken or cut into bite-size pieces; discard the bone.
 3. When the barley is done, add the chicken, tomatoes and juice, asparagus, peas, salt and a grinding of pepper; return to a simmer. Cover and cook over low heat until the asparagus is tender, about 5 minutes more.
 4. Coarsely chop the remaining garlic clove. Gather basil, orange zest and the garlic and finely chop together. Ladle the soup into bowls and sprinkle each serving with a generous pinch of the basil mixture. Tip:
1. MAKE AHEAD TIP: Prepare through Step 3, cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days. Reheat the soup, thin with broth if desired and finish with Step 4 just before serving.

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TULA'S TALE

A Sweet Surrogate Mother Who Did What She 'Otter'

Before the mid-1700's, when Russian poachers went about their mishap mission of killing sea otters for the sole purpose of selling their pelts at market, countless numbers of the furry floating mammals thrived on the continental shores from Japan to Alaska. Sadly, that foolish, greed-driven killing spree left behind only a handful, barely hanging on to dear life on the northern Pacific coast of California.

In 1911, a school of about 50 sea otters was discovered in the waters of Bixby Creek near the Big Sur area. It was then that this amazing mammal gained its recognition and status as an endangered species, and federal funds were made available for qualified projects to assist in encouraging the species to proliferate and re-gain its remarkable role in nature's marine-life food chain. Thanks to the hard work of dedicated researchers who've participated in the recovery of the sea otter since it's endangered status was granted, there are about 2,800 of them living along the central California coast today. Still a sparse number, compared to how many there were before the big kill occurred.

One might ask, "How important could the sea otter's part in nature possibly be?" The otter's position is utterly paramount, in terms of maintaining a healthy balance of nearly all creature populations in the ocean. Just about every form of life in the sea depends on kelp to survive. Then you have the sea urchin, who eats more than its fair share of kelp, and has grown disproportionately in population without interruption, for over two centuries. And so it is that the urchin has become known as the kelp-hog of the ocean, leaving very little to sustain the other creatures who also need that food to survive.

Most sea-going animals do not like to eat urchins, so there are few predators stalking and taking them out, adding even more fuel to the fire of the kelp-hog's population explosion. But, guess what? Sea otters love to eat sea urchins, so if there are plenty of otters in the sea, they will keep the urchin population in check. In the absence of the otter, caused by the Russian poaching trade, the urchin has thrived uncontrollably, creating the potential demise of most other sea-going species.

So now you know why the sea otter plays such an important role in the whole scheme of things for oceanic life forms, which is also why humans should not take it upon themselves to kill off any of the creatures that God created. The fact is, no amount of money can ever buy back nature's balance and, indeed we will all pay the price for what was taken away, at the end of the day.

Thanks to people who've been willing to share their intellect and understanding about nature to help mitigate the imbalance caused by the foolish mistakes of the ignorant and greedy, the sea otter has been given a second chance. Karl Maher, Coordinator of the Sea Otter Research & Conservation Program at Monterey Bay Aquarium is one of those people. He and his team of research scientists and volunteers have dedicated their lives to rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing hundreds of otters found orphaned, in distress or injured along California's coast.

During the early days of the otter rehabilitation program, care-takers who spent time with the rescued pups, swimming with them and coddling

them, did not wear uniform gear that is now being used to prevent intensive bonds between themselves and the animals, inadvertently minimizing the pups' chances for survival. Through trial and experience, the researchers came to realize that wearing a thick rubber coat and a shielded helmet would help create a necessary barrier for bonding. Now, when a pup is rescued, care-takers are required to don a suit and helmet much like the ones used to handle patients with communicable diseases. In this way, they have prevented themselves from becoming too attached to the pups, while at the same time giving them a much better chance for survival upon release.

Even more important than the use of camouflage-like coats and masks, was the employment of a surrogate mother to teach the otter pups the skills they need to survive in the wild. Interestingly, otters are able to learn remarkable skills that they are not born with. Innately, a baby otter comes from the womb with little or no ability to do much of anything other than breath or cry. Much like a human baby, an otter pup left to its own devices will simply lie there, or in this case, float on the surface of the water. Clearly, this is no way for a young otter to make it's way in the sea, with so many predators swimming about.

This is where Tula's tale comes into the story. Tula



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was rescued with her newborn pup, but her baby did not make it, so the rescue team decided to try matching her up with another pup who needed a mother to teach him the survival skills he would need upon release. Well, I'll tell you what, Tula took to the task like a trooper! It was as if she was born to be a surrogate mother to the orphaned babes at the aquarium. Not only did she perform her duty as a surrogate herself, but she also taught other mothers how to do the job properly!

The idea of using a surrogate otter mom to teach orphaned pups basically revolutionized the MO of the rescue program. Without Tula and the student moms she taught during her lifetime, the otter rescue and rehabilitation program may not have succeeded as well as it has, and the population of otters on the northern central coast of California would not have grown to where it is today. I'd say Tula set a great example for all of us, not only the members of her own species, but for humans as well. I wonder what this world would be like with more Tulas teaching and mentoring those who need guidance and assistance in learning the skills of life! Thank you, Tula, for being willing to do what it took to help re-establish nature's balance in the sea and in turn, on dry land, because we all depend on a healthy ocean to live a healthy life on earth.

PET OF THE WEEK

Buddee: Animal ID #A1678487

Meet Buddee a charismatic and composed white Terrier mix who loves to please! Buddee (A1678487) is a beautiful heart-warming 14-year-old Terrier who was left at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on November 4th because his previous owner felt Buddee was "too old". Weighing only 13, Buddee is an adorable and sweet older dog with a lot of love for life still bubbling inside of him. Buddee enjoys short walks and taking naps in your lap! He is full of love and kisses and always has a smile on his face. He also absolutely loves people and other animals who are willing to respect his age. It is important to note Buddee does have a heart murmur a condition that is easily controlled with inexpensive medicine, however this won't get in the way of him being a perfect indoor pet/ addition to your family. Buddee is the perfect puppy lover we know he will make a super indoor pet for an individual or family living in a private home, he will do wonderfully with elders or children old enough to respect his itty bitty size. To



watch a video of Buddee please visit the following link: <http://youtu.be/yYbZbJKAiC4>

To meet Buddee in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). He is available now. For any inquiries about Buddee, please reference his animal ID number: A1678487. 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 Winston 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/>.

A NEW DOG...AND SCAMMERS' OLD TRICKS

By Lisa Lake
Consumer Education Specialist, Federal Trade Commission

Lots of people feel the urge to cuddle and care for a puppy – especially one that doesn't have a home and needs all the TLC an animal lover can give. But if you see an online ad for a dog, or any pet, be warned: that pooch's pic may just be a trick to steal your money.

Scam artists have bilked animal lovers by posting ads with pictures of puppies and other pets. The ads often include a compelling story about why the puppy is available, and details about his or her lovable personality. The ads may request a reasonable payment for the pet, say \$300, or they may claim the pet is available to a good home for free – if you pay for shipping.

If you pay, you'll get additional requests for money for things like vet bills, crating, shipping, or inspection costs. But when it's all said and spent, Lassie never comes home – because she wasn't really for sale in the first place.

Here are a few tips to keep you from getting dogged by scammers selling phantom pets:

Don't use a money transfer service. The surest sign of a scam is when someone insists you use a money transfer service – like Western Union or MoneyGram – as the only form of payment for a pet. Money transfers are like sending cash; once you send it, you can't get it

back. Cash reload packs – like GreenDot MoneyPak, Vanilla Reload or Reloadit – come with the same risks.

Do your research. Ask for detailed information about the person selling the pet. What is the person's full name, phone number and mailing address? What turns up if you search online for the seller's name or phone number with the word "scam" or "complaint"?

Try doing a reverse image search of the photo to see if it appears in older ads. To do this, right click on the photo and select "copy image location," "copy image address," or go to "properties" to copy the image's location on the internet. Paste the link into a search engine and select the option that allows you to search by image. If the same picture shows up in an older listing, it's probably a scam. Sometimes, the photos are from social media sites or old listings; the scammer simply re-posts them with a new, bogus online classified ad. But keep in mind: even if you don't find anything wrong it doesn't mean that everything's alright.

Consider adoption from a local animal shelter. Pets of all types are in shelters across the U.S. waiting for loving homes. Many can be adopted for a small fee.

If a pretending pooch peddler pilfers money from your pockets, file a complaint with the FTC. If you transferred money for to a scammer for a pet that never appeared, let the money transfer company know, too.

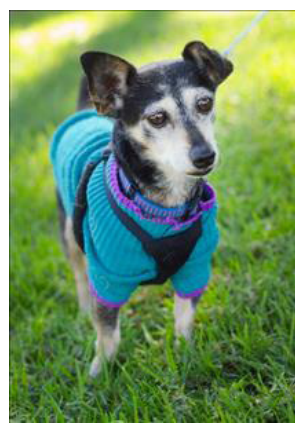
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Looking For A Best Friend??

Meet the charming Lenny! He is a friendly dog who gets along well with his kennel mate and likes the company of other dogs. He enjoys going for walks, has calm energy and is easy to manage on leash. He loves exploring and sniffing around the park getting to know the neighborhood. Lenny likes people, but he is not demanding for attention. Eager to please and wearing a snappy red tie, he happily posed in front of the fireplace for his holiday photo this week.

He is adaptable in new situations and is a perfect gentleman. Lenny is a sweet boy who is looking for a loving home to call his own. He is a Chihuahua/Dachshund mix, 7 years young with lots of love and companionship to share.

He qualifies for our 'Senior For Senior' reduced fee adoption discount. What better way to celebrate 'National Adopt a Senior Pet Month' than by bringing Lenny into your life! Older pets make wonderful family members. They



are easy to train, fit in quickly and don't require the time and attention a young animal demands. Their exercise requirements are less and they are quick to form a lasting bond with their adopters.

He currently resides at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society located at 851 E. Grand Avenue in San Gabriel with his roommate. We are located off San Gabriel Blvd., north of Mission and south of Las Tunas.

To arrange a 'Meet and Greet' with Lenny, please stop by any time from 10:00am to 4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday.

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It's in the asana practice that we learn awareness, practice pranayama, and learn more about our own bodies. Practicing gives us the perfect, natural forum to generate heat and create focus. We are given many cues by the teacher during class: attention on the breath, point-of-focus for the gaze and posture adjustments. There is always direction given to "check-in" on how we're doing. All this work is preparation for deeper practices.

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NEW RESEARCH, MILK DOESN'T DO A BODY GOOD?

We have all been told to drink our milk to build strong bones and reduce our chances of bone fractures. New research published last week in the British Medical Journal suggests that a diet rich in dairy products does not mean a lower risk of bone fractures. Instead, dairy may be associated with a higher rate of fractures and even death.

One reason for this is because dairy is composed of high levels of sugars, mainly lactose and galactose. These two sugars have been shown to increase oxidative stress and chronic inflammation in animal studies.

A research team in Sweden set out to examine whether high milk intake may increase oxidative

stress, which, in turn, affects the risk of mortality and fractures. This study tracked over 100,000 men and women for over 20 years. Analysis of the data collected showed a positive association between milk intake and biomarkers of oxidative stress and inflammation. They concluded that a higher consumption of milk does not lower ones risk of fracture and instead may be associated with a higher rate of death.


Women in this study did not benefit from drinking milk at all, in fact, three or more glasses per day was actually associated with a much greater risk of bone fracture. For men and women both, the more milk they'd consumed, the greater the risk of death. Milk drinkers were associated with a higher risk of cardiovascular troubles, higher blood pressure, lower high-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels (HDL), and higher insulin resistance.

This study was extensive. It followed a lot of people over a long time. It definitely should tell us that this topic needs much more independent study. And from researchers not associated to the dairy industry.

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Seniors in Need

Dear Seniors:

There are actually a number of free and low-cost legal resources available today to help seniors, but what's available to you and your husband will depend on where you live, the type legal assistance you need and your financial situation. Here are several resources to check into.

Legal Aid: Directed by the Legal Services Corporation, legal aid offers free legal assistance to low-income people of all ages. Each community program will differ slightly in the services they offer and income qualifications. See lsc.gov/find-legal-aid to locate a program in your area.

Pro Bono programs: Usually sponsored by state or local bar associations, these programs help low-income people find volunteer lawyers who are willing to handle their cases for free. You can look for a pro bono program through the American Bar Association at findlegalhelp.org, or through lawhelp.org.

Senior Legal Hotlines: There are a number of states including the District of Columbia that offer senior legal hotlines, where all seniors over age 60 have access to free legal advice over the telephone. To find the states that offer this service and their toll free number, visit legalhotlines.org.

Senior Legal Services: Coordinated by the Administration on Aging, this service may offer free or low-cost legal advice, legal assistance or access to legal representation to people over the age of 60. Your Area Agency on Aging can tell you what's available in your community. Call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 to get your local number.

National Disability Rights Network: This is a nonprofit membership organization that provides legal assistance to people with disabilities through their Protection and Advocacy System and Client



Assistance Program. If you or your husband is disabled, visit ndrn.org to find help in your state.

Other Options

If you can't get help from one of these programs, or find that you aren't eligible, another option is to contact your state or local bar association, which may be able to refer you to a low-fee lawyer. Or, you may want to consider hiring a lawyer for only part of the legal work and doing other parts yourself. This is known as unbundled legal services.

Many bar associations offer public service-oriented lawyer referral services that will interview clients and help identify the problems a lawyer could help them with. If a lawyer can help with your problem, the service will provide you with a referral to a lawyer. If the problem does not require a lawyer, the service will provide information on other organizations in your community that may be able to help. Most of these lawyer referral services conduct their interviews and make referrals over the phone.

To contact your state or local bar association, go to americanbar.org and type in "state and local bar associations" in the search field to find their state-by-state directory.

And finally, if you are an AARP member, one other discount resource that may be able to help you is AARP's Legal Services Network from Allstate. This service provides members a free legal consultation (up to 45 minutes) with an attorney along with 20 percent discounts on other legal services you may need. To locate a lawyer near you, call 866-330-0753.

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 SUCCESS AND OTHER INTANGIBLES

I've never been a fan of reality shows. However,

last weekend my husband and I were listening to 89.3 FM (KPCC, I think) when we heard a great "Ted Talk." In it, Mike Rowe, of "Dirty Jobs," chronicled memorable experiences, and explained his motivation to create that reality series.

Rowe started by commenting on the trite proverb we're all told as young adults -- "Follow your passion!" It's a nice quote for graduation speeches and motivational posters. While that sentiment is all well and good, it's also created many "starving artists" and impoverished entrepreneurs. So, what are we to do if following our passion doesn't put food on the table?

Rowe said something so profound, yet simple, I nearly kissed the car stereo! "Take your passion with you." We can't all be actresses, painters, musicians, or writers (at least not making a living at it), but we can all bring our passion to whatever job we have. Rowe's "Ted Talk" was part of the program's theme, "What we define as 'success.'" Our society has become so "success-driven" that many of us suffer from "success-anxiety." This nagging worry is an offshoot of the keeping-up-with-the-Joneses mentality. There are only a handful of "respectable" jobs one can aspire to (e.g., doctor, lawyer, CEO, etc.). If you're not part of this elite club, then you must be a "loser." Another interviewee on the program pointed out that "failure" and "loser" labels are uniquely American. In the U.S. everyone is equal, and therefore, anyone can do anything if they just "work hard enough."

I'm not knocking equality! Every person deserves respect and dignity because they are a human being. However, once you say that everyone has the same opportunity and potential for limitless material success, it implies that those who haven't achieved that goal have only themselves to blame. That person huddled in a blanket on the streets of L.A. is there because he didn't take advantage of all the opportunities afforded to him. While part of that may be true, it's still cruel and judgmental.



The interviewee pointed out that in England during the 1800's, "poor" people were called "unfortunates." This term is much more compassionate, implying that these people were victims of misfortune; they were just dealt a bad hand in life.

The main thrust of these discussions was that it's OKAY to not be a lawyer, doctor, or CEO! Dare I say it, it's even okay not to go to college! In public education, we often have to bite our tongues and go along with the "No Child Left Behind" and "Everyone Should Go to College" mantras. By sending this message, we perpetuate the misconception that a college degree guarantees a decent job. (Okay, maybe the Art History and English majors should've known better.) But these days, even the credentialed teachers, psychologists, and (gasp!) lawyers are scrounging for jobs! One of my Mom's friend's sons is a lawyer, and it took him over a year to find a position. Another friend's son has a full teaching credential, but decided to join the Navy

since the teaching market is bone dry. So, not only are our schools setting the college bound kids up for likely failure, but the kids who don't go to college have to deal with 12 years of being told they're not good enough because they don't excel in math or English. The time these students spent trying to fit into the academic mold could've been spent learning a valuable trade. Society needs a healthy balance of scholars and skilled workers. Let's face it, when the pipes under my sink start shooting out water at 3 a.m., it's the plumber I'm calling, not the business major. Besides plumbers, electricians, arborists, carpenters, and other trade professionals make good money!

At the end of the day, we should all aspire to do our best at whatever job in which we find ourselves. Not envying those who have more, nor looking down on those who have less. Our peace and wellbeing should not be wrapped up in our ability to impress others. Two verses come to mind; and Hebrews 13:5, "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have." Good words, but it gets even better, "For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

THE GOOD LIFE SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HELPFUL HINT: Get a picture of all of your prescription bottles and keep it in your phone's photo album.

FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE - A 45 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years 2 months and 8 days to live." Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it. After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years? Why didn't you pull me out of the path of the ambulance?" God replied, "I didn't recognize you."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... November Birthdays

Flo Mankin, Alberta Curran, Carmela Frontino, Kathy Wood, Lena Zate, Joe Pergola, Janice Kacer, Valerie Howard, "Mike" Ruggles, Joan Ruggles, Lois Stueck, Jean Wood, Shirley Yergeau, Kathi Jefferson, Pat Krok, Irene Nakagawa, Anna Ross, Mary Steinberg and Sue Quinn.

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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: Every 3rd Monday, from 11:00 to 11:45 am with Shannon. All ability levels are encouraged and welcomed.

Hawaiian and Polynesian Dance Class: Every Tuesday morning from 10:00am to 11:00am. Join instructor Barbara Dempsey as she instructs you in the art of hula.

Bingo: Every Tuesday beginning at 1:00pm. Cards are only \$0.25 each! Everyone is welcome to join. May be canceled if less than 5 people. Canceled on August 5th and 12th.

Free Blood Pressure Testing: Held 2nd Tuesday of the month from 11:00am to 12:00pm. No appointment is necessary.

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, August 27th from 10:00am to Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. He specializes in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates, and Injury. For an appointment call 626-355-7394.



Chair Yoga: Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 to 11:45 am, except on the third Monday of the month when the balance class is held. A suggested donation of \$5 at one of the classes is requested, but is not required.

Birthday Celebrations: Every second Thursday of the month the Hart Park House Senior Center celebrates birthdays of our patrons. The free birthday cake is provided by the Sierra Madre Civic Club.

Game Day: Every Thursday starting at 12:45pm. A regular group of seniors play poker. Other games available for use.

Free Strength Training Class: Every Friday from 12:45pm to 1:30pm with Lisa Brandley. The class utilizes light weights for low impact resistance training. All materials for the class are provided.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

December 2014 – The Mission Inn and Festival of Lights

On Wednesday, December 3, 2014 join us for a 75-minute late afternoon guided tour of the Mission Inn in Riverside. The Mission Inn is a national historic landmark and the Festival of Lights is an annual gift to the community from the present owners, who saved the Inn from destruction in 1992. This is your opportunity to see parts of the Inn that are inaccessible to the general public. Following the tour, at approximately 5:15 pm, participants will have three hours to eat dinner, shop, and enjoy the annual Festival of Lights – which features more than 4 million dazzling lights, the world's largest manmade mistletoe, freshly fallen snow, and an elaborately decorated Christmas tree in the hotel lobby. Dinner will be on your own and there are many dining options along Main Street or at The Mission Inn Hotel which offers an array of award-winning restaurants, each with their own unique ambiance. Participants should bring money for dinner and souvenirs. The cost of this trip is \$20 and does not include dinner; the bus departs from the Hart Park House Senior Center at 1:30 pm and will return at 9:30 pm. Last day to register is Monday, November 24. Level of Walking: Medium to High.

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: NIGHTCRAWLER

By Sean Kayden

In "Nightcrawler," writer/director Dan Gilroy examines the seedy world of freelance crime journalism in Los Angeles through the eyes of our peculiar protagonist. Gilroy makes his directorial debut here, but has penned several scripts over the years such as the most recent 'Bourne' film. What really pushes Nightcrawler over the edge is an unhinged performance by Jake Gyllenhaal. He's never been better as the creepy, morally questionable lead character, Lou Bloom. With a solid supporting cast consisting of Rene Russo (welcome back) and Bill Paxton, "Nightcrawler" is a sleek, dark, and persistently lively motion picture. Gyllenhaal channels De Niro a la Taxi Driver era. He's relentless, eerie but also charismatic. Bloom is a desperate man looking for work who is deeply driven by making a name for himself. "Nightcrawler" might have a small and narrow story, but the electrifying performance of Gyllenhaal, who lost over 20 pounds for the role, is well worth checking out.

Lou Bloom is an odd man. He steals from construction sites to make money. However, when trying to get a job from the man buying off him, he replied with I don't hire thieves. Unsure what to do to make money, Bloom pulls over at the scene of a car crash. He notices a two-man crew filming the CHP rescuing a woman out of her burning car. Inspired by the man (Bill Paxton), who tells him he's a nightcrawler, Bloom seeks out a camera and police scanner. On his first outing, he gets great footage of someone bleeding profusely from an accident. He heads over to a news station and meets Nina (Rene Russo). Her station is in last place in the ratings, but Bloom piques her interest. His footage is graphic, but low picture quality. She pays him in the minimum, however tells him he's got a great eye. With additional suggestions, Bloom sets out to do such tasks including hire a

driver/protégé. In no time flat, car crashes and murders become Bloom's bread and butter. He goes from amateur (mickey mouse camera operator) to a top gun with professional chops. Things build up and Bloom's never before scene footage becomes even more graphic and intense. He's sneaking into homes and capturing video of crime scenes that no one has ever done before.

NIGHTCRAWLER

Written & Directed By: Dan Gilroy
Rated R for violence including graphic images, and for language
Release Date: October 31st, 2014

With everything transpiring, Bloom is a heavy communicator about business and the art of negotiating. He has some insightful dialogue with both Nina and his protégé. Bloom's strong, forward, and overbearing demeanor has both characters cautious of his reckless quests. He's restless in the pursuit of being number one in his newfound realm. Nightcrawler isn't a dreary film. In fact, it boasts terrific cinematography that reminded me of the 2011 film, "Drive." Perhaps, a "Drive" and "Nightcrawler" double feature will one day be played. In the end, "Nightcrawler" delivers the goods in a mostly dark and twisted sort of way. It's a film that just begins where our lead is at in life. There's no backstory. It keeps pushing forward. There may be no end game goal for Bloom. He wants to be #1 and continue to expand his new venture. Some might not like the rather brief and subtle ending. However, at the same token, it's rather refreshing. "Nightcrawler" feels like a few chapters of a much larger story, but those few chapters take you for a spin unlike anything you could have imagined.

Grade: 4.5 out of 5

Jeff's Book Picks

By Jeff Brown

The House on Mango Street

by Sandra Cisneros
Acclaimed by critics, beloved by readers of all ages, taught everywhere from inner-city grade schools to universities across the country, and translated all over the world, The House on Mango Street is the remarkable story of Esperanza Cordero. Told in a series of vignettes – sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous – it is the story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers.

Napoleon: A Life

by Andrew Roberts
The definitive biography of the great soldier-statesman by the New York Times bestselling author of The Storm of War. Austerlitz, Borodino, Waterloo: his battles are among the greatest in history, but Napoleon Bonaparte was far more than a military genius and astute leader of men. Like George Washington and his own hero Julius Caesar, he was one of the greatest soldier-statesmen of all times. Roberts's Napoleon is the first one-volume biography to take advantage of the recent publication of Napoleon's thirty-three thousand letters, which radically transform our understanding of his character and motivation. At last we see him as he was: protean multitasker, decisive, surprisingly willing to forgive his enemies and his errant wife Josephine. Like

Churchill, he understood the strategic importance of telling his own story, and his memoirs, dictated from exile on St. Helena, became the single bestselling book of the nineteenth century. An award-winning historian,



Roberts traveled to fifty-three of Napoleon's sixty battle sites, discovered crucial new documents in archives, and even made the long trip by boat to St. Helena. He is as acute in his understanding of politics as he is of military history. Here at last is a biography worthy of its subject: magisterial, insightful, beautifully written, by one of our foremost historians.

Lives in Ruins: Archaeologists and the Seductive Lure of Human Rubble

by Marilyn Johnson
The author turns her eye and wit to the real life avatars of Indiana Jones—the archaeologists who

sort through the muck and mire of swamps, ancient landfills, volcanic islands, and other dirty places to reclaim history for us all. Pompeii, Machu Picchu, the Valley of the Kings, the Parthenon—the names of these legendary archaeological sites conjure up romance and mystery. The news is full of archaeology: treasures found (British king under parking lot) and treasures lost (looters, bulldozers, natural disaster, and war). Archaeological research tantalizes us with possibilities (are modern humans really part Neandertal?). Where are the archaeologists behind these stories? What kind of work do they actually do, and why does it matter? Marilyn Johnson's Lives in Ruins is an absorbing and entertaining look at the lives of contemporary archaeologists as they sweat under the sun for clues to the puzzle of our past. Johnson digs and drinks alongside archaeologists, chases them through the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, and even Machu Picchu, and excavates their lives. Her subjects share stories we rarely read in history books, about slaves and Ice Age hunters, ordinary soldiers of the American Revolution, children of the first century, Chinese woman warriors, sunken fleets, mummies. What drives these archaeologists is not the money (meager) or the jobs (scarce) or the working conditions (dangerous), but their passion for the stories that would otherwise be buried and lost.



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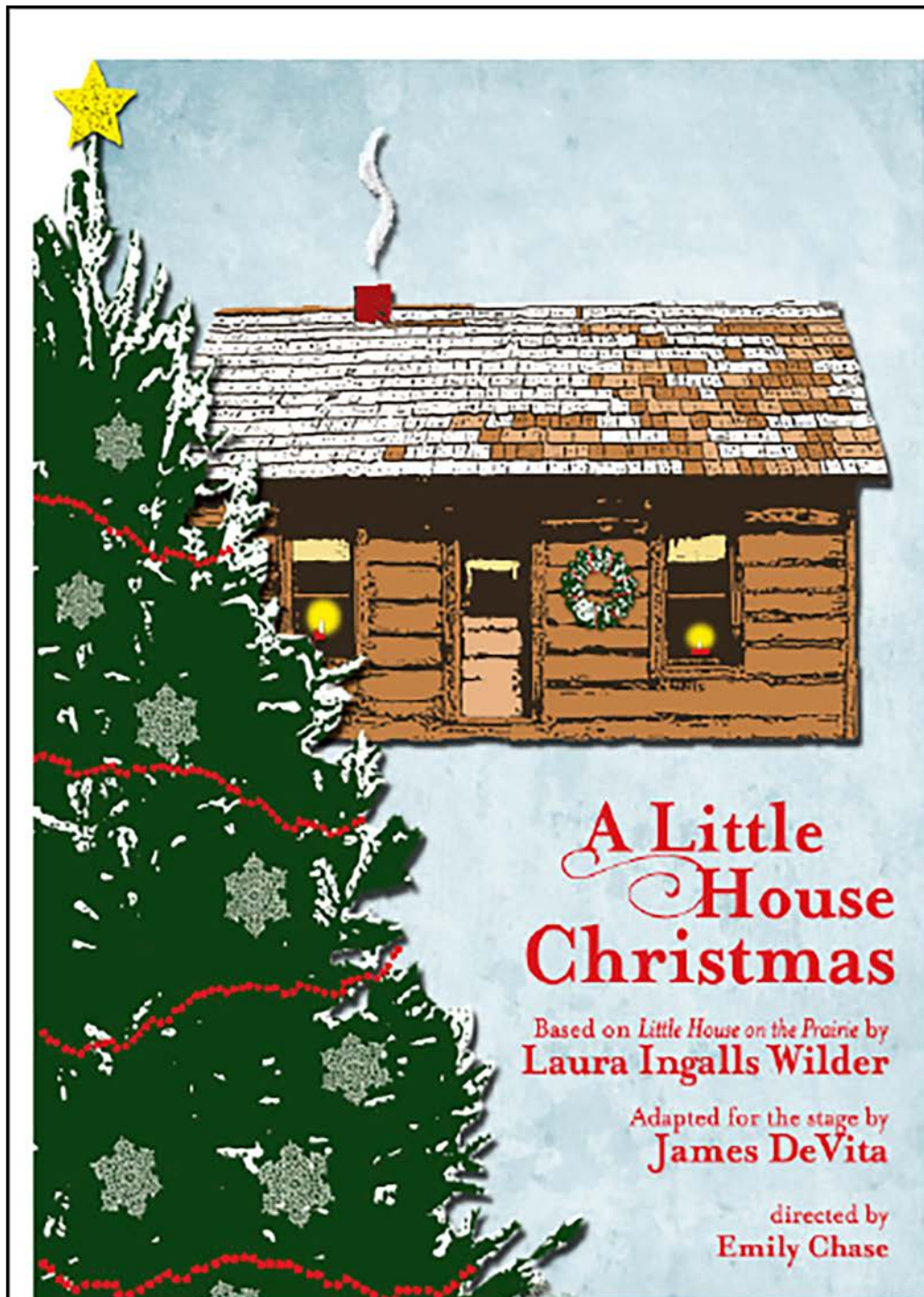
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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

NONPROFITS STAND TO GAIN NEEDED DOLLARS

By Cynthia Kurtz, President SGVEP

Baby Boomers get the credit and the blame for many things. There are just too many Boomers and they have disrupted every system they met, sometimes in good ways and sometimes in not such good ways: education, employment, popular culture and norms, and aging. Now the California Community Foundation (CCF) - a Los Angeles based foundation that supports many of the estimated 19,000 non-profit organizations in LA County - is talking about another Boomer phenomenon.

The estimated net wealth of Los Angeles County residents in 2010 was around \$1.3 trillion. With investments and assets having increased in value in recent years that number is higher today. All wealth is redistributed over time and CCF estimates that within the next 10 years \$114 billion of this wealth will be redistributed through wills, trusts and gifts. Within the next 50 years the redistribution will reach \$1.4 trillion.

Why would CCF care about the redistribution of these dollars? Because they care about the future of philanthropy in Los Angeles County and are already helping non-profit organizations understand how to leverage these dollars for their work.

Non-profit groups are struggling financially. The recession put extra stress on education, food, medical and other services as more individuals and families found themselves without the economic means to purchase basic needs. Non-profit organizations have struggled to keep up with the increased demands. While more people needed help, fewer people were able to support the non-profits and fundraising dollars dwindled.

As the economy slowly climbs out of the recession, non-profit organizations need to regain financial stability as well as plan for future needs. CCF has strongly urged nonprofit organizations to include planned giving campaigns as a part of their strategic plans.

Wills and trusts often include planned giving for philanthropic purposes. If just a small

percentage of the wealth that will change hands in LA County - say five percent - went to non-profit organizations, the impact would be significant. Five percent of \$114 billion is over \$5 billion. To put that in perspective, \$5 billion would cover for ten years the total operating expenses of 75 percent of the county's active nonprofits!

There is huge potential for impacting programs in the San Gabriel Valley. Approximately 18 percent of the County's 10.2 million residents reside in the San Gabriel Valley. CCF's study found that 18.4 percent of the wealth that will transfer in the next 10 years is here in the SGV. That's \$21 billion. Five percent going to philanthropy would provide more than \$1 Billion.

Philanthropy is venture capital for investments in human "infrastructure." Just like investments in other kinds of infrastructure - like factories, water, and transportation - investing in human infrastructure is good for the economy. It creates jobs, drives demand and increases purchasing. But philanthropy does more. It provides help and hope - like job training for people who can't find work, health care so people can lead productive lives, and the safety net that keeps people from slipping into poverty. Clearly, human infrastructure investments are equally important as the other infrastructure investments we must make.

So Boomers, this time you can be heroes. Think about how you are going to redistribute your dollars. Five percent for human infrastructure would be a good investment.

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership is a regional, not-for-profit corporation supported and directed by its members and committed to the continued successful economic development of the San Gabriel Valley. A collaboration of businesses, local government, higher education institutions, and non-profits, the Partnership pursues this commitment by fostering the success of business, engaging in public policy, marketing the San Gabriel Valley and connecting people, companies, and organizations in the San Gabriel Valley.

11TH ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COLLECTION CAMPAIGN: A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS



Above: Congresswoman Chu, Monrovia Mayor Lutz, Congresswoman Napolitano

By Joan Schmidt

Last Thursday I had the privilege of attending Congresswomen Judy Chu and Grace Napolitano's Culmination Press Conference for the Annual Domestic Violence Campaign Collection Drive and the results bypassed expectations!

Featured guest speakers included the two Congresswomen; Maggie Pierce, Executive Director, Kaiser Permanente; Dr. Victor Cheng, Physician in Charge, Kaiser Permanente Diamond Bar; Diana Rivera-Beltran, Director, Kaiser's Educational Outreach Program; Ana Interiano, Director, YWCA San Gabriel Valley-Wings; and a survivor of Domestic Violence.

The Phenomenal Results were 270 (30 gal. each) garbage bags! Organizations that accepted donations included Quality of Life Center/Altadena Community Center (45), Arcadia Women's Club (24), Joslyn Adult Recreation Center-Alhambra (13), South Pasadena Women's Club (10), Alhambra City Hall (8), South Pasadena Wells Fargo (8), Wells Fargo- Southern LA Metro District (8), La Crescenta Women's Club (7), El Monte Women's Club (7), Arcadia Wells Fargo (7), Friends Indeed- Pasadena (7), Monterey Park City Hall (5), Mr. Phillip Yang (4), Office of Congresswoman Judy Chu-Pasadena (4), N. Lake Pasadena Wells Fargo (4), Office of Congresswoman Judy Chu-Claremont (4), Monrovia Community Center (2), Gingi By Ms. Ginger Lai (2), South Pasadena City Hall (2), Kaiser Permanente-Pasadena (1), Sierra Madre Recreation Center (1), Rosemead City Hall (1), San Marino City Hall (1), Upland Public Library (1), and Kaiser Permanente (101). 8346 GALLONS Collected!

People listened to the requests. On a large table was a sampling of donations. Besides women's clothing, there were purses, shoes, toiletries, children's clothing and supplies. A second table displayed works of art that were done as therapy.

Kaiser Permanente's Executive Directive

Megan Pierce welcomed us and thanked the two Congresswomen for their role in this program. Dr. Cheng spoke of the partnership with Verizon Wireless and their "Hope Line Program." Many don't realize that battered women leave their homes with just the clothes on their backs. Verizon provides disposable cell phones upon their arrival for immediate needs. Verizon accepts working cell phones and reprograms them and they are given to the victims for permanent usage. (Kaiser Permanente has donation boxes in ALL locations for these phones.) Dr. Cheng knows firsthand about domestic violence victims. He has seen them. He feels we must raise awareness and heighten education. Dr. Cheng said that Kaiser educates providers to look for the signs.

Congresswoman Judy Chu told us the first year of the Clothing Drive brought 20 bags; it has really ballooned and she is so grateful. Judy also spoke of Altadena's Dr. Sandra Thomas, who works with at-risk children and got them involved the collection. The Alhambra Beauty College had a wonderful uplifting "SPA" Day where the ladies had their hair and nails done.

Congresswoman Grace Napolitano thanked Chu for bringing her on board for this amazing campaign. She feels schools need to address this issue. It needs to be in the curriculum. Girls must realize this is unacceptable at an early age and boys must learn what appropriate behavior is.

Also attending were Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz, Temple City Council Member Cynthia Sternquist, El Monte Council Member Victoria Martinez and Mavis Hansen from Greater San Gabriel Valley District Women's Club.

Maureen Torres spoke of Kaiser Permanente's "Healthy Heart Program" for survivors of domestic violence, where art is used as a healing tool. It was truly a remarkable campaign that will help many.

THE NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CLUB INVITE NEW LOCAL RESIDENTS THE DECEMBER MEET AND GREET

Pasadena, California - The Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley club invite new local residents in the San Gabriel Valley to join in their up-coming December events.

The SGV Newcomers monthly "meet and greet" coffee will be held on December 3 in Sierra Madre. The coffee is a great way to meet the members of SGV Newcomers and learn about the various monthly club activities. Anyone interested in joining the club is welcome to attend. Additionally, Newcomers is hosting a luncheon on December 10 in Pasadena.

Other SGV Newcomers club activities include a book club, Bunco, Bridge, Mah Jongg, Pinochle, Scrabble, golf, hiking, movie goers, garden gals, wine tasting, travel, luncheons, tours and more. To learn more about the Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley club contact them via email at sgvnewcomers@yahoo.com or visit them online at <http://www.sgvnewcomers.com>



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TOUCHDOWN! ROSETTA’S PHILAE PROBE LANDS ON COMET



On Nov. 12, ESA’s Rosetta mission made history by soft-landing its Philae probe on a comet, the first time such an extraordinary feat has been achieved. After a tense wait during the seven-hour descent to the surface of Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, the signal confirming the successful touchdown arrived on Earth at 16:03 GMT (8:03 a.m. PST). “Our ambitious Rosetta mission has secured a place in the history books: not only is it the first to rendezvous with and orbit a comet, but it is now also the first to deliver a lander to a comet’s surface,” noted Jean-Jacques Dordain, ESA’s Director General. Rosetta was launched on 2 March 2004 and travelled 6.4 billion kilometers through the solar system before arriving at the comet on 6 August 2014. The landing site, named Agilkia and located on the head of the bizarre double-lobed object, was

chosen just six weeks after arrival based on images and data collected at distances of 30-100 km from the comet. Those first images soon revealed the comet as a world littered with boulders, towering cliffs and daunting precipices and pits, with jets of gas and dust streaming from the surface. During its seven-hour descent, which was made without propulsion or guidance, Philae took images and recorded information about the comet’s environment. Touchdown was planned to take place at a speed of around 1 m/s, with the three-legged landing gear absorbing the impact to prevent rebound, and an ice screw in each foot driving into the surface. But during the final health checks of the lander before separation, a problem was detected with the small thruster on top that was designed to counteract the recoil of the harpoons to push the lander down onto the surface. The conditions of landing—including whether or not the thruster

performed—along with the exact location of Philae on the comet, are being analyzed. Over the first 2.5 days after its landing, Philae will conduct its primary science mission, assuming that its main battery remains in good health. An extended science phase using the rechargeable secondary battery may be possible, assuming Sun illumination conditions allow and dust settling on the solar panels does not prevent it. This extended phase could last until March 2015, after which conditions inside the lander are expected to be too hot for (due to the comet’s approach to the Sun) it to continue operating. Science highlights from the primary phase will include a full panoramic view of the landing site, including a section in 3D, high-resolution images of the surface immediately underneath the lander, on-the-spot analysis of the composition of the comet’s surface materials, and a drill that will take samples from a depth of 23 cm and feed them to an

onboard laboratory for analysis. The lander will also measure the electrical and mechanical characteristics of the surface. In addition, low-frequency radio signals will be beamed between Philae and the orbiter through the nucleus to probe the internal structure. Next year, as the comet grows more active, Rosetta will need to step further back and fly unbound ‘orbits’, but dipping in briefly with daring flybys, some of which will bring it within just 8 km of the comet center. The comet will reach its closest distance to the Sun on 13 August 2015 at about 185 million km, roughly between the orbits of Earth and Mars. Rosetta will follow it throughout the remainder of 2015, as they head away from the Sun and activity begins to subside. You can contact Bob Eklund at: b.eklund@MtnViewsNews.com.

LIFE WITH BEARS, COYOTES, MOUNTAIN LIONS AND OTHER WILDLIFE

Remember to act responsibly when in bear territory and in the San Gabriel Valley, with this year’s drought especially, we are in Bear Country. Our wildlife is suffering from the lack of rain and are searching relentlessly for food and water.

Because bears are attracted to anything edible or smelly, their search often leads them more frequently into our neighborhoods, where trash and food is readily available.

Local police departments and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife are receiving more and more calls when bears come down into the community and rummage through trash bins. These bears are often labeled “nuisance” bears, but in reality they are just doing what comes naturally to them, foraging for food.

Tips for Bear-Proofing Your Home:

Bears have keen noses and can smell an easy meal from miles away. To avoid unwanted visitors searching for food;

- Purchase and properly use a bear-proof garbage container. Athens Services has them available.
- Wait to put trash out until the morning of collection day.
- Don’t leave trash, groceries, or animal feed in your car.
- Keep garbage cans clean and deodorize them with bleach or ammonia.
- Keep barbecue grills clean and stored in a garage or shed when not in use.
- Make bird feeders inaccessible to bears.
- Don’t leave any scented products outside, even non-food items such as suntan lotion, insect repellent, soap or candles.



- Keep doors and windows closed and locked.
- Harvest fruit off trees as soon as it is ripe, and promptly collect fruit that falls.
- Securely block access to potential hibernation sites such as crawl spaces under decks and buildings.

Keeping Coyotes Away, Too!

Take the same precautions as for bears. Coyotes eat practically everything and are attracted to places where they can find easy pickings of fruit, or trash. They also eat small animals so please be careful. Don’t keep pet food outdoors



THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF “MAN VS. WILD”

By Christopher Nyerges

For the first time, I watched an episode of “Man vs. Wild” with Bear Grylls. Yes, I have heard about it for years, and yes, I have seen young teenagers drooling over their Bear Grylls’ knives, and yes, I even saw Mr. Grylls doing some silly act on the Jay Leno Show. But I had never watched the “Man vs. Wild” show. I expected some great lessons on survival, and relevant topics on how to protect myself and my family from the many threats within and without. I expected entertainment also; I mean, it’s television after all. But I naturally assumed that with all the popularity of this show, it would have something useful, interesting, relevant, and imminently valuable to share. Boy was I wrong! During the one episode I watched, I don’t think I saw any useful survival skill that I would ever be in a position to employ. In fact, most of it would be categorized as what NOT to do! Furthermore, there was no sense of purpose or reason to what the man was doing. OK, he was dressed a bit too neat and clean and he was on this quest for water in the desert. He jumps into a deep rocky hole looking for water. Really? A “survival expert” would never have jumped into such a chasm in this dangerous manner since a real expert could have seen there was no water in there merely by looking. But you do get to see him scramble out of the hole. OK, so he has athletic abilities, but not the wisdom to demonstrate what not to do. He then dug a little hole in a dry stream, which is indeed a spot where you’d find water. I have done just that many times and dug deep enough to where water would seep in, clarify on its own, and then I could drink it. But Mr. Grylls, instead, proceeded to pack wet sand into the sock he just took off his foot and squeeze the sock to get out a few drips of water. Really? Again, a real expert would not do that, and the bad thing about the show is that someone will leave thinking that is a bonafide survival skill. He’s appealing to the lowest common denominator of thrills and grossness but he didn’t show real useful skills, and he could have, and he should have. Folks, it only got worse. Next, he is purportedly wandering along and found some debris in the desert. Looks like some hang-glider crashed here, he tells us. Really? All the gear was relatively new – not worn out and weather worn like you’d expect to find in the desert. And lo and behold, he found just the right amount of debris to rig together a

little three wheel cart and then the old parachute was used so the wind could pull him along. Very ingenious yes, but the debris was most certainly planted there, and the likelihood of anyone ever actually fashioning such a vehicle from found objects is so remote as to be laughable. In fact, I began to ask my friend if the show was intended to be comedy. There were numerous dangerous maneuvers when one could have taken a safe route. He chooses to whirl around edges of a mountain on his supposedly-found parachute cord, rather than just hike the safe and sure way around. He squeezes through holes in rock when he could have safely gone around. And he quickly makes a bundle bow to shoot a rock tied to a string to a distant hill so he could hang on the rope to get to the distant mountain. Really? He would have done far better simply by tossing the rock. But most of the purported skills seem faked. I could not help but wonder how many naive teenage boys will die when they try to duplicate what the “survival expert” on TV did. And part of my point is, there was no point! Grylls chooses danger when there are obviously many safe ways. You survive not by taking ridiculous and unnecessary risks, but by thinking your way through a situation and choosing the wisest route. This was bad TV, bad advice, there was no real drama and no point to Mr. Grylls’ wanderings. Is the show really popular? If Mr.Grylls is really the expert he is made out to be, why does he allow himself to be paid to demonstrate the antithesis of “survival”? Before we turned off the pointless show, my viewing companion and I watched as Mr. Grylls took two aluminum tubes and purported to make a fire piston. He stuck a little bit of some sort of tinder in one end, and hit one tube of aluminum into another and magically produced a glowing ember. Folks, that was as phony as they come. If any of you have tried to get an ember with a fire piston, you know that everything has to be “just-so,” and even then it will be very difficult. This was just one more staged aspect of a phony show that is not even good entertainment. We turned off the TV and found it far more enlightening and enriching to discuss Paul Campbell’s latest book on the Universal Tool Kit. And what of the hour or so I spent watching Bear Grylls? Well, as Alan Halcon likes to say, that’s an hour of my life I’ll never get back. [Nyerges is the author of “How to Survive Anywhere” and 9 other books. He has taught practical survival skills and wild food identification to ordinary folks since 1974. He can be reached at www.ChristopherNyerges.com.]

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



5 REASONS WHY YOU NEED TO REVIEW YOUR ESTATE PLAN

Lots of people bring me their existing estate plans to review for them. Sometimes I get to deliver the good news that their documents were drafted correctly, their assets are protected properly, and their plans are up to date with the current laws and their present family situation. Unfortunately, more often than not, I have to tell them one or more of those essential plan elements is lacking or even missing. Of course the silver lining is that they caught it before it was too late to do anything about it.

I recommend every estate plan be reviewed at a minimum of every three years (and I do that for my clients as an added value benefit – at no additional charge). If you haven't had your plan reviewed within the last three years, you should. And here are 5 triggers that mean it's time to review your existing estate plan now, no matter how long it's been:

Family changes. Marriage, divorce, birth and death are four family changes that should prompt an immediate estate plan review. If one of your beneficiaries dies, you will need to remove them from your estate plan. A new child or grandchild means adding beneficiaries. If your daughter gets a divorce, you will likely want to remove her ex from your estate plan but keep their children in. These circumstances can also trigger changes to those people designated as guardians, executors or health care agents.

Health changes. The state of your own health may dictate changes to your estate plan, especially when it comes to long-term care. You may want to help a family member who has no other resources for long-term care, or if you yourself suddenly need long-term care, you may need to provide a trustee with new instructions on the kind of care you want - i.e., staying at home with in-home help or paying to live in a senior living facility.

Work changes. You may suddenly want - or need - to retire, which could necessitate

withdrawing from your IRA funds to support yourself instead of contributing more. If you have a family business, you may want to sell it or convert a sole proprietorship into an LLC or corporation, which could mean a significant change for your estate plan.

Market changes. If the total value of your estate has fluctuated by more or less than 20 percent, this should prompt an estate plan review. A significant gain could provide you with assets you may want to gift to children or grandchildren to reduce or remove estate taxes.

Law changes. Tax and estate laws change all the time, so reviewing your plan to ensure you are taking advantage of any new changes that could benefit you, or revising your plan so those changes do not adversely impact your estate, is critical.

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In a hot market, you have the advantage, but would still want to avoid overpricing, which is always unproductive. However, in a neutral

or buyers market, you'll have to be particularly cautious in your approach to setting a price.

In soft markets, price reductions become more common, as well as fewer offers and longer listing periods. You have to first establish your priority: is it more important for you to sell quickly or to get the most money possible? Like it or not, one option simply must be more critical than the other.

Have a third party, like your agent, help you see your home as a commodity, with positive and negative selling points. Price your home objectively and competitively, be prepared to negotiate to reach an agreement with buyers, and exercise patience as you prepare your move.

INVEST IN GOLD OR HUMAN INGENUITY?

by Greg Welborn

The "buy gold now" commercials are back and with them the old question of whether it is better to invest in this precious metal or in human ingenuity. That after all is the essence of whether you decide to invest in gold or in stocks. To me, as an unbiased investment professional, the answer is a no-brainer: go with human ingenuity every time. Forget the gold.

Gold is considered by many to be a safe "store of value", while to others it is an investment whose price increases have been stratospheric. While we can find short periods of time when both statements have been true, over the long term neither one pans out.

If we compare the price of gold on Jan 1, 2000 with its price on Nov 13, 2014, we see a pretty dramatic rise: from \$288 to \$1,162. But that's only part of a much longer history. Go back to gold's last high water mark - \$875 in January of 1980. In this context, gold's rise from \$875 to \$1,162 is much less impressive.

Over the time period from 1980 to today, gold has increased 33%. Over that same period of time, inflation has increased prices by 200%, so gold didn't even keep up. More significant is the fact that the S&P 500 increased by a factor of roughly 15. Had you invested your money in the broad U.S. stock market over that time, you would be so far ahead as to make the question of owning gold a silly one.

What drives this disparity is the fact that the broad stock market is a measure of the broad benefits of human ingenuity. People are forever



trying to come up with better ways to produce something or to create something entirely new to solve an existing problem. That ingenuity starts companies or invigorates existing companies. Those efforts across the board are largely successful and are responsible for our improved living standard, the technology revolution we enjoy today and for the profits that owners of stock in these companies have enjoyed over the years.

If given a choice between investing in gold out of pessimism about the future vs investing in stocks out of optimism about the future of human ingenuity and accomplishments, I'll take the humans every time.

So, the next time you see or hear an ad telling you to "buy gold", please don't. Make a wiser decision and invest in the markets where real wealth is generated.

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THE LONGEST DAY OF MY LIFE

Dr. James L. Snyder

I have known for a very long time that every day has 24 hours, every hour has 60 minutes and every minute has 60 seconds. I want to thank my first grade teacher for drilling this information into a rather thick skull. This information, along with a lot of other information, has helped me get through life up to this point.

I also know every week has seven days except for the Beatles, who think there are "Eight Days a Week." I am not sure how they got up to that point, but I have sometimes felt that way myself.

Sometimes a day feels longer than the 24 hours allotted to it. Moreover, I think some hours that are much longer than the 60 minutes they are supposed to be limited to.

This past week, however, brought me to a new level of understanding. Although every day has 24 hours, I did experience a day that had at least one thousand hours to it; each hour an excruciating moment in time.

It all began quite innocently enough. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage asked me a very simple question. I have been married long enough to know that there is no such thing as your wife asking a simple question. I guess in my old age I am beginning to forget a few things.

My wife simply asked, "Is there any gas in your truck?"

On the surface, it looked rather simple and in the moment and being caught off guard, as I usually am, I answered very listlessly, "Yes, the tank is full of gas."

Thinking this was the end of the conversation I began walking away. As I walked away, I heard the echo of my wife's voice following me.

"Would you mind," she said, "if our granddaughter and I borrow your truck for today? We need to do some shopping across town."

This, as you may well guess, is wrong on several levels.

First, why did they need my truck to go shopping? On the surface all I could see was \$'s. How much shopping are you going to do if you need a truck?

Second, the most important angle, is borrowing my truck! A man's truck is a man's truck. Need I say more? A real man does not borrow his truck out to anyone. There is something personal about a man's truck. It is the only place where he can surround himself with silence and where he is "King of the road."

"I didn't think you would mind," she said as she reached for the keys to the truck. After some struggle, I finally surrendered the keys.

"We will not be back for lunch," she said as she raced towards the door, "so you are on your own for lunch."

Then, to add insult to injury she shouted, "And, you can use my car if you need to go somewhere."

That will be the day! I was tempted, just tempted for a moment, to drive her car around and use up all her gas. I toyed with the idea and jingled the keys in my hand and then I realized I would be the one to put the gas in her car.

It certainly was a long day. Occasionally I glanced out the window to where my truck used to be parked. No truck. Sadness has its levels, if you know what I mean.

Several hours after my granddaughter and wife left, I got a text. Now I know why men die before their wives. When I read the text my heart was about to attack me.

It seems, how, I will never know, but there was a hole in my tire probably put there by some nail. And she needed to have the tire fixed and was just informing me that she was going to do that.

My tire! A hole in my tire!

The last time I drove my precious truck there was no hole in the tire. Everything was in good shape when I drove it last. But now that my wife is driving it, a hole suspiciously appears in my tire.

If you have ever owned a truck, you know exactly what was taking place. That hole in the tire was my truck reaching out for me to come help it. I think my truck thought that if the tire was not working it would end this whole charade. Unbeknownst to my truck, my wife, undaunted by the situation, had my truck used to be parked; now an empty space.

The hours struggled on and it seemed like an eternity. I ate my lunch in silence, staring out the window where my truck used to be parked; now an empty space.

After one thousand hours of excruciating pain, I heard my truck pull into the driveway. As I gazed out the window, I saw the back of the truck piled high with "stuff. But there it was, safely in the driveway.

Sometimes attachments can cause you a lot of anxiety. Only one attachment in my life worth all the anxiety in the world. That is my relationship with Jesus Christ. Sometimes I do have an anxious moment but then I turn to the Scripture.

I have this marvelous promise. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3).

When my mind is on the Lord, I don't mind anything else in the world.

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DICK Polman



Every once in a while something good happens, something that restores one's faith in humanity. So put your hands together for the voters of Washington state.

In the midst of the Republican midterm tsunami, 59 percent of them made history. They said "yes" to a state ballot measure that requires background checks for virtually all gun buyers. In other words, a lopsided majority of voters thumbed their noses at the gun-fetish lobby that equates freedom with unfettered bang bang.

This ballot win for gun safety reform - the first statewide referendum on guns since the 2012 Sandy Hook slaughter - is politically significant. It proves that voters are willing to do what their spineless lawmakers have so shamelessly failed to do: Defy the NRA.

Even while Washington's voters were busy re-electing a Republican state senate, they defied the NRA by a margin of 18 percentage points. They summarily ignored the NRA's propaganda that the ballot measure was actually "a universal handgun registration scheme" promoted by "elitists." Propaganda like the seven-minute NRA ad which lied that the ballot measure was really about "collecting a database of gun owners" for the purpose of "confiscation."

The measure - officially known as Initiative 594 - didn't have a single syllable about gun registration. The measure simply says that if you want to weaponize yourself at a gun show, or on the Internet, or via other non-licensed sellers, you first need to be checked out, to ensure that you're not nuts or felonious. And by the way, this common-sense notion is not the province of "elitists." It's drawing support from 92 percent of Americans - including 92 percent of gun owners.

Most importantly, Washington state's balloting has opened the door for ballot bids elsewhere - perhaps starting with Nevada, Maine, and Oregon. As UCLA law professor Adam Winkler says, referring to last week's outcome, "I think it does represent a subtle shift. "What we're seeing is a renewed effort by gun control advocates to take this issue to the voters directly."

Six states (including Delaware) have gone the legislative route to expand background checks for virtually all buyers, but 21 states allow voters to OK laws via the ballot route. That's an expensive and labor-intensive proposition (TV ads for the couch potatoes, signature petitions to get on the ballot), but the gun safety reform movement finally has sufficient financing and grassroots heft - courtesy of Michael Bloomberg and his 2.5-million member group - to match the NRA dollar for dollar in a ballot campaign.

Bloomberg spent \$4 million in Washington state; the NRA, sensing defeat, spent barely half a million. It didn't even bother to boost the ballot counter-measure crafted by the gun fetishists - Initiative 590, which would've barred expanded background checks. The voters trounced it by a 10-point margin. Let's hear it for "state's rights."

What a stark contrast to our nation's capital. Nineteen months ago, in the aftermath of Sandy Hook, the cowering U. S. Senate refused to expand background checks via federal law - despite the polls which, at the time, showed 90 percent support for that policy. The chamber's refusal brought to mind (my mind, anyway) this old Mark Twain quip: "Suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member of Congress - but I repeat myself."

But if voters are willing on a state-by-state basis to defy the gun-fetish lobby, to end-run their quivering elected representatives, then hey, that's what I meant at the top about renewed faith in humanity.

And here's what an NRA spokesman said, prior to the vote tally in Washington state: "If (gun safety reform) is successful in this ballot initiative in Washington, we are very concerned that (it) will be replicated across the country and we will have ballot initiatives like this one....That is why we are so concerned."

The NRA is concerned... How often do we see that sentence?

LEFT TURN/ RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"Given a choice between a Republican and somebody who acts like a Republican, people will vote for the real Republican all the time."

- Harry S Truman

Last week's column was written as polls were closing, but now there's been time to take a look at some of the other mid-term polling that's come in.

According to the National Election Pool, composed of the major networks and the Associated Press, 54% of Americans have an unfavorable opinion of the Democratic Party. 54% of Americans have an unfavorable opinion of the Republican Party, as well.

55% disapprove of President Obama's job performance. 60% disapprove of the performance of the Republican leadership in Congress.

53% of voters support abortion rights, and 58% consider climate change to be a "serious problem". A majority supports finding a way for those in the country illegally to stay.

Our deficit has shrunk by 22% this past fiscal year, and now is a third of what it was when President Obama took office. We've had nine months of over-200,000 job creation, the longest such streak since the Clinton years, with 49 months of positive job growth being the longest streak since 1939, in what Peter Coll of the New Yorker calls "the fastest-growing economy in the industrialized world".

But 70% of us feel the economy's in bad shape, with two-thirds feeling it unfairly favors the wealthy. Though incomes grew an average 10% between 2010 and 2013 for the wealthiest one-tenth of Americans, when adjusted for inflation they stagnated or dropped for the remaining 90%. In a Hart Research poll of voters in eleven "battleground" states, a plurality went with the Republican Senate candidate but only 29% felt Republicans "have a clear plan for creating jobs and strengthening the economy".

By large majorities, voters in these states favor increased investment in education, closing corporate tax loopholes and raising taxes on the wealthy, enacting immigration reform with a path to citizenship and raising the minimum wage. They oppose weakening banking and Wall Street regulation, and cutting Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

According to Public Opinion Strategies, in 2010 45% nation-wide saw their Congressional vote as a "message" against the Affordable Care Act. In 2014, that number was down to 28%, with 59% saying the ACA had nothing to do with their vote one way or the other.

When given the opportunity to vote on issues directly, voters in four red states (Arkansas, Nebraska, Alaska and South Dakota) passed ballot measures increasing the minimum wage. According to a NY Times/ CBS poll last September, raising the federal minimum wage is supported by 70% of Americans.

Voters in Colorado and South Dakota rejected "personhood" amendments to their states' constitutions, which would've severely restricted (if not eliminated) access to abortion, contraception and reproductive services. When asked in a nation-wide Washington Post survey last month which party, Democratic or Republican, is "closer to your own opinion" on abortion, Democrats won out 48% to 33%.

Washington State had two competing

gun measures on the ballot; one, the "Protect Our Gun Rights Act" supported by the gun lobby, would've banned background checks on gun purchases outside a "uniform national standard". The other would expand background checks to include non-licensed dealers, gun shows and over the internet. The gun lobby's bill was rejected by 55% of the voters. The bill to expand background checks passed with 60% support, with Washington becoming the fifth state (after Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware and New York) to enact universal background checks since the Sandy Hook shootings of 2012. A Quinnipiac University poll earlier this year found 92% of Americans supporting expanded background checks - including 86% of Republicans.

Alaska, Oregon and Washington D.C. legalized recreational pot use, and in California we reduced a number of non-violent offenses, in particular simple drug possession, from felonies to misdemeanors.

Nationally, however, the poll that counted was of the 36.4% of eligible voters who bothered to vote - the lowest figure since 1942.

As most were still mulling the results, President Obama went to work and took major actions on three fronts:

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) warned President Obama would "poison the well" should he carry out his promise to take executive action on immigration reform during the lame duck session. The president reminded that he intends to take action because Congress hasn't; the immigration bill passed in the Senate last year also had support in the House, but Speaker Boehner wouldn't allow it to come to the floor for a vote - let alone a debate. Congress still has a chance to do their job and, the president said, "I'm eager to see what they have to offer."

The president issued a statement urging the FCC to reclassify internet service providers to establish "net neutrality"; ensuring the giants (Verizon, AT&T, Comcast and Time Warner) can't control what we access on the web, or extort payoffs from major sites for preferential treatment over struggling start-ups. It's important, he said, to make sure "there are no toll roads on the information super highway."

"We agree with President Obama: Consumers should pick winners and losers on the Internet, not broadband gatekeepers" said Netflix on their Facebook page. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) disavowed; "Net Neutrality" is Obamacare for the Internet." The FCC received 4 million comments (crashing its website) in overwhelming support of the president on net neutrality.

President Obama reached a "game-changer" agreement with China addressing climate change. Republicans have long derided efforts to limit greenhouse gases as meaningless without the involvement of China, itself responsible for 30% of worldwide emissions. Now that the president has China on board in advance of next year's treaty talks in Paris, (presumed) incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) dismisses the breakthrough as part of a "War on Coal". The president acts while the other side complains, moving in the direction supported by the American people. They'll support the president, too - more so than they will any Democrat who simply "acts like a Republican".

GUNS ON THE BALLOT: VOTERS 1, NRA 0

GREG Welborn

ENVIRONMENTAL SHENANIGANS



President Obama's policies lost big in the mid-term U.S. elections, so he decided to take them on a road show to China where he hopes to get a bit more mileage out of his quickly fading public image. The President chose not to press the Chinese to address North Korean human rights abuses, to help fight against ISIS or to remove their support for the mad Mullahs who still want a bomb in Iran. He chose instead to let the Chinese agree to a one-sided environmental accord which will not solve any of the world's many pressing problems, does not require anything from China, but does allow the man, myth and legend of Barak Obama to look impressive back home.

The environmental accord President Obama signed with Supreme Leader Xi Jinping is nonbinding and only elicits from China the promise "to intend to achieve the peaking of CO2 emissions around 2030". In other words, the agreement will not in any way impose a burden on the world's second largest emitter of carbon dioxide, let alone rope India into the deal. But the agreement does allow the president to posture that he has accomplished a lofty goal of saving the world from the horrors of a big oil and big coal.

If the only details of the agreement were vague promises, there wouldn't be much harm in this global theatre. But the U.S. is reciprocating China's vague promises with an actual commitment to cut U.S. emissions by as much as 28% below 2005 levels. As several economic analysts have pointed out, this implies doubling the pace of emission reductions below the level President Obama already set in 2009. To achieve this, the Obama EPA is readying its own tsunami of new regulations which will increase the burdens on U.S. energy producers, reduce energy supplies and drive up the cost of electric power. All of these will hinder American economic growth and contribute to our still-significant unemployment problem.

For an example of the economic harm that will be done, we can look in our own backyard for an excellent representative example.

The great recession of 2008-09 and the weak recovery since has been a national experience and a result of the liberal policy mix of the Obama administration. Consequently, the poverty rate among the nation's 52 largest metropolitan areas increased 7%, with one-quarter of that increase occurring since the "recovery" began. But the increase in poverty has not been evenly felt across the country. Here in Los Angeles County, our poverty rate has increased 80% higher than the national average, according to Joel Kotkin at Chapman University. Right behind us is the Inland Empire. We now rank 47th out of 52 metropolitan areas.

Los Angeles and the Inland Empire have historically been the most dependent of all California counties on manufacturing and logistics industries. They have thus been most susceptible to the effects of our state's misguided environmental and land use policies. California has among the most draconian of environmental laws in the country, and the effect of those restrictions and taxes on energy production has hit manufacturing hardest. Countless are the companies who have moved their production facilities outside of California to states which have more realistic laws and reasonable energy costs. With the loss of production facilities has come the loss of decent jobs and opportunities for upward mobility. In a phrase: more poverty and less mobility.

Just as there is competition among businesses, there is competition among counties, states and nations. If one county raises taxes, we should expect businesses to gradually relocate to counties with lower tax rates. If one state raises the regulatory burden or increases energy costs, we should expect businesses to gradually relocate to states with lower burdens and costs. And, if one country imposes greater hardship and restrictions than another country, we should expect businesses to gradually relocate facilities and jobs overseas.

This is, as they say, not rocket science. The smaller the difference, or the longer the lead time to design, build and start a new production facility, the more gradual will be the transition. Be we shouldn't mistake speed for direction. The unmistakable direction for Southern California primarily, and all of California generally, has been backwards: from the state of opportunity to the state of desolation - all because of terribly misguided Liberal environmental policies.

If President Obama has his way, the U.S. will abide by the reductions in energy use to which he has committed in this most recent agreement with China. The rest of the world - and most specifically China - will not abide by these rules and regulations. The cost of manufacturing and transporting goods in America will rise above the costs in countries that have not signed this agreement, and will rise above the costs in China which won't lift a finger to enforce one sentence in this agreement. To believe that China will actually move to meet its vague promises in this environmental agreement is to believe that China will willingly commit their citizenry to their current poor economic living standard. This is absurd. China's survival as a nation and more importantly, the Communist Party's survival as a ruling party, depend on economic growth, which depends on cheap and abundant energy. They will not do anything to impede that.

President Obama has put himself back on the front page - has made himself appear relevant to the world again - but he has not solved a single significant world problem. The more dangerous aspect of the president's actions in China is that he has saddled America with yet another burden to impoverish the masses. Those he claims to care most about will pay the greatest burden should this Chinese-American energy pact actually be enforced.

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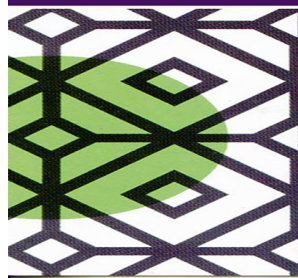


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