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## MAYOR JOHN HARABEDIAN GUEST SPEAKER AT SIERRA MADRE KIWANIS CLUB

On Tuesday, January 27th at noon, Sierra Madre Mayor John Harabedian will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club's weekly luncheon meeting.

The Mayor will deliver his annual State of The City Address to the group.

The event is open to the public. Lunch is served at noon (\$10). The presentation will begin at 12:35 and is free. For reservations please call 626-355-0728.

Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club has been serving the community since 1927 and meets at The Lodge, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre every Tuesday at noon.

The Kiwanis motto is "Serving the children of the world, one community, one child at a time." Visit the Kiwanis website at: <http://sierramadrekiwanis.com>.



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## THIEVES TARGET SIERRA MADRE

Since December, Sierra Madre and the rest of the San Gabriel Valley has experienced an increase in the number of burglaries and auto thefts. Sierra Madre alone there have been over 25 reported incidents. In a crime alert the Sierra Madre Police Department issued this week, they provided a graphic which shows the areas of town in which the crimes have occurred. (See below)

Last month there were also reports of theft from mailboxes and theft by trickery online. There were also multiple burglaries where garage doors were left open. Arrests have been made of two persons on charges of breaking into and/or vandalizing vehicles.

Earlier this week, the SMPD issued the following statement: "On Thursday, 11:55 am, Sierra Madre Police received a call of a possible burglary on the 500 Block of North Baldwin. After being startled by a delivery man, the suspect ran from a bush and into a dark colored Toyota Prius, dropping various items.

At 12:18, Officers received a call from a homeowner on the 200 Block of Old Oak Lane informing them while visiting a neighbor, he heard and witnessed his home being broken into. The home owner confronted the two suspects and the suspects fled down the street.

Vehicle Description: Dark Colored Toyota Prius, Black or Grey.  
 Suspects Description: Two young Male Black, 6 ft tall, thin build. Both wearing Dark colored hoodies and Dark colored pants.

Sgt. Enrique Gonzales told the Mountain Views News that it is believed that the same pair committed both burglaries on Thursday.



In December, Sgt. Ruben Enriquez stated that Chief Giannone had increased the number of patrols in town in an effort to protect residents from such criminal activity. The increased patrols are still in effect.

The SMPD would like residents to be on high alert and report and suspicious activity or any suspicious persons unknown to the area fitting the suspects description.

Sierra Madre Police are urging all residents to :

- lock and secure all doors and windows at all times
- activate your alarm system and security camera system
- lock and secure your vehicles, removing any items of value
- be vigilant of any suspicious persons or vehicles unknown to area
- Call Police IMMEDIATELY to report any criminal activity

S. Henderson/MVNews

## MT. WILSON TRAIL RACE TRAINING PROGRAM BEGINS JANUARY 31

The Mt. Wilson Trail Race Committee is again offering a comprehensive 17-week program to get runners ready for the challenging Mt. Wilson Trail Race, scheduled for Saturday, May 23 in Sierra Madre. This program is free and the public is invited to participate.

Run With Us/Pasadena, with assistance from Invictus Running Academy and the Foothill Flyers, will lead advanced and beginners groups on a series of weekly runs up the Mt. Wilson Trail or along City of Sierra Madre streets. The instructors will also offer an easy-to-follow training program for runners to follow throughout the week. Two local popular races, the Santa Anita Derby Day 5K (April 4) and Fountain to Falls (May 9) will be part of the training program.

Starting on January 31, the group will meet in Kersting Court (at the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Sierra Madre Boulevard) at 7:00A each Saturday. After some stretching and instruction, the runners will be on their way and should be back by 9:00A at the latest. On Saturday, May 16, a week before the Mt. Wilson Trail Race, there will be an expert panel prior to the training session, with past MWTR champions providing race strategy and advice.

All runners should bring their own water and a running watch, as the workouts will involve timed events.

If you have any questions about the program, please call MWTR Chair Pete Siberell (626-574-6373) or Invictus Running Academy Head Coach Simon Cooper (626-485-8992) or email Victor Martinez of Run With Us (victorm@clubrunwithus.com).

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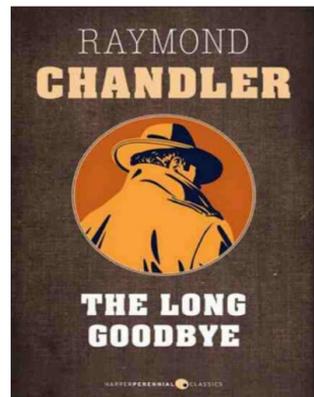
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**Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024**

## DON'T BE LEFT OUT, GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR ONE BOOK ONE CITY SCOTCH TASTING

Sierra Madre, CA - Ticket sales begin on January 31st for the popular Scotch Tasting event, part of the One Book One City program at the Sierra Madre Public Library. The classic detective novel, *The Long Goodbye* by Raymond Chandler, is Sierra Madre Library's 2015 One Book, One City pick and a month of exciting events is planned celebrating Chandler and the LA Noir genre.



A celebration of the hard-living Marlowe will include a Scotch tasting on Friday, February 13, 2015, at 7:00 pm., in the Library and is limited to the first 30 pre-reservations. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the Library beginning at 1:00 pm on January 31st. No tickets will be sold at the door on the evening of the Scotch tasting event.

One Book One City kicks off with Sybil Anne Davis on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at 1:00 pm with a talk "Just call me Ray: personal reflections on my life with Raymond Chandler". Davis's mother was Chandler's personal assistant in the 1950's and Sybil spent her early years in Chandler's company. She is steward and curator of Chandler memorabilia and is preparing a memoir of her years with Chandler.

Following Davis's talk, the library's teen history docents will lead a virtual tour of the Red Line on the digital storyboard. Their presentation will include descriptions of transportation in Sierra Madre and the Los Angeles area during the times when Chandler's novels took place.

Those who fancy themselves a sleuth in the Philip Marlowe tradition or a writer in the style of Raymond Chandler, will want to enter two contests beginning January 31st. A scavenger hunt during the month of February will have you tracking clues throughout Sierra Madre to qualify for some fun prizes. To celebrate the wonderful first-person

narrative style of Raymond Chandler a "Write Like Chandler" contest will be held through February 13th, with the winner receiving a dinner for two at a local restaurant and the finalist entries published in "The Mountain Views News."

More fun scheduled throughout the month:

On Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 7:00 pm, join a lively panel discussion on Chandler, LA Noir, and Los Angeles in the 1940s. Led by historian Tom Tomlinson, panelists will include noted mystery writers and editors from Southern California.

Two weeks later, on February 19th at 11:00 am, the Library's Third Thursday Book Group will be discussing *The Long Goodbye* and all are invited to attend.

Bloody Oranges! a murder mystery readers' theater farce by Phoebe Conn, will include guests at the event. Join the crowd on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at 7:00 pm. The event is free, but reservations must be made by February 24, 2015, to guarantee a spot at the affair.

All events will take place in the Sierra Madre Library.

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## Weather Wise



### 6-Day Forecast

#### Sierra Madre, Ca.

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|-------|-----------|--------|----------|
| Sun:  | Sunny     | Hi 80s | Lows 50s |
| Mon:  | Ptly Cldy | Hi 70s | Lows 50s |
| Tues: | Ptly Cldy | Hi 70s | Lows 50s |
| Wed:  | Sunny     | Hi 70s | Lows 50s |
| Thur: | Sunny     | Hi 70s | Lows 50s |
| Fri:  | Sunny     | Hi 70s | Lows 50s |

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
Tuesday, January 27, 2015  
6:30 pm

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

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

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

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

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

### SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS



#### City Council

January 27, 2015 - 6:30 pm

The final agenda and staff reports will be available online no later than Friday night. Enter the date "01/06/2015" 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

Wednesday, January 28 2015  
Library Board of Trustees, 7:00 pm\*

Thursday, February 5, 2015  
Senior Community Commission, 3:00pm

Thursday, February 5, 2015  
Planning Commission, 7:00pm\*

#### City Hall Hours

Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 5:30pm

Planning & Community Preservation and  
Public Works Service Hours

Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 2:00pm

#### HOLIDAY HOURS

City Hall Closed  
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## EXTRAORDINARY CUSTOM FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

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.



### TURF REMOVAL REBATE PROGRAM

There is still funding for the Turf Removal Rebate Program! Property owners may be eligible to receive a rebate of \$1.00 per square foot of turf that is removed. The maximum rebate is \$1,000 per property owner.

Applications are available at City Hall, and applications will be processed on a "first come, first served basis." There is a total of \$48,000 in grant funds available. To be eligible, rebates are only available for turf removed from private property yard areas visible from the street. Rebates do not apply to parkways or back yards. The rebates are not retroactive, meaning that the program does not apply to properties where turf has already been removed. There are additional regulations, which are available in full at City Hall and on the City's website.

Applications are available on the City's website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com), but applications must be submitted in person to City Hall. Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.

For additional information, please visit City Hall on Monday to Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, or call (626) 355-7135.

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## THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS

It has been a couple of years since this incident occurred but I can still recall what happened vividly. My daughter had been wanting a car. She was constantly looking through Craigslist for something sporty or a muscle car in her price range. She had me driving to obscurity to look at vehicles that personally I did not like but she loved. I advised her not to purchase a vintage red porsche for \$2500. She bought it anyway. We had it towed to our house. Then it had to be towed to the Porsche repair shop for more work. It finally came out of the shop and home several weeks later. It still needed many more repairs but it was supposed to be operating. We decided to drive it on a short errand to Pavillions in Arcadia. When we were ready to leave the store, the car would not start. So we left it for awhile. We went to look around at some of the stores that are located in the mall and give it an opportunity regroup. When we came back to the car it started. I was grateful to not have to wait for a tow truck. We started driving it back towards Sierra Madre and it was obvious the car was not running well. I was hopeful that we might make it home but just as we got to the light at Foothill Blvd and Baldwin Ave,

the car just stopped. This had never happened to me with any of the vehicles I owned in the past. We were stranded on a busy street and I did not know what to do at all. This is when the most unbelievable thing occurred. I see a man running towards me, he was wearing a shirt that said "Italia" on it and it was light blue. I remember thinking, "Oh, there is a jogger" and the how the moment felt surreal but he was not a jogger. He was running towards me to help. He told me to get into the car and steer it. Then a woman came from I really don't know where. She had been driving a van. If I remember correctly, she together with the man in the light blue shirt and my daughter pushed that heavy vehicle north on Baldwin Ave. I watched them push it out of harms way through the mirror as I steered it. Then they both just ran off and the woman just said, "May God Bless You". It was a very unreal experience but I remember it clearly as if it were yesterday.



Submitted by Lina Johnson

## THE FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library announce that their next Best Used Book Sale will take place Friday, February 6th (3-7 p.m.) and Saturday, February 7th (10 a.m.-2 p.m.). This sale will feature VINTAGE and COLLECTIBLE books. Available will be editions of classic literature titles, early editions of children's books, including Nancy Drew and Bobsey Twin books from the 1930's and 1940's. Several collectible sets are also featured, including The New Nature Library from the early 1900's with wonderful vintage illustrations. There also will be a shelf of collectible books signed by authors, including David McCullough. Large-scale "coffee-table" books will be shown on the table in the basement. They include wonderful volumes on history, cooking, culture, and art. Contemporary fiction and non-fiction, many best-

sellers, will also be available on the table.

The parking lot will feature a large, new donation of paperback thrillers which will sell for 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00. Children's books will sell for 25 cents - \$1.00 and of course, we will have our Bargain Books (fiction and non-fiction) for \$1.00 each.

The sale will be held at the rear of the library located at 440 West Sierra Madre Blvd. Come early to stock up and save. Mark your calendars for The Best Used Book Sale on Friday, August 1st, from 3-7 p.m., and Saturday, August 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. 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)

## SIERRA MADRE GATEWAY COACH ROUTE CHANGE

The City of Sierra Madre in partnership with First Transit adjusted the Gateway Coach fixed route transportation line beginning January 5, 2015. In place of the previous Albertsons stop on the fixed transportation route, the Gateway Coach now makes a scheduled stop at the Ralphs in Hastings Ranch. The other stops along the route will remain the same.

The Gateway Coach operates Monday through Friday from 11:00am-1:30pm and stops at various locations throughout the City. The transportation service is offered at no cost for all ages. For more information on stop location and times, please contact the Community Services Department at 355-7135.

## Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Chess helps you to concentrate, improve your logic. It teaches you to play by the rules and take responsibility for your actions, how to problem solve in an uncertain environment."

Gary Kasparov

I don't know if a lot of you remember that great movie from 1968, "The Thomas Crown Affair" starring Steve McQueen and Faye Dunaway, but the chess scene in that movie was incredible. If you haven't seen it, you can probably get it on YouTube. Let's just say - Memorable. Boy, was it memorable! Why are you bringing that up, you ask? Well, walking Sierra Madre a few days ago, my walking buddy, John, and I noticed a new sign out in front of 90 No. Baldwin Ave. There was a picture of a chess piece and the name, "The King's Gambit." Needless to say, we were curious. Happily, we've unearthed another treasure. Danny Machuca, who is well on his way to becoming a Chess Master, has been here in Sierra Madre for six months or so, teaching chess to children in our area and to a number of their parents, too. Teaching for seven years, he is now at Class A, and time permitting, as what it takes to become a Master is to consistently beat other Masters, he will soon be one. He has competed in the World Open in Philadelphia and brings students to the Super Stakes Tournament in Valencia, which takes place in March.

Danny has a nice chess studio there at 90 No. Baldwin in Suite 5. There is a computer where he can check his students' online games and homework and make notes for them on what they could do better next time. He also does lessons on Skype! One of his Sierra Madre families moved to New York but their seven year old chess enthusiast and his dad just couldn't face a life without chess lessons with Danny, hence, Skype. Danny is hoping to expand on his Skype clients so he could reach folks in other time zones around the world. So far, his business has grown strictly by word of mouth, but he's now got a Groupon campaign going and there's that sign out front. Group lessons are available as are private lessons.

Danny's first student is still with him, six years now. He has been teaching chess at Chandler School for three years and has contact with about 200 chess students each week. If you can imagine this, one of Danny's students is a little guy, just 4-1/2 years old, who loves his weekly lesson, which is usually about half an hour as Danny wants him to walk away wanting more each time. I learned there is a lot more to chess than just moving pieces on the board. Chess teaches patience, focus, concentration and the fact that you need more



than one good idea to play an effective game. Most of his kids stay with their lessons for two or three years, some drop off when they get into high school, but many come back as adults. When the Chandler chess team competes at the annual tournament in Valencia, they come home with at least one trophy, which is really exciting. Danny is also involved with Beyond Chess in Temple City. He even offers what I guess we could call 'competition cram' for chess players about to enter a tournament.

"Chess is an infinitely complex game, which one can play in infinitely numerous and varied ways." Vladimir Kramnik

Asking Danny how all this started, he said that his grandfather was a tremendous influence on his early life, teaching him soccer when the sun was out and chess when it rained. His parents are property owners here in town and when he decided to set up his own studio, where else would he go. Like all the rest of us, he loves Sierra Madre and is planning to be a resident in the near future. As a kid he wasn't all chess all the time, being more interested in soccer and martial arts, but as he grew older, he came back to it and loves what he does. If you've ever thought about mastering chess, you've got a perfect opportunity right here.

The King's Gambit is available for lessons weekdays from 2:00 to 8 or 9 p.m. and weekends, noon to 6:30. Lessons are usually an hour, with home private lessons available, too. You can call or text Danny at (818) 903-3576. Email: [dannychessteacher@yahoo.com](mailto:dannychessteacher@yahoo.com)

Hey Walking Sierra Madre friends... Check out my book page: Deanne Davis @ Amazon.com

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## CONTRIBUTE A DESIGN FOR THE 2016 SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT

Submissions are due by February 6th, 2015.

Mike Mattheissen, President of the 2016 Tournament of Roses, announced the Official Theme for the Rose Parade on January 15th. The parade theme is:

"Find Your Adventure"

"This theme has grown out of a unique relationship between the Pasadena Tournament of Roses and the U.S. National Park Service. The 2016 Rose Parade will help shine light on the centennial celebration of our nation's national parks. As proponents of the American spirit, we encourage people to find beauty in the landscape that builds the backdrop of their lives. From coast-to-coast, we will add stories of adventure to our collection while protecting our unique heritage and looking to the future. The 2016 Rose Parade has grown out of a unique

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- History
- Community

So put on your thinking caps and put your thoughts to paper!!

Go to [SMRoseFloat.org](http://SMRoseFloat.org) and download the forms.

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, January 11th, to Sunday, January 18th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 337 calls for service.

Monday, January 12th

Sierra Madre Police responded to the station lobby regarding an identity theft report. Upon arrival, Officers were informed by the victim that he had recently received a notification via email by his credit card company about the use of his card and his wife's card. The victim stated that neither he nor his wife had been using the cards. Shortly sometime after, the victim received a call from a bank regarding a joint account that someone was attempting to open using his name and identification. The victim closed all accounts involved and did not suffer any monetary loss at this time. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.

At 7:22 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 200 Block of Grove Street regarding a theft report. Upon arrival, Officers were informed by the victim that after being in jail for the last nine months, she returned home to discover some of her belongings were missing. As the victim started to investigate further, she discovered her jewelry, clothing, and electronics were also missing. The victim spoke with her spouse regarding the missing property and was informed that a house guest who visited while the victim was away, had stated that she was going to steal some of the victim's belonging because she deserved it. The victim provided a list of stolen items to Officers. Upon investigating the house guest, Officers discovered she had been arrested and was found to be in possession of stolen property, one of which was a work identification card belonging to the victim. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.

Wednesday, January 14th

At 1:50 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the station lobby regarding a theft report. The victim informed Officers that back on December 19th, he parked his vehicle in his driveway and failed to lock it. Several days later, he returned to his vehicle and noticed several items were missing and his vehicle had been ransacked. Several items including his cellphone, leather bag, and check book were stolen. The victim decided not to report the incident to Police because he felt his items would not be found. Then on the morning of the January 14th, he discovered two checks had been cashed for \$200 using his stolen checks. After reviewing a copy of the checks, the victim stated they were signed using a woman's name. The victim was reimbursed by the bank for the money that was stolen from his account. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.

Friday, January 16th

At 2:45 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 1900 Block of Oakwood Ave. regarding a residential burglary report. Upon arrival, Officers were informed by the victim that 15 minutes prior to notifying the authorities he had come home to realize on of his closets were open and had appeared to be rummaged through. As the victim continued through his house, he noticed several rooms had been ransacked and that the rear sliding glass door was wide open. While investigating the home's area, Officers discovered an open window with the screen on left in the dirt below. It appeared the subjects entered the residence through the window and used the bathtub ledge as a step into the home. The victim was unable to describe what was missing at the time. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.

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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## Two Men Shot At Local Park

Police on Thursday were still looking for suspects in a shooting Wednesday night that left two men in critical condition after being shot in Washington Park.

The incident took place shortly before 6 p.m. during a large gathering at the park, 700 block of East Washington Boulevard, possibly a memorial police said. The shooting suspect is described as a 30-year-old black man wearing a long sleeved red shirt, with a hand gun. Police said he may have gotten into a dark colored car last seen going eastbound on Washington Boulevard.

According to police, gunshots were heard by officers on patrol, at the same time, they were getting 911 calls of shots being fired and a large gathering at the park.

Police blocked off the area, "Pasadena Police Department is conducting a criminal investigation in the area of 700 E. Washington Blvd." an advisory said. "Traffic will be restricted on Washington Blvd between Lake Avenue and Hudson Avenue and other surrounding streets for extended time period."

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Pasadena Police Department at 626-744-4241.

## Humane Society to Hold Puppy Bowl Party

Called the Rosie Bowl II, the Pasadena Humane Society will live stream Puppy Bowl XI in the Education and Training Center while shelter dogs romp and frolic on Zeilstra Field (their enrichment yard). The Rosie Bowl focuses on shelter pet adoption. Meet some wonderful shelter dogs — and other animals — looking for homes. Kick off starts at 3 p.m. Feb. 1, Super Bowl Sunday. PHS is located 361 S. Raymond Ave.

## Pet of the Week



Riley is a 2-year-old male red tabby Domestic Shorthaired cat. Riley is very affectionate and enjoys attention. He's quiet, relaxed, and curious. Riley is already neutered which means he can go home with you today.

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 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).



## Huntington Nurses Fight to Unionize

By Dean Lee

Doctors, nurses and community leaders gathered Tuesday night in support of a movement to allow all registered nurses at Huntington Hospital to unionize — something they say will improve patient care.

Melinda Kiely, a longtime Huntington hospital nurse, said "there is some research shown that unionization has improved some patient outcomes at union hospitals versus nonunion hospitals... That's because in the contracting process there is a formal way nurses can express their concerns about staffing levels, about access to resources for patients, so when those things are addressed, the hospital has to respond."

Kiely said that nurses at union hospitals also make up to \$10,000 a year more and are rewarded for levels of education, "I have a degree from Johns Hopkins University and I make

no more than someone from PCC [Pasadena City College]." She added that PCC is a fine school.

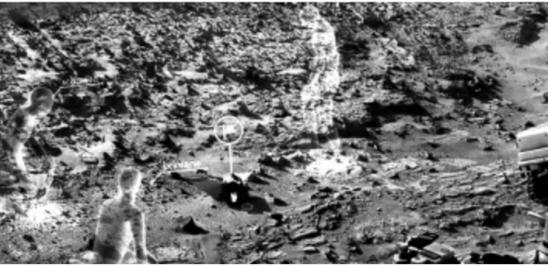
Both, Councilmembers Victor Gordo and Terry Tornek sided with the nurses during, what organizers said was an interfaith prayer vigil.

"This is about improving patient care, improving the quality of care, I stand with the nurses, I call on Huntington Hospital to do the same," Gordo said.

Tornek continued the thought, "I've got to know that this institution is functioning properly and delivering first rate healthcare to its patients and the community. I know, as sure as I'm standing here, that that cannot happen without the nurses feeling that they are valued and they're getting a fair shake."

Nicole Daro, an Attorney representing the nurses said

## Technology Lets Scientists Work Virtually on Mars



NASA and Microsoft have teamed up to announce Wednesday the development of new software called OnSight, technology that will enable scientists to work virtually on Mars using wearable technology called Microsoft HoloLens.

Developed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, OnSight will give scientists a means to plan and, along with the Mars Curiosity rover, conduct science operations on the Red Planet, JPL officials said in a press statement.

"We believe OnSight will enhance the ways in which we explore Mars and share that journey of exploration with the world," said Jeff Norris, JPL's OnSight project manager.

OnSight will use real rover data and extend the Curiosity mission's existing planning tools by creating a 3-D simulation of the Martian environment where scientists around the world can meet. Program scientists will be able to examine the rover's worksite from a first-person perspective, plan new activities and preview the results of their work firsthand.

Until now, rover operations required scientists to examine Mars imagery on a computer screen, and make inferences about what they are seeing.

But images, even 3-D stereo views, lack a natural sense of depth that human vision employs to understand spatial relationships.

The OnSight system uses holographic computing to overlay visual information and rover data into the user's field of view. Holographic computing blends a view of the physical world with computer-generated imagery to create a hybrid of real and virtual.

To view this holographic realm, members of the Curiosity mission team don a Microsoft HoloLens device, which surrounds them with images from the rover's Martian field site. They then can stroll around the rocky surface or crouch down to examine rocky outcrops from different angles. The tool provides access to scientists and engineers looking to interact with Mars in a more natural, human way.

"Previously, our Mars explorers have been stuck on one side of a computer screen. This tool gives them the ability to explore the rover's surroundings much as an Earth geologist would do field work here on our planet," said Norris.

Learn more about NASA's journey to Mars at: [nasa.gov/mars](http://nasa.gov/mars).

## Free February Events at Pasadena Senior Center

There is something for everyone in February at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. You do not have to be a member to attend. Some events require advance reservations as noted.

**Cardmaking Workshop – Monday, Feb. 2, from noon to 2 p.m.** Surprise a special someone with a personalized, handmade greeting card. Whether it's a happy birthday, thank you, thinking of you or other sentiment, you'll create a decorative card in your own unique style and have fun discovering your creativity while workshop leaders help you bring your ideas to life. All materials will be provided.

**Taxi Vouchers – Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 9 a.m.** – Low-income seniors 50 and older can get two taxi vouchers the first Tuesday of every month. Bring a photo ID and proof of income and residence in the Pasadena area. For more information call 626-685-6732.

**Stay Connected with Social**

**Media – Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 3 to 26, from 9 to 11 a.m.** Learn how to keep in touch with family and friends via email, Skype, Facebook and other forms of social media during a 30-minute, one-on-one meeting with an instructor. Bring a laptop or use one of the onsite computers. If you have an email address, bring it and your password. Sign up with Edison at the Welcome Desk.

**Smart Phones, Tablets and Computers – Any Questions? – Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 3 to 26, from 10 to 11 a.m.** Get the answers you need about technology devices, whether you own them already or are considering a purchase. Learn how to text, check voicemail, set an alarm, navigate the Internet, download apps and more.

**Elder Abuse – Thursday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m.** – Elder abuse is a crime and all seniors should know their rights. Protect yourself by learning what to do in the event that you or someone you love is being abused.

## TWO EMPLOYEES LET GO IN EMBEZZLEMENT SCANDAL



Foster

Public Works Director Siobhan Foster and the city's Director of Finance, Andrew Green, were both fired in connection with overseeing an account in which millions of dollars was allegedly embezzled — the two were fired without cause by City Manager Michael Beck the city announced Tuesday.

Beck made the decision to fire the directors as a way to gain back confidence in those departments and head them in a different direction according to Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard.

He said he had complete confidence in Beck.

Officials said as much as \$6.4 million may have allegedly been taken by former Public Works

Management Analyst Danny Wooten in a situation, revealed Dec. 30, that included forged documents related to the city's Underground Utility Program.

During a lengthy special city council meeting Jan. 5, related to the embezzlement scandal, Green and Foster gave detailed presentations on stopping it from happening again.

A preliminary hearing for Wooten and two former employees Tyrone Collins and Melody Jenkins has been set for Feb. 25 to determine if there is enough evidence, in a 60-count felony complaint, to go to trial. Wooten and Collins remain in jail. Jenkins was released on bail.



Green

## Black History Month Parade Special Events Announced

Celebrate Black History Month 2015 in Pasadena by attending the parade and other special events, lectures and activities beginning Friday, Jan. 30. Pasadena's Black History Month Parade is one of the largest in the U.S. Pasadena Media, [www.pasadenamedia.tv](http://www.pasadenamedia.tv), will record the parade in its entirety for broadcast on KPAS, the City's government TV station. All events are free unless otherwise noted.

**Friday, Jan. 30**

"Opening Reception" Join the Black History Parade & Festival Planning Committee at its Opening Reception from 3-5 p.m. at the Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., in celebration of the 33rd annual Black History Month Parade and Festival. This year's theme is "Our Heritage: The Bridge to the Future." Call (626) 744-7300 for more information.

**Saturday, Jan. 31**

"Red, Black & Green Honors Dinner" Black History Parade & Festival Planning Committee honors parade grand marshals and presents community service awards, 7-9 p.m., Hilton Hotel, 168 S. Los Robles Ave. Call the Jackie Robinson Center, (626) 744-7300, to purchase tickets, \$60 per person.

**Sunday, Feb. 1**

"Historical View of African-American Families" Explore the lives of African-American families through African-American literature and the civil rights movement in a special exhibit, Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Feb. 1-28. Open during regular hours. Call (626) 744-7262 for info.

"Exploring Human Culture Through Art" works by Luis Ituarte on exhibit Feb. 1-28, at the Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.

## 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 training is also offered to volunteer crew members. In addition, on-going training will soon be available in citizen journalism and digital film groups. Call the office (626) 794-8585 or go to [PASADENAMEDIA.ORG](http://PASADENAMEDIA.ORG) and explore what Pasadena Media has to offer.

Class offerings days and nights weekly

Station Schedule

**Citizen Journalism Training**

Wednesday January 28, at 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Orientation & Tour**

Monday February 2, at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**PCAC Board of Directors - Regular Meeting**

Tuesday February 3, at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Producer Training**

Wednesday February 4, at 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Studio Cameras & Floor Manager**

Wednesday February 4, at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

# Mountain Views News

Sierra Madre — Arcadia — Pasadena — Altadena — Duarte — Monrovia

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2015

## AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

### STURTEVANT CAMP'S HIKE INTO HISTORY

We are really excited about our Hike into History – Sturtevant Camp scheduled this coming Sunday. We have over 100 people that have RSVP'd. And, as such, I want to give ya'll some last minute information:

- Car pool, car pool, car pool!!! As most of you know, the gate at the bottom of the hill opens at 6:00 am. Luckily the Sunday crowd is a later crowd and so the parking lots do not fill up until closer to 7:30 with parking down the road beginning after that. But, with this crowd, they will fill up earlier. The dirt lot at Adams' Pack Station will open at 6:45 am for this special event parking (\$10). We can hold 32 cars. If you can park down the road and shuttle up that would be a great help.

- We will meet at the pack station by 7:30. I will talk a little about our fundraiser for the Camp and donations are MORE THAN WELCOME! Right now, if 250 people gave only \$100 each we would make our goal. Please bring cash, checks made out to Friends of the San Gabriels, or we can take credit cards at the pack station. If you want to wait until you see what we are trying to save, we will also be taking donations up at the Camp. Remember that

we have great incentives for those of you that want to and can donate at greater levels. Including hosted stays at the camp, adopting a cabin, naming a cabin, etc. Check out [www.friendsofthesangabriels.org](http://www.friendsofthesangabriels.org).

- We will have t-shirts for sale at \$10.00.

- With this many people, we will have leaders taking groups of people of 10-20 out in waves so that the trail does not get overly crowded. Also, there are different levels of hiking so we will have groups that are faster, slower, and everything in between.

- I will be leading the pack train. Anyone is welcome to walk along at donkey pace with us.

- Once we get to camp, we will take a tour of the camp and the cabins.

- We will have the makings (self-serve) for tortilla roll-ups including cheese, meats, condiments. For those of you who want to avoid gluten, we will have lettuce for the roll-ups. Also chips and bottled water.

- To encourage you to come back to the pack station for food and beer (or other drinks), I will hand out 10% off coupons up at the Camp. *Deb Burgess*



**"What's Going On?"**  
News and Views from Joan Schmidt

### THERE'S MORE TO LIBRARIES THAN BOOKS!

Don't get me wrong. I LOVE books; reading is a passion. As a child, Mom always took me to the Library; I even played "Library" more than "School". When I taught, my classroom had its own library-shelves laden with books in all subject areas to supplement lessons, for further research, or just enjoyment.

After moving to Monrovia in 1987, I used ALL our libraries. Monrovia Library had great juvenile bios which helped in my daughter's science project. Live Oak Library's video section provided great videos like Phantom Toll Booth, Watership Down, Tom Sawyer, The Miracle Worker and Flicka, shown after my class read the selection in our Literature Book. In Ancient History after completing the Chapter, I not only provided film strips, but videos on Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, and Ancient Rome from the Baldwin Park Library. For Language Arts, my class viewed Duarte Library's "No Grapes" about Caesar Chavez and his battle against harmful pesticides used in the Central Valley. Then they wrote persuasive paragraphs to boycott grapes!

I am retired and the years have flown by, but I am truly amazed at the great programs and equipment available at ALL local libraries. Yesterday my daughter and I went to the Duarte Library to view the great Sherlock Holmes display provided by Alan Heller and were not disappointed by the periodicals, books, video, microscope, hats, pictures, a nutcracker and more!

Duarte Library has After School Family Library Club, an afternoon of stories, projects and art activities on Tuesdays at 4:00pm for school age children and their families. January 27's topic is Chinese New Year; February 3, Black History; February 10, Make A Valentine; February 17, Legos; February 24, Dr. Seuss. Preschool Storytime is every Friday, 11:15am-12:00pm, January 9-February 27, 2015. 1-2-3 Play with

Me, Parent-Child Workshops are every Monday, 11:00am-12:15 pm, March 2-March 30, 2015. Parents and Caregivers spend one-on-one time with their children-babies up to 3-1/2 years old. Older children, ages 11-18, can learn computer programming in Hour of Code on Wednesdays, February 25 and March 2015, 4:00pm-5:00pm. There is SAT/ACT TEST PREP-Saturday January 31, 2015, 11:30am-3:30pm. Teens ages 13-18 are invited to attend the FREE practice exams. Space is limited, so please call 626-358-1865 to register. On Saturday, February 7, at 2pm, there will be a program highlighting the many contributions of Black Americans. This free event for the family includes light refreshments. The Duarte Library is at 1301 Buena Vista St. (626)358-1865.

Upcoming events/programs at the Live Oak Library include Toddler Storytime at 11:15 am, Monday, January 26, February 2 and 9. Adventure Storytime for grades K-4, 3:30-4:30 pm Tuesday, January 27, February 3 and February 10. Game Day which includes board games and video games will be on February 4 from 5:00-7:00pm. Saturday, February 28th has Songs of American Heroes, a celebration of Black History Month. The Live Oak Library is located at 4153 Live Oak Avenue, Arcadia. (626) 446-8803.

There are SO MANY wonderful programs at ALL the libraries. Arcadia City Library has offered concerts and once on a Saturday afternoon, I stayed for a wonderful piano recital by local youths. My husband took my grandson to Monrovia City Library for a "Legos" play time. The grandkids enjoyed Ronald McDonald and Kane and Ace Mask at the Duarte Library. And although it's small in size, Live Oak Library has so many great fun activities for all ages!

There are computers and printing services available for use at all libraries, and the latest are the kindles with available books to read! Come on down or up-depending where you live- and enjoy our great libraries!

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### REP. NAPOLITANO ELECTED RANKING MEMBER OF WATER RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE



(Washington, DC) Today, Rep. Grace F. Napolitano was elected unanimously to serve as Ranking Member of the Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. "We look to continue working on a bipartisan basis to fix our nation's crumbling water infrastructure and secure a reliable water system for the 21st Century," Napolitano said. "Which is why it is critical we consider all options when addressing serious threats to the water supply of California and states across the country, such as climate change, increased demand, pollution, and ongoing drought cycles. We must also renew federal commitments to improve our infrastructure—protecting our

rivers, lakes, and streams—while providing flood control solutions for our communities. I am grateful for this opportunity to work with Chairman Bob Gibbs to meet the water needs of all Americans."

With jurisdiction over the EPA Clean Water Act programs, Napolitano will use her new position to encourage EPA and sanitation agencies to find ways to recycle water for irrigation use and groundwater replenishment; and monitor the implementation of a new Clean Water Act Stormwater Permit, ensuring affordability for L.A. County cities and residents.

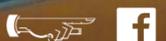
Ranking Member Napolitano also has oversight of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and will continue her work with the Corps, local flood control districts, and water agencies to capture more water in flood control reservoirs, which is a major issue at Santa Fe Dam in her district and the bordering Whittier Narrows Dam; support both the Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan and improvements to the San Gabriel River with environmental restoration projects and recreational opportunities, such as bikeways, fishing, and swimming areas; and improve legislation to require the Corps to provide more equity to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach in dredging operations.

Napolitano is the most senior California Democratic member as well as the most senior Hispanic member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. For the 114th Congress, she retains the other two subcommittee assignments she has held for the past eight years: the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit and the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Link: <http://1.usa.gov/1LlZspj>

**We wish everyone a happy & prosperous New Year!**

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## TWO ARCADIA HOMES USED FOR INDOOR MARIJUANA GROW OPERATIONS

Arcadia Police Department Detectives and SWAT Team served two search warrants at Arcadia homes in the 1800 block of South Baldwin Avenue and in the 300 block of West Woodruff Avenue during the early morning hours today. The two locations were linked during the course of an investigation into possible indoor marijuana grow operations. Both warrants were served without incident and indoor marijuana grows were found at each location.

Prior to the warrant service on Woodruff, a male was detained leaving the location in a vehicle. A second male was seen arriving at the same location in a vehicle and was also subsequently detained along with a female and two male infants who were inside the Woodruff home. Gao Ming, a 46-year-old male Asian from Arcadia, and Jia Hui Shen, a 27-year-old male Asian from El Monte, and Lan Lau, a 34-year-old female Asian from Arcadia were arrested and booked at the Arcadia City Jail on felony charges of cultivation of marijuana with bail of \$50,000.00 each. Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services was contacted to arrange care for the infants.

During the course of the investigation, Detectives identified a third residence believed to be connected to the cultivation of marijuana. Surveillance was conducted and a male subject was detained after he fled the residence in a vehicle. A search warrant was obtained and served at the residence in the 2700 Block of Gilpin Way, which revealed the residence

was in fact being used for indoor marijuana cultivation. As a result, Tong Wang, a 28-year-old male Asian from Arcadia was arrested and booked at the Arcadia City Jail on felony charges of cultivation of marijuana with bail of \$50,000.00.

All three locations were found to contain indoor marijuana grow operations with lighting, ventilation, and electrical wiring run throughout. It appeared the electrical set-up was bypassing the meters and also tapping directly into the electrical service at each location. Approximately 750 marijuana plants were found in various stages of growth throughout the Baldwin location, approximately 922 marijuana plants at the Woodruff location, and approximately 280 marijuana plants were located and recovered at the Gilpin Way address. No evidence was found at any of the locations to indicate a medical marijuana grow operation. The investigation is continuing as to property ownership, utility theft, and possible child endangerment.

*Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact the Arcadia Police Department at (626) 574-5150, case #1500297. If you prefer to provide information ANONYMOUSLY, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the tip page at Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers, www. http://lacrimestoppers.org/.*

## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, January 11th, through Saturday, January 17th, the Police Department responded to 985 calls for service of which 126 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

### Sunday, January 11:

Just before 12:03 a.m., an officer responded to Carmine's Restaurant, 311 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a robbery. While an employee was taking out the trash to the rear of the business, an unidentified suspect pointed a chrome handgun at the employee and demanded to be taken to the safe. The suspect took the available cash and coins and fled in an awaiting dark-colored sedan. The suspect is described as an adult Black male, 5'10", weighting 180 pounds. The investigation is ongoing.

At approximately 3:08 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a fight in progress. An investigation revealed a fight broke out between three acquaintances resulting in one of the subjects being hit multiple times in the head and body by the other two suspects. A female friend tried to break up the fight and was subsequently hit by one of the suspects. A 21-year-old White male and 18-year-old Hispanic male were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Monday, January 12:

At about 8:01 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Fairview Avenue and Sunset Boulevard regarding a hit and run traffic collision. Party-2, who was stopped at the stop sign, was struck by Party-1 who was trying to make a left turn onto Fairview Avenue. Party-1 fled the scene without providing

the required information. Party-1 returned to the scene short time later to exchange information. No injuries were reported. Party-2 was not desirous of prosecution.

At approximately 1:44 p.m., officers responded to Ralph's, 211 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a petty theft report. The officers discovered the suspect selected two bottles of alcohol and exited the store, failing to make payment. The suspect fled in a silver Audi, but was located a short time later by APD officers. The 31-year-old Black male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Tuesday, January 13:

Around 12:41 p.m., officers responded to the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department regarding an altercation resulting in death threats. A contractor and homeowner were engaged in a dispute when the contractor threatened the homeowner's life. Officers were not able to locate the suspect. The investigation is ongoing.

Just after 10:36 p.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Baldwin Avenue and Duarte Road for illegally stopping at a green light. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 19-year-old Hispanic male was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Wednesday, January 14:

Shortly after 12:59 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Peck Road and Clark Street for speeding. The driver parked, exited his

## JIM AND TERRY LEAHY NAMED CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

The longtime Arcadia residents who have donated years of their lives to support and make tremendous improvements in Arcadia schools and local organizations will be recognized during the Chamber's annual Installation Dinner made possible by Keystone sponsor Singpoli on March 26 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 924 W. Huntington Drive in Monrovia.

Tickets (\$65 for members; \$75 for non-members), sponsored tables and ads may be purchased online in the "Shop" area of the Chamber web site: [www.ArcadiaCaChamber.org](http://www.ArcadiaCaChamber.org) or by calling the Chamber at 626-447-2159.

Also being recognized at the dinner will be Corporate Community Contributor honoree Foothill Credit Union, as well as outgoing Chamber President Denise Weaver of Weaver & Associates Insurance.

A year after "retiring" in 2006 Jim Leahy offered to help part-time with the massive construction needed for the Arcadia Unified School District's \$275 million bond project to upgrade every school in the city. But he soon found himself knee deep in remodeling and building new facilities at each campus on a full-time basis. At Arcadia High School alone he orchestrated a complete overall of the football stadium, built a new performing arts center, and was a founding member of the Performing Arts Foundation Board of Directors. He re-tooled and added new classrooms, lecture halls, cafeterias

and more. The Arcadia Education Center replaced Bonita Park Elementary School as the old district office was torn down to allow additional parking for the performing arts center. Along with his team of dedicated staff, Jim has spent the last seven years overseeing every ounce of district construction.

Terry Leahy, who works part time in the Human Resources department for Arcadia Unified School District, received the Golden Apple Award from AUSD in 2013. Her favorite volunteer job was grad night at Arcadia High, which she chaired three times. She was given an honorary service award at three schools and received the Golden Oak award at the council level. She was a board member for the Arcadia Educational Foundation, and, during the years her girls played sports, was team mom more times than she can count.

Terry was PTA president at Hugo Reid Elementary School and Foothills Middle School. At Arcadia High, she was a board member for the Athletic Boosters, and helped develop the first Fall Preview Day to make the community aware of all the high school had to offer.

She has been a member of the Arcadia Assistance League since 1997, holding a variety of board positions, often focusing on the teenage auxiliary called the Assisteens. She is a former member of the Arcadia Junior Women's Club and she has also written published essays in both volumes of the Visions of Arcadia books.



## FOOTHILL CREDIT UNION NAMED CORPORATE COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR OF YEAR TO BE HONORED AT ARCADIA CHAMBER DINNER MARCH 26 AT DOUBLETREE

Foothill Credit Union has been named Corporate Community Contributor of the Year by the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce.

The more than half-a-century-old non-profit, member-owned financial institution that donates more than \$140,000 each year to schools, hospitals, Chambers of Commerce and other organizations, will be recognized during the Chamber's annual Installation Dinner made possible by Keystone sponsor Singpoli on March 26 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 924 W. Huntington Drive in Monrovia.

Tickets (\$65 for members; \$75 for non-members), sponsored tables and ads may be purchased online in the "Shop" area of the Chamber web site: [www.ArcadiaCaChamber.org](http://www.ArcadiaCaChamber.org) or by calling the Chamber at 626-447-2159.

Also being recognized at the dinner will be Citizens of the Year Jim and Terry Leahy, as well as outgoing Chamber President Denise Weaver of Weaver & Associates Insurance.

The roots in Arcadia of Foothill Credit Union, located in Downtown Arcadia at 30 S. First Avenue, stretch back to its origins as a tiny credit union started by Arcadia Unified School District employees out of a cubicle at Arcadia High School. The organization officially called Foothill Federal Credit Union has grown to a \$300 million enterprise with branches in Glendora and Covina.

With that growth has come an ever-increasing commitment to Arcadia and continuing support of its schools, sponsoring sports teams and performing arts performances, and providing financial education and scholarships to AHS students. It also helps Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts earn banking merit badges.

The organization supports the Methodist Hospital Foundation and its fundraising events.

Last year Foothill also made a three-year commitment to sponsor the much-used conference room of the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce's iconic office building, allowing the Chamber to afford to furnish the room with modern furniture and technology. Foothill also makes its own conference room available to local groups for meetings.

"Foothill Credit Union is honored to receive the recognition of Corporate Community Contributor of the Year," said Brian Hall, President/CEO of Foothill Credit Union. "Foothill has been in business in Arcadia for more than 58 years and the relationships built over that time, such as ours with the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, Arcadia Unified School District, Methodist Hospital, Arcadia Rotary, the City of Arcadia and more, makes our cause that more special. We are extremely proud to accept this tremendous honor. On behalf of Foothill Credit Union and all of our hard working team members that helped make this possible, thank you."

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## ARTIST SUSAN DOBAY CREATES ART THROUGH MUSICAL INSPIRATION

Susan Dobay has been a prolific artist for over 50 years. Hungarian by birth, she currently resides in Monrovia. After studying graphic arts in both Hungary and the U.S. she served as an illustrator for advertising agencies, magazines and newspapers. Wanting to explore more creative options she moved away from commercial to fine art and in 1968 was invited to join and exhibit with the Alliance of Hungarian Artists north in the US and abroad. Since then, her work has been exhibited worldwide in museums, galleries and public buildings.

With the shift in technology, Susan's art process has evolved. At a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting, she shared the amazing process of melding images of her artwork with music – a process she has shared on YouTube.

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at [drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com](mailto:drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com).



Pictured from left – Susan Dobay, Endre Dobay, Duarte Kiwanis President, Mirna de Lira Lopez, Peter Gallup, Kiwanis member.

## MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 359 service events, resulting in 67 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.

### Theft from a vehicle

January 19 at 6:54 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of El Nido regarding the theft of a stereo from a vehicle. The victim parked his vehicle overnight on the street with the doors unlocked and the windows down. The victim returned to his vehicle in the morning and discovered his car stereo had been ripped out of the dashboard. The investigation is continuing.

### Outside Assist – United States Marshals

January 21 at 3:25 p.m., United States Marshals had information that a wanted fraud suspect was at a location in the 600 block of South Primrose in Monrovia. They notified the Monrovia Police Department and requested assistance. Officers and Monrovia's Special Enforcement Team responded to assist. The suspect was found at the location and taken into custody by U.S. Marshals.

### Stop Graffiti Bounty Program

One of the methods the Monrovia Police Department is using to combat graffiti in the community of Monrovia is the Stop Graffiti Bounty Program. If a citizen reports an incident of graffiti in the City of Monrovia that leads to the arrest of the suspect, the citizen will receive a \$100 bill. Help keep Monrovia looking great!

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## ARCADIA UNIFIED RECEIVES STATEWIDE HONOR FOR COMMUNICATION

The California School Public Relations Association (CalSPRA), a statewide organization that promotes better public understanding, commitment, and support of public education, announced that the Arcadia Unified School District received an Award of Merit in its Excellence in Communication Awards Program. Arcadia Unified was honored in the writing category for a story that was written by its Public Information Officer Ryan Foran.

"It is a pleasure to award Arcadia Unified and Ryan Foran with this deserving award," said CalSPRA President Stephen Nichols. "Effective communication connects our communities to our classrooms and builds support for quality learning environments."

CalSPRA's Excellence in Communication Awards Program recognizes the successful efforts of education agencies and their communications professionals in producing materials and services that meet the information needs of our communities. Each entry is evaluated by communication professionals on the overall excellence of the entry as well as its performance against other entries received in the category.

The story that was honored is titled "New State Testing Goes Smoothly for Arcadia Unified." The article details the process of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Field Test that approximately 5,000 Arcadia Unified students took for the first time at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Awards were presented at CalSPRA's Annual Conference and Awards Banquet on January 17, 2015 in San Francisco.



CalSPRA President Stephen Nichols (left) AUSD Public Information Officer Ryan Foran (right)

## GOODEN STUDENT ETHAN STEIN WINS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ESSAY CONTEST

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education. ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Gooden School is proud to announce that eighth-grade student Ethan Stein was selected by the Martin Luther King Community Coalition as the Middle School winner in the Martin Luther King Community Coalition Essay Contest, held annually in Pasadena since 1983.

This year's contest theme challenge was: "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dreamed of a better America for all people. What is your dream for the country?"

"I have a dream, I have a dream that one day in this country, that I love so much, one will not be judged by their beliefs or by the color of their skin. Sadly, it is only still a dream right now... This isn't just an opinion. I've experienced prejudice personally. I know I have been judged for being Jewish." Ethan wrote. "Everyday, we have the opportunity to meet people from different walks of life. With every opportunity we can choose to judge them on the basis of who they are."

"We are so very proud of Ethan," said Patty Patano, Head of School. "Ethan's words and actions embody The Gooden School motto: 'Respect for self, respect for others and respect for the world.'" Ethan's essay also reflects values inherent in all areas of education at Gooden, an Independent

Episcopal school in Sierra Madre. This is the second consecutive year that a student from The Gooden School has won the essay contest in the Middle School category. Natalie Brown, a current 7th grade student was last year's winner.

Ethan received a Certificate of Congressional Recognition by Congressional Representative Judy Chu, stating:

In recognition of your high standards of excellence and outstanding achievements: Your essay is a true reflection of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s inspiring vision. Heartfelt congratulations on being the Middle School winner of this year's Martin Luther King Essay Contest and best wishes in your future endeavors!

For more than 16 years, Gooden students have participated in the essay contest, as an assignment in English class. Student essays are judged on creativity, organization and development of the theme.

Winners were announced on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19, when the City of Pasadena, Congressional Representative Judy Chu's office and other area organizations hosted a celebration of Dr. King's birthday at Robinson Park in Pasadena.

*The Gooden School is an independent Episcopal school, kindergarten through eighth grade, in Sierra Madre, where academics and the arts come together. Graduates are accepted by many of the finest high schools and universities. www.goodenschool.org.*

## ST. RITA CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sierra Madre, CA - Students at St. Rita School will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week, January 25-31, 2015, with a daily line-up of fun activities on campus and community outreach projects designed to honor the Sierra Madre organizations that make our town so unique and special.

The week kicks off with students and their families "packing the church" at the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday, January 25, followed by a school-wide open house from 11:00 am-1:00 pm in which current and prospective families can tour the classrooms, view student artwork on display and have coffee and donuts while marveling at exhibits in the students' Science Fair.

In the school week following, students will enjoy a kickball tournament, barbeque lunch for the school's "Buddy" program, the 4th Grade wax museum presentation, Pastries with Parents and the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Classes also compete in a "Penny Crusade" to raise funds for the thousands of homeless men, women and children in the San Gabriel Valley served by Catholic Charities.

The Transitional Kindergarten through 8th Grade classrooms will

work on a community "thank-you" project to recognize those at the Fire Department, Library, Post Office, Parks and Recreation Department, CLIMB, the Chamber, Women's Club, Senior Center and City Hall. For example, the 4th Grade class will make oversized Valentine's posters with raised symbols and greetings for CLIMB, and the 7th Grade will make inspirational posters to thank the City's seniors for all they've done for the community through the years.

The week wraps up with the St. Rita Drama Club production of "Peter Pan" in O'Malley Hall on Friday, January 30, and Saturday, January 31, at 7:00 pm and on Sunday, February 1, at 2:00 pm. Admission is free and open to the community.

St. Rita is a top-ranked Catholic parish school, located at 322 N. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre, which focuses on faith, stewardship and academic excellence.

Visit [www.stritaschool.org](http://www.stritaschool.org) for more information.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE FORUM

League of Women Voters to Moderate Forum on January 26

The Pasadena Education Network potential. Our school district, today (PEN), the PTA Council of Pasadena and in the future, has a direct impact Unified School District, and the on our children, our future work Pasadena Educational Foundation force, and our community as a (PEF) host a PUSD Board of whole."

Education candidate forum on The Pasadena Education Network is Monday, January 26 at McKinley a network of more than 1,000 parents Library, 325 South Oak Knoll who support and send their children Avenue, Pasadena at 7:15 p.m. to PUSD schools. PEN provides

Moderated by the League of Women services to help parents discover, Voters, candidates will have an explore, and evaluate their public opportunity to introduce themselves school options as well as become and respond to written questions actively involved in their schools and from the audience. the district.

Candidates vying for Seat 2 are The Pasadena Educational Roy Boulghourjian and Marcela Foundation is a nonprofit Rojas; Seat 4 are Pat Cahalan and organization that advocates for Sheryl Turner; and Seat 6 are Sandra public education, engages the Siraganian and Larry Torres. community, and develops resources

"Whether voters have children in to support excellent education for the Pasadena Unified School District every PUSD student. or not, this election impacts all of The PTA Council of PUSD is a 6,000 us," said Larry O'Brien, Chair of member organization comprised PEN's Board of Directors. "We all of 24 unit Parent Teacher Student have a civic responsibility to ensure Associations throughout the PUSD. that every child reaches their full

## READ, DISCOVER, CONNECT ART & ESSAY CONTEST AT THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

Students in grades K - 8 are entries will be presented on invited to enter the Library March 24. Winning work will Art and Essay contest, starting be displayed in the Library and February 2, 2015. This year's winners will receive a certificate theme is: Read, Discover, and cash prize at a ceremony in Connect @ Sierra Madre Public their honor.

Library and entries should reflect Local organizations supporting the theme as closely as possible. Art & Essay Contest by funding Entry forms are available at the Public Library, on the library the cash prizes are: Sierra website, and at schools in Sierra Madre Rotary Club, the Spero Foundation, Sierra Madre beginning January 31, Kiwanis, Friends of the Library, the Sierra Madre Community create a drawing showing how they Read, Discover, Connect @ Madre Civic Club.

the Sierra Madre Public Library. Students in grades 3-8 will write Read, Discover, Connect @ a one-page essay of (250 words or Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 less) on why or how they Read, W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Discover, Connect @ Sierra Madre, CA 91024, (626) 355-7186, www.cityofsierramadre. com/departments/library

Entries are due by February 28 to the Library and the winning

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## THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show AMERICAN SNIPER REVIEW



I only saw one trailer for this film and that was all it took for me to want to see 'American Sniper'. I had no idea what the plot was, when and where it took place, or even that it was based on a true story. All I did know was that it was another war film and I was hoping that it would be as good as the trailer promised it would be.

Chris Kyle (Bradley Cooper) started serving as a SEAL after he felt compelled to fight back against terrorism. Over his four tours in the Middle East, he would grow as a soldier, but slowly loose pieces of his humanity with each bullet fired. While he attempts to build a family before he leaves, he finds that life after the war on terror may be even harder than the war itself.

This movie does everything perfectly (casting, screenwriting, directing, editing) however the most commendable aspect of the film is its pacing. There were many times in the movie where it could have felt long and monotonous but it breaks away from those moments at the perfect time. 'American Sniper' is another great Clint Eastwood film and provides an interesting and engaging view of the war in the Middle East.

Recently, I was the recipient of an exceptional question from reader Amber Moyes of Covina. It appears that Rodeo Drive and their wine list may have migrated to a location near us. Amber was at the Langham Hotel and enjoyed a glass of Black Stallion Cabernet (\$15), and she asked this writer to investigate how establishments come up with prices of wines by the glass. I dream of a day when a poor restaurant critic may soothe his many worries with an exceptional glass of wine and not be required to carry a bag of diamonds as payment. Like the majority of us, Amber strikes me as a regular consumer of wine; a person who is not cheap but searches for value when she is dining out. I must admit I, too, like the gentle view from the Tap Room over looking the 50 acres of greenery.

I reached out to my many sources in the industry and this is what I found out. Ian Blackburn, founder of Learnaboutwine.com, said, "That (\$15) is common for a good glass of wine and the math works out to (\$52) for the full bottle at that price per glass." While many chain restaurants use a Libby wine glass which costs a couple of bucks, upscale restaurants use a higher quality glass, so you can guess that the cost of the glass might be just a bit lower than what they paid for the entire bottle. My next call was to Randy, who owns the Domenico's restaurant on Washington in Pasadena. He tells me that

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his wine purveyors suggest to "tripling the cost of the bottle". This means if you see a bottle for \$30 at your favorite restaurant, by this rule of thumb, they paid \$10 for it!"

Ok, so how about corkage fees? Most restaurants charge \$4-\$15 for this service because, yes, they still have to open your bottle and clean the glasses. I find it that is unacceptable to bring in a bottle of wine that is already listed on the restaurant's menu. If it is an owner-occupied restaurant, often it is a good gesture to let the owner sample the wine that you have brought in. Who picks the wine? Erudite wine broker Eddie Ramirez offers this insightful advice, "Always have the wine list when ordering, and I do not recommend asking the servers for a wine recommendation unless you do not have any issues with the price." My suggestion to Amber and my readers is to never blindly let the server choose the wine for you and be careful on the "House Wine" I stayed at a resort in South Laguna just a few years ago and my bill was \$110!!



I hope this helps. I learned something as well. Join me on Sunday Night at 7 PM on Charter Channel 188 for Dining w/Dills follow me on Twitter #kingofcuisine

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- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 4 teaspoons lemon juice
- Salt
- Ground red pepper

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Spray a large skillet with nonstick spray coating. Preheat skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and brown over medium heat for 10 minutes, turning to brown evenly.
2. Place chicken in an 8-inch square baking dish. Add unpeeled garlic cloves.
3. In a small bowl combine wine and lemon juice; pour over chicken. Lightly sprinkle chicken with salt and ground red pepper.
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2. In the early days of football games, the rules were loose, and there were no special pieces of clothing to \_\_\_\_\_ the head or body.
3. A man named Walter Camp, who played and coached football at Yale University, helped to set and write down the \_\_\_\_\_ for football.
4. In 1920, some professional teams (meaning players got paid to play) started a league (APFA) to better \_\_\_\_\_ football.
5. In 1922, the APFA league became the \_\_\_\_\_ Football League or NFL.
6. A new league was formed in 1959 called the \_\_\_\_\_ Football League or the AFL.
7. During the 1960's the NFL \_\_\_\_\_ played against the those of the AFL.
8. In 1969 the NFL and the AFL joined into one \_\_\_\_\_ that we know as today's NFL.
9. The football was nicknamed "pigskin" because the ball was covered in a pig's bladder. Today the football is made with a rubber bladder covered with \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Shoulder pads, helmets, facemasks, gloves and shoes with cleats are some of the protective clothes and \_\_\_\_\_ that have been designed for today's players.
11. There are \_\_\_\_\_ players on the field for each team.
12. The object of the game is for each team to move the football forward into the other team's end zone to score the most \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The referees on the field keep \_\_\_\_\_ during the game. They make sure the rules are obeyed.
14. The Super Bowl is the yearly game for the \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Thanks to \_\_\_\_\_, it is one of the most watched sporting events in the world.

I'm going to watch the big football game on Sunday, then pop out of hibernation on Monday to see if it's **cloudy** or if the **sun** is shining. If it's sunny, I'll see my **shadow** and believe that Winter is going to last longer. If it's cloudy, I'll predict that Spring is coming soon!

What are your favorite snacks?

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## THE JOY OF YOGA BEING A STUDENT FIRST

There's a term thrown around sometimes - "Being teachable". I love this.

It refers to the fluidity around learning new information, taking suggestions of those we respect and openness in seeing a different perspective.

I have to make a conscious effort to work at it, constantly opening up to possibility. Staying open-minded and receptive. However, I instinctively want to balk at something new or God forbid, don't tell me what to do.

On the flip side, I love having a teacher. I need to have a guide. I need to have some lineage to draw from. It cannot just be the alignment of Ardhha Chandrasana. There has to be more, an unending path of learning rich in wisdom.

I have loved my yoga trainings and studies. Even in these studies, I make a resolve at the beginning of each new period of time. I resolve to set aside everything I think I know, and to have a new experience. It's mostly my old preconceived

ideas that limit my absorption of the new. Even something as simple as taking a class with a new teacher draws on this principle of being teachable. Taking on a new course of study or giving meditation another shot may just provide the shift needed to create change. I love the students that first come to yoga later in life! Or oh my gosh, how about the teenagers studying yoga?

What I know for sure, is that there is a lot to learn! There is no graduation from our practice, nor self study. This doesn't mean letting go of my intuition or inner teacher, but it means staying open minded and doing what's asked. Then, the results that follow are purely meant to be. I'm in the right place. And I can get the most out of my experiences.

See you in class!

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## LOS ANGELES SHOWS MIXED GRADES IN LUNG ASSOCIATION "STATE OF TOBACCO CONTROL 2015" REPORT; CALLS ON REGION TO INCREASE EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE TOBACCO-CAUSED DEATH AND DISEASE

American Lung Association in California report grades all California cities and counties on tobacco control policies; Officials must take steps to achieve bold lifesaving goals, California coalition urges tobacco tax effort

Progress in the fight against tobacco use is at a standstill in California and in most cities in Los Angeles as advances in statewide and local tobacco control policies have stagnated. These were the findings of the American Lung Association State of Tobacco Control 2015 report released today. The State of Tobacco Control 2015 report tracks yearly progress on key tobacco control policies at the federal and state levels, assigning grades based on whether laws are adequately protecting citizens from the enormous toll tobacco use takes on lives and the economy. In conjunction with the national report, the American Lung Association in California released its State of Tobacco Control 2015 - California Local Grades report, which issues grades for all 482 cities and 58 counties in California on local tobacco control policies. To view the complete California report, visit [www.lung.org/california](http://www.lung.org/california)

Locally, several municipalities in Los Angeles lead the state with strong tobacco control policies. Baldwin Park, Compton, Glendale, Huntington Park, Pasadena and Santa Monica all received the highest grades in the state with an overall tobacco control grade of an A. Los Angeles and Long Beach, the two most populous cities in the region, received an overall C grade for their tobacco control efforts. Grades were mixed throughout highlighting the need for local officials to better protect residents from tobacco-related death and disease. In addition, ten cities in Los Angeles County (Bellflower, Beverly Hills, Carson, Cerritos, Duarte, Long Beach, Manhattan Beach, Monterey Park, Norwalk and Santa Monica) have taken steps to regulate the sale and use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) in their areas.

"Despite improvements, more still needs to be done in Los Angeles to better protect residents from the harmful effects of smoking," says Daniel Oh, MD, Keck Medical Center of USC and Chair, American Lung Association in California - Los Angeles Leadership Board. "We have a lot of work to do to safeguard public health from tobacco-related illnesses. Tobacco use continues to be the leading cause of preventable death and illness in the U.S., and we must take the necessary steps to ensure a tobacco-free environment for our community."

Once a proactive leader in tobacco control efforts, California now falls behind in protecting residents from tobacco. This year's report shows that while California earned a B for its smokefree air policies, the state received an F for its low tobacco taxes, an F for failing to sufficiently fund tobacco prevention and control programs, and a D for poor coverage of smoking cessation and treatment services.

In 2014, the Lung Association and its partners called for immediate action on tobacco use by all levels of government to achieve three bold goals: reduce smoking rates currently at about 18 percent to less than 10 percent by 2024; protect all Americans from secondhand smoke by 2019 and; ultimately eliminate the death and disease caused by tobacco use.

"The American Lung Association is urging the federal, states, and local governments to take needed steps to achieve these bold goals," says Olivia J. Gertz, President and CEO, American Lung Association in California. "It's no secret that to reduce tobacco use in the United States, our leaders need to muster the political will to implement proven policies. We cannot afford the health or financial consequences of their continued failure to act."

California's weakened position on tobacco prevention is due to the fact that the state has not increased its tobacco tax since 1999 and now ranks 33rd in the country at 87 cents per pack, far behind states like New York, Illinois, Texas, Florida, Oregon and Washington.

"Increasing the tobacco tax has been proven to reduce tobacco use," says Gertz. "This is why the American Lung Association in California is standing with Save Lives California, a broad coalition dedicated to passing a lifesaving \$2 per pack tobacco tax - either through the legislature or by ballot measure - by the end of 2016. By passing this measure, we will not only save the lives of about 100,000 people, we also will save taxpayers billions in health care costs."

Tobacco-related deaths are the single, most preventable cause of death in California. More than 21,300 kids start smoking each year in the state, and tobacco costs California \$18 billion - a tremendous burden that the state cannot afford.

Save Lives California will generate revenue to expand treatment services for Medi-Cal patients with tobacco-related and other illnesses, support existing statewide programs to prevent youth from using tobacco, stop illegal sales of tobacco, increase funding for medical research into new treatments and cures for deadly diseases such as cancer and lung disease, and restore California's leadership in tobacco control efforts.

In 2014, the federal government took small steps to protect citizens from the harmful effects of tobacco, but still fell short in important areas such as tobacco taxes and finalizing its regulatory authority over all tobacco products. In April, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) proposed to assert authority over all tobacco products including e-cigarettes, little cigars and other tobacco products. The American Lung Association also expressed strong opposition to the Obama Administration's proposal to exempt certain cigars from basic FDA oversight and that it failed to finalize the proposal by the end of 2014.

"We must increase our efforts in stopping tobacco from robbing another generation of their health," says Gertz. "I urge everyone to join the American Lung Association in California and Save Lives California, and help us tell our leaders to take action now to save lives."

This year's State of Tobacco Control report features new methodology to reflect the updated 2014 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs as communities adopt stronger, more health-protective policies to improve public health and eliminate tobacco-caused death and disease. It incorporates also other tobacco product taxes and tobacco cessation coverage under Medicaid expansion into the grades. Due to revisions in the methodology, all grades from the State of Tobacco Control 2015 report cannot be directly compared to grades from State of Tobacco Control 2014 or earlier reports.

About the American Lung Association in California Now in its second century, the American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease. With your generous support, the American Lung Association is "Fighting For Air" through research, education and advocacy. For more information about the American Lung Association or to support the work it does, call 1-800-LUNG-USA (1-800-586-4872) or visit [www.lung.org/california](http://www.lung.org/california)

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## CONTINUAL, COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR LUCY

It was a sad and somber day for Mike, his wife and their two children. They'd received the dreaded call that Mike's mother of 78 years had suddenly passed away due to a cardiac arrest. Mike's Mother had been fortunate enough to have lived a long, full life and had remained independent in her own apartment up until her last moment, and for that they were grateful, but they would miss her immensely. One family member who would feel the loss of Mike's mother in a particularly unique way, was her precious dog, Lucy.

After the family gathered to celebrate and memorialize Mrs. Smith's life and lay her body to rest, the inevitable question arose; "What will happen to Lucy now that grandmother is gone?" Mike was very busy in his important corporate position, and when he wasn't working, he and his wife traveled, so he decided having a pet just didn't fit into his lifestyle. Neither of Mike's two children were willing to take the dog because they were simply too involved with their own lives, and did not have time to spare for a dog. They considered the option of taking Lucy to a shelter, but that pup had meant so much to grandmother, it was as if she had left a part of herself behind. The decision would be a tough one to make.

When Mike went to see his mother's lawyer to execute her will, he mentioned his concern about Lucy and asked if he knew of anyone who might take the dog in. The lawyer looked over his spectacles and said, "Apparently you haven't been privy to the content of your mother's will until today." Somewhat perplexed, Mike said, "No, as a matter of fact it never came up. My mom was pretty healthy for her age. We had not anticipated such an untimely death for her."

The lawyer then told Mike, "You most definitely don't have to concern yourself with the welfare of little Lucy now that your mother is no longer with us. Indeed, she made sure that cute little canine would be well taken care of for the rest of her life." Mike had no idea what the lawyer was talking about. "How's that?", he asked, and the lawyer proceeded to explain.

"It seems that your mother must have loved that dog very much. Enough, in fact, to have thought ahead about making provisions in case she died first and left Lucy behind. I guess your mom knew you would not be able to keep Lucy when she was gone, because she left quite a generous chunk of change specifically earmarked for that lucky pup's future. Lucy will be going to a plush pet retirement home, where she will be loved and compassionately cared-for until the day she, herself crosses the proverbial rainbow bridge!"

Mike must have appeared to be on the verge of fainting when he heard this news, because the lawyer quickly offered him a glass of water and asked if he needed to lie down on the couch for a bit. Mike kindly declined the offer, and regained his stature before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yep, that was my mom, always watching out for her pets. What else does the will provide for?" "Well, there are several personal possessions to be divided equally and civilly among the

surviving family members, such as photos, furniture and miscellaneous household items, but she pretty much left her entire life savings to lucky Lucy!"

On his way out of the lawyer's office, Mike couldn't help remembering a conversation he'd had with his mother a couple of years prior. She'd asked Mike if he would take care of Lucy and give her the love she so deserved, if anything should happen to her. Wanting to be honest with his mom, he'd told her that he'd try to find her a good home, but being so busy pursuing his career and traveling, he really couldn't make time for a pet. He remembered how his mother accepted his response gracefully, and how he'd felt relieved that the conversation ended promptly with no guilt trip. He loved his mother, but he couldn't be bothered with a dog making a mess of his house and yard. He somehow felt justified in the excuses he gave as to why he could not be there for his mother's best friend. My, how he regretted that now!

Some things in life do and should matter more than others. We each have to decide on what our priorities are going to be. In Mike's case, a little inconvenience was not worth accommodating his beloved mother's relatively simple yet extremely important final request, and he paid handsomely for his selfishness. If Mike could have opened his heart and home to his mother's favored four-legged furry friend, not only would he have benefited financially, but he would have also learned that giving a little of himself would result in his receiving a lot of unconditional love. His life would have change remarkably for the better!

Pets are not burdens to be born, they are blessings to be embraced. People who do not understand, or don't even care to understand the relationship that can be had with an animal, is missing out on an amazing facet of life. Folks are so involved with their own selves these days, they forget what it feels like to give a little, even to another human being, much less to a helpless animal. Thankfully, there are compassionate, caring retirement homes for pets left behind by those would could afford to provide such a luxury for their loved one.

I believe that God created animals for many good reasons, but among the most important is their ability to teach we humans how to love, unconditionally. I admonish all who are able, even if it means a shift in priorities, if you haven't already, open up your heart and home to the unconditional love of a pet and I'll bet life will take on a whole new meaning! As always, don't forget to love and let live.

## LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND??

Looking For A Best Friend?? To enjoy the Super Bowl with? Goofy is a gorgeous Labrador retriever-German Shepherd mix, about 7-8 years old, weighing about 75 pounds. He came to the shelter as a stray from San Gabriel with no identification, and no one has come to claim him.



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Goofy has a soft, velvety black coat that shines when he is clean. He has beautiful caramel eyes that radiate his sweet nature.

Goofy can be a little shy at first meeting, but he seems to like people, and enjoys getting pets and attention. He walks well on leash and has a calm, gentle energy that is easy to handle. He has a gentle mouth when taking treats.

Goofy has been taken to off-site events, and he behaves very well in public. We have noticed that he seems to be drawn to other dogs in a friendly, interested way. He whines a bit when he sees another dog - small or large - so it seems he may have been in a situation where there were other dogs sharing his home at some time.

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Meet a super sweet and snuggly little guy, Aspen (A4790608)! Aspen is an unforgettable 2-year-old black-and-brown male German Shepherd mix who was found in Walnut on January 9th and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing 22 lbs, Aspen is a uniquely gorgeous boy with a delightful disposition. Volunteers have all tried to settle on his best feature, but have found it nearly impossible. Is it his gorgeously colored coat? His seemingly feathered ears? His soft expression with its winning smile? His beautiful, bushy tail that is always on the wag? No one knows! This pup is as sweet as he is handsome, too. He has an even temperament that is both attentive and affectionate (especially when it comes to giving kisses). He also gets along happily with other dogs (from 9-lb puppies to 90-lb pitties) and shows signs of being housebroken. Aspen will make an astounding indoor pet for any active individual or family (who won't get jealous when their dog gets more double-takes than they do at the beach)! To watch a video of Aspen, please visit the following link: <http://youtu.be/hbjhddPtLM>

To meet Aspen in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). He is available now. For any inquiries about Aspen, please reference his animal ID number: A4790608. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Aspen or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [Samantha@hope4animals.org](mailto:Samantha@hope4animals.org). To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

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## SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: AMERICAN SNIPER

By Sean Kayden

"American Sniper" tells the true story of the US deadliest sniper, Chris Kyle, who served four tours of duty in Iraq. Written for the screen

toll on him both mentally and emotionally. His first kills are of a woman and boy who attack U.S. Marines with a grenade. Kyle is noticeably distressed by the experience, but earns the nickname "Legend" for his many kills (With 255, 160 of which were officially confirmed by the

by Jason Hall, "American Sniper" is based on the autobiography American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History by Chris Kyle, Scott McEwen, and Jim DeFelice. Director Clint Eastwood helms the film's touchy subject matter with much grace and precision. While controversy has surrounded both the film and book, as strictly as a piece of entertainment, "American Sniper" delivers exceedingly. Two-time (now a third for this role) Academy Award nominee Bradley Cooper took on the role of Kyle giving a performance of much fortitude and vulnerability. While I'm not here to judge either the man himself (Kyle) or the idea he is or isn't a hero and politics aside, "American Sniper" is a very good film. However, I wouldn't say it touches the same greatness of classic war films. Furthermore, the Iraq war is depicted very narrowly as most, if not all of the primary attention is solely on the navy seal himself. Actress Sienna Miller plays Kyle's wife and is able to distract the film's prime focus of war in her role as she attempts to maintain their marriage and keep the family together. She's solid for most of the film, but as the film continues along there's less for her to work with outside the realm of being a worried military wife seeing firsthand the internal effects war is having on her husband. Additionally, Eastwood and Hall opted out of showing Kyle's death on screen, which they present to you with one sentence at the end of the film. There's no mention of how or why it happened, just that it happened.

The film has a slight intro of Kyle's early life—the way his father perceived the three types of people there are in this world (sheep, sheepdogs, and wolves), his tight-knit relationship with his younger brother (which is barely touched upon as the film gets into Kyle's military life), and his desire to be a cowboy. The scenes were all fairly traditional things you'd seen in a biopic, but none of it really overlapped later into the film, such as the relationship he had with his father or how his younger brother followed in his footsteps and joined the military as well. Cooper's character is incredibly driven to protect his country after seeing the horrors on television (1998 United States embassy bombings) that he enlists into the Navy Seal program. He appeared like a natural in bootcamp and in his sniper training, as if he was meant for this. After basic training, he meets Taya Renae (Miller) and they strike up a romantic relationship. After they marry and shortly after the 9/11 attacks, in which Kyle is visibly affected by it, Kyle gets deployed for his first tour. It's the first of four tours for Kyle, each one taking a

Department of Defense). After his first tour, he comes home to see his baby boy for the first time, but as the war rages on, Kyle is determined to go back and kill more (what becomes the only thing he really knows how to do). His wife tries to have him stay home to focus on his family, but there's no stopping him.

Compelled by the guilt after directly witnessing fellow seals dying before him, Kyle goes back for a fourth tour (not too long after the birth of his second child). He is fixated on taking down the rival sniper known as "Mustafa," which by some miraculous intuition does so with a risky long distance shot. However, it exposes his sniper team to a great number of armed insurgents inside enemy territory. In the middle of the firefight, Kyle calls Taya and tells her he is ready to come home. A sandstorm provides cover for their hectic escape. While Kyle seemed to never be fully equipped for civilian life again, toward the end of the film he looked to be doing a lot better. Just like a few of the other soldiers in the film were displayed, I think Kyle's desire to kill gradually slipped away from him. What else would he have to prove? Most of all, he had to live with the fact of being the nation's top sniper for a war plagued by controversy. In the end, Hall, Eastwood and Cooper did a bang up job bringing Kyle's military life to screen. While psychological effects of war were shown, they never appeared too heavy-handed. In many ways, "American Sniper" was more restrained than I imagined it was going to be. It had a few problems here and there yet overall it was an engaging modern day war film. The emphasis was more on man being considered a killing machine, but along the way this idea of being a man was lost. That's how I think Kyle was feeling as the war continued on, a lost soul torn between the reality he should be living (with his family) and the one he's subject to be a part of endlessly (in war).

Grade: 4 out of 5

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## Jeff's Book Picks By Jeff Brown

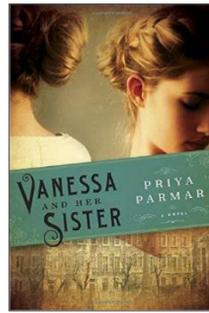
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the writer. Each member of the group will go on to earn fame and success, but so far Vanessa Bell has never sold a painting. Virginia Woolf's book review has just been turned down by The Times. Lytton Strachey has not published anything. E. M. Forster has finished his first novel but does not like the title. Leonard Woolf is still a civil servant in Ceylon, and John Maynard Keynes is looking for a job. Together, this sparkling coterie of artists and intellectuals throw away convention and embrace the wild freedom of being young, single bohemians in London. But the landscape shifts when Vanessa unexpectedly falls in love and her sister feels dangerously abandoned. Eerily possessive, charismatic, manipulative, and brilliant, Virginia has always lived in the shelter of Vanessa's constant attention and encouragement. Without it, she careens toward self-destruction and madness. As tragedy and betrayal threaten to destroy the family, Vanessa must decide if it is finally time to protect her own happiness above all else. The work of exciting young newcomer Priya Parmar, Vanessa and Her Sister exquisitely captures the champagne-heady days of prewar London and the extraordinary lives of sisters Vanessa Bell and Virginia Woolf.

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by Anne Lamott

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### On the Marquee: Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

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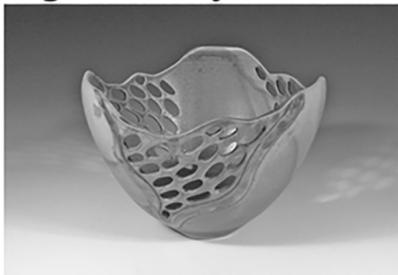
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Almost 65



Dear Almost:  
While Medicare covers a wide array of health care services, it certainly doesn't cover everything. If you need or want certain services that aren't covered, you'll have to pay for them yourself unless you have other insurance or you're in a Medicare Advantage health plan, which may cover some of these services. Here's a rundown of what original Medicare generally does not cover.

injuries or diseases like hammertoes, bunion deformities and heel spurs, along with foot exams and treatments if you have diabetes-related nerve damage.

Non-emergency services: Medicare does not pay for copies of X-rays or most non-emergency transportation including ambulance services.

Overseas coverage: In most cases, health care you receive outside of the United States is not covered.

The best way to find out if Medicare covers what you need is to talk to your doctor or other health care provider. Or, visit [medicare.gov/coverage](http://medicare.gov/coverage) and type in your test, item or service, to get a breakdown of what is and isn't covered.

Also keep in mind that even if Medicare covers a service or item, they don't usually pay 100 percent of the cost. Unless you have supplemental insurance, you'll have to pay monthly premiums as well as annual deductibles and copayments. Most preventive services, however, are covered by original Medicare with no copays or deductibles.

For more information on what original Medicare does and doesn't cover, see the "Medicare and You" 2015 booklet that you should receive in the mail a few months before you turn 65, or you can see it online at [medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/10050.pdf](http://medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/10050.pdf).

You can also get help over the phone by calling Medicare at 800-633-4227, or contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), who provides free one-on-one Medicare counseling in person or over the phone. To find a local SHIP counselor visit [shiptalk.org](http://shiptalk.org), or call the eldercare locator at 800-677-1116. If you enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, you'll need to contact your plan administrator for details.

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

Alternative medicine: This includes acupuncture or chiropractic services (except to fix subluxation of the spine), and other types of alternative or complementary care.

Cosmetic surgery: Elective cosmetic procedures are not covered, however, certain surgeries may be if necessary to fix a malformation. For example, breast prostheses are covered if you had a mastectomy due to breast cancer.

Long-term care: This includes nursing home care, the costs of assisted living facilities and adult day care. Medicare does, however, help pay up to 100 days of skilled nursing or rehabilitation care immediately following a three-day inpatient hospital stay.

Personal care: The cost of hiring help for bathing, toileting and dressing are not covered unless you are homebound and are also receiving skilled nursing care. Housekeeping services, such as shopping, meal preparation and cleaning, are not covered either unless you are receiving hospice care.

Routine dental and vision care: Medicare will not cover routine dental checkups, cleanings, fillings or dentures. Nor do they cover routine vision care like eye exams, eye refractions, contact lenses or eyeglasses - except when following cataract surgery.

Hearing: Routine hearing exams and hearing aids are not covered either, although some hearing implants to treat a severe hearing loss may be covered.

Foot care: Medicare does not cover most routine foot care, like the cutting or removing of corns and calluses, nor does it pay for most orthopedic shoes or other foot supports (orthotics). Medicare will, however, cover foot

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... January Birthdays



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

YMCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale Senior Café: Monday-Friday at 12:00 Noon (Participants are urged to arrive no later than 11:45 A.M.)

All seniors 60 and up can take part in the lunch program. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for those 60 and over and \$3.75 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary as space is limited. Please call 24 hours in advance...626.355.0256

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KATIE Tse.....This and That



THE GOAT'S GOT RHYTHM

If you've read my column for any length of time you'll probably remember stories I've lifted from others (my mom's friend, Florence, my dad's cousin a.k.a. "The Most Interesting Man in the World," etc.). This week it's a story from Mom's days teaching third grade at a public

school and playing the piano for their glee club. Teaching is a draining job, and in her exhausted state, Mom would have normally left it until the next morning. But something told her to listen to the message, which turned out to be from the principal of one of the schools she had called. "Yes, we'd love to have your students perform for us! The entire school will be assembled to watch them TOMORROW MORNING at 9:00 (caps mine)."

Mom was too busy calling the music teacher with this last minute change of plans to imagine what would've happened if she hadn't listened to that message. As the music teacher likes things well organized in advance, this news didn't go down well. Also, they had to pull students from other classes. Usually they put in a polite request several days in advance before taking the students. But that day they burst in, said "I'm taking Johnny and Suzy," grabbed them, and took off.

Then they all had to walk to the other school. This may sound simple, but the school is in Monterey Park, which isn't exactly the safe driving capital. Eventually they arrived, did their thing, and left. Disaster avoided. However, there was still the parent show to get through. All this time Mom had been playing their two songs, "I Got Rhythm" (which, for the goats, was a bold face lie) and "Sidewalks of New York" on a CD in a stereo. For some reason, the CD decided it didn't like the player being used for the parent show.

There they were, all the parents, grandparents, and other relatives in folding chairs under the hot sun waiting while different teachers scrambled to find other boom boxes to play the CD in. Finally one of the more flamboyant teachers offered to help Mom out. "I don't know the lyrics," he explained, "but I can make myself sound like a kazoo." So the goats walked back and forth, waving their hats to the sound of a grown man imitating a kazoo to the tune of "I Got Rhythm." This is an example of the flexibility needed if one plans to work in public education. In the end the parents were happy, especially the goat mother with the leather tap shoes. Oh by the way, the CD worked as soon as Mom put it in the stereo in her own classroom, go figure!



I've never seen the show, "Glee," but I've got a stinking suspicion it presents a picture of school glee clubs that's infinitely more glamorous and interesting than they are in real life. In addition to the bona fide members who auditioned for the privilege, the glee club participants at Mom's school included her homeroom students, some of whom did not have a musical bone in their body. One year, she taught them to tap dance --or at least that was the plan.

With technical help from Dad, Mom distributed copies of a very old tap dance tutorial video for the children to practice at home (this was before YouTube). Half the class got it. We'll refer to them as the "sheep." The other half failed miserably. They were the "goats." Mom tried to teach the goats to simply walk heel-to-toe to a beat. This, too, was beyond them. So, Mom gave them sparkly green St. Patrick's Day hats and had them walk back and forth across the stage, vigorously shaking their hats. All this was to the tune of Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm." The goats were so bad that the music teacher did not include them in the regularly scheduled spring performance. They were allowed to be in a small show for the parents, but that was it. To make matters worse, one goat parent bought her son a very expensive pair of leather tap shoes. Mom felt that this child had to perform at least twice to make it worth the parent's investment.

So Mom called a couple other schools within walking distance to ask if they'd be interested in having her students perform their numbers for the student body. Days went by and no one responded. One fateful afternoon while Mom was leaving for the day, she noticed the voice mail light for her classroom phone flashing.

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## FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett



### EVERYONE NEEDS AN AGENT

Yes, it's true. Everyone needs an agent – but no, even though we live in Southern California, I'm not talking about the Hollywood type. An agent is someone you designate to handle your estate after you've gone or who can make certain decisions for you if you cannot make them for yourself. Here are the types of agents you might need:

**Executor** – an executor is the person you designate to carry out your wishes for distributing your assets as listed in your last will and testament. You can choose a family member, a trusted friend or even a professional to fill this role. Every adult should have a will, so every adult should have this type of agent.

**Trustee** – if you have more than \$150,000 in assets (and if you own your home, you probably do) a will is simply not enough. In fact, a will alone will put your loved ones into the costly, lengthy, totally public probate process. A trust, on the other hand, will help them avoid probate. A trustee is the person you designate to carry out the terms of your trust and fills a role similar to that of an executor. Every adult whose assets will have to pass through probate unless they have a trust, needs this type of agent.

**Guardian** – if you and your spouse die before your children reach adulthood, a guardian is the person you designate to take care of your minor children and handle their finances. Sometimes people decide to split the roles – one guardian to raise the children and another to handle the finances. Choosing a guardian (as well as backups in case your first choice cannot serve) ensures your kids are taken care of by the people you know, love and trust, no matter what. Everyone with minor children needs this type of agent.

**Durable Power of Attorney** – this person is designated by you to make financial decisions on your behalf if you become disabled or otherwise unable to

manage your financial affairs. Every adult needs this type of agent.

**Healthcare Power of Attorney** – also known as a healthcare proxy, this is the person you designate to make healthcare decisions for you if you are unable to make them for yourself. Your healthcare agent's powers can be invoked if you become disabled and are unable to make your own decisions about your health care, so your choice should be someone you know will carry out the wishes you have expressed in your advance medical directives or Living Will. Again, this is a type of agent every adult needs to have.

One of the main goals of my law practice is to help families protect and provide for each other through comprehensive, holistic, well thought out planning. So if you're missing one or more of the types of agents you need, let's talk. For the first two callers who mention this article I'll waive my standard \$750 fee for a no obligation, no pressure, Family Estate Planning Session.

To you family's health, wealth, and happiness,

MARC

*A local attorney, father, and CASA volunteer (Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children), Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love most. His office is located at 49 S. Baldwin Ave., Ste. G, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Call 626.355.4000 to schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family or visit [www.GarlettLaw.com](http://www.GarlettLaw.com) for more information.*

### Tips of the Trade: Real Estate Revealed

by Luther Tsinoglou

## PET PROPOSALS

Did you realize that 6 out of 10 U.S. households have pets? That means that those without critter companions are in the minority, but if you're a pet owner selling your home, you shouldn't ignore the perceptions of those families that don't include cats or dogs.

Odors are the biggest issue. This isn't to say that your housekeeping is remiss, but remember that some buyers who visit your home may experience allergies or be particularly sensitive to pet dander or odors. Just vacuum the floors and furniture frequently and use an air sanitizer. During the early stages of your listing, you'll likely experience more frequent showings and visits by buyers. This is a particularly good time to make arrangements to board your pet, or seek out a good "doggie day care" center for quick visits during showings. This may be safer and less stressful for your pet than a constant parade of strangers in your home, and may put buyers more at ease as well.

In any case, be sure to pick up toys, bowls, and bedding in advance of a showing, just as you would tidy up the children's things and other rooms throughout the house before buyers visit. A particularly attractive gesture would be to offer a cleaning allowance, no matter how scrupulously you maintain your home. This should quiet any potential objections.

## LIFE LINES by Amanda Rogers

*Editor's Note: Oops! In last week's edition, the author's notes were inadvertently published instead of the edited final version. Our apologies.*

### TOP TEN LISTS

Top 10 reasons I hate Top 10 Lists...

10. They're turning us into lazy learners and even lazier writers.
9. They're creating a generation of people with a "Top-Ten" mentality.
8. There can only be one David Letterman.
7. They provide information that is quickly and easily forgotten.
6. They lack context.
5. They over simplify necessarily complex information.
4. They deny us the challenge of the search.
3. Their "sources" are often unsubstantiated.
2. They present information like songs off the billboard charts.
1. And the number one reason I hate Top Ten Lists...  
1. They rob us of the fulfillment that comes with discovery.

So, what has happened to this process called discovery? Shouldn't knowledge be gained by unearthing the answers – not reading lists? History has taught us again and again that by pursuing information about one thing, discoveries are often made about something else. Look at Alexander Fleming and his discovery of Penicillin. An accident. Greatbatch and the accidental discovery of the pacemaker. And what about Kellogg and the first Cornflake? I'm serious. Look it up. But each one of these discoveries came about by a distraction or a diversion that led to the birth of a new question.

Condensing the exploration of a subject to a top ten list is, if nothing else, absurd. 130 million books have been written throughout history, according to

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Google. Are we to believe that each one of these books contains information that can be reduced to ten statements lined up in a row?

How do we stop the insanity? Not only do top ten lists oversimplify complex subjects but they also provide us with idiotic, inane information. Here are a few I was able to find on the internet; "Sarah Jessica Parker's top ten most insane outfits of the early 2000's." "Ten reasons a panda should never be your BFF" and "Top ten crimes committed by squirrels."

I'd like to make a plea for the encouragement of postulation, discernment, and perspective. Not everything in life can be reduced to a list...except maybe groceries.



## Social Media Tips, Tricks & Ideas

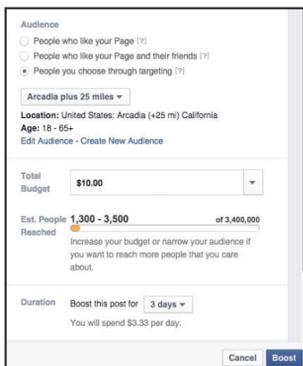


by: MJ Finstrom

### BUDGET FOR BOOSTS ON FACEBOOK

If you haven't tried boosting a post on your Facebook page, you might be missing out. You can spend as little as \$5 to reach the right audience. I recently helped a fitness studio in Monrovia send out a Constant Contact campaign for a class that was also shared to their Facebook page. The Facebook post was boosted for only \$5 and targeted a 15-mile radius around Monrovia, CA. It worked; they had sign ups from the Facebook post! Here are a few tips when boosting a post:

- Choose People you choose through targeting and set up different audience
- If your audience is local, target by city plus 25 – 50 miles
- Add an image that doesn't have more than 20% text
- Include a button in your image so people are more likely to click on the image.
- You can boost for as little as \$5 even though Facebook's default is a little higher
- Set the duration for 3 days. If you choose one day you will not reach as many people. The idea is to try and catch



your audience when they are signed on. Most people check Facebook every day but some less often. It's time to realize that business exposure on Facebook is going to cost a little. It's still one of the best places for businesses to reach their customers at all times of the day. I think it is important to have a budget for Facebook ads and boosts. You can start with \$5 a week (\$20 a month) if you are on a tight budget but \$100 a month will reach more eyeballs.

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## COSMIC BURST OF RADIO WAVES

A strange phenomenon has been observed by astronomers right as it was happening—a “fast radio burst.” The eruption is described as an extremely short, sharp flash of radio waves from an unknown source in the universe.

Over the past few years, astronomers have occasionally observed this new phenomenon—a brief burst of radio waves lasting only a few milliseconds. It was first found by chance in 2007, when astronomers went through archival data from the Parkes Radio Telescope in Eastern Australia. Since then, six more such bursts have been discovered in the Parkes data, and a seventh burst was found in data from the Arecibo telescope in Puerto Rico.

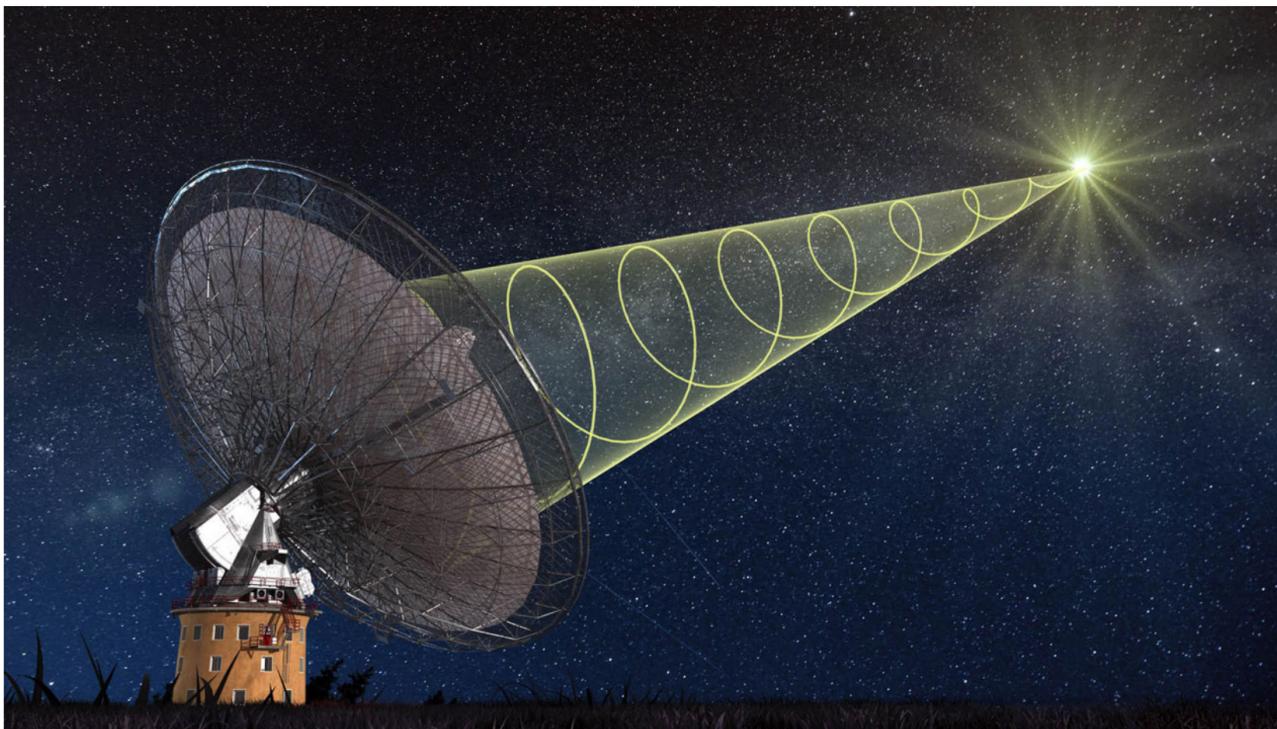
A team of astronomers in Australia developed a technique to search for these bursts in real time. The technique worked, and now a group of researchers, led by Emily Petroff, Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, have succeeded in observing the first “live” burst with the Parkes telescope. One of the big unknowns of fast radio bursts has been their distances. The nature of this radio signal—the way it is “smeared out” in frequency from travelling through space—indicate that the source of the new burst is as much as 5.5 billion light-years away.

As soon as the burst was observed, a number of other telescopes around the world were alerted—both on the ground and in space—in order to make follow-up observations in other wavelengths.

“Using the Swift space telescope, we can observe light in the X-ray region, and we saw two X-ray sources at that position,” explains Daniele Malesani, astrophysicist at the Dark Cosmology Center, Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen.

Then the two X-ray sources were observed using the Nordic Optical Telescope at La Palma. “We observed in visible light and we could see that there were two quasars, that is to say, active black holes. They had nothing to do with the radio wave bursts, but just happen to be located in the same direction,” explains astrophysicist Giorgos Leloudas, Dark Cosmology Center, Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen, and Weizmann Institute, Israel.

So now what? Even though they captured the radio wave burst while it was happening and could



immediately make follow-up observations at other wavelengths ranging from infrared light, visible light, ultraviolet light and X-ray waves, they found nothing. But did they discover anything?

“We found out what it wasn’t. The burst could have hurled out as much energy in a few milliseconds as the Sun does in an entire day. But the fact that we did not see light in other wavelengths eliminates a number of astronomical phenomena that are associated with violent events—such as gamma-ray

bursts from exploding stars and supernovae, which were otherwise candidates for the burst,” Malesani points out.

But the burst left another clue. The Parkes detection system captured the polarization of the light. Polarization is the direction in which electromagnetic waves oscillate, and they can be linearly or circularly polarized. The signal from the radio wave burst was more than 20 percent circularly polarized, which suggests that there is a magnetic

field in the vicinity of the source.

“The theories are now that the radio wave burst might be linked to a very compact type of object—such as a neutron star or black hole—and the bursts could be connected to collisions or ‘star quakes.’ Now we know more about what we should be looking for,” says Malesani.

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## BOYS AND THEIR TOYS

By Christopher Nyerges

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It does seem that some guys can never get enough toys. Like knives. Not that knives are toys – they’re not – but grown men who are still children at heart want objects that are intrinsically useful, valuable, which can still be pulled out to impress a friend, or even a stranger.

I have long liked knives of all sorts. Even ancient cultures had their great diversity of broken and chipped rocks which were their knives. Those were used for money, to show tribal affiliation, and undoubtedly, the various craftsmen would compare and contrast two spear points, looking for nuances of meaning in the two points.

I find a knife indispensable. I presume that it has always been the most basic fundamental tool which distinguished mankind from the so-called lower animals who had lesser brain functions. And the idea that knives are beautiful, wonderful, and an intrinsic part of human life seems to be well accepted among the mainstream. My evidence: I saw a knife show on television, and all they did for more than an hour (before I turned it off) was to try to sell you a great deal on a special knife, but you had to hurry and buy now before the deal expired, or before they met their quota of “strictly limited to the first one million buyers.” Of course, there were

no knives on that show that I would consider buying. Those were cheap knives for the masses.

I prefer to pay more for quality, or to buy from the maker. There’s something about knowing the person behind the knife, the person who has spent his (or her) life mastering the intricacies of knife-making and metallurgy who then goes on to actually produce beautiful, functional pieces of art.

Perhaps our knives are our ultimate mnemonic device, embodying all the things we did with it during last summer’s survival march, or the whole history of the evolution of that particular style of blade. There is much to talk about if you’re a boy with your toy. You pull out your knife, and a lot is evident immediately. Folder vs. sheath. Stainless vs. carbon. Leatherman vs. Victorinox. Big vs. small. From the obvious, many conversations emerge. If a folder, we look at the handle. Bone, plastic, wood, some sort of polycarbonate. Is one better than the other? Some folks think so. We open the various blades, and feel how it feels in the hand. Does it “walk and talk”? The walking – how well it opens without peeling off a fingernail, and we snap it open to hear it “talk.” Watch the boys as they compare their toys. This initial phase is like the opening of a sacred ceremony, and there is usually little talking, just observation and some “ahhs” and “wows.”

Yes, knives are the sacred objects of the boys who go to the woods.

Do you have any questions about knives? Send your questions to me.



## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

## A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were going into a store to do some shopping. Her idea, not mine. Halfway to the door, I noticed a penny on the ground so, being who I am, I bent over to pick up the penny. It is a habit I picked up the day I was

born.

“What are you doing?” My wife gasped, thinking something was wrong.

“I found a penny and I picked it up. Finder’s keepers, loser’s weepers.” And I threw a smile in her direction.

She looked at me and said, “What in the world did you do that for?”

“You know what they say, a penny saved is a penny earned.”

“It’s just a penny. What in the world can you do with a penny?”

As I stuffed the penny in my pocket, I looked at her and said, “I can stuff this penny in my pocket.” Then I gave her a sarcastic smile as wide as the Grand Canyon, but not quite as deep.

She sadly shook her head as we went into the store together. I, one penny richer and smiling all the way. Pennies usually have that effect on me.

I know a penny is not worth that much. I just cannot resist picking up a penny I find on the ground. I guess it is that Pennsylvania Dutch attitude I was born with. I never saw a penny I did not want to pick up.

I can remember many a time at a checkout counter I was one or two pennies short and had to break a \$20 bill. You know what it is like to break a \$20 bill? So, I try to have a little backlog of pennies for just such emergencies, hoping I will never need them.

Do not let this get around, but on my dresser in my bedroom is a jar full of pennies. I found them here and there. One time I remember finding 17 pennies on the ground in one spot. What a great day that was.

My wife is always kidding me about this and when I am in some kind of meditative mood, or so I want her to think I am, she will direct this to me, “A penny for your thoughts!” I only look at her and smile, the temptation is there because I can always use another penny and how many thoughts are really worth a penny? Especially mine.

Then a strange thing happened. We were home watching the news when the story of the day was somebody auctioned off a penny for 2 ½ million dollars. If you do not think that got my attention! Just one penny brought all that money.

I know right here I would sell all of my pennies for half that amount. Anybody looking for a bargain? After all, I am not really greedy.

I looked at my wife, smiled broadly, and said, “A penny for your thoughts!”

“Who,” she finally said in a disgusting sort of tone, “would pay 2 ½ million dollars for one penny?”

“I don’t know,” I retorted, “but I know who would sell one for 2 ½ million dollars.”

She glanced towards the bedroom where my pennies were at I said, “Don’t even think it.”

Then we both had a good laugh together.

As much as I appreciate pennies, I am not going to go crazy about their value. I know a 2 ½ million dollar penny is old and has quite a bit of history behind it, but it will be a long afternoon in the shower when I’m going to believe it’s worth that much money. Who in the world put such a value on a thing like that?

I remember my father taking me to auctions and it always amazed me how much people would pay for some things. They get so excited in the bidding and trying to outbid somebody else that oftentimes they would pay twice as much as the object was really worth.

I remember my father would always say after some outlandish bid, “I sure would’ve loved to have sold that to that guy.” Then he would stare out into space a little bit thinking about that whole idea. He always wanted to be the seller and not the buyer.

Then my wife hit me with a difficult question. “Is there something you would never sell for 2 ½ million dollars?”

What a loaded question. I am not even sure what 2 ½ million dollars is worth! I have never seen that much money in my whole life and probably never will. But some people have put value on certain things and are willing to part with something if someone comes up with the right price.

People put value on things that really are not that important. An old penny worth 2 ½ million dollars cannot be used for anything practical. What can you buy with that penny? What is that man going to use that 2 ½ million dollar penny for? Just look at it!

I think Solomon had the right idea when he wrote, “For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it” (Proverbs 8:11).

Some things in life you cannot put a price on, it is a joy to discover those things and sometimes those things are people.

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## RICH Johnson



### I WANT MY MOMMY

Ran across these pearls of wisdom from young children years ago and figured it might be fun to pass it on to you again.

*Why did God make mothers?*

Think about it. It was the best way to get more people To help us out of there when we were getting born.

*How did God make mothers?*

God made my mom just the same like He made me. He just used bigger parts.

*What are moms made out of?*

God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair, and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

*What kind of little girl was your mom?*

I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.

*How did your mom meet your dad?*

Mom was working in a store and dad was shoplifting  
What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?  
His last name. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook.  
Does he make at least \$800 a year. Did he say no to drugs and yes to chores?

*Why did your mom marry your dad?*

My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot. My grandma says that my mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

*What's the difference between moms and dads?*

Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.  
Moms work at work and work at home. Dads just got to work at work.  
Dads are taller and stronger, but mom's have all the real power because that's who you gotta ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.

*What does your mom do in her spare time?*

Moms don't do spare time.  
Mom says she pays bills all day long.

Thank you moms everywhere for being moms. There is little more valuable in the land.

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### GET READY FOR TERRORISM ON SOFT TARGETS

Get ready for our already ugly and violent 21st century to be the century of soft targets for terrorists. The number of places where people feel safe will diminish as terrorists pick new venues to

increase body counts -- and grab more of that new and mainstream media publicity that helps with recruit-ment.

What humanity is seeing now is yet another shift in how people kill people. During World War I, new technology changed the way warfare was waged. The 20th century later gifted humanity history's most inhuman, evil and powerful madman: Nazi Germany's Adolf Hitler. Hijackings and terrorism blossomed in the 1960s. In following decades so did serial killer killings, school shootings, mass murders and the rise of that religious terrorism so hypocritically excused and enabled by some.

Then came 9/11, a financially costly terrorist operation that expertly exploited American airport and airplane security vulnerabilities to use passenger-crammed airlines as missiles in an operation de-signed to maximize the kills. "Greatest Generation" World War II veterans such my father, Richard Gandelman, who thought they had buried barbaric mass brutality with Hitler's death, were shocked by 9/11.

Enter ISIS, the world's largest producers of snuff films, urging its true believers to kill Americans and other enemies wherever they see them. Those are the softest of soft targets. And the attention is turning to soft targets.

In Sydney, Australia, "Islamist" terrorist Man Haron Monis, who was well known to authorities there, chose the Lindt Cafe as his target for a 16-hour December siege that ended in the death of two hostages and Monis himself. Sydney brought back (bad) memories of the 2008 Mumbai, India massacre on several "soft targets" including a mall, cafe, hospital and a Jewish Chabad house -- ending in 164 dead.

The world had barely absorbed Sydney's finale when the shocking and sickening news broke that six heavily armed Taliban militants wearing suicide vests murdered 133 school children 12-years-old and up at the

Army Public School in Peshawar, Pakistan. And so the Taliban continued its tradition of killing or trying to kill kids. Some warped minds still consider them "brave" warriors.

Look for the Taliban and other terrorist groups to strike at more soft targets in Pakistan, because the country carved out of India is like a ripe apple ready to be harvested. The forbidden fruit is Paki-stan's nuclear program. If ISIS is cutting off the heads of journalists, businessmen, women and children, and if the Taliban is routinely murdering kids, exactly what do you think they'll do if they acquire a nuclear weapon?

Just as hell will be the final limit for those who mercilessly murder kids, the sky is the limit when it comes to massacring people in free and even not-so-free societies. First, merely pick a place where people congregate, feel relaxed about where they are and/or where their loved ones are. Second, send in or manipulate some l-o-s-e-r who thinks killing others and himself is a virtue and -- voila! -- there you have it. The headlines. The shock. The cost for the murderers' bosses is low. The publicity over the outrage is big.

The list of possibilities of soft targets is seemingly endless: pre-schools, malls, churches, syna-gogues, fairs, festivals, sporting events, swap meets, conventions, rock concerts.

Everyone these days talks about "trending" on the Internet. So how is humanity "trending" so far in the 21st century?

Not very well at all.

Just as some websites are dominated by boorish, hyper partisan "trolls" who name call and push free speech to the limit of slander in their clamor to get noticed, we now have news cycles dominated by bloodthirsty terrorist and wannabe terrorist "trolls" who clamor to be feared, and exploit state-of-the-art social media technology to spread their message and their branding of brutality.

They mercilessly and sadistically butcher their enemies, inflict maximum damage, and exterminate the opposition -- which actually HELPS them sign up more recruits -- who think it's cool.

Somewhere down there where it's very hot, Adolf must be smiling.

# LEFT TURN / RIGHT TURN

## REPUBLICANS KNOW THEIR OBAMACARE CASE IS BOGUS. HERE'S THE PROOF.

By Brian Beutler

On Thursday, the government filed its brief to the Supreme Court in the case that will determine whether Obamacare subsidies disappear in three dozen states. Its argument is comprehensive, but one part of it speaks directly to the political history of the law, and the fact that everybody, including Republicans in Congress who now claim out of convenience that the law plainly limits subsidies to states that set up their own exchanges, always understood it to authorize subsidies everywhere.

The government confines this part of its argument to the legislative debate in the run up to the law's passage in early 2010, but it could make the point more succinctly (and perhaps convincingly) by fast forwarding to early 2011. These days, Republicans up to and including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell confidently pronounce that "the language of the law says ... subsidies are only available for states that set up state exchanges." But that's not what they believed four years ago.

When Republicans took over the House in 2011, the political environment in Congress changed dramatically. Obamacare couldn't be repealed, but it became fair game for damaging modifications, and the GOP took aim at it and other domestic spending programs whenever opportunities to offset the cost of new legislation arose. One of the first things Congress did back then was eliminate an Affordable Care Act provision that would have significantly expanded the number of expenses businesses are required to report to the IRS. Even before the law passed, business associations were livid about the "1099" requirement, and created such an uproar over it that the question quickly became how, not if, it would be repealed. Even Democrats wanted it gone.

The only problem was that the reporting requirement was expected to raise over \$20 billion. Under GOP rule, it could only be offset with spending cuts elsewhere in the budget. As it happens, they found those spending cuts elsewhere in the ACA itself. Specifically, Republicans paid for repealing the 1099 provision by subjecting ACA beneficiaries to stricter rules regarding when they have to reimburse the government for subsidy overpayments. Make more money than you anticipated, and the government will claw back your premium assistance come tax season.

The congressional budget office scored the plan as essentially deficit neutral, and Republicans voted for it overwhelmingly. But you see the problem here. If the ACA plainly prohibits subsidies in states that didn't set up their own exchanges, then there would be no subsidies in those states to claw back. And by April 2011, when the clawback passed, we already knew that multiple states were planning to protest ACA implementation and let the federal government set up their exchanges, including giant states like Florida, which now has a million beneficiaries. They would have needed a different, or additional, pay for.

Obamacare's legal challengers might chime in here to insist that their case is impervious to revelations like these. CBO's analyses were premised on the idea that every state would set up its own exchange, and Republicans (and many Democrats) based their votes on what CBO told them. Other Democrats who actually understood the scheme may

have simply pretended not to notice the problem. Nevertheless, they'd say, the law was designed to withhold subsidies from people whose states didn't establish exchanges, and to ruin the individual and small-group insurance markets in those states, without providing any notice to either. In a perverse way, the absurdity of the challengers' argument is its greatest strength. Because the scheme they insist Congress intentionally created was so far from Congress' mind, it's hard to find contemporaneous evidence that Congress absolutely didn't mean to condition these subsidies. In much the same way, we can't be sure that Congress didn't mean to denominate those subsidies in Canadian dollars. A \$ isn't necessarily a \$ after all.

But this familiar line of defense crumbles here. It is facially plausible—though incorrect—to posit that at the time the law passed, CBO believed subsidies would be available everywhere because it simply assumed every state would set up an exchange. But that assumption didn't hold in April 2011. Something else must explain CBO's 1099-repeal score, and the Republican votes that followed it. What we have in the form of this bill is clear evidence that everyone who voted for it (including every single Republican, save the two GOP congressmen and one GOP senator who weren't present) understood the Affordable Care Act to provide subsidies everywhere.

Congress repealed the 1099 provision at an important moment—after multiple states announced that they would step back and let the federal government establish their exchanges, but before the IRS issued its proposed rule stipulating that subsidies would be available on both exchanges. The only thing Congress had to go on when it stiffened the clawback mechanism was its own reading of the Affordable Care Act, and Congress behaved exactly as you would expect. It operated with the understanding that subsidies were universal.

Today, many Republicans will tell you that the law plainly forecloses subsidies through the federal exchange. Six senators—John Cornyn, Ted Cruz, Orrin Hatch, Mike Lee, Rob Portman, and Marco Rubio—and ten congressmen—Marsha Blackburn, Dave Camp, Randy Hultgren, Darrell Issa, Pete Olson, Joe Pitts, Pete Roskam, Paul Ryan and Fred Upton—have even filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court, which begins, "The plain text of the ACA reflects a specific choice by Congress to make health insurance premium subsidies available only to those who purchase insurance from 'an Exchange established by the State....' The IRS flouted this unambiguous statutory limitation, promulgating regulations that make subsidies available for insurance purchased not only through exchanges established by the States but also through exchanges established by the federal government."

All of them, save Cruz, who was elected in 2012, voted for 1099 repeal. In its brief, the government argues that "it was well understood that the Act gave 'States the choice to participate in the exchanges themselves or, if they do not choose to do so, to allow the Federal Government to set up the exchanges.' And it was abundantly clear that some States would not establish their own Exchanges." It was more than well understood. Congress actually endorsed that very proposition. Courtesy of *The New Republic* www.newrepublic.com

## GREG Welborn

### A PRESIDENT PRACTICING INSANITY



Were it not my task to write a decent length column, I could easily summarize President Obama's 2015 State of The Union Address as follows: the middle class has been decimated on his watch, and he's insisting that the Congress allow him to fix the problem by implementing more of the policies which hurt the middle class in the first place. That's it; no further guide or decoding is needed. The words were straight forward and easy to understand. It lasted just about an hour, much less time than it took to write my summary. But since I do have to put together a column of reasonable length, let's explore the underlying theme of presidential insanity. After all, one of the better definitions of insanity is doing the same thing but expecting different results. That's what President Obama wants to do.

The President put forward a plan to spend another \$300+ billion financed by increased taxation of savings and investments. Been there, done that, doesn't work!! The President's last 6 years have been nothing but increased government spending financed by increased taxes. The historical record is crystal clear.

The great "fiscal cliff" deal increased income tax rates on the top earners by 20% to 30%, with an additional Obamacare surcharge thrown on top of that. On the receiving side, according to the Congressional Budget Office, transfer payments to middle income families increased almost 25% during this president's tenure, and the effective average tax rate for this same middle income group fell 24%. You'd expect to find that the middle class is better off from all this, but the opposite has occurred. Middle class after-tax income has dropped during this period.

The reality is that taxing "the rich" to give to others doesn't improve the circumstances of those receiving the money. They may get something from the government, but they lose even more in other areas. These stats couldn't be any clearer. Median household income stood at approximately \$55,000 in 2007. All the taxing, all the spending (remember \$1 trillion deficits), all the transfer payments didn't do anything to improve the middle class whose median household income dropped to roughly \$52,000. It may not seem like a lot in dollar terms, but it represents about a 6% haircut.

Ask yourself how much better off you'd be if your boss reduced your paycheck by 6%. Factor in the fact that prices have risen 13.4% over that time period according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and you have the makings of a first class economic disaster for the middle class!

The other notable thing that didn't happen, which the President seems to believe will now magically happen, is closing the income gap between rich and poor. Remember, this is the president who claimed that income inequality posed a fundamental threat to our way of life. If true, the Obama largely responsible for that is President Gubarna, and now he wants to double down on the same policies which

caused the income gap to widen.

The President's list of give-aways sounds very attractive to the uninformed. Tax credits here, subsidies there, free community college tuition over there, etc. If I were going to receive some of those, I might be tempted to be happy, to see President Obama as my savior. My attitude would change, of course, when I realized that I would have to pay for all that. You see, there just is no such thing as a free lunch or a "tax on the rich".

You can't isolate the rich like that. We all have choices; we all choose where, when and how much to work. The vast majority of us are pretty practical when it comes to figuring that out. If you raise someone's wage, they usually work harder. Decrease it, and you shouldn't be surprised if they work less for you, or just plain quit.

Why would we think the rich are any different? If you increase taxes on how much they earn, don't they have the choice of not earning as much? Of course they do. It is exactly this choice -- and their inevitable decision in the face of increased taxation -- which devastates the middle classes and the lower income groups as well. If the rich won't invest their money into companies which want to expand or into startups which want to build something new, then the jobs which those companies create will decrease or grow scarce. The second key concept here is that any tax can ultimately be passed on to consumers. If you tax a manufacturer (the "rich"), the tax simply gets priced into the products sold. Obama's policies are having the added effect of increasing the cost of all the things we have to buy.

The President's policies diminish economic growth, hurt job prospects, decrease real wages and increase prices of consumer goods and services. The President's policies aren't doing the middle class any good at all. They're devastating them, and doing more of the same will only hurt them more.

President Obama can give a really good speech, and arguably he's a really smart guy. But there are a lot of really smart guys who aren't very wise. President Obama's 6th State of the Union Address shows he's still making some really bonehead decisions, and they represent the insanity of doing the same thing while expecting different results.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JTV LITIGATION SERVICES, 1543 W OLYMPIC BLVD. STE 404, L.A., CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE TONY RODRIGUEZ, 1543 W OLYMPIC BLVD. STE 404, L.A., CA 90015. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE TONY RODRIGUEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/31/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MISSION PEDIATRIC THERAPY, 7957 6<sup>th</sup> ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MISSION PEDIATRIC PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC., 7957 6<sup>th</sup> ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ALIREZA HOVEYDA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/30/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-361147**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: L OSUNA TRUCKING, 8413 CONKLIN ST., DOWNEY, CA 90242. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LOUIS CESAR OSUNA, 8413 CONKLIN ST., DOWNEY, CA 90242. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LOUIS CESAR OSUNA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/26/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-360336**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LIBERTY LUXURY CARS, 3108 LAMAR CT., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FRIDAY ELEAZER EZEFOR, 3108 LAMAR CT., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FRIDAY ELEAZER EZEFOR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/24/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-363870**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LIBERTY ONE INSURANCE SERVICES, 1035 W MISSION BLVD., POMONA, CA 91766. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SONNY NIM, 1035 W MISSION BLVD., POMONA, CA 91766. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SONNY NIM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/30/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-359978**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOVEFACE LEGAL SERVICES, 2703 E. 220<sup>th</sup> ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90810. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEPHANIE LOVELACE, 2703 E. 220<sup>th</sup> ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90810. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: STEPHANIE LOVELACE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/24/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-359373**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MAPLE LEAF CAPITAL COMPANY, 14340 HANDLER BLVD., SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91401. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PETER A. WISSNER, 14340 CHANDLER BLVD., SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91401, STEPHANIE E. WISSNER, 14340 CHANDLER BLVD., SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91401. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: PETER A. WISSNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/23/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-342936**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MOISES LID CREW, 4241 FACULTY AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MOISES GONZALEZ RANGEL, 4241 FACULTY AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MOISES GONZALEZ RANGEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/23/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-342936**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NOVEDADES BLANKIS Y CHINITA, 6811 COMPTON AVE., L.A., 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BLANCA CAMPOS, 1404 E. 81<sup>st</sup> ST., L.A., CA 90001. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BLANCA CAMPOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/31/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-362377**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ANAHEIM FOOT MASSAGE, 3927 E. ANAHEIM BLVD., BEA, CA 90804. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUNQIAO LU, 3302 EVELYN AVE., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUNQIAO LU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/04/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-359546**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ONE HEALTH CENTER, 924 E. GARVEY AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LI CHIH CHANG, 924 E. GARVEY AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LI CHIH CHANG, 924 E. GARVEY AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: LIN LI TAI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/23/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-362664**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PING PONG CHINESE UJSINE, 17267 VENTURA BLVD., ENCINO, CA 91436. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ISKANDARBEK KARROV. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/29/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-359577**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PURE CANINE TRAINING, 142<sup>nd</sup> FOURTH ST., SAN DIMAS, CA 91773. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEPHANIE SMITH, 142<sup>nd</sup> FOURTH ST., SAN DIMAS, CA 91773. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PATRICK PRESTON SMITH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/23/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-362620**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SAN DIMAS, CA 91773. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEPHANIE SMITH, 142<sup>nd</sup> FOURTH ST., SAN DIMAS, CA 91773. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: STEPHANIE MARIE ROSENFELD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/23/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-362585**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: R & Y PRODUCTIONS, 13100 YUKON AVE., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YESICA D. CHAVEZ, 13519 YUKON AVE., #206, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. RODRIGO CHAVEZ CHARRIA, 13519 YUKON AVE., #206, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: YESICA D. CHAVEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/29/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-361145**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REGIONAL LIGHTING, 324 S. DIAMOND BLVD., #100, DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LORENA LANDAZURI, 23245 FOREST CANYON DR., DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LORENA LANDAZURI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/26/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-361247**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SNEEK PEEK AUDIO & VIDEO, 1423<sup>rd</sup> PLEASANT AVE., L.A., CA 90033. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SNEEK PEEK AUDIO & VIDEO CORPORATION, 1423<sup>rd</sup> PLEASANT AVE., L.A., CA 90033. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: KENNY A. SANCHEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/26/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-359793**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STREETCONCEPT, 13924 MC CLURE AVE., #108, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VANESSA E. ROMERO, 13924 MC CLURE AVE., #108, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VANESSA E. ROMERO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/23/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-367303**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VERNON, CA 90058. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STYLES WEST, INC., 3183 BANDINI BLVD., VERNON, CA 90058. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: KAMALA PRASAI KARKI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/30/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-358710**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TACO'S EL 7, 8740 FIRESTONE BLVD.,

**City of Sierra Madre**

From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE 1360-U ESTABLISHING AN INTERIM MORATORIUM ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 ON THE DEMOLITION, IN PART OR IN WHOLE, OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AND DUPLEXES THAT WERE CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO A DESIGNATED DATE AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

On January 27, 2015, the City Council will consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 1360-U, an Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre, establishing an Interim Moratorium Ordinance pursuant to Government Code Section 65858, on the demolition, in part or in whole, of single-family homes and duplexes that were constructed prior to a designated date. Government Code 65858 a provision of State Planning and Zoning law authorizes an interim urgency zoning ordinance to prevent development related actions which may be inconsistent with a plan under development, such as the General Plan Update that would require amendments to the R-1 Zoning Ordinance, and the historic resources survey that could identify potential resources and result in more detailed review of structures prior to demolition. The ordinance would remain in effect until March 13, 2015, unless extended or terminated by further action of the City Council.

All interested parties may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at 626-355-7138 and ask to speak to either Lucia Cardoso, Acting Planning Director, or Anne McIntosh, Project Planner.

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| <b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b><br>City of Sierra Madre<br>City Council meeting<br>Tuesday, January 27, 2015<br>(Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.) | <b>PLACE OF HEARING</b><br>City of Sierra Madre<br>City Council Chambers<br>232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.<br>Sierra Madre, CA |
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**City of Sierra Madre**

From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 15-01 (MCTA 15-01)  
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre  
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of a municipal code text amendment to require a plumbing stub-out for graywater re-use systems in residential new construction projects.

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| <b>DATE AND TIME OF HEARING</b><br>City of Sierra Madre<br>City Council meeting<br>Tuesday, January 27, 2015<br>6:30 p.m. | <b>PLACE OF HEARING</b><br>City of Sierra Madre<br>City Council Chambers<br>232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.<br>Sierra Madre, CA |
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All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The project qualifies for an Exemption, pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

**APPEAL:** If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
NO. VS026692  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner MARY NOYALIN GEORGE HAS FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT - SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name: MARY NOYALIN GEORGE

Proposed Name: NOYLIN MARY GEORGE

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 03/04/2015 at 1:30PM in Dept. C - RM. 312 at 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90650.

THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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Mary Noyalin George  
Petitioner Appearing Pro Per  
2182 Violeta Ave.  
Hawaian Gardens, Ca. 90716

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**SELF STORAGE MAIL BOX RENTALS FAX SERVICE**

**PHONE: (626) 355-1837 FAX: 355-4329**

130 E. Montecito Avenue  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

**DOWNEY, CA 90241.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RIGOBERTO CHAVEZ, 8740 FIRESTONE BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RIGOBERTO CHAVEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/22/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-360374**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNIVERSAL EYEBROW THREADING AND BEAUTY SALON, 1900 N LONG BEACH BLVD #108, COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) UNIVERSAL EYEBROW THREADING AND BEAUTY SALON, 1900 N LONG BEACH BLVD #108, COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: KAMALA PRASAI KARKI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/26/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-361196**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TIJERAST/BOUQUE, 10910 PARAMONT BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUCIA VARGAS GOMEZ, 10910 PARAMONT BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90240. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUCIA VARGAS GOMEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/26/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-357579**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNIVERSAL EYEBROW THREADING AND BEAUTY SALON, 1900 N LONG BEACH BLVD #108, COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) UNIVERSAL EYEBROW THREADING AND BEAUTY SALON, 1900 N LONG BEACH BLVD #108, COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: KAMALA PRASAI KARKI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/26/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WILLY'S PLUMBING SERVICE, 11817 PENNSYLVANIA ST., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GUILLELMO LOZANO PLASCENCIA, 11817 PENNSYLVANIA ST., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GUILLELMO LOZANO PLASCENCIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/26/2014. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 03, 10, 17, 24, 2015

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