

COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY REJECTS PLANNING COMMISSION’S APPROVAL OF STONEGATE APPLICATION

By Susan Henderson

Residents Fill Council Chambers To Protest Ratification Of Planning Commission’s Actions

On Tuesday, Sierra Madre Mayor John Harabedian, Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia and Councilpersons Gene Goss and Denise Delmar were all in agreement that the Planning Commission’s approval of the 3,125 sq. ft., two story single family home proposed for 610 Baldwin Court in the Stonegate Development, formerly known as 1 Carter, was not acceptable. (Councilman Rachele Arizmendi had to recuse herself to avoid any conflict of interest. She lives within 300 ft of the project.)

The matter was on the agenda at the request of Delmar and Capoccia, who, at the last meeting made a formal request that the application come before the council for review.

The council chamber was filled with concerned residents opposed to the project. Eighteen people spoke against the Planning Commission’s actions and implored the council to overturn the commission’s approval. No resident came forward to speak in favor of the project.

Interim Development Services Director Letisha Cordosa reviewed the project for the council showing comparisons of what the scope of the original application was (a proposal for a 4,000+ sq. ft. structure), and the size (3,125 sq. ft.) that the commission approved. The approval was for a structure that is approximately 25% smaller.

Representing the owner of the lot were Architect Adele Chang and Attorney Richard McDonald who both appeared to be very frustrated when they realized that the council would not be sanctioning the project Tuesday night.

At issue primarily is the size of the project in relation to the size of the

lot. There was also a notable amount of discussion on the impact of the height of the proposed structure to the view of other homes.

In the end, the council decided not to support the Planning Commission’s decision. Mayor Harabedian asked for volunteers to work with the developer to come up with a satisfactory solution to the massing issue. Councilpersons Delmar and Goss agreed to meet and try to settle the massing and other issues. They are tentatively scheduled to meet with the developer’s representatives and report back to the council on December 9th.

And, while all of the speakers were polite, articulate, direct and to the point, the speaker who no doubt made the greatest indelible mark on the minds of everyone who heard her, was 91 year old Maude Ann Taylor. Her passionate plea that Sierra Madre protect its’ assets, namely its village character, its hillsides and natural beauty, moved the audience to a rousing show of support for her. Her words reiterated what each and every speaker spoke of, preserving Sierra Madre.

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5:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. Baldwin Ave. in Front of 4 Seasons Tea Room

6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. Santa Claus

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Take a photo of Santa

Start your holiday off with a romantic horse and carriage ride.

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Don't miss the non-profit clubs and organizations booths.

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Winter Village Festival is sponsored by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce

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Thur:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 60s	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, December 9, 2014  
6:30 pm

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

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

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
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Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to [radio@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).

SIERRA MADRE CITY  
MEETINGS

## City Council

Regular Council Meeting

December 9, 2014 - 6:30 pm

The final agenda and staff reports will be available online no later than Friday night. Enter the date "11/25/2014" 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](mailto: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.

Wednesday, December 3:  
Library Board of Trustees, 7:00pm

Thursday, December 4:  
Senior Community Commission, 3:00pm

Thursday, December 4:  
Planning Commission, 7:00pm

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

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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The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library announce that their Silent Auction at the library will continue until December 1. Featured are many interesting and collectible books, including some Signed, First and Limited Editions. The books will be in the Display Case in the main room of the library and will be available for inspection from 1-2 p.m. on Saturdays, November 8, 15, 22 and 7-8 p.m. on Monday, December 1.

Check out some of the titles available:

### SENTIMENTAL TOMMY-THE STORY OF HIS BOYHOOD

Inscribed by J.M. Barrie on the first page, with a word that may be "Fondly," this book was the first one written about the young boy Tommy and his childhood friend, Grizel. The following book about these two is called Tommy and Grizel, and the two books are thought to have a Peter Pan quality to them. A lovely book for any book collector.

### TAU ZERO

This book was written by the popular science-fiction author, Poul Anderson. The novel centers on a ten-year interstellar voyage aboard a spaceship as the crew is preparing for their departure from Earth. It is particularly poignant for the crew as they know that while they are aboard the ship and traveling in space, time will be passing much more quickly back home. As a result, by the time they return, everyone they know will have long since died. As they navigate through space, the voyage takes a disastrous turn and the crew must cope with the unexpected leading to a dramatic and taut story. This is a beautiful red-leather Collector's Edition from Easton Press.

### BRAVE NEW WORLD

Aldous Huxley wrote this book in 1931. Surprisingly, the novel anticipates developments in science, psychological conditioning and technology in the future and sounds an alarm about losing individual identity in the fast-paced world to come. This edition is presented in a fine slipcase and would be a wonderful gift for a collector.

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Carl Sandburg, the American poet, won a Pulitzer Prize for his Lincoln biography, "The War Years" in 1940. These three volumes join his 1926 collection: Abraham Lincoln "The

Prairie Years". This set of 6 books is a definitive collection of information on Lincoln.

### DRYLANDS-THE DESERTS OF NORTH AMERICA

This is a First Edition volume of the beautiful photographs of Philip Hyde, a pioneer landscape photographer who studied under Ansel Adams, Edward Weston and Dorothea Lange in the 1940s. His beautiful and haunting photographs of deserts are presented in an over-sized volume in glorious color.

### DRESSED: A CENTURY OF HOLLYWOOD COSTUME DESIGN

This book, written by Academy-nominated costume designer Deborah Nadoolman Landis, features one hundred years of Hollywood's most famous costumes and the characters they helped bring to life. She utilizes many costume sketches and photographs, many previously unpublished, as well as a collection of first-person anecdotes about the designers and the stars they dressed. This is a beautiful book that no film or fashion lover could resist!

### ONE HUNDRED FLOWERS: GEORGIA O'KEEFFE

Curated by Nicholas Calloway, this book presents 100 of O'Keeffe's flower paintings in all their true-to-life colors. Each page shows an O'Keeffe flower with all the details she represented so beautifully in her paintings.

### LES FLEURS DU MAL – VIGNETTES DE GALANIS

Charles Baudelaire, a French poet, essayist and art critic, published these poems in 1857. Translated as "The Flowers of Evil", the principal themes became a vanguard for unwholesomeness among the mainstream critics of the day. This particular Limited Edition was published in Paris in 1942 and is bound in red leather.

Come and look at these beautiful books soon! Bids may be written on bid sheets in the "Silent Auction" notebook on the Service Counter in the library. The highest bid will be accepted as the winner when the Auction closes at 8 p.m. on Monday, December 1.

All proceeds benefit the programs and resources of the Sierra Madre Library. For more information on the Friends' group please contact the Library at 626-355-7186 or on the Friends' website at [sierramadrelibraryfriends.org](http://sierramadrelibraryfriends.org)

## ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR & BOUTIQUE

Sierra Madre United Methodist Church is holding its annual Christmas Alternative Gift Fair & Boutique on Sunday, December 7, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Celebrate the spirit of the holiday season with a gift that truly "gives back." Your donations help support the relief efforts of local organizations such as San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity, Friends in Deed, and Foothill Unity Center, and global efforts such as Heifer International, Imagine No Malaria, Church

World Service, and missionary programs in Mexico. Sales from the popular handcrafted gift boutique will benefit Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley. Fair Trade items from the Ten Thousand Villages Store will also be available. Enjoy free refreshments while you browse.

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## Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

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Sierra Madre has a number of treasures... the amazing view of our own personal mountains; a whole bunch of really nice restaurants; citizens who take pride in our town; and Moe Marshal, owner of Moe's Automotive Service Center. All of you who are reading this are now going, "Oh yeah...Moe! Couldn't live without him!" My truck-driving walking partner, John, is among you, having been to Moe's very recently for a check engine light alert. After getting his red baby hooked up to all the diagnostic scanners, and the verdict being "rough engine," it was decided by Andy that a "wait and see" attitude was the answer and, once again, peace reigned over all. Moe is totally up to date on all the computerized equipment necessary to fix our cars these days, and, in fact, will be heading for Las Vegas to attend two different industry shows, three days of seeing all the latest and greatest car repair equipment.

"Love this place! They are honest, but more importantly ethical. Moe's has been servicing my vehicles for over 10 years. Andy also looked at vehicles for me when I was purchasing used cars for my daughters. The few times I haven't been able to get someone to take me home to/from the shop they have driven me to/from my home. Need a good mechanic? Look no further, this is where you should go. Both you and your vehicle will be happy campers."

Just one of many YELP Reviews!

Yes, Moe has been there forever! Or practically forever, 31 years in January and he's been the owner for 26 years this coming May. His building dates from at least 1949! Moe's is truly a family business as Moe's stepsons, Andy and Tim, both started working with Moe when they were still in their teens, Andy working in the gas station, which is now a Valero station, when it was still Chevron. Yep, Moe owned that for quite a while, too, eventually selling to Bill Bergensmith, who always referred to my engineer husband as "The Doctor!" Tim started working with Moe at 15 but eventually heard the Midwest calling and moved to Springfield, Missouri, where Moe's two sisters live. Moe's wife, Shirley, did the books for quite a while, coming in on Friday nights to balance the debits and credits, but she passed that job along a while back. Andy, of course, is still an extremely necessary part of Moe's.

We didn't talk about cars all that much, except to bemoan the fact that nobody can work on their own car anymore. We both remember the auto shop, metal shop and motor shop classes that were available in high school years ago, which made it possible for most guys to pop their hood, make a few adjustments and keep going! Moe and Shirley are dedicated motor-home travelers, and love spontaneous trips where they pick a direction and take off, ending up in Springfield a couple of times a year. Moe says he loves the Midwest, enjoys traveling back roads and going through small towns, rather than the highways. Can't say as I blame him!

Moe's a motorcycle guy, too, part of a group,



mostly family, that takes rides all over the Nation. There are about ten guys and their wives. If it's a fairly short trip, the wives ride along on the back but if it's one of the longer ones, the girls all fly. They've been to Boston for the fall colors; Nashville; Portland, Oregon; Durango, Colorado; and the next trip will start in Chicago. The guys will ride their Honda Goldwings or their Harleys. Moe is a Harley guy, and plans are underway to stay at all the nicest hotels and B & B's along the way. "No, we don't camp at all!" Neither do we, Moe!

If your car or truck is needing some loving attention, here are a few of the things that Moe and Andy will do for you:

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When the subject of possible retirement came up, Moe shook his head and said, "No, not anytime soon." Which should be a real relief for those of us who count on Moe to keep us going. He and Andy take time off and frequent vacations and, fortunately, the days when he was there pretty much all the time are gone and with so many good customers, he's a pretty happy guy.

If you haven't met Moe and handed him the keys to your ailing vehicle, you should! He's at 125 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Here's his phone number: 626-355-4714. He does both domestic and foreign cars. That's a 1950's Hudson he's standing next to!

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The Firefighter's Ball will be held on December 6th at St. Rita Parish O'Malley Hall from 8:00 PM to Midnight. The annual festivity that began in 1921 is sponsored by the Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters' Association and will host live entertainment, refreshments, and spirits.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped gift to donate to the U.S. Marine

Corp's "Toys for Tots" program.

Tickets to the ball are \$5.00 each; however, contributions of any amount are sincerely appreciated. Ticket sales and donations from the Ball finance S.M.V.F.A. sponsored events such as the Christmas Eve visit from Santa and stocking distribution, the Easter Egg Hunt, continued sponsorship of youth athletic teams, and more.

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

*During the week of Sunday, November 16th, to Sunday, November 23rd, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 303 calls for service.*

Monday, November 17th

At 1:21 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the intersection of Sierra Madre Blvd and Michillinda Avenue regarding a possible hit and run. Upon arrival, Officers were met with a single vehicle with the driver and passenger. The driver informed Officers that a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed caused her to veer off the main road and hit a pole. Further investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of alcohol and had taken medication for anxiety. The passenger was released on scene to family and the driver was transported to a local hospital where she was cited for driving under the influence.

Tuesday, November 18th

At 9:25 am, Sierra Madre Police were patrolling on East Mariposa when they noticed two subjects sitting on the curb. The 1st subject was observed to have a tobacco type pipe and was getting ready to smoke it when he then noticed the Officers and quickly put the pipe back into his pocket. When approached by Officers, the 1st subject informed them that he was going to smoke marijuana with the 2nd subject. Further investigation revealed that the first subject had a

small plastic baggy and a clear green bottle, both containing marijuana. The subject told Officers he did not have a medical marijuana card. The marijuana was booked into evidence. Both subjects were released on site after the 1st subject was cited for possession of Marijuana.

Wednesday, November 19th

At 7:39 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the station lobby regarding a petty theft report. The victim informed Officers that on Monday, he ate lunch at a local restaurant, where he had used his wallet last. Later that evening he realized he had left his wallet at the restaurant. The victim then checked his online bank statements and discovered his credit card had been compromised and an unauthorized withdrawal of \$300 was made. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.

Saturday, November 22nd

At 12:49 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the station lobby regarding a theft report. The victim informed Officers that she had been expecting a package in the mail. When she did not receive it by the expected date, she contacted the mailing service and was informed by them that they had delivered the package two days prior, leaving it on the porch. Officers determined an unknown suspect removed the package from the victim's porch. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.





# MAYOR’S HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Join Bill Bogaard as he lights, for the last time as Pasadena Mayor, the city’s official holiday tree during a free, annual festive family celebration with local singers, art projects for kids and a special appearance by Santa Claus.

City officials have it on good authority that after the tree is lit, Santa Claus will make a special appearance with a little help from his friends at the Pasadena fire department. Event goers can snap a special holiday picture of Santa with your children in “Santa’s Village.”

Free art projects by Pasadena’s Armory Center for the Arts will feature special “Holiday Crafts from the Around World” for young people to do.

The Pasadena fire department also will be collecting new, unwrapped toys or sports equipment from attendees able to donate a gift for needy children as part of the annual “Spark of Love” Toy Drive sponsored by the fire department with the local ABC television network station.

Light refreshments will be served. The event is organized by the city’s Human Services and Recreation Department, with help from the mayor’s office, the Department of Public Works, Pasadena Water & Power, the Fire Department, Police Department and the City Manager’s Office.

KPAS, the city’s cable government access TV station, will be on hand to record the event for later broadcast during the holidays to help keep all of us in a festive mood! KPAS is available on Channel 3 for Charter subscribers, Channel 99 for AT&T U-Verse and is available online at both the city’s website and [www.pasadenamedia.org](http://www.pasadenamedia.org).

The tree lighting event happens from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, 2014 at Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave. The Mayor will light the tree at 6 p.m.

# Pet of the Week



Ariel is 2-year-old female red and white Pit Bull Terrier mix. She is calm and friendly and enjoys attention. She has also earned her blue ribbon, which means she knows the basic commands of sit, down, and stay. This lowers her adoption fee to only \$100.

The regular dog adoption fee is \$125 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

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](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).

# CITY MANAGER APPOINTS NEW FIRE CHIEF

City Manager Michael Beck announced late last week the appointment of Bertral “Bert” Washington as the new chief for the Pasadena Fire Department —Washington is expected to assume his new duties effective Dec. 15.

“Chief Washington’s collaborative leadership style, his experience leading a complex organization and professional training made him the top choice,” Beck said. “Our selection process allowed us to look at many outstanding candidates from across the country and Chief Washington clearly stood out as the best match to lead the Pasadena Fire Department.”

Chief Washington said returning to Southern California and working for Pasadena “is a dream come true for my family and me.”

“I am honored to become part of the City of Pasadena family, one of the most esteemed cities in the nation,” he said. “I look forward to serving all of the residents, businesses and visitors with the highly regarded men and women of the Pasadena Fire Department and working with the community wherever



Mayor Bogaard greets new Pasadena Fire Chief Bertral Washington at City Hall

we can to enhance our City in a variety of ways.”

Chief Washington replaces Fire Chief Calvin E. Wells, who joined the Pasadena Fire Department in 1979.

Chief Wells retires at the end of the year.

The fire chief’s top salary is about \$228,000 per year, according to information posted on the city’s website. Contract terms will be finalized prior to

# Ice Skating Center to Host Holiday Challenge



The holiday season kicks into high gear for ice skaters from five states when the Ice Skating Institute Holiday Challenge ice skating competition returns to the Pasadena Ice Skating Center and Pickwick Ice Gardens in Burbank from Dec. 5-7.

More than 480 competitors from 31 skating rink teams from California, Illinois, Nevada, Ohio and Texas will compete in the three-day national event, which will feature more than 34 hours of competition at the two rinks. There will be a total of 927 performances – 612 individual performances and 315 team routines. Pasadena has the largest rink team represented with 119 skaters.

Eighty-nine-year-old Yvonne Dowlen from South Suburban Ice Arena is the oldest skater entered to compete. Two 72-year-olds, Daniel Brown from Carlson Ice Arena and Jeanne Brilhante from ice Station Valencia, also will skate. The youngest skaters are 3-year-olds Sofia Capuya and Sophia Monestere, both representing the LA Kings Valley Ice Center. Events include artistic skating, couples spotlight, dance, ensemble, family spotlight, figures, footwork, freestyle, interpretive, jump and spin, pain, production team, rhythmic, solo compulsories, solo spotlight, stoking, synchronized teams, team compulsories and tots.

“We’re thrilled that the ISI

selected the Pasadena Ice Skating Center as one of the hosts for this year’s Holiday Challenge,” said Randy Winship, general manager of the Pasadena Ice Skating Center. “This is only the second time that any Pasadena rink has hosted a national skating competition and it’s the first time since moving into our new facility in 2011.”

Pasadena has seen its share of well-known figure skaters skate and train in the city’s rinks, including Sonja Henie (Norwegian three-time Olympic gold medalist– 1928, 1932 and 1936), Peggy Fleming (American Olympic gold medalist in 1968), Mirai Nagasu (2008 U.S. national champion and fourth place in the 2010 Olympics) and Taryn Jurgenson (2010 U.S. Olympian).

The Pasadena Ice Skating Center is home to the Pasadena Figure Skating Club and the Pasadena Maple Leafs, the oldest youth hockey club in Southern California (founded in 1964).

The center is open year-round and offers both group and private instruction for beginner to advanced skaters. It offers figure skating and hockey programs along with general public skating sessions.

For information about the Pasadena Ice Skating Center, call (626) 578-0800 or visit [www.skatepasadena.com](http://www.skatepasadena.com).

# COSPAR Selects City to Host 2018 Scientific Assembly

*International Conference will be city’s Largest Scientific Convention Ever.*

Acclaimed for its influential contributions to space science, technology and innovation, Pasadena, will be the site of one of the most prominent scientific meetings in the world when it hosts the 42nd COSPAR Scientific Assembly in July 2018 event organizers announced this week.

Expected to attract more than 3,500 scientists from around the world, the global conference will be the largest city-wide scientific conference to ever be held in Pasadena, filling an anticipated 6,500 hotel room nights and bringing significant business to local restaurants, stores and cultural venues from July 14-22, 2018.

COSPAR – the Committee on Space Research – holds its assembly every other year in a different location to present the latest scientific results and exchange knowledge

about space research to an international audience. On behalf of COSPAR and the National Academy of Sciences, Caltech will serve as local host and Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) will provide support.

“As home to the Caltech campus and JPL, Pasadena is an excellent location for the 42nd COSPAR Scientific Assembly,” said Thomas Prince, director of Caltech’s W.M. Keck Institute for Space Studies. “There is a rich legacy of space exploration and discovery at Caltech and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, including groundbreaking astrophysics research at the Palomar and Keck Observatories, and numerous successful robotic space missions including Voyager, Cassini, the Mars Curiosity rover, and the Orbiting Carbon Observatory.”

For more information, contact the Pasadena Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 307-7977 or visit [www.VisitPasadena.com](http://www.VisitPasadena.com).

# This Year’s One City, One Story Announced

Mayor Bill Bogaard got a surprise Thursday night as the One City, One Story Selection Committee horned his commitment to reading with a framed image of every book selected over the last 13 years, including this year’s selection The Book of Unknown Americans, by Cristina Henríquez.

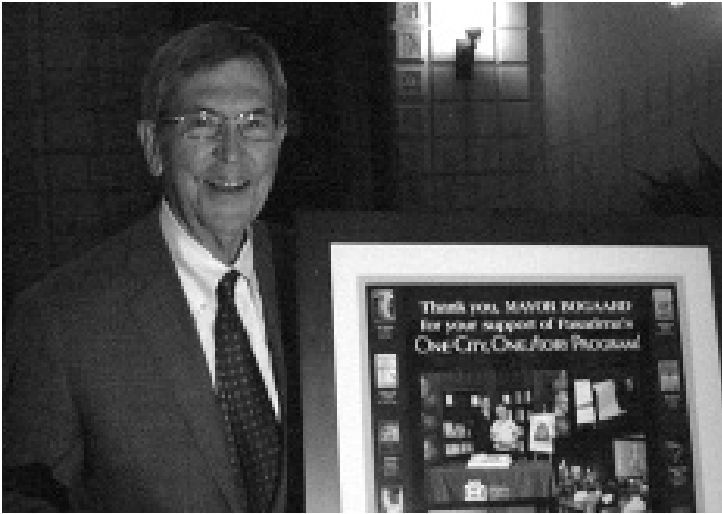
Her book tells the story of a boy and a girl who fall in love, two families whose hopes collide with destiny. An extraordinary novel that offers a resonant new

definition of what it means to be American.

One City, One Story activities and events will be held in March. A community dialogue with the author is scheduled for Thursday, March 12. Details of book discussion groups, film series, and other events will be announced in the near future.

One City, One Story is designed to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and literature in the community.

For more information visit [www.onecityonestory.com](http://www.onecityonestory.com) or call (626) 744-7076.



# Symphonys Holiday Candlelight at All Saints

With all-new reserved seating, Pasadena Symphony’s Holiday Candlelight concert makes it easy to step out of the hustle and bustle of the holidays. This, Pasadena’s most cherished holiday concert has been known to sell out before the turkey hits the table and returns once again with two performances to meet community demand on December 14, 2013 at 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm. Held at the architecturally exquisite and acoustically sonorous All Saints Church, audiences will delight in this concert of seasonal favorites guaranteed to deliver the essence of the holiday spirit.

This highly anticipated concert features Grant Cooper and special guests including soprano Susan Egan, a full chorus of the Donald Brinegar Singers, the Los Angeles Children’s Chorus, and the LA Bronze hand bell choir. Performed by candlelight in Pasadena’s equivalent of a European cathedral, Cooper weaves a continuous, immersive concert featuring traditional and diverse holiday melodies. “We’re so proud to offer what

has now become a cherished annual tradition for so many in this community,” states Lora Unger, CEO of the Pasadena Symphony Association. “This year, we’ve developed new fully assigned seating throughout All Saints glorious interior to ensure our audiences are able to enjoy their experience to the fullest and have a well-deserved break from the hustle and bustle of the season.”

There’s something for everyone from holiday classics to never before heard orchestral pieces. Sample selections include Silent Night, Jingle Bells, Away in a Manger to Lux Aeterna, the Hallelujah Chorus to Hanukah’s Udor vador to Ella Fitzgerald’s version of Santa Claus is Coming to Town, an orchestral premiere of Henry Mancini’s It’s Christmas Again and so much more!

Tickets to Holiday Candlelight with the Pasadena Symphony are limited. Reservations start at \$20 and may be purchased either at [www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org](http://www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org) or by calling the box office at 626.793.7172.



# 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

With the opening of the new Pasadena Media studios at 150 S. Los Robles Ave, they are offering free television-training programs for producers. Plan to attend an orientation to discover the right classes for you. Producers’ Training teaches how to produce shows for The Arroyo Channel. Studio Production/ Equipment

Class offerings days and nights weekly  
Station Schedule

## Orientation

Monday December 1 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## PCAC Board Of Directors - Regular Meeting

Tuesday December 2 at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## Producer Training

Wednesday December 3 at 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Citizen Journalism Training

Wednesday December 3 at 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## Studio Cameras & Floor Manager

Wednesday December 3 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



# ARCADIA

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## DOWNTOWN ARCADIA CHRISTMAS MARKET RETURNS DEC. 6, 13, 20 BIGGER HOLIDAY STREET MARKET, MORE ENTERTAINMENT 5-9 P.M. ON FIRST AVENUE



### MUSICAL LECTURE – BING CROSBY

Arcadia Senior Services is offering a musical lecture that will focus on the life of Bing Crosby on Tuesday, December 2, 2104 at 1:30pm. The lecture will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia. This program will highlight the life and music of Bing Crosby, "Call Me Lucky". This Timeless Melodies Foundation for Education musical program will trace Bing's roots and early musical inspirations and how radio impacted the development of popular music. The presentation will go into the motion picture and sound recordings he made, plus his musical/movie career with Bob Hope. This program is for individuals 50 years of age and older. Cost of the presentation is \$3.00 and is non-refundable. Tickets are available until Monday, December 1, 2014. For additional information please call Arcadia Senior Services 626.574.5130.

#### About the City of Arcadia

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

### ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

*For the period of Sunday, November 16th, through Saturday, November 22nd, the Police Department responded to 1,030 calls for service of which 109 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

#### Sunday, November 16:

Just before 2:08 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for driving on the wrong side of the road in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Huntington Drive. The officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver's breath. The driver voluntarily participated in a series of field sobriety tests, however, would not submit to a breath test. The officer determined the 28-year-old male of unknown race was under the influence of alcohol and subsequently arrested and transported him to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 12:02 p.m., an officer responded to the Rusnak Dealership, 55 West Huntington Drive, regarding a fraud report. An investigation revealed an unidentified suspect attempted to purchase a vehicle using a fraudulent driver's license. The suspect also signed the victim's name on official credit documents thus adding forgery to the list of charges. As he was confronted by Rusnak employees, the suspect fled in an unknown direction. The investigation is ongoing.

#### Monday, November 17:

At about 11:22 a.m., officers responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter, 250 West Huntington Drive, regarding a fraud report. Officers discovered the suspect, a 43-year-old male of unknown race, made six cash advances from his account totaling \$12,000.00 between August 28th and October 7th of this year, followed by six payments over the phone from closed, out of the state, accounts. When the bank contacted the suspect, he stated he would like to pay off the balance and provided account information for, what appeared to be, another closed account from out of state. The investigation is ongoing.

At approximately 12:19 p.m., officers responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter, 250 West Huntington Drive, regarding a theft report. While the victim was out of town, he granted his friend permission to enter his residence to borrow a pair of shoes. When the victim returned home, he noticed multiple handbags, jewelry, sunglasses, and his dog had been stolen. The suspect, a 28-year-old Asian male, spoke to the victim and admitted to stealing his items, but refused to return them. The investigation is ongoing and the suspect outstanding at the time of this report.

#### Tuesday, November 18:

Around 4:32 a.m., an officer noticed an unknown male hiding in the bushes near the 200 block of West Norman Avenue. An investigation revealed two suspects, an unidentified male and a 38-year-old Hispanic female, had several items of mail containing newly issued credit cards in their vehicle. Additional officers were unsuccessful in their attempt to locate the male suspect as he had fled. The female suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail. During the booking process, the jailer located five additional access cards in the suspect's purse.

Just after 5:15 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 000 block of East Winnie Way regarding a burglary report. The officer determined unknown suspect(s) pried open the rear sliding door, ransacked the residence, and stole approximately \$4,000 cash, \$1,500 foreign currency, and two distinguishable designer watches. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

#### Wednesday, November 19:

Shortly after 2:23 a.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Foothill Boulevard and Baldwin Avenue for expired registration. The officer discovered the driver, a 31-year-old Hispanic female, was never issued a driver's license. She was cited and released in the field. Her vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

At about 5:03 p.m., officers responded to Macy's in the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed the suspect concealed numerous items of clothing and accessories in her purse before exiting the store without making payment. The 27-year-old Black female was cited and released in the field.

Thursday, November 20:

At approximately 2:16 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of 9th Avenue and Live Oak Avenue for speeding. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol on the driver's breath. Through the use of a Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) device, the officer discovered the 27-year-old Hispanic female had a blood alcohol content greater than .08%. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 12:35 p.m., an officer responded to Ralphs Grocery Store, 211 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed an unknown male subject exited the store with a hand-held basket full of groceries without making payment. He entered an awaiting Chevrolet Cavalier and fled in an unknown direction. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 20 to 30-years-old, approximately 6'1", and weighting roughly 185 pounds. The suspect is still outstanding.

#### Friday, November 21:

Just after 2:43 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Second Avenue and Santa Clara Street regarding a traffic accident. The officer determined Party-2 failed to yield to oncoming traffic when making a left turn and was struck by Party-1. Arcadia Fire responded to the scene and transported the driver of Party-2 to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for treatment.

At about 7:50 p.m., officers and Arcadia Fire responded to a residence in the 400 block of East Norman Avenue regarding a fire. An investigation revealed the fire originated from a smoking pot on the stove. The fire was extinguished and no residents were injured.

#### Saturday, November 22:

Just after 2:29 a.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding the report of a stolen license plate. Sometime between November 21st at 2:00 p.m. and today's date at 12:00 a.m., an unknown suspect stole the rear license plate from the victim's Toyota Highlander. No witnesses were located.

At approximately 8:53 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. The officer discovered the suspect concealed \$258.00 worth of merchandise in her purse and exited the business without making payment. The 61-year-old White female was cited and released in the field.

# MONROVIA - DUARTE

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## A GREAT TUESDAY IN DUARTE: MAYOR'S BREAKFAST, CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Mayor Pro Tem Sam Kang, Council Member Margaret Finlay, Council Member Liz Reilly, Wendy Mathis, Special Olympics, Mayor Tzeitel

#### By Joan Schmidt

This past Tuesday was a great day in Duarte. First there was the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in the morning. The Premium Sponsor was Burrtec Waste Industries and Co-Sponsors included City of Duarte, City of Hope, Duarte IHOP, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Duarte Church and Clergy Association, Duarte Kiwanis Club, Duarte Key Club and Duarte Woman's Club.

IHOP provided the Breakfast Buffet as we were entertained by Varetta Heidelberg's Instruments of Praise on Saxophone. Mayor Liz Reilly welcomed us. Attending were Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, and representatives from Senator Carol Lui, Assemblyman Roger Hernandez and Supervisor Mike Antonovich; Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly, Duarte's Mayor Pro Tem Tzeitel Paras-Carraci, Council Members John Fasana and Margaret Finlay, City Manager Daryl George, Superintendent Terry Nichols, School Board Members Reyna Diaz, Tom Reyes and Ken Bell, Temple Station Commander Coronne Jacob, Directors Brian Villolobos, Caesar Monsalve and many others.

Colors were posted by local Azusa Army National Guard, Troop 1-18., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Congresswoman. Other musical selections included God Bless America by Melida Smith, I Hope You Dance by Jeanette Depatie, and Varetta Heidelberg. Pastors participating included Pastor Glen Gibson (Invocation), Pastor Emelito Hernandez (Community Prayer), Pastor Simon Espartinas (Scripture Reading), and Pastor George Salter (Benediction).

The honorees were Outstanding Youth Award- Cassandra Lopez

and Autumn Knight, Outstanding Service to Youth Award- Tim Rhambo and Stephen Martinez, Outstanding Service to Senior Citizens/Disabled Award- Janet Malone, Outstanding Civic Service Award-Sheryl Lefman, Outstanding Humanitarian Award-Dr. Susan Kane and Outstanding Business Person Award=Bob Cruz, The Gas Company. Congratulations to these great volunteers!

Tuesday evening at the City Council Meeting, there were two great events. First there was a special Proclamation presented to Wendy Mathis from Special Olympics because Duarte is going to a HOST TOWN! How exciting is that?

A few months ago, the City of Arcadia announced it would be a "HOST TOWN" at a special city meeting. Duarte's official announcement as a "Host Town" will be at Azusa Pacific University because APU is working with the City of Duarte-the athletes will use APU facilities for practice.

The "Host Town Program" is a special 3-day program that takes place prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Special World Olympic Games. At their Host Town, delegations of athletes from around the world will be welcomed and celebrated. The athletes will become community members, participate in cultural activities unique to each area, and in between, practice and rest for the games.

The second special event at the Council Meeting was the Reorganization of Duarte City Council. Tzeitel Paras-Carracci is Mayor and Sam Kang is Mayor Pro Tem, Both elected by a unanimous 5-0 vote. Then there was a brief 15 minute break for refreshments, pictures and celebration! Another great day in Duarte!

### MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

*During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 386 service events, resulting in 74 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter.*

#### Disturbance / Trespassing – Suspect Arrested

On November 17 at 8:45 a.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 300 block of East Palm regarding a male and female yelling at each other at the location. Officers arrived and determined there was no physical fight, but the verbal altercation was loud and aggressive. The male subject is the ex-boyfriend of the female. The mother of the female subject is the lawful tenant of the residence and stated that the ex-boyfriend is not a resident and was not to come back to the location. The male subject was told to leave the location and he complied.

The subject then came to the police department and was, once again, advised not to return to the location on Palm. However, immediately upon being warned, he headed in that direction. Officers followed and found that the subject had returned to the location and was aggressively yelling at the female subject again. Officers arrested the subject for trespassing and for causing a disturbance; he was held for the likelihood of reoccurrence.

#### Expired Registration / Possession of a Controlled Substance – Suspect

Arrested On November 17 at 9:54 p.m., an officer on patrol in the area of Buena Vista and Huntington stopped a vehicle for expired registration. The driver did not have proof of registration for the vehicle. A consent search of the vehicle revealed a white substance on the driver's seat and the floorboard area, which tested positive for methamphetamine. The driver was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and was taken into custody.

#### Hit and Run Traffic Collision – Suspect Arrested

On November 18 at 8:07 a.m., officers responded to the report of a utility pole down due to an accident. They arrived and found a utility pole had been sheered off, apparently from a vehicle hitting it, but the vehicle had fled the scene. Electrical wires were down, so Edison was notified. Witnesses reported that a male subject in a black Ford SUV had hit the pole and fled south on Sierra Terrace, possibly to an apartment on Sesmas. An officer searching for the vehicle was approached by a male subject who claimed his girlfriend was the driver in the accident, and the vehicle was hers. The officer located the damaged vehicle and girlfriend/registered owner. When confronted with the witness statements, the girlfriend admitted her boyfriend was driving the vehicle and she was not in the car. The officer questioned the male subject again, but he was not cooperative; he was arrested for misdemeanor hit and run and delaying and resisting an officer.

#### Vehicle Burglary

On November 19 at 4:26 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported at a hotel parking lot in the 900 block of West Huntington. The victim parked his rental SUV in the lot and locked the vehicle. When he returned, he found the third row seats were missing. He called police. The investigation is continuing.

#### Burglary / Resisting and Delaying a Peace Officer / Displaying a Weapon in a Threatening Manner – Suspect Arrested

On November 19 at 3:22 p.m., police received a call reporting a male subject running through backyards in the 600 block of King Street. Officers arrived and contained the area. The Foothill Air Support Team helicopter arrived to assist. The subject was seen coming out of a garage with a golf club in his hand. He ran, but was confronted by officers. He held the golf club up and over his head in a threatening manner. Officers ordered him to put down the golf club and he complied. He was detained and taken into custody.

#### Mail Theft / Possession of Burglary Tools – Suspect Arrested

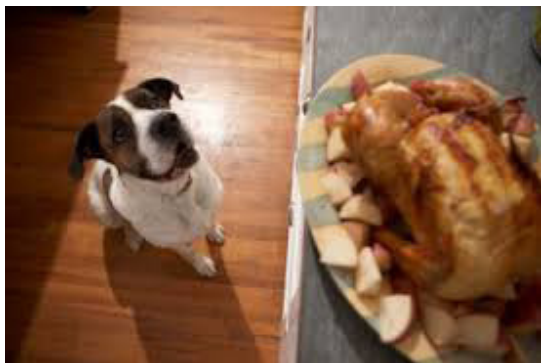
On November 20 at 3:24 a.m., an officer on patrol in the 400 block of Granite observed two subjects dressed in dark clothing and hooded sweatshirts. When they saw the officer, they ran. Assisting officers responded to the area, and after an area search, one of the two suspects was located. He was arrested for mail theft and possession of burglary tools. The second suspect has been identified and the investigation is continuing.





by Chris Leclerc

## HEALTHY TIPS FOR HOLIDAY TIME WITH YOUR PETS



It's that time of year again. A time when most people in America gather around the table to enjoy traditional holiday meals with family and friends. Although food really shouldn't be the focus of the good times we spend together with our loved ones during the holiday season, we do tend to let it become a centerpiece of the festivities. I guess it comes from the early "hearth and home" mentality upon which many of our American traditions are based. Regardless of why we feel the need to stuff ourselves during the holidays, one thing is for sure; if you are a pet owner, your canine and feline loved-ones will most definitely want to take part in the food fun as well.

Some traditional holiday foods are fine to share with your pets, in fact some can make a tasty addition to the potentially mundane yet healthy daily ration they typically find in their bowl. However, there are some selections on the menu that your cat or dog might be better off doing without. Thanks to The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) for sharing this tight and tidy list of holiday foods that their experts say are OK to share or should be avoided.

**Talkin' Turkey** - If you decide to feed your pet a little nibble of turkey, make sure it's boneless and well-cooked. Don't offer raw or under-cooked turkey which may contain salmonella bacteria.

**Sage Advice** - Sage can make your thanksgiving stuffing taste delish, but it and many other herbs contain essential oils and resins that can cause gastrointestinal upset and central nervous system depression to pets if eaten in large quantities. Cats are especially sensitive to the effects of certain essential oils.

**No Bread Dough** - Don't spoil your pet's holiday by giving him raw bread dough. According to ASPCA experts, when raw bread dough is ingested, an animal's body heat causes the dough to rise in his stomach. As it expands, the pet may experience vomiting, severe abdominal pain and bloating, which could become a life-threatening emergency, requiring surgery.

**Don't Let Them Eat Cake** - If you're baking up Thanksgiving cakes, be sure your pets keep their noses out of the batter, especially if it includes raw eggs - they could contain salmonella bacteria that may lead to food poisoning.

**Too Much of a Good Thing** - A few small boneless pieces of cooked turkey, a taste of mashed potato or even a lick of pumpkin pie shouldn't pose a problem. However, don't allow your pets to overindulge, as they could wind up with a case of stomach upset, diarrhea or even worse - an inflammatory condition of the pancreas known as pancreatitis. In fact, it's best to keep pets on their regular diets during the holidays.

**A Feast Fit for a Kong** - While the humans are chowing down, give your cat and/or dog their own little feast. Offer them Nylabones or made-for-pet chew bones. Or stuff their usual dinner - perhaps with a few added tidbits of turkey, vegetables (try sweet potato or green beans) and dribbles of gravy - inside a Kong toy. They'll be happily occupied for awhile, working hard to extract their dinner from the toy.

Here's wishing you and your loved ones a happy, healthy Thanksgiving holiday, including your beloved four-legged furry friends. And by the way, don't forget to take a nice long walk after the feast. I promise, your pets will be very thankful for it!



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## LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND??

Looking For A Best Friend?? To enjoy the holidays with? Look no further than Logen! Pictured above posing in the poinsettias for his holiday photo, he is a very cute and sweet little 2 year old black and brown Chihuahua mix boy weighing only 6 ½ lbs. He has beautiful big round button eyes, a cute little under bite, and a great big smile that will capture your heart the minute you see him. This precious little boy is a little shy with people at first, but all he needs is a gentle, caring friend or two who will love him and be patient during the initial relationship development phase.

When Logen first arrived to our shelter, he was very timid and skittish around people which led us to believe he wasn't well socialized with people in his past. But after a couple of months of spending time with caring volunteers, little Logen happily greets you at the gate, is eating treats out of hands and starting to relax and enjoy pets, back massages and belly rubs!

Logen was also new to the leash, going on walks and a little skittish around street noises and activities when we first started taking him out. But he now loves his walking adventures, rolling in the grass, running and playing with his little friends, and has recently become insistent in leading his pack instead of following them from behind.

Logen loves other dogs and would be happiest in a home with another dog or two. Whenever he sees other dogs, his whole world lights up and he eagerly wants to meet, interact and play with them.

Logen has made a lot of strides, adjustments, and come a long way in the last couple of months since he has been with us. And now, he is waiting and ready to take the next big step in his life with people and hopefully, another dog, who will love and care for him forever. If he sounds and feels like the right little friend for you to bring home and into your life, please give him a chance, and come to the shelter to meet him.

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 Logen, please stop by any time from 10:00am to 4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday.

His adoption fee is \$120 which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian. Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information on Logen.

See our website at [www.sgvhumane.org](http://www.sgvhumane.org) for information and photos of all our wonderful pets.

## SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S PET OF THE WEEK: "AJAX"

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — At the Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich presents "AJAX," a 3-month-old Chihuahua Mix ready to be adopted into a suitable home. For more information about adopting a pet, please call the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control at 562-256-1649.





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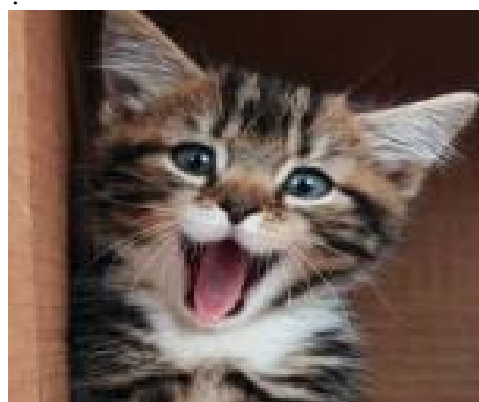
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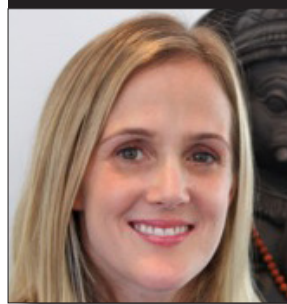
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## THE JOY OF YOGA GETTING TO GRATITUDE

It's the perfect time to reflect on gratitude and important role it plays in our lives. One might say that having

gratitude and living in gratitude is the key to contentment. We honor and appreciate what we have and often feel a generous spirit toward others. There is this feeling of being lucky to be alive and honor to have the great life that we do. All our needs are taken care of for each moment in time.

It's real easy to live in gratitude when life is going well. Our problems seem small, our health is good and even the finances are doing ok. But then life happens, there's a job loss, medical issue or loss of a loved one. Our inner light can become dim during these times of uncertainty. There's that feeling that what we have isn't enough, or the challenge or struggle we're faced with serves no purpose in our life.

So how, then can we become grateful in the midst of struggle and pain? Devotion to our practice.

Our yoga practice is such a personal, spiritual

practice. It's often working for us even without us being conscious of the step-by-step progression.

Tending to our practice and keeping that connection to our deepest selves can bring lasting joy. It's this connection that can bring us the assuredness we need during hard times. Our yoga practice serves us in all times of life, even moments when we feel we cannot do one thing right. Getting on the mat and finding our inner connection is always right.

Cultivating gratitude, even in the smallest way, will bring an appreciation for the gifts we already have. Imagine how thankful each one of us is for our yoga practice and the unending hope, ambition, love and compassion it brings.

Each day is a precious gift and we are all lucky in some way. Choose to make your yoga practice an expression of your gratitude on and off the mat. Smiles and laughter are bound to lead the way and brighten up your entire being. Namaste friends.

In Gratitude,

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Teacher at Yoga Madre



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There are numerous studies that show a correlation between legume intake and an increased lifespan. Now we have yet another reason to eat beans and that is to ward off osteoporosis.

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## L.A. COUNTY IMPLEMENTS LAURA'S LAW MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

*A Compassionate, Cost-Effective Approach, Proven to Reduce Incarceration and Homelessness*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – The Board of Supervisors unanimously granted final approval for full implementation of Laura's Law, a comprehensive, treatment-based approach for the mentally ill -- many of whom are incapable of recognizing their illness, announced Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

"Laura's Law has proven to significantly improve the lives of program of participants, reduce incarceration and homelessness, and enhance public safety," said Antonovich. "It provides a humane alternative to the revolving door of mental hospitals, jails and the street."

The Board's action today provides the staffing and other resources necessary to move forward with this

critically needed program.

Supervisor Antonovich, who has worked tirelessly to support this effort, collaborated with former Assemblywoman Helen Thomson who authored the legislation that reformed the 1967 Lanterman-Petris-Short law.

Laura's Law was named after Laura Wilcox who was killed by a delusional individual suffering with severe mental illness and patterned after New York State's Kendra's Law. Initiated by Supervisor Antonovich, the County had previously adopted a successful pilot program which has resulted in a 78% reduction in incarcerations and a 77% reduction in hospitalizations among program participants.

## RICH Johnson



### RICH TRIVIA AND QUOTES

Anyone know where we get the word trivia? It's from the Latin word "trivium" which means where three roads meet. Apparently, it was the perfect place to share bits of information from where each

of the travelers had come from.

I love trivia and I love quotes. I have 100-150 books on trivia, quotes and humor. They do gather dust more these days as the information is now a click away on the google monster. Oh well, here is some trivia, (also defined as: "matters or things that are very unimportant, inconsequential, or nonessential; trifles; trivialities") That pretty much sums me up.

Do you know the significance of the following names: Little Larry, Puny Pete, and Small Sam. They were three of the names Charles Dickens considered in His, "A Christmas Carol", for the character come to be known as Tiny Tim.

How about some quotes from a couple of my favorite guys:

Groucho Marx. I didn't like the play, but then I saw it under adverse conditions – the curtain was up.

Groucho Marx. I intend to live forever, or die trying.

Groucho Marx. Man does not control his own fate. The women in his life do that for him.

Groucho Marx. A black cat crossing your path signifies that the animal is going somewhere

Groucho Marx. Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.

Groucho Marx. I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it.

Groucho Marx. Those are my principles, and if you don't like them...well, I have others.

Groucho Marx. If you've heard this story before, don't stop me, because I'd like to hear it again.

Groucho Marx. Before I speak, I have something important to say.

Groucho Marx. I worked my way up from nothing to a state of extreme poverty.

Groucho Marx. Who are you going to believe, me or your own eyes?

Groucho Marx. Quote me as saying I was mis-quoted.

Groucho Marx. I've got the brain of a four year old. I'll bet he was glad to be rid of it.

Mark Twain. The secret to getting ahead is getting started.

Mark Twain. Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.

Mark Twain. It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.

Mark Twain. The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.

Mark Twain. Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain. All generalizations are false including this one.

Mark Twain. Loyalty to the country always. Loyalty to the government when it deserves it.

Mark Twain. Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising.

Mark Twain. The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is humor.

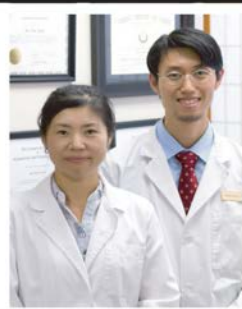
Mark Twain. It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling.



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## CONVENIENT WAYS TO GET HELP WITH YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY QUESTIONS

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend some easier ways that I can get help with my Social Security questions? When I call their toll-free help line I get put on hold forever, and the wait time at my local Social Security office is over two hours. Approaching 62

Dear Approaching,

It's unfortunate, but the past few years the Social Security Administration has made some major budget and staff cuts that have greatly increased their phone service and field office wait times for their customers. With that said, here's an alternative option and some tips that can help make your access to Social Security a little faster and easier.

### Online Services

With the evolution of the Social Security website, the quickest and most convenient way to work with Social Security these days is to do it yourself online. Depending on what you need, most tasks can be done at SocialSecurity.gov like getting your Social Security statement, estimating your future benefits, applying for retirement or disability benefits, signing up for direct deposit, replacing a Medicare card and much more. See a complete list of what you can do online at [ssa.gov/onlineservices](http://ssa.gov/onlineservices).

You can also get information and answers to most of your Social Security questions at [faq.ssa.gov](http://faq.ssa.gov) if you're patient enough to read through the information yourself.

But, if you need more help than their website offers, you can always call Social Security's toll-free service line at 800-772-1213 Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and ask your question over the phone, or make a scheduled appointment with your local field office. To reduce your wait time, avoid calling during their rush hour times, which are the first week of the month, and daily from about 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### Need Advice?

If you're seeking advice on when you should start taking your Social Security benefits, you need to know that while Social Security employees do provide information on how the system works under different circumstances, they aren't allowed to give case-specific advice



on when you should start drawing your benefits.

If you want help with this, you'll need to turn to some of the free or fee-based Social Security tools that are available online through private financial service companies or AARP.

Depending on the service, these tools take into account the different rules and claiming strategies that can affect your benefits, and some of them can crunch hundreds of calculations to compare your benefits under various scenarios and different ages to help you figure out the best time to start claiming.

Some of the best free tools are AARP's Social Security Calculator ([aarp.org/socialsecuritybenefits](http://aarp.org/socialsecuritybenefits)); SSAnalyze which is offered by Bedrock Capital Management ([bedrockcapital.com/ssanalyze](http://bedrockcapital.com/ssanalyze)); and Analyze Now ([analyzenow.com](http://analyzenow.com) - click on "Computer Programs") which offers a "Free Strategic Social Security Planner" but requires Microsoft Excel to use it.

Or, if you don't mind spending a little money, there are higher-level services you can use like Maximize My Social Security ([maximizemysocialsecurity.com](http://maximizemysocialsecurity.com)), which charges \$40 for their report, and takes into account the thousands of different factors and combinations to help you maximize your benefits.

And Social Security Solutions ([socialsecuritysolutions.com](http://socialsecuritysolutions.com), 866-762-7526), which offers several levels of service (ranging between \$20 and \$250) including their \$125 "Advised" plan that runs multiple calculations and comparisons, recommends a best course of action in a detailed report, and gives you a one-on-one session with a Social Security specialist over the phone to discuss the report and ask questions.

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

**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.

\* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required



**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.

## CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES, TOXIC POLITICS WILL BE EXPLORED DURING THE MASTERS SERIES AT PASADENA SENIOR CENTER

The winter term of The Masters Series is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 13 to March 5 at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. Formerly called Senior Curriculum, The Masters Series embraces lifelong learning.

Understanding Constitutional Issues will be explored Tuesdays with discussions led by Dr. Alison Dundes Renteln, professor of political science and anthropology at the University of Southern California's School of Policy, Planning and Development.

What Happens After the Election: Worse Gridlock and More Hard Work? Or Will the Needs of the Country Overcome Toxic Politics? will be the topic Thursdays with discussions led by Bill Boyarsky, former political writer and city editor of the Los Angeles Times.

The Masters Series is open to members and non-members of the Pasadena Senior Center. Sign up for individual talks at \$10 each, a Tuesday or Thursday series for \$55 or the complete series for \$100.

For more information or to be placed on The Masters Series mailing list, contact Cynthia Rosedale at (626) 685-6724 or [CynthiaR@pasadenaseniorcenter.org](mailto:CynthiaR@pasadenaseniorcenter.org).

The Master Series is sponsored by the Pasadena Festival of Women Authors.

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.



## KATIE Tse.....This and That FROM EGYPT WITH LOVE

My parents and I have an Egyptian missionary friend, (let's call her Maggie), who immigrated to the U.S.A.

in the 1980's with her two young sons. Maggie came to America expecting the U.S.A. to be the wholesome land of boy scouts, Billy Graham, and "My Three Sons." Needless to say, it didn't take long for her to realize our society had become more about druggies, Madonna, and "MTV."

30-some years later, Maggie's done very well learning the language and understanding our culture. Mom and I are often embarrassed discussing America's current state of decline with Maggie. The U.S. may be slightly ahead of Egypt as far as personal freedoms and economic mobility are concerned, but our humanistic, existentialistic views have watered down any moral fiber we might've had as a nation. The other day, Maggie used a story in order to illustrate the personality differences between her younger son (let's call him Roy) and her older son (we'll call Steve). According to Maggie, she and

Steve are more introverted, while her late husband and Roy are more social. This particular story involved a pizza party at Lake Avenue Church.

The American pastor, who Maggie described as being at least 6'1", knelt down to Roy's height and asked him, "So, do you have pizza in Egypt?"

Putting myself in Roy's shoes, I'd probably be tired of adults constantly asking about the customs of my home country; sort of like how kids get tired of the same two questions, "What's your name?" and "How old are you?"

In response to the pastor, Roy asked him, "Have you ever been to Egypt?" "No," he replied. Roy smiled, "Then don't talk!"

Leaving the church, Steve waited until the three of them were outside of earshot before exclaiming, "This impolite son of yours spoke back to the pastor!" Maggie told Steve, "I raised you in the right way. Let Roy be. He may be a good lawyer for us some day."

Roy isn't a lawyer, but he's still an honorable son who continues to bring welcomed levity to everyone he knows. My parents and I are all the richer for knowing Maggie and her family!



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## ARTIST TO WATCH: NIGHT TERRORS OF 1927

By Sean Kayden

The duo comprising the Los Angeles synth-pop band, Night Terrors of 1927, formulate an interesting pair. Blake Sennett was a member of the indie rock band Rilo Kiley and The Elected. Jarrod Gorbel was the singer of the Honorary Title, a relatively unknown indie rock act in the 2000s. The two guys met in 2010 through mutual friends with no intentions in creating a band. About a year later, they started getting together casually to work on songs that fell out of their comfort zone. Both guys were trying to discover what they wanted out of music. After being musicians for well over a decade with other acts, they still weren't entirely fulfilled emotionally or artistically. The creative juices started kicking in and in 2013 they released their first single, "Watch The World Go Dark," online under the mysterious moniker Night Terrors of 1927. In a short time period it set the indie circuit on fire. Before they knew it they were receiving acclamation from numerous digital publications. With local stations like KROQ and ALT 98.7 playing their latest songs, Atlantic Records quickly signed them. They released their debut EP, "Guilty Pleas" in November 2013. This past year they've opened up for The Colourist, Capital Cities, and Fitz & The Tantrums as well as performed at many huge music festivals including Outside Lands, Austin City Limits, and Life Is Beautiful. While it seems like success just happened over night, it was an arduous personal and mental journey for the two of them to discover their individual voices.

The band's recently released four-track EP, "Anything to Anyone," continues their anthem driven ways. Their sound has been compared to a hybrid of The Killers and M83. However, their songs go above and beyond simple comparisons. It's bursting with nostalgia, catharsis, and beauty in so many ways. They don't even have a full-length album but have released ten perfect songs thus far. Night Terrors of 1927 perform well above their given genre. Many acts in the indie-pop/dark synth-pop scene sound alike. It's not the case with Night Terrors of 1927. While they owe credit to 80s new wave and pop, the group has crafted such indelible resonance. They are one of the few acts today where listening to their songs over and over doesn't become tiresome or monotonous. There appears an abundance of heart and soul embedded in their music. The depth that is found is worth searching for with each individual listener.

Currently the band is taking a break after a year long of extensive touring. However, Night Terrors of 1927 should be even bigger next year. With a full length album on deck and an imminent headlining tour sometime in 2015, the momentum for the band keeps building. I'm anticipating their debut LP to be one of the best the year will have to offer. Night Terrors of 1927 are the real deal with plenty of artistry to boot. I was dazzled and charmed beyond belief unlike any other band I have encountered in recent memory. I believe this is just the beginning for Night Terrors of 1927 and what an incredible launching pad this has been.

## Jeff's Book Picks

By Jeff Brown

### FLIGHT 232: A STORY OF DISASTER AND SURVIVAL by Laurence Gonzales



Twenty-five years after the catastrophe, a dramatic and extraordinarily rare 360-degree view of the crash of a fully loaded jumbo jet. As hundreds of rescue workers waited on the ground, United Airlines Flight 232 wallowed drunkenly over the bluffs northwest of Sioux City.

The plane slammed onto the runway and burst into a vast fireball. The rescuers didn't move at first: nobody could possibly survive that crash. And then people began emerging from the summer corn that lined the runways. Miraculously, 184 of 296 passengers lived. No one has ever attempted the complete reconstruction of a crash of this magnitude. Drawing on interviews with hundreds of survivors, crew, and airport and rescue personnel, Laurence Gonzales, a commercial pilot himself, captures, minute by minute, the harrowing journey of pilots flying a plane with no controls and flight attendants keeping their calm in the face of certain death. He plumbs the hearts and minds of passengers as

they pray, bargain with God, plot their strategies for survival, and sacrifice themselves to save others. Ultimately he takes us, step by step, through the gripping scientific detective work in super-secret labs to dive into the heart of a flaw smaller than a grain of rice that shows what brought the aircraft down. An unforgettable drama of the triumph of heroism over tragedy and human ingenuity over technological breakdown, Flight 232 is a masterpiece in the tradition of the greatest aviation stories ever told.



### SIMPLY NOTICE: CLEAR AWARENESS IS THE KEY TO HAPPINESS, LOVE AND FREEDOM by Peter Francis Dziuban

Enjoy The Power of Clear Awareness Do you realize that noticing and awareness basically drive everything you appear to do? Could you have gotten your body out of bed this morning without first having noticed you were awake? Would you have picked up this book without first being aware it was of interest to you? Your awareness is like the clear glass of a windshield-and through it you experience every bit of your life. Awareness is inherently pure and clear. But it can get covered with sludge-of negative thoughts and emotions, and false beliefs. The simple noticing techniques in this book act as wipers to keep your windshield clean. The power of clear awareness takes over, and you automatically enjoy greater happiness, love and freedom. You're free of the mistaken ideas and beliefs that were distorting the view. With clear awareness you also go way beyond the popular saying, "Think outside the box" It's because your awareness is outside of, or beyond, all thinking. Awareness is the unlimited-you that gives rise to all thinking. Awareness is the greater-you that notices all thoughts. Imagine having a big Aha! They usually come as a thought, too. An Aha! is wonderful-but did you ever notice that the Aha! by itself is not really where it's at? What you want is where all the Aha's come from. That's the unlimited awareness you are. And that's just a first glimpse of how magnificent you really are.



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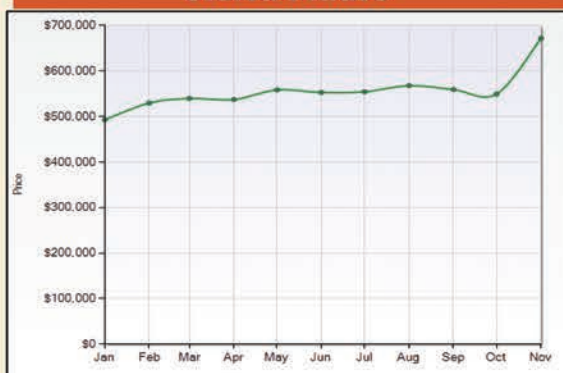
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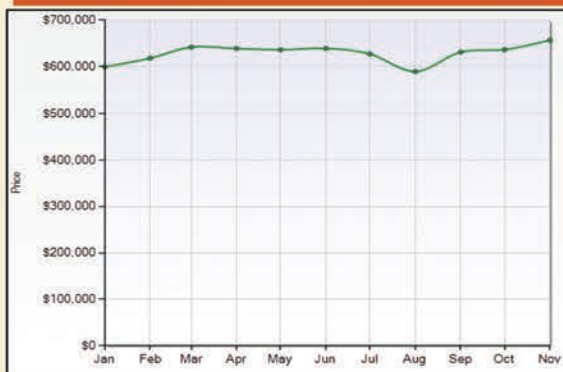
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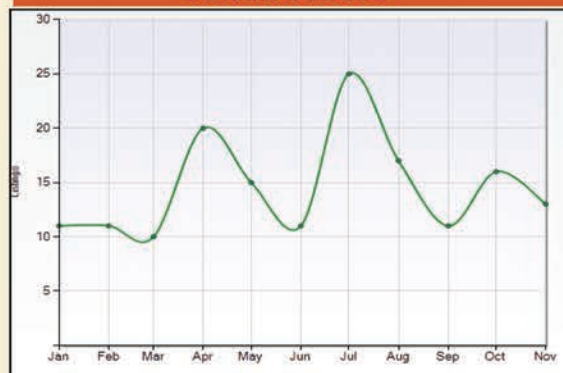
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## TZEITEL PARAS-CARACCI ELECTED MAYOR OF DUARTE; SAM KANG ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEM IN ANNUAL DUARTE CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

DUARTE, CA, November 26, 2014 – Duarte City Council members voted unanimously to elect Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Mayor for 2014-2015 and Sam Kang, Mayor Pro Tem during the annual reorganization of the Duarte City Council at the November 25, 2015 meeting.

Mayor Paras-Caracci was first elected to the City Council in 2001. She has previously served as Mayor in both 2005 and 2010. She is also a current Board Member for both Foothill Transit and the Gold Line Construction Authority, and has served in the past as president of APAMO (Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials) and a board member for both the National League of Cities and League of California Cities.

The newest member of the City Council, Samuel Kang, a healthcare, IT project manager and a former Economic Development Commissioner was voted unanimously to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. In addition to his duties on the Council, Kang serves as the official Council representative to the Duarte Community Services Council, the Foothill Employment and Training Consortium, the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, and is also a member of the League of California Cities Asian Pacific Islander Caucus.

### About the City of Duarte

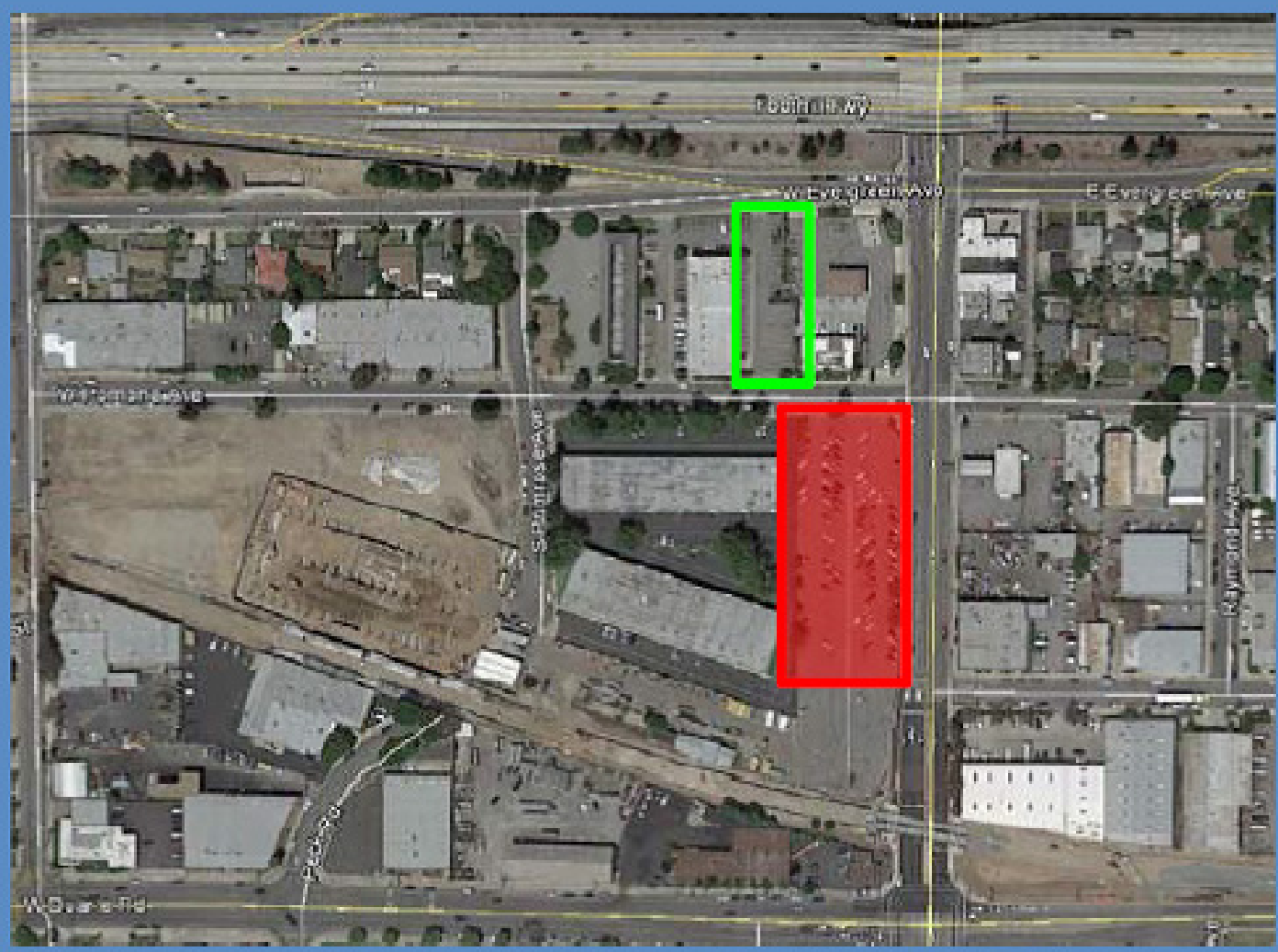
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### CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE

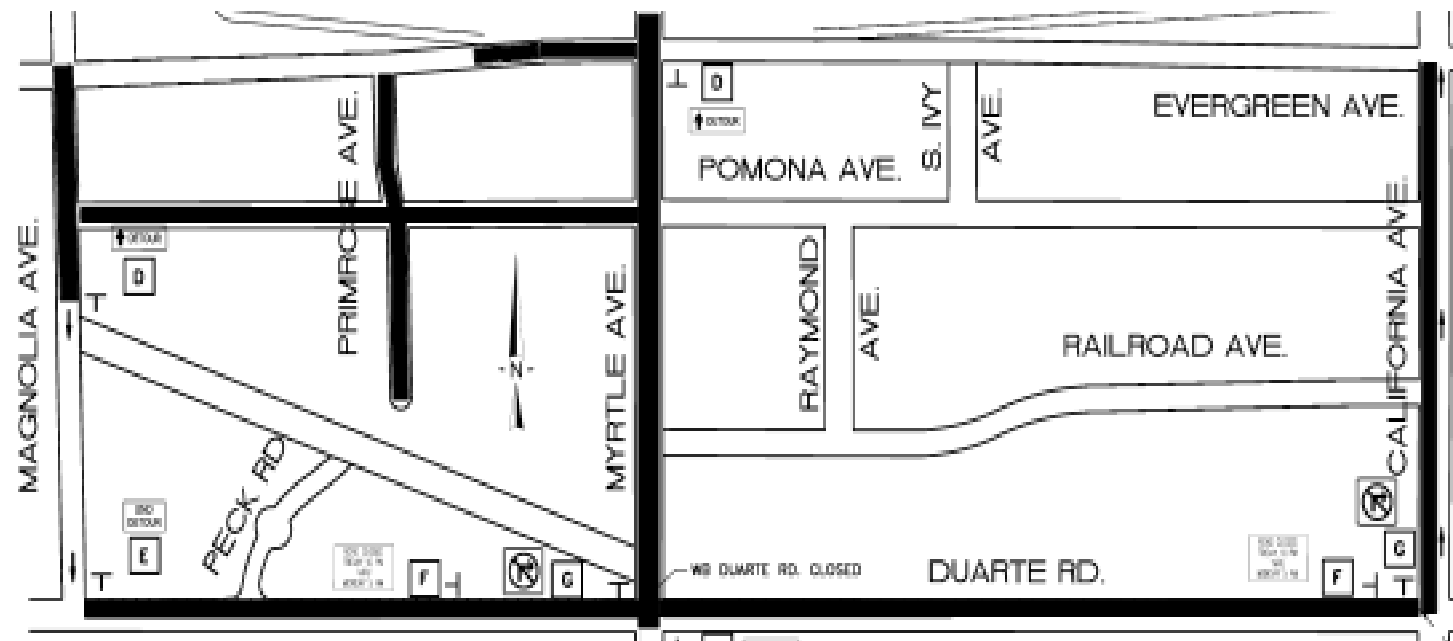
**Alert:** Lane closures on Duarte Rd will begin Monday, December 1st. Traffic will be limited to one lane in each direction between California Ave and Myrtle Ave.



**OFF-SITE WORK:** (Streets Improvements, Medians, Under grounding of Utilities, Tree planting, and Freeway Underpass)

**WHEN:** December 1, 2014 to December 5, 2014

**WHERE:** Myrtle Avenue (between Duarte Road and Evergreen Avenue), California Avenue (between Duarte Road and Evergreen Avenue), Duarte Ave (between California Ave and Magnolia Ave), Pomona Ave (between Myrtle Ave and Magnolia Ave), Magnolia Ave (between Evergreen Ave and railroad crossing), Primrose Ave (south of Evergreen Ave) **WHAT:** Work is progressing on Pomona, Primrose, and Magnolia. Demolition work on Duarte and Myrtle is expected to begin next week. Traffic lanes will be impacted, but all lanes will remain open. Street parking will not be available. Expect delays and use alternate routes when possible. Please observe street delineations and traffic signs for your safety. Please note that no work will be performed on November 27 and 28 due to the holidays.



**ON-SITE WORK:** (Station Square Neighborhood Park, Depot Promenade and Transit Plaza)

**WHEN:** Monday, December 1, 2014 to December 5, 2014

**WHERE:** Monrovia Park & Ride Lot: 1601 S Myrtle Ave

**WHAT:** The contractor will begin demolition and construction of underground utilities this week. There are 5 ADA Accessible Parking Spaces and 18 regular parking spaces available to the public in the Park and Ride lot. In addition, there are alternate parking spaces available at 123 W. Pomona Avenue, Monrovia - northwest of the Park and Ride lot (see aerial map below). Signs showing the direction of the alternate parking are posted on site. Overnight parking is not allowed on both parking areas. Please note that no work will be performed on November 27 and 28 due to the holidays

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BEST VIEW YET OF JUPITER’S MOON EUROPA; “SPOOKY” ALIGNMENT OF DISTANT QUASARS

Scientists have produced a new version of what is perhaps NASA’s best view of Jupiter’s ice-covered moon, Europa. The mosaic of color images was obtained in the late 1990s by NASA’s Galileo spacecraft. This is the first time that NASA is publishing a version of the scene produced using modern image processing techniques.

The image features many long, curving and linear fractures in the moon’s bright ice shell. Scientists are eager to learn if the reddish-brown fractures, and other markings spattered across the surface, contain clues about the geological history of Europa and the chemistry of the global ocean that is thought to exist beneath the ice.

In addition to the newly processed image, a new video (<http://youtu.be/kz9VhCQbPAk>) details why this likely ocean world is a high priority for future exploration.

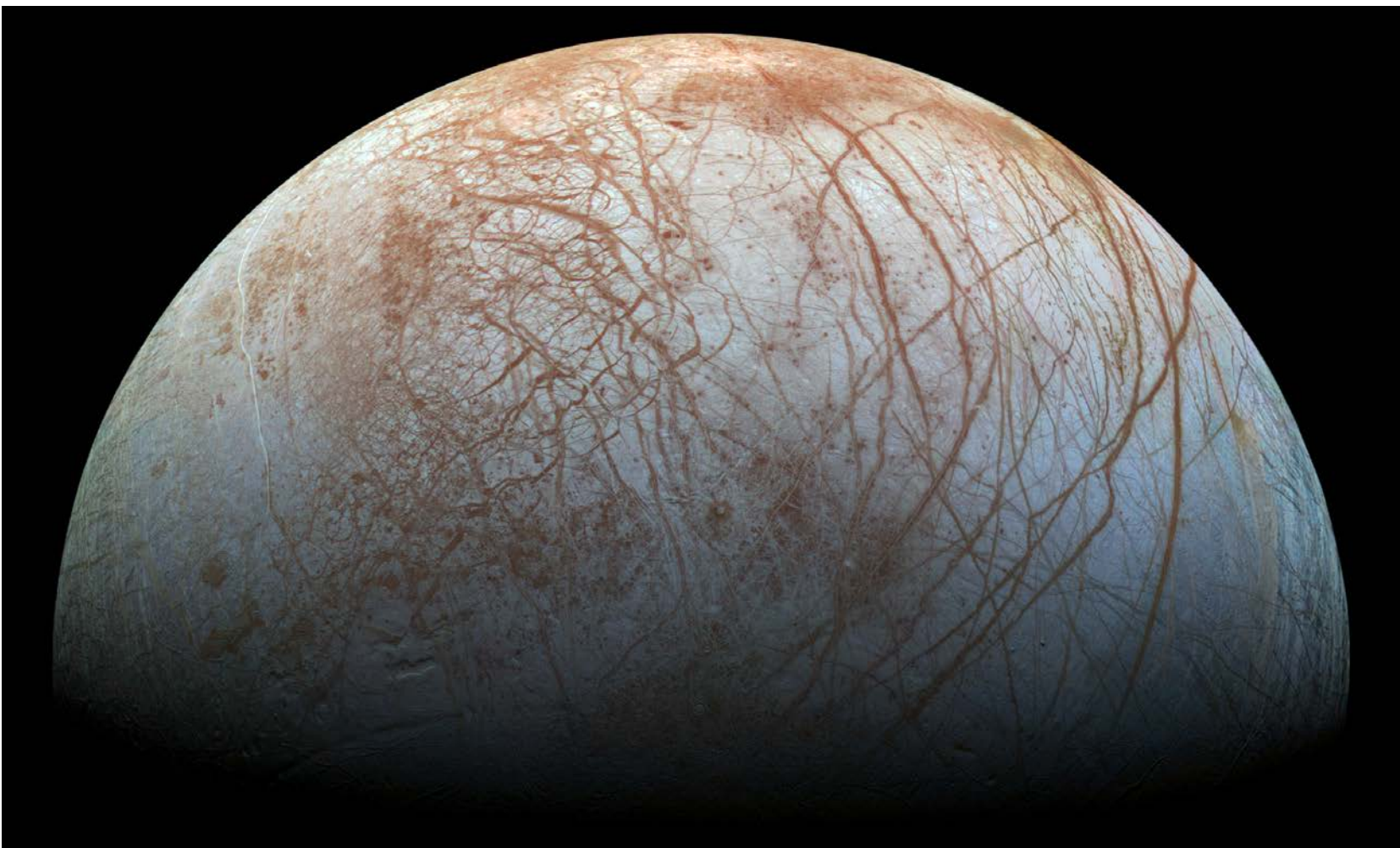
Hidden beneath Europa’s icy surface is perhaps the most promising place in our solar system beyond Earth to look for present-day environments that are suitable for life. The Galileo mission found strong evidence that a subsurface ocean of salty water is in contact with a rocky seafloor. The cycling of material between the ocean and ice shell could potentially provide sources of chemical energy that could sustain simple life forms.

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SPOOKY ALIGNMENT OF QUASARS  
ACROSS BILLIONS OF LIGHT-YEARS

New observations with ESO’s Very Large Telescope (VLT) in Chile have revealed alignments over the largest structures ever discovered in the universe. A European research team has found that the rotation axes of the central supermassive black holes in a sample of quasars are parallel to each other over distances of billions of light-years. The team has also found that the rotation axes of these quasars tend to be aligned with the vast structures in the cosmic web in which they reside.

Quasars are galaxies with very active supermassive black holes at their centers. These black holes are surrounded by spinning discs of extremely hot material that is often spewed out in long jets along their axes of rotation. Quasars can



shine more brightly than all the stars in the rest of their host galaxies put together.

A team led by Damien Hutsemékers from the University of Liège in Belgium used the VLT to study 93 quasars that were known to form huge groupings spread over billions of light-years, seen at a time when the universe was about one-third of its current age.

“The first odd thing we noticed was that some of the quasars’ rotation axes were aligned with each other—despite the fact that these quasars are separated by billions of light-years,” said Hutsemékers.

The team then went further and looked to see if the rotation axes were linked, not just to each other, but also to the structure of the universe on large scales at that time.

When astronomers look at the distribution of galaxies on scales of billions of light-years they find that they are not evenly distributed. They form a cosmic web of filaments and clumps around huge voids where galaxies are scarce. This intriguing and beautiful arrangement of material is known as large-scale structure.

The new VLT results indicate that the rotation axes of the quasars tend to be parallel to the large-

scale structures in which they find themselves. So, if the quasars are in a long filament then the spins of the central black holes will point along the filament. The researchers estimate that the probability that these alignments are simply the result of chance is less than 1%.

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that in my world as a child – which was the vastness of Pasadena – every store closed on Thanksgiving. The streets were quiet, and you knew everyone was home preparing a meal, or they’d driven away to some other town to visit relatives. But commerce ceased. You were pitied if you had no family, and you were looked down upon if you kept your business open.

“Too bad that guy has to actually work on Thanksgiving,” we’d hear my father say. Most businesses were closed, and when my father realized that he had no working batteries for a camera or flashlight, he’d send one of my older brothers on a mad dash to find a store, any store, that was open and sold batteries. There was no internet, and no easy way to figure out who was open and closed unless you spent an hour on the phone. Suddenly, it wasn’t such a bad idea to have a store open. Of

POST THANKSGIVING CONSIDERATIONS

By Christopher Nyerges

course, my father would be furious and he’d blame it on someone else for forgetting to stock up on some batteries. Usually, my brother would be gone an hour or two, but somehow managed to come home with the needed batteries.

Still, there seemed something very special to demand of yourself that Thanksgiving be set aside for family, for remembrance, for breaking the spell and monotony of work only and working only for material goals. In the United States, that used to be Sunday where people took the day off. In some areas, Sunday is still to the week what Thanksgiving is to the year. For example, try finding an open store in Utah on Sunday. Oh, you’ll find one, but not until you do a bit of searching.

Our values determine who we are, and who we become. In this world, everything seems to drive only the materialistic instincts. Merchants cannot wait even a few extra hours to open their doors for the Black Friday specials, and we are encouraged to rush out the door and buy now before the next guy gets the discounted item offered to the first 50 folks who push their way into the door.

The mindset is rampant in our society. A natural hillside, and lush trees on a lot, are described as non-performing real estate. Relaxing on a Sunday is thought of as being lazy. Studying esoteric literature is regarded sometimes as impractical. We are fast becoming a nation of non-thinkers, and it is usually (but not always) when we break out of our routine and out of our comfortable box of thinking that we rise to who we really are as spiritual beings, and live

lives which reflect some higher goal.

I want a low price and a deal just like the next guy, but I am not willing to do anything to get that deal. I regard Thanksgiving day as nearly sacred, the closest thing we have to national holy day where we attempt to ponder who we are, what we are, what we did right, what we did wrong, what we need to do next. To quickly eat a slice of turkey and then some cranberry, and rush out the door to fight the mobs to get a deal is nearly sacrilegious in my thinking.

I have both good and bad memories mixed into Thanksgiving. By my teens, our family Thanksgiving gatherings were crowded, loud, raucous events that started the night before and included the whole weekend. Yes, there was the prayer that my mother insisted upon, and there were moments of quiet reflection. My mother began forcing each of us to say what we were thankful for, and with close to 20 people in a room, that could take a while. But then, food and wine and beer was served, and the “conversation” was more like non-stop yelling, while the TV played a football game in the next room at the highest possible volume.

No wonder I got to the point where I told my parents I would not be there on Thanksgiving. I didn’t try to make them feel bad by giving them all my reasons, but I did come the next day with my wife and we’d sit quietly and talk for awhile when the mob was gone. At first, my father called me a bad son for not showing up on Thanksgiving, but eventually he enjoyed the more thoughtful visits.

This year, I went to a local park with a small

group and we together shared Native American skills that the east coast Indians would have taught the starving pilgrims of the Plymouth Rock colony. We taught about wild plants, and making fire, and weaving with natural fibres, and weaponry, and painting with natural minerals. Yes, we had some snacks, but it was not about food.

It has taken a long time to find what I consider a better way to commemorate this very special day. It was thoughtful and quiet and insightful while our small group learned and talked together. We shared the myths and the realities about the people at that “first Thanksgiving,” and looked at how the Indians were thanked for their generosity. There’s a lot buried just beneath the surface that is so relevant to each of us today that it’s a shame more of us don’t open our encyclopedias and explore these American roots.

Like so much of American history, there are plenty of myths, and plenty of facts. And like so many of American holidays, commercial interests seems bent on convincing us that “buying stuff” is somehow synonymous with commemorating the special day.

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## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



### HOW TO REDUCE THE COST OF LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

This Thanksgiving holiday, as multi generations of my family gather together, I can't help but reflect on the lifetime of love and support my parents have provided to me and my children. I'm also very aware of their own special issues. Did you know, a person who turns 65 today has a 70% chance of needing some type of long-term care at some time in their remaining years? That's according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and on average, women will need 3.7 years of long-term care while men will need 2.2 years of care. Only 20%, however, will need care for longer than five years.

If you or your parents don't have the financial resources to pay for this long-term care - either through a nursing home stay or in-home care - you should consider long-term care insurance to fill the void. And while annual premiums will vary according to your age and health status, they can all be fairly expensive. Here are some tips to reduce the cost of long-term care insurance:

**Buy young.** Since premiums rise as you age, purchasing a long-term care policy when you are younger can mean cheaper premiums. Just be sure you are aware that premiums can increase as you age, so be sure to discuss this with your insurer.

**Shorten the benefit period.** Lifetime policies are the most expensive, and since statistics show that most of us will not need long-term care for more than five years, you can save thousands of dollars in premiums if you buy a short-term policy.

**Lengthen the elimination period.** Most policies have a 30-90 day waiting period before coverage begins. If you can make this period longer, your premiums will be cheaper.

**Reduce daily benefits.** If you can pay for some of your long-term care needs yourself, you can reduce the daily benefit amount on your policy, which will result in

lower premiums.

**Share the care.** If you are married and both of you are buying long-term care insurance, a shared care policy could provide you both with more coverage for less money. A shared care policy provides a pool of benefits that are shared between you and your spouse, so if you buy a 5-year shared care policy, the two of you would have 10 years of benefits. If your spouse only uses 3 years, you would have 7 years of benefits to use.

**Take the deduction.** Your long-term care insurance premiums may be deductible. If they meet the requirements for "qualified" long-term care expenses, they can be deductible, with the amount depending on your age and tax year. For 2014, the long-term care premium deductibility limits are \$1,400 for those more than 50 but not more than 60, \$3,720 for those more than 60 but not more than 70, and \$4,660 for those over 70.

To learn more about long-term financial planning for your - or your parent's - golden years, give me a call and let's chat over a cup of coffee.

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### Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

**BUY, SELL, WIN, WIN**

Buyers, sellers, the time for hesitation is over for both of you. Home sales are rising, inventories are shrinking, and even though home values fell dramatically in the last few years, the good news is that houses are now more affordable than they have been at any time during the last twenty years. If you are buying, now is the time to make your move, literally. As the market recovers, the scales are still tipped in your favor. There are still many "distressed properties" (foreclosures and short sales) on the market, and other homeowners are entering the selling field as improving conditions increase their confidence.

You can still expect competition for lower end, entry-level homes, but demand is softer in the

middle to upper end property market, so you could be in a stronger bargaining position in those two tiers.

If you're a seller, don't be alarmed by the good news for buyers. Buyer confidence and strength makes it more likely that you'll enjoy a sale. Don't try to compete against short sales and foreclosures when you're pricing, though, because that's a tough game to win.

Just complete any needed repairs, get your home into great showing condition, and emphasize your home's strengths and features. We're in an interesting transitional phase where both buyers and sellers can be winners with the right attitude and representation.

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## Social Media Tips, Tricks & Ideas



by: MJ Finstrom

### EMAIL SUBSCRIBER OR A FACEBOOK LIKE?

I recently read an article that asked, "Which do you think is more valuable to your business, someone who subscribes to your email list or someone who likes your Facebook page?" If I had to choose, it would be the email subscriber every time!

Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn are still important channels for staying in touch, sharing information, photos and finding a targeted audience. They can even help people find your products and services on-line. The goal is to get your fans, followers and connections to join your email list because email marketing content outperforms social media when it comes to the results we care most about...sales.

There is a lot of buzz about Facebook right now. People are disappointed that their content is not reaching and engaging like it once did. I think the problem brands need to solve on Facebook is innovative ways to get fans

to subscribe to their email list. Sometimes it's as simple as asking in a post, "Join our email list" with a link. Letting them know how often and what to expect when they join will help too. Build the list, build the list, build the list.

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## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### WHAT IT WAS, WAS BASKETBALL

Towards the end of last week, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage presented me with a rather fascinating proposition. My attitude in life has always been, when she speaks I will at least listen.

I want you to know I am not easily propositioned. I am very suspicious of anything that has the appearance of being good for me. I do not believe everything I hear or see. I guess I am just a skeptic.

A telemarketer recently called with the news that the government had randomly chosen my name to receive \$8400. If this was the government calling me, it would not be to give me \$8400 but to solicit \$8400 in taxes.

Like my father used to say, "Son, there ain't no free lunches." He was right.

So when my wife propositioned me, I was rather skeptical.

"How would you like to go with us to the kid's basketball game on Friday night?"

So, I thought to myself, where is the catch? Somewhere along the line in this proposition is a catch.

Now, where was it?

As it turned out, there was no catch and I did not even have to drive to the game. To make the proposition even more appealing, my granddaughter was to play in this basketball game. So, with a great deal of enthusiasm I accepted this handsome proposition and prepared myself for a wonderful evening.

I have not been to a basketball game since the Harlem Globetrotters played in the Hershey arena in Hershey, Pennsylvania. My favorite player was Meadowlark Lemon.

I was off to the little kid's basketball game anticipating an enjoyable evening.

We finally got to the right place where my granddaughter and her teammates were playing basketball. I am not complaining, but it has been a long time since I sat in bleachers. I had forgotten how narrow they really are when you set on them. I am not sure who invented bleachers like this, but I am positive they never sat on one during a game. I could only get half of my posterior on the bleacher at any one time. The trick of the game for the evening was appropriately rotating my posterior.

Getting settled, I noticed some activity out on the floor. First off, one little girl was refusing to play. Come to find out she did not like the team, she was on, particularly the shirts they were wearing, and wanted to play on the other team because she liked their shirt better.

After 20 minutes of negotiating the little girl won and was put on the other team.

I turned to my wife and ask, "When will the game begin?" I thought it a rather innocent question.

She looked at me, laughed and said, "Silly boy, it started 20 minutes ago."

"Who is winning and what is the score?"

I was informed that in these games, they do not keep score and nobody wins. I thought I would not resume anymore questioning on this subject. I just went back to rotating my posterior and trying to watch the game.

I noticed one little girl (why do little girls do this?) was dancing all by herself ignoring the rest of her teammates. I do not know what basketball has to do with dancing, but she was enjoying herself and I was enjoying watching her enjoy herself.

I noticed all of the shirts on each team had the same number. The only difference between the two teams was one side wore blue on the other side wore white. It would not be appropriate, so it was explained to me, for the children to have different numbers.

Then the coach blew his whistle and announced they would have a bathroom break. All those who needed to go to the bathroom should go at this particular time.

Nobody went and in a moment or two, the game resumed with the whistle-blowing coach.

Within five minutes, three on one side and two on the other side came up missing. When the coach inquired as to where these kids were he was told that they had all gone to the bathroom. Furthermore, he was told that he planted the idea in their head and so it was not their fault.

As I watched the activity on the floor, I realized the Harlem Globetrotters had nothing on these miniature basketball players. One trademark activity in a Harlem Globetrotter game is in the middle of the game they would begin playing baseball with the basketball.

Something like that happened out on the floor as I was watching. It was not baseball, and I am sure it was not basketball, at least the kind I am familiar with. What it was, was anybody's guess.

What it was, so I came to find out, was just plain old fun.

As I sat there rotating my posterior, I was thinking about how competitive our world has really become. People will do anything and everything just to win a game. Sometimes it is good just to quiet down, relax and enjoy the surroundings.

I wonder if that is what David had in mind when he wrote, "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10).

When we step out of the world of competition and quiet ourselves a bit, we begin to appreciate the reality, especially the reality in Jesus Christ.

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## RON Carter Curbing Bad Behavior



### THE DISTRUST CONTINUES

If I was a conspiracy theorist, I would surmise that the timing of the release of the grand jury verdict is suspicious regarding police officer Darren Wilson shooting and killing Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. Why would the County Prosecutor, Bob McCulloch, release this controversial verdict at 9 pm Eastern Standard Time? He had to know an anxious community, who

did not trust his leadership from the onset, was awaiting the grand jury's decision for two days. The "outsiders," who the local Ferguson community members called the troublemakers, those who were looting and burning buildings, were simmering since Saturday to behave badly. Why give them the cover of night to enact havoc on Ferguson's community? Even President Barack Obama's speech and Michael Brown's mother plea for peaceful behavior were ignored. Maybe Mr. McCulloch intended the narrative in the media to be on the looting and unrest than on his decision. What a shame?

There had been peaceful protest taking place in Ferguson, Missouri over the last 100 days. Last night, that peaceful protest was not the focused report in the media, because a mistake was made to release the controversial verdict without regards for the citizenry of Ferguson, Missouri.

The easiest path to decrease unrest in communities in the United States of America (USA) is to create jobs for the young men and women, who live in those communities. Depressed communities fester crime. There are predominant African-American communities in the USA such as Baldwin Hills, California and Hyde Park, Chicago where crime is very low. Why? The residents in those communities have jobs and they have not lost their will to be productive members of our society. So, let's stop the talking and posturing and create jobs for young individuals. It's a way forward to curb the loss of faith and distrust some young individuals have for their elders in authority in the USA.

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# LEFT TURN/ RIGHT TURN

## HOWARD Hays As I See It



"... neither in this country nor in England has the suspect under investigation by the grand jury ever been thought to have a right to testify or to have exculpatory evidence presented."

- Justice Antonin Scalia in U.S. v. Williams (1992)

I don't know whether Officer Darren Wilson is guilty of a crime for killing Michael Brown, Jr. None of us will know. There's the possibility of civil rights charges filed, but that's unlikely.

At least in the case of George Zimmerman's killing of Trayvon Martin, there was a trial. For three weeks in the summer of 2013 we heard the prosecution and defense present evidence, cross-examine witnesses and argue their case to the jury – in public. We questioned the performance of the prosecution and were dismayed by the decision of the jury, but the question of guilt was settled under the law.

In the case of Officer Wilson, however, the concern was not over establishing responsibility for Brown's death at trial, but rather how to make the whole thing go away.

Prosecutors are supposed to go after the bad guys, on behalf of We the People. If they think there's sufficient evidence to successfully prosecute at trial, they'll take it to a grand jury and argue for indictment.

Grand juries don't determine guilt or innocence, and usually don't consider defense arguments or "exculpatory evidence". Guilty or not guilty is a question for the trial jury after a public trial in open court.

Grand juries usually go along with prosecutors' efforts to go after the bad guys. In 2010, of 162,000 federal cases prosecuted there were only 11 where grand juries didn't return an indictment. (A big exception nation-wide is cases where cops kill civilians.)

With violent crime, prosecutors are the voice of victims who no longer have a voice. They argue on behalf of the victim before the grand jury as they hope to later seek justice for that victim at trial.

And then there's Ferguson. St. Louis County Prosecutor Robert McCulloch had not only the options of whether or not to take the case to the grand jury, but a third option of recusing himself. His office simply didn't go after cops who shot civilians. There were personal and professional connections between McCulloch and the police.

The community had no confidence that McCulloch could muster the impartiality necessary for the job; a concern that appointment of an independent, outside prosecutor could have addressed. Instead, McCulloch made up a fourth option: dump everything on the grand jury who could make it go away quietly; rather than risk an open, public, on-the-record trial.

Grand juries are supposed to operate in secret. Within days of Michael Brown's shooting, a number of witnesses came forward, publicly identified themselves and told of Brown's appearing to surrender when killed. Later, from the supposedly-secret grand jury came leaks that anonymous "witnesses" had contradicted those earlier accounts. There were stories about an earlier robbery, Brown's affinity for rap music, "gang signs" and marijuana. The focus was not on determining whether "probable cause" existed for indicting Officer Wilson, but on indicting the character of the eighteen-year-old who'd been shot dead, along with the credibility of those witnesses who'd earlier come forward.

There were leaks about Officer Wilson's version of events, which he had weeks to prepare prior to testifying before the grand jury. If Wilson were on the stand at trial, he might have been asked to explain statements he gave to officers the day after the shooting, such as, why would an eighteen-year-old who'd allegedly robbed a store earlier that day respond to a uniformed officer's call to get on the sidewalk by cussing him out and beating on him through the squad car window? Why would someone "charging" the officer do so with his "hand in his waistband", especially if he had no weapon? If, as according to Wilson, Brown ran 20-30 feet from the car and then "charged" 10 feet back towards the officer, why was Brown's body found 150 feet from the car? And why, as the body of Michael Brown lay dead on the pavement for four-and-a-half hours, didn't he have time to prepare a timely incident report?

Prosecutor McCulloch's announcement of the grand jury's decision struck many as "bizarre", coming off not as a prosecutor seeking justice for the victim but as a defense attorney announcing how he'd gotten his client off the hook.

Marjorie Cohn, professor of criminal law at Thomas Jefferson Law School and past-president of the National Lawyers' Guild, observed; "The prosecutor did not want an indictment, and he passed the buck to the grand jury to make that decision..." It was clear the prosecutor was partisan in this case, and not partisan in the way prosecutors usually are, which is to get people indicted."

The heart of the matter was reflected in an exchange on "Meet The Press", when former NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani expressed disappointment they weren't talking about the fact that "93 percent of blacks in America are killed by other blacks." Professor Michael Dyson of Georgetown University responded by pointing out "they are not sworn by the police department as an agent of the state to uphold the law..." Black people who kill black people go to jail. White people who are policemen who kill black people do not go to jail." According to Pro Publica, "young black men are 21 times as likely as their white peers to be killed by police." (For the record, 83% of white murder victims are killed by white folks.)

This goes beyond Ferguson; thousands have taken to the streets to express their rage in L.A., Seattle, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Washington D.C., Denver, and NYC. News coverage has extended through Europe, Asia, Australia and the Middle East. Ironically, because of Prosecutor Robert McCulloch's efforts to make matters like the killing of Michael Brown, Jr. simply go away, this might turn out to be the one time it doesn't.

## GREG Welborn

### THANKSGIVING REFLECTION

There are no shortages of tragedies and crises in the world, and this Thanksgiving week offers no exception. But, equally so, there are always many things for which to be thankful, and this Thanksgiving demands no departure from that comforting reality.

Anyone who honestly ponders for a moment what we have here must inevitably be struck by how bountiful a country we have. Its blessings defy complete categorization and certainly exhaustive enumeration. Whether we look at the material, spiritual, political or economic realms, God's hand still seems steady upon our helm and His grace as magnanimous as it is unwarranted by anything we have done to earn it.

We are all subject to the limitations of our own imposed boundaries; we get into habits and see so easily what we always have seen, and do not see as easily what is beyond those borders. Someone who might take a slow and thoughtful trip across our land – starting from where it all began and heading west – would be struck by the lushness of the eastern forests, then the power of that historical, and current, engine of commerce, the Mississippi, then the vastness of the breadbasket on our plains, then the majesty of mountain peaks which inspire, even as they descend to deserts which intimidate, and then lastly the imagination and inventiveness which emblemizes our west. Each of these regions in succeeding periods hosted pioneers which chose to push their boundaries and tame the vast physical and intellectual landscapes which lay before them.

Ours is a nation started by Pilgrims, people who sought the freedom to worship our Creator and accepted the overwhelming challenges which an untamed, hostile new world posed, but who, in rising to that challenge, started something which is not yet finished. They, and those who have followed, tamed, cultivated and harvested not just great food stores for themselves and the world, but also a belief in, and tradition of, political equality and economic freedom, which to this day are unmatched anywhere else in the world. And in furtherance, if not undeniable proof, of their beliefs, they have from one generation to the next welcomed those who would follow and immigrate to this great land. Ours is not a closed culture, restricted only to those who have deep roots or the correct last name of a forbearer. Ours is a culture which tells the downtrodden who have a dream and perseverance to pursue it that the future can be theirs.

And so the future is ours! For, as great as has been our past, and as overflowing our present, the future is filled with more promise still. America's best days truly lie before her. We haven't crested, and we are certainly not in decline. We have our problems – our pauses, if you will – but these are common to all great movements of forward progress. The path is never easy or without its challenges. The optimism of our best leaders, and of our pioneers, has always been sufficient to rally the rest of us to a future no matter how dark the present has seemed.

This is still the case today. Despite our best efforts – and they have been tremendous – we have not removed the scourge of war from this world or the desperation of poverty, nor have we achieved perfection in the implementation and practice of our best principles. We still fall short; this is why God's grace will always be unearned. Even as we strive ever forward toward the perfections in which we believe, we all acknowledge in our hearts that perfection will not be ours in this life. We simply remain thankful to a God for the opportunity he provides here in this great, vast country, for the love he showers upon us, and for the hope He offers.

As short as we may fall from the perfection of our ideals, the fact that we still hold to those ideals, to the belief that we can make further progress toward them, rather than to grow cynical and retreat in resignation, is a sign of the spirit of that God, the Creator. He is not a mean God; He is not a pessimistic God; He is not a God of death. The God who prompted our earliest Pilgrims to make that hazardous journey and who watched over those succeeding generations of pioneers is the same God who loves us and spurs us onward. Belief in Him, for all those who properly understand it, is belief in a good future. It is in such belief that cynicism and pessimism die.

And so today, despite our problems, our tragedies, and our crises, so many of us can remain thankful, continuing a pattern well-taught. In the midst of a brutal winter in a new land, the Pilgrims were thankful for what lay ahead. Under the burdens of tyranny from the crown, the founders were thankful for what lay ahead. Under the yoke of slavery and the self-destruction of civil war, slaves and those who sought their freedom were thankful for what lay ahead. Under the cloud of world war, the generation called to fight were thankful for what lay ahead. Now it is our turn. As I look around, I see ample signs we have learned the lesson well, and none that we are wavering. We remain a generous people in a bountiful land under a loving God, and we are thankful.

I wish every reader a wonderful Thanksgiving, but more importantly, a renewal or strengthening of that most powerful of traits – gratitude. Without it, the most ostentatious life is still empty. With it, even the simplest life remains fulfilling.

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## Days of Caring and Sharing!

December is a month with many holidays. People may celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas or Kwanzaa. New Year's Eve, the very last night of the year, may be celebrated by everyone! This is a good time of year to show good will toward other people. It is a time when people reach out to help someone or to greet others with "Happy Holidays!"

The first day of winter, the coldest season of the year, is the 21st of December. Many families must stretch their budgets to pay for heating, food, health appointments and, often, holiday gifts. Read the clues to find out ways that people are helping others in their communities. **Fill in the crossword puzzles.**

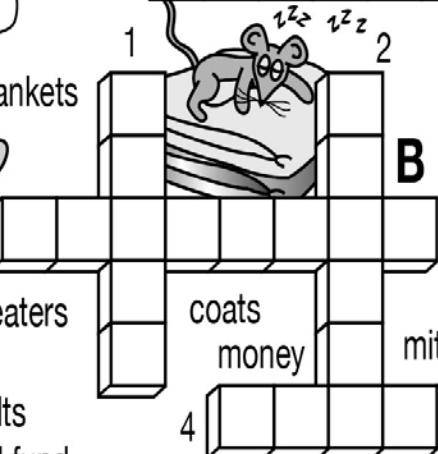
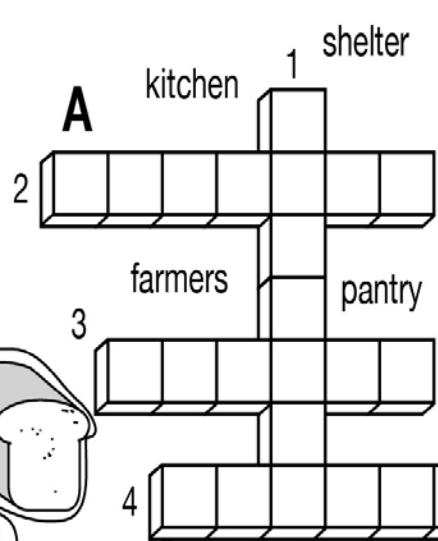
### A. Fight Hunger

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2. help at a soup \_\_\_\_\_
3. collect cans for the food \_\_\_\_\_
4. donate produce that you buy from your local \_\_\_\_\_ market



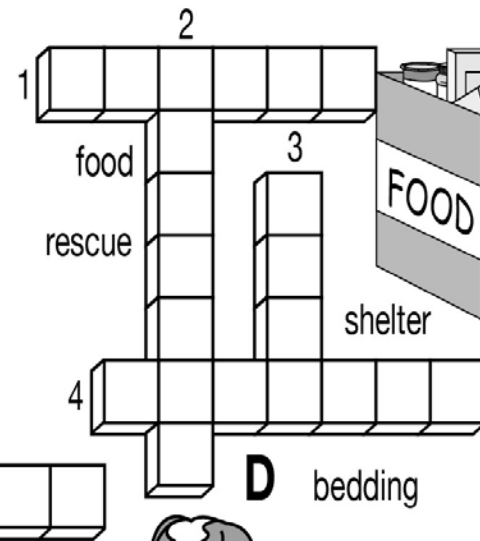
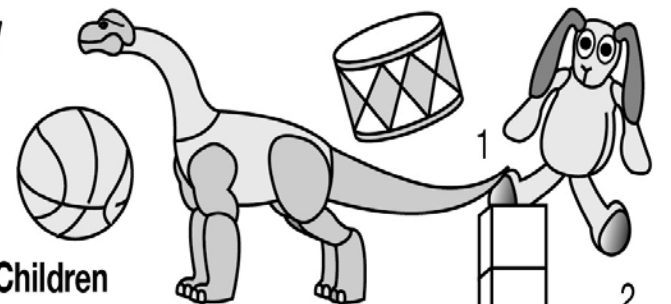
### B. Beat the Cold

1. collect \_\_\_\_\_ and sweaters
2. start a \_\_\_\_\_ tree
3. donate \_\_\_\_\_ and quilts
4. donate \_\_\_\_\_ to a fuel fund



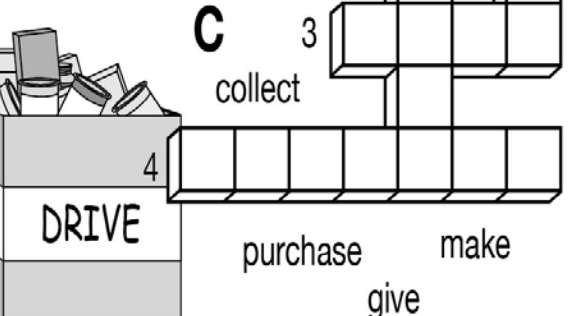
### C. Bring Joy to Children

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a toy to put in a "new toy drop box"
2. \_\_\_\_\_ away used toys to charity
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a child's toy or jewelry to donate
4. \_\_\_\_\_ new toys to bring to a Children's Home



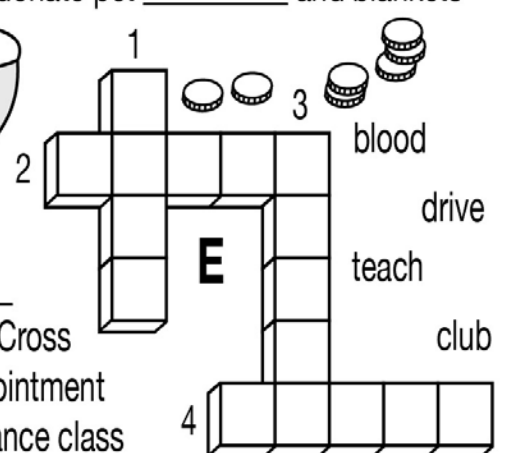
### E. Help with Good Health

1. start a jogging/biking \_\_\_\_\_
2. donate \_\_\_\_\_ to the Red Cross
3. \_\_\_\_\_ someone to an appointment
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a free exercise or dance class



### D. Care for Animals

1. donate to an animal \_\_\_\_\_ center
2. visit the \_\_\_\_\_ after the holidays
3. give pet \_\_\_\_\_ to a shelter
4. donate pet \_\_\_\_\_ and blankets



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**Schedule of Events**

12:00 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Art Walk & Music throughout town	5:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Baldwin Ave. in Front of 4 Seasons Tea Room
3:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Snow in Sierra Madre	6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Special Family Rates
Sled Rides - Train Rides - balloons and more...	Sierra Madre Blvd. - (Bank of the West)	8ish p.m.	Santa Claus
			Christmas Tree Lighting
			Movie & Marine Toy drop
			The Movie ELF in Kersting Court

**Come Join us for the festivities.**

**Meet Santa**

There will be plenty of events for children and adults alike.

Art walk, music will be scattered through out town.

Get in the holiday mood by singing along with holiday carolers.

Watch your kids slide down the hill in the snow.

See your children's delight when the tree is lit.

Take a photo of Santa

Start your holiday off with a romantic horse and carriage ride.

Shop for those special gifts at our local businesses.

Don't miss the non-profit clubs and organizations booths.

The Movie "ELF" at 8ish

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