

SEIRRA MADRE POLICE ARREST A TEACHER FOR SEXUAL ENCOUNTER WITH A MINOR

The Sierra Madre Police Department arrested an East San Gabriel Valley Regional Occupational Program (ROP) teacher for allegedly having a sexual encounter with a minor, who is a student at Gladstone High School in Azusa. While this teacher was not a direct employee of the Azusa Unified School District, the District holds this individual to the same high standards to which they hold their own teachers.

Azusa Unified School District Staff found out about the allegation Thursday afternoon and immediately contacted Child Protective Services, ROP's director of personnel, and local law enforcement. The teacher was immediately removed from the campus and placed on leave. After further investigation it was determined that the encounter took place in the city of Sierra Madre.

The Sierra Madre Police Department, which has jurisdiction over the case, was notified and immediately began an investigation into the allegations. The teacher, Eddee Kolos, 50 of Sierra Madre turned herself into police on Thursday afternoon and after being interviewed was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail where she was booked for



having sexual intercourse with a minor.

Public Safety Director Larry Giannone said, "The cooperation of the Azusa Unified School District, the Covina Police Department, and the quick work of Sierra Madre Police Department Detectives were instrumental in bringing this case to a quick conclusion and the arrest of the suspect within four hours of school authorities being notified."

Kolos remains free on bond and is due back in Pasadena Court on April 3, 2015.

Anyone that may have information about this case are urged to contact the Sierra Madre Police Department at (626) 355-1414.

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SUSPECTS ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF BURGLARY

On Wednesday the Sierra Madre Police successfully and safely apprehended two individuals suspected of burglary. At 11:48 am, a call was received from a resident of the 400 Block of Foothill Avenue stating they had witnessed a suspect steal a package from their front porch. The victim chased after the suspect before he jumped into a vehicle. Police were notified and were provided a clear description of the vehicle and suspect. Officers searched the city and located Javier Armenta, near Jameson and Grandview.



Javier Armenta, 43

Upon questioning Javier, he informed Officers that he parked his vehicle a short distance away, which contained the stolen package and other property believed to have been taken in a commercial burglary. Other observant community members saw a second man run from the vehicle and provided a description to police.



Christopher D. Corioriles, 23

Officers located and apprehended Christopher D. Corioriles, on Highland, east of Grove St. Both suspects were taken into custody without incident for suspicion of burglary, possession of burglary tools, and the theft of the package.

At press time, both men remained in custody, Armenta on \$46,000 bail and Corioriles on \$11,000 bail.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

LOW TURNOUT EXPECTED IN MARCH 10TH ELECTION

Pasadena Unified School Board Election May Ultimately Impact All Sierra Madreans

The long anticipated election of a representative on the PUSD School Board is now weeks away. On Tuesday, March 10th, residents of Sierra Madre, Hastings Ranch, and an unincorporated section of Pasadena will choose the first elected board member since the Districts recent remapping. Two Sierra Madre residents are vying for the position, Educator Larry Torres and Realtor Sandra Siraganian.

A brief bio of each (excerpts from Ballotpedia) is below:



LARRY TORRES: Torres works as a teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. He started working there in 1986 and currently works at a school for nontraditional students. Torres has master's degrees in curriculum development and educational administration from Harvard University and the University of California at Los Angeles. He has two

daughters, one who currently attends school in the Pasadena Unified School District and another who graduated from the district.

Endorsements: Torres has received endorsements from the Los Angeles County Democratic Party and United Teachers of Pasadena.

SANDRA SIRAGANIAN: Siraganian is a realtor at Sotheby's International Realty. She was appointed by the Pasadena City Council in September 2013 to serve on the Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial Committee. Siraganian has three children



Endorsements: Siraganian has been endorsed by the Los Angeles County Republican Party.

BOTH CANDIDATES HAVE AGREED TO APPEAR AT A PUBLIC FORUM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015 AT THE SIERRA MADRE KIWANIS CLUB.

The event is free to the public. For those who wish to enjoy lunch, the fee is \$10. Lunch will begin at 11:30 and the forum will begin at noon. Call 626-355-0757 for lunch reservations. The event will be held at The LODGE, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, Ca.

WISTARIA FESTIVAL
Sunday, March 15, 2015
9 am-5pm
Artists—Crafters—Live Music and Fun!

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CIVIC CLUB TURNS 70!



On February 12th, members of the Sierra Madre Civic Club welcomed past presidents to a gala celebrating 70 years of service and philanthropy. Tables were decked with sparkling birthday decorations, balloons adorned the room, and a lovely birthday cake was served.

In keeping with the theme "You Light Up My Life", each of the past presidents was given a candle as she was introduced. Of those in attendance, the earliest past president was Ann Tyler, a charter member of Club who was president in 1951-1952 and the past president who came the farthest to the celebration was Judy Young Zaretska, president in 1995-97, who joined us from Arroyo Grande.

The Sierra Madre Civic Club is a civic and philanthropic organization. Members raise thousands of dollars every year that is given away in educational scholarships and in grants to community organizations. You'll find us working at Huck Finn Day, the Mt. Wilson Trail Race, Fourth of July Games in the Park, the Wistaria Festival, Concerts in the Park, and other community wide events. We meet the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Hart Park House.

SENIOR MASTER PLAN TOWN HALL

The City of Sierra Madre and the Senior Master Plan Committee are in the process of updating the Senior Master Plan. The initial stages of the update will focus on two Town Hall meetings to gain feedback from our older adult population. Participation in these Town Hall meetings is an excellent way to provide your input and help shape the

future needs of the older adult community.

The next Town Hall meeting is on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 11:00am. The meeting is at the Hart Park House, located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. All are welcome.

For more info please contact the Community Services Department at 626-355-7135

2015 HUCK FINN FISHING DERBY AND CAMPOUT

Sierra Madre, CA. – The annual Huck Finn Fishing Derby and Campout will be here before you know it: Friday, March 27, 2015 – Sunday, March 29, 2015. The weekend long event is held at the Sierra Madre settling basins next to Dapper Field and behind the Public Works Yard. The event is sponsored by the City of Sierra Madre Community Services Department with significant support from Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association, Issei Foundation, Johnny's Sport Shop, Sierra Madre Civic Club, Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, Sierra Madre Rotary Club, The Kensington, Berkshire Hathaway, Osti Tree Service, Izorline International Inc., Buccaneer Lounge, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3208, and Irvine Lake.

Camp Out

The Campout is held Friday, March 27 to Saturday, March 28 and includes a campfire, s'mores roasting, Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troop 110 wilderness demonstrations, Eaton Canyon Nature Center wilderness demonstrations, and star gazing. Participants must sign up in advance for campsites which are available on a first come, first serve basis. Campsites can accommodate six persons; the registration fee is \$57.00 and includes fishing derby entry for up to 4 youths and re-entry to Saturday Family Fishing. Camping registration begins February 23rd and must be done in person at City Hall, located at 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024, open Monday through Thursday 11:00am – 5:30pm.

Fishing Derby – Saturday, March 28

The fishing derby is open to youth ages 3-15 years. The event runs from 7:00am – 11:30am and costs \$11 per youth. Registration is accepted the morning of the event only, and the entrance is located next to Dapper Field in Sierra Vista



Park. All skill levels are welcome and experienced Fishing Guides will be on site to assist participants. The Pasadena Casting Club will also be demonstrating great fly fishing techniques. Awards in four age categories are announced at 12:00pm along with the participant raffle. The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will provide food available for purchase. The Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighter Association is again making a large contribution to the 2015 Huck Finn Fishing Derby and Campout. Due to their generous support we would like to encourage participants to attend the SMVFA Pancake Breakfast on May 2, 2015 from 7AM-11AM at Memorial Park. Tickets for the pancake breakfast will be sold at the fishing derby on March 28th. Tickets are \$5 and they can also be purchased at The Only Place in Town or at the Fire Station.

Family Fishing – March 28 and March 29

Family Fishing is from 12:30-4:00pm on Saturday, March 29 and from 7:00am-4:00pm on Sunday, March 30. Admission is \$21 for a family of four or \$11 per individual; no fishing license is required. Entrance is located next to Dapper Field in Sierra Vista Park.

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Tues:	Sunny	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, February 24, 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.

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS



City Council

February 24, 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 before 5:30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

Upcoming Public Meetings

Next Regular City Council Meeting
February 24, 2015 - 6:30 pm

Monday, February 23, 2015
Special Community Services Commission Meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, February 24, 2015
City Council Meeting, 6:30pm*

Wednesday, February 25, 2015
Library Board of Trustees, 7:00 pm

City Hall Hours

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

Planning & Community Preservation and Public Works Service
Hours Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 2:00pm
Sierra Madre City Hall

232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024
(626) 355-7135

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, 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.

2015 WISTARIA FESTIVAL
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling all volunteers. The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help with the 2015 Wistaria Festival to be held on March 15, 2015. Call the Chamber Office at 626-355-5111



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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE / VOLUNTEER IMPACT SOFTWARE AVAILABLE TO SM COMMUNITY GROUPS

Dear Sierra Madre Community Group Members, Sierra Madre is happy to announce a new volunteer database made specifically for non-profit community groups and organizations. The new Volunteer Impact database is now available for Sierra Madre non-profit community groups to use. Volunteer Impact is a forum, for all Sierra Madre community groups, to announce volunteer opportunities to existing volunteers and the general public. If your group is hosting a specific event and is in need of volunteers, you can now post about the event on Volunteer Impact and those interested in volunteering can sign up. Additionally, Volunteer Impact keeps a log of each volunteers' hours worked and allows the community group easy access to it.

This is a shared database created for all Sierra Madre non-profit organizations. If a non-profit community group or organization is interested in operating a private database, there is an option to create and maintain a separate database

for an annual cost of \$300/per database.

A staff member would like to attend one of your meetings, to better explain this new database and to answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you

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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION TO EXTEND AN INTERIM MORATORIUM ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 ON THE DEMOLITION, IN PART OR IN WHOLE, OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AND DUPLEXES CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO A DESIGNATED DATE AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

On January 27, 2015, the City Council adopted 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 December 31, 1940. Government Code 65858 a provision of State Planning and Zoning law authorizes an 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. Ordinance 1360-U expires on March 13, 2015, and the City Council will consider extending it for an additional 6 months (until September 23, 2015.)

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 Leticia Cardoso, Acting Planning Director, or Anne McIntosh, Project Planner.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2015
(Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
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Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Eat – Sleep – Scoot
– Repeat!"

Saw six deer ambling down Alegria early Tuesday morning. They sniffed and nibbled, turned right up Mountain Trail, wandered through turtle park and leapt up the hillside. The very hillside where my son fell into a patch of poison ivy (oak?) and burst into a misery the likes of which he had never imagined. Calamine lotion didn't do nearly enough and he and I sat out the wedding of one of his cousins because he was too miserable to get out of the car. Good times!

The fig trees are showing tiny green leaves at the ends of their branches, and the tomatoes on my volunteer tomato, which came out of nowhere, is five feet high and growing, are getting bigger. Camellias are blooming all over town, we still haven't trimmed back our roses and the naval oranges this year have never tasted so sweet. We are scanning the skies for rain while, somewhat guiltily, enjoying the sunshine and mild weather. If only we could figure out a way to get all that snow out of Boston and plop it down on our mountains, the drought problem would be solved, and it would help those poor people back there who are spending all their time shivering and shoveling.

We're sure you've noticed them around town the last few years, people in the eight to twelve age group hurtling down our streets on Razor scooters. They're wearing helmets, which is good because that's the law in Sierra Madre, and heading for school with the speed of light. Those babies are fast! Walking Sierra Madre this week my favorite Valentine and walking buddy, John, and I took a serious look into the window at Left Coast Scooters at 183 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. right next to Sierra Madre Pizza Company, and discovered a whole new world! Chatting with Jim Edwards, owner of Left Coast Scooters, I discovered that scooters seem to have boldly gone where skateboards used to go. Scooters, as seen at Left Coast, are gorgeous in iridescent peacock colors, and scooter seekers can custom build their own scooter or go for a "complete" which is a pre-built scooter. Left Coast was full of young gentlemen in the aforementioned 8-12 age group, who were helping Jim out with all sorts of useful information while we chatted.

Just to fill you in, the Razor scooter is a compact folding kick scooter, which was first distributed by The Sharper Image in 1999 and became extremely popular in the next year or so. The hot brands are Envy, District Freestyle Scooter, Dominator and several others which are available at Left Coast, along with some great t-shirts, accessories, and the latest scooter magazines.

Jim Edwards opened the doors to Left Coast last November and tailors his hours there to work around his other business, which is



being a General Contractor. He lives close by in Hastings Ranch and his son (10) and daughter (12) are in our local schools. His hours fit school schedules, too, when all his young clients can come hang out and see what everybody's riding. This new breed of scooter is built much tougher than the original Razor scooters, specially designed to take abuse, like jumping and skatepark riding. There's a whole world of competition for scooter lovers, too. Locally, scooters are welcome at the skatepark on Bonita in Arcadia, Monrovia skatepark on East Olive, and Duarte skatepark on Central. Sierra Madre frowns upon scooter riders zipping through the central business area, but pretty much elsewhere, scooter kids are good to go. Yes, helmets, elbow and kneepads are enforced at the skateparks, which seems like a very good idea.

Who's riding scooters? Jim says he gets kids as young as 5 right up to about 16 or so and they are really bonded to their scooters. Watching them ride in and out of Left Coast made me think of horseback riders in close order dressage work. The scooters are extremely maneuverable, the riders are fearless, and Left Coast is a popular after-school hang for local scooter guys and a gal or two. How much are we talking about here? Well, let's say a good one starts at \$100 and goes up from there.

Jim is looking to host more scooter events and he will be donating prizes to the Sierra Madre Elementary School Jog-a-thon, which is planned for Friday, February 27th from 8:00 a.m. to noon on the SME Field. Go on in and say hi! Left Coast is open Mondays from 2:00-6:00; Tuesday-Friday: 3:00-6:00; Saturday Noon-6:00 and Sunday by appointment only. You can give Jim a call at 626-705-4120.

Lent has begun, looking toward Easter, and here's a new thought I came across this morning: Instead of giving up something for Lent, how about giving something to someone in need instead? Just saying!

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, February 8th, to Sunday, February 15th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 306 calls for service.

Monday, February 9th

At 7:10 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 100 Block of East Sierra Madre regarding a hit and run traffic collision. Upon arrival, Officers discovered that a vehicle parked along the street was struck and damaged by an unknown vehicle. Officers were unable to obtain any witnesses. By law, the driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage to any property, including vehicles, shall immediately stop at the nearest location that will not impede traffic or jeopardize the safety of other motorists and leave in a conspicuous place on the vehicle or property damaged a written notice giving the name and address of the driver and notify the Police Department within the city wherein the collision occurred. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.

Tuesday, February 10th

At 1:43 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 300 Block of Acacia Street regarding a residential burglary. Upon arrival Officers were informed by the victims that at around 11 am, the house was left locked and secured. Upon returning home at around 1:30 pm, the victim realized she could not find her cell phone that was left in the home and upon calling it, the cell went straight to voicemail. While looking for the phone, the victims went upstairs to search for it, when they then discovered the upstairs bedrooms had been ransacked. The victims went downstairs and checked all points of entry and discovered the lock for the family room sliding glass door had been removed. It was immediately discovered that numerous jewelry items and coin collection

had been stolen. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.

Thursday, February 12th

At 2:52 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the station lobby to take a theft report about an incident that occurred in January. Officers were informed by the victim that back on January 22nd, he bid on an item on an online selling site. The victim won the item in the bid and paid the suspect over \$500 plus \$16 for shipping. On January 27th, the victim received a package, which was fully intact and firmly sealed with packing tape, but the item he bought was not in the box. Upon contacting the suspect, he informed the victim that he placed the item in the box and that he was lying about not receiving the product. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.

Sunday, February 15th

At 3:56 am, Sierra Madre Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was not compliant to code. Officers approached the driver, and immediately noticed she was nervous and had obvious burn marks around her lips. As Officers requested the driver to exit the vehicle to allow them to conduct the investigation out of a high traffic area, Officers noticed a small glass pipe in the driver's side door panel. Upon questioning if the vehicle contained anything illegal, the driver informed them that there was not. Officers inspected the vehicle and discovered a glass smoking pipe and a plastic container containing cocaine. Based on the Officer's findings, the driver was placed under arrest and the vehicle was towed. While being processed, Officers discovered an additional glass pipe inside the driver's shoe. The driver was subsequently booked and cited.

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Pasadena News Briefs

Man Fires Into Crowd

A woman suffered only minor injuries after a man opened fire into a group of people Tuesday night, near a carport in the 400 block of North Los Robles Ave. Police said the 46 year-old woman was not the intended target of the gunfire first reported around 6 p.m. The woman was taken to a local hospital and release later that night. No one has been arrested and the incident remains under investigation.

Former Employee Accused of Embezzling Millions Released on Bail

A Los Angeles Superior Court Judge agreed Friday to reduce former city employee—accused of embezzlement—Danny Wooten's bail from \$1.75 million to \$650,000. Wooten was release hours later after posting the bail. Superior Court Judge Sergio C. Tapia II also agreed to lift a hold on his funds after the judge declared the money was not related to the embezzling charges. Wooten is scheduled back in court Wednesday for pretrial. Wooten, along with two others are accused of embezzling \$6.4 million from the city. Tyrone Collins, 55, and Melody Jenkins, 46, also remain free on bond.

Police Seize 35 Kilos of Cocaine during Raid

On February 12, Pasadena Police detectives assigned to the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) along with officers from the Special Enforcement Section (SES) served a narcotic search warrant in the 1000 block of North Raymond Avenue. The warrant was based on an ongoing drug trafficking investigation. During the search of the residence, 35 kilos of cocaine (77 lbs.), a semi-automatic handgun, and a large amount of currency were recovered. It is likely the cocaine was destined to the streets of Pasadena and surrounding cities. One suspect was taken into custody with incident.

Pet of the Week



Tex is a seven-year-old male blue pit bull. He is very mellow, friendly, and affectionate. He enjoys going for walks and is just a really sweet fellow. Tex qualifies for the Seniors for Seniors program which waives the adoption fee for adopters age 60 and up. The mandatory microchip fee of \$20 still applies. Tex is also already neutered which means that he can go home with you today.

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

New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet.

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



Lincoln Crossing Shopping Center Sold

By Dean Lee

Representatives of a private family trust said, last week, they have finalized the purchase of the long embattled 43,108-square-foot Altadena shopping center, Lincoln Crossing, for a little more than \$15.2 million. The deal was announced Feb. 11.

The shopping center, 2230-2268 Lincoln Avenue at the corner of Woodbury Road was built in 2006 and includes, Bank of America, 24 Hour Fitness, Subway, Verizon Wireless and Panda Express as notable tenants. Bank of America, 24 Hour Fitness and Subway were not part of the sale although Super King Markets was according to a statement from the Encino based Real Estate Investment Brokerage Company Marcus & Millichap.

“Altadena Crossing is anchored by Super King Markets, the area’s top-performing grocer,” Martin Agnew, Marcus & Millichap vice president of investments said in a statement. “With virtually no available land for new development, the center is insulated against future competition.”

Neither the new owners nor the sellers were named.

Just last May, The Altadena Town Council’s Land use Committee heard plans by, Dorn Platz & Co., the original developer of Lincoln Crossing, for a new Building 5 on Woodbury Road just east of the

24 Hour Fitness parking lot.

Dorn Platz has a long history with West Altadena residents, who prior to 2005, had been waiting three decades for redevelopment of the area. They said the area was riddled with rundown storefronts, old church buildings, liquor stores and crime.

Due to multiple delays, including bankruptcy by Dorn Platz some stores never opened, others quickly closed after being orders to make renovations, including Bessie’s Daughter’s Soulful Tacos and BJR Postal/ Copy, owned by longtime Altadena resident and former Town Councilman Bobby Thompson.

Both Helga Kuhn, owner of Bessie’s Daughter’s Soulful Tacos and Thompson said they were evicted by Dorn Platz after complying in 2008 that the smell from a faulty sewer was driving customers away.

Steve Dassian manager of the former Farm Fresh Ranch Market said, also at the time, that backdoor deals with Super King market and Dorn Platz forced them out of the shopping center.

Lincoln Crossing was also part of a County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission five year plan for the west Altadena redevelopment project area from 2009 until last year.

Goals for the plan included eliminate and prevent the

spread of blight, provide for opportunities for minority business enterprises to remain, expand, and participate in the redevelopment of the project area and promote the development of local job opportunities among others.

Symphony Announces Expanded Season

Renews artistic contracts With David Lockington and Nicholas Mcgegan through 2019

The Pasadena Symphony announces the expansion of its 2015-16 season with an increase to seven concert weekends beginning fall. Backed by strong single ticket sales and subscriber loyalty, its Singpoli Classics series will increase to six-concerts (from five) with both 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. performances at Pasadena’s historic Ambassador Auditorium. The expansion also includes the annually sold out Holiday Candlelight Concert on December 19 with both 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. performances at All Saints Church. The Pasadena Symphony also cements its artistic leadership plans with an eye for long term stability in its artistic leaders – Music Director David Lockington and Principal Guest Conductor Nicholas McGegan - who have also renewed their contracts with the Pasadena Symphony through 2019.

The 2015-16 Season kicks off on October 10 with Dvorák’s New World Symphony and Bella Hristova performing Pulitzer Prize winning composer Kevin Putt’s lyrically beautiful Violin Concerto. Billboard’s 2014 top selling Classical Instrumentalist Anne Akiko Myers will bring her Vivaldi’s Four Seasons on November 7 - which she recorded with Lockington and debuted #1 on the Classical Billboard Charts. Other season highlights include Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 5 “Emperor,” Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto with Jennifer Frautschi, an alumnus of the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestras program, Nicholas McGegan’s masterful interpretation of Mozart Symphony No. 40 alongside David Lockington performing the Sawyer’s Cello Concerto and a French themed season finale in April 2016 with An American in Paris and Cliburn Silver medalist Joyce Yang in Ravel’s Piano Concerto in G Major.

Six-concert subscription packages start at \$180, regular individually priced tickets start at \$35 and may be purchased online at www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org or by calling (626) 793-7172.

Mayor Bill Bogaard Celebration

Bogaard’s last day as Mayor will be May 4.

The public is invited to celebrate with Mayor Bill Bogaard, the first citywide elected Mayor, on Saturday, April 25th, 3-5 p.m. at Centennial Square in front of City Hall. This is a casual afternoon with music, art, food trucks, and more to express appreciation to the Mayor for his 16 years of dedicated service. Share your personal reflections of “Moments with Bill” by providing your message below or by dropping off letters or notes at any Pasadena Library beforehand or bring them to the celebration.

Rose Parade Float Designer Raul R. Rodriguez Passes

World famous artist and designer Raul R. Rodriguez, best known for his breathtaking float designs in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade, passed away Wednesday in Pasadena. He was 71. Always valiant, Raul was surrounded by the things he loved, his art, mementos of his parents, his spouse, his sisters and Sebastian, his vibrant hyacinth macaw who accompanied him as he rode one of his client’s Rose Parade float each year.

A classically trained artist in drawing and painting, Raul studied at the Art Center School of Design, and graduated from Cerritos College, and California State University Long Beach, where he was honored as “Distinguished Alumnus”

for the College of the Arts.

A third generation native of Los Angeles, Raul’s artistic career began at the age of fifteen, when he created his first Rose Parade float design for the city of Whittie. Raul won more Tournament of Roses awards than any other designer in the 125+-year history of the Parade. In 2012 Raul presented his 500th design in the Rose Parade. His last appearance in the annual parade was on January 1, 2013, when he and Sebastian rode the Dole float.

Services will be held on March 7th 2015 at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Pasadena, CA on 11:00 am. At 10:00 am a Rosary will precede the funeral Mass. Burial services will be private.



Rose Parade Float Designer Raul R Rodriguez

Status of Pasadena Women Report Soon to Be Released

The public is invited to join Pasadena’s Commission on the Status of Women for the release of its 2015 “Status of Women” report at a free reception and panel discussion from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the Pasadena Central Library, Donald R. Wright Auditorium, 285 E. Walnut St.

Panelists discussing the report findings include representatives from Peace Over Violence, the Pasadena Police Department, Union Station Homeless Services, the California Department of Veteran Affairs (CAL VET) and the U.S. Department of Labor. For event information and to RSVP, call the Human Services and Recreation Department at (626) 744-4386.

The 2015 report will be released in time for Women’s History Month to raise awareness about women’s needs and challenges. Copies of the report will be available at the event while supplies last. The report will be posted online starting March 4. Look for the link on the City’s website at www.cityofpasadena.net/HumanServices.

The report highlights four key areas and challenges that Pasadena women face, including:

Employment and Earnings – The annual gender earnings gap is \$0.91 for women ages 16 and older who work full-time. When including the salaries of part-time workers, the annual gender earnings gap is

significantly larger at \$0.79. Housing and Homelessness – Thirty percent of households are headed by women with no spouse present; women constitute 35 percent of the homeless population; and women constitute 23 percent of the unsheltered homeless adult population.

Women Veterans – Women make up only 8 percent of the veteran population but constitute 12 percent of the homeless veteran population. Domestic Violence – Women are victims in 84 percent of the domestic violence cases filed.

The report also includes Los Angeles County statistics on human trafficking, with California reporting 16 percent of human trafficking cases between 2008 and 2012, the highest in the nation, and the county reporting 1,300 trafficking victims between 2010 and 2012.

The annual report was produced by Pasadena’s Commission on the Status of Women in partnership with Mount St. Mary’s University. The Commission includes nine women appointed by the Pasadena City Council. During the past 30 years, the Commission has provided pertinent information regarding issues affecting women and has made recommendations on local programs and legislation to promote and ensure equal rights and opportunities for Pasadena girls and women.

Learn How to Produce Your Own TV Show

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



PASADENA MEDIA

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

Class offerings days and nights weekly

Station Schedule

Pasadena Media’s Member Meet-Up

Tuesday February 24, at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Citizen Journalism Training

Wednesday February 25, at 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Orientation & Tour

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

PCAC Board of Directors Meeting

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

Citizen Journalism Training

Wednesday March 4, at 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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FOOTHILL GOLD LINE UPDATE: AZUSA TO MONTCLAIR STATION DESIGN COMMUNITY MEETINGS SCHEDULED

From Habib F. Balian

As you may have witnessed, train testing is underway within the corridor between Monrovia and Irwindale, and will soon expand to all corridor cities -- continuing through the summer. Flaggers and County Sheriff's deputies continue to support the testing activities, overseeing safety at crossings as the train approaches. As the systems are fully tested and approved in their final working condition, this assistance will be phased out. Earlier this week, the *Pasadena Star News* sent a photographer out to capture the train testing. The photo above is of the train crossing Highland Ave in Duarte.

The Construction Authority has begun regular meetings with corridor cities and the station design and art review committees in the Azusa to Montclair segment. The artists (shown below) are developing their concepts now based on the initial committee meetings and research, and will be seeking feedback from the general community in the coming months. To facilitate that feedback, as well as provide a general update about the project and future stations, the Construction Authority is hosting open houses in each corridor city in April and May:



Thursday, April 16 (6-8 PM)
La Verne Community Center
3660 "D" Street
La Verne, CA 91750

Tuesday, April 21 (6-8 PM)
Montclair Senior Center
5111 Benito Street
Montclair, CA 91763

Thursday, April 23 (6-8 PM)
Glendora Public Library - Bidwell Forum
140 S. Glendora Avenue
Glendora, CA 91741

Wednesday, April 29 (6-8 PM)
Alexander Hughes Community Center -
Padua Room
1700 Danbury Road
Claremont, CA 91711

Thursday, April 30 (6-8 PM)
San Dimas Senior/Community Center
201 E. Bonita Avenue
San Dimas, CA 91773

Thursday, May 7 (6-8 PM)
Palomares Park Community
Center
499 E. Arrow Highway
Pomona, CA 91767



The station artists from left to right, taken at the Azusa to Montclair Kick-Off meeting in 2013: Eugene Daub – San Dimas station artists; Ruth Ann Anderson – Montclair station artist; Joyce Kohl – Claremont station artist; Michael Hillman – Glendora station artist; Blue McRight – La Verne station artist; and Steve Farley – Pomona station artist. Photos courtesy of Foothill Goldline



SURVEY REPORTING SEXUAL MISBEHAVIOR ON METRO BUSES AND RAIL LINES SHOWS NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — As detailed in news reports, an MTA customer survey shows that 22% of passengers experienced unwanted sexual advances or behavior on buses and trains over the last six months.

"The findings of this survey reveal a disturbing trend facing Metro customers and further proves the vital need to increase -- not decrease -- the level of security on our trains and buses," said L.A. County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich, an MTA Director. "Providing a safe environment for our passengers is our responsibility."

The survey showed that more than one in five Metro passengers were subjected to unwanted sexual advances or behavior while riding Metro trains and buses in Los Angeles County during the first half of 2014.

Anyone who sees inappropriate behavior should call 911 or the sheriff's hotline: (888) 950-SAFE (7233).

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WISTARIA FESTIVAL

Sunday, March 15, 2015

9 am-5pm

Artists—Crafters—Live Music and Fun!

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, February 8th, through Saturday, February 14th, the Police Department responded to 1,088 calls for service of which 130 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, February 8:

Just before 1:37 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and Sunset Avenue for being parked in a fire lane. Upon contacting the driver, the officer noticed the 50-year-old Hispanic male was asleep and there was a glass pipe, commonly used to smoke methamphetamine, in plain sight along with an open can of beer inside the vehicle. He was arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of an Open Container in a Motor Vehicle and was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 8:46 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 5400 block of South Peck Road for expired registration. A records check of the occupants revealed several outstanding misdemeanor warrants. A consensual search of the vehicle revealed glass pipes, a loaded firearm with the serial number removed, and a stolen driver's license. The 34-year-old Hispanic male driver and 26-year-old Hispanic female passenger were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, February 9:

At about 7:37 a.m., an officer responded to 1300 South Golden West Avenue regarding a theft of oil in progress. An investigation revealed a 57-year-old Chinese male was seen syphoning kitchen grease with the intention of selling the recycled oil. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 7:04 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of Genoa Street regarding a robbery report that occurred earlier in the day. Near the intersection of Duarte Road and Second Avenue, a female victim was pushed and had her cell phone stolen by an unknown White male while waiting for the bus. The investigation is ongoing.

The suspect is described as a White male, approximately 25-years-old, 5'4", 160 pounds.

Tuesday, February 10:

Around 10:30 a.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect broke the front passenger window and stole the victim's purse and contents. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Just after 6:50 p.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 1200 block of South Baldwin Avenue for expired registration. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 33-year-old Hispanic female was driving with a suspended license. She was cited and released in the field. Her vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

Wednesday, February 11:

Shortly after 9:35 a.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Cortez Drive

regarding a report of grand theft from vehicle. The officer determined an unknown suspect entered the unlocked vehicle and stole the victim's purse. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At about 3:27 p.m., an officer responded to Sephora at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding two suspects in custody for shoplifting. The loss prevention agent witnessed two 17-year-old Asian females conceal merchandise in their purses and exit the store failing to make payment. Both females were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, February 12:

At approximately 2:39 a.m., an officer initiated an enforcement stop on a reported stolen vehicle in the area of Fifth Avenue and Santa Clara Street. Upon making contact with the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed large quantities of narcotics intended for sale, burglary tools, drug paraphernalia, a juvenile passenger, stolen credit cards, checks, and other identifiable information. A 42-year-old White male, a 46-year-old White female, and a 34-year-old White female were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. Department of Child And Family Services was notified and the 14-year-old juvenile was released to his father.

Around 8:29 a.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and Holly Avenue for speeding. The officer determined the suspect, an 18-year-old Asian male, was driving 100 MPH in a 45 MPH zone. He was cited and released in the field. The vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

Friday, February 13:

Just after 1:40 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of Longden Avenue and Sixth Avenue regarding a man with a gun. Officers located the 26-year-old Hispanic male who said he was transferring his pellet gun from one vehicle to another. A consensual search of the subject revealed a dagger concealed in his front pocket. He was cited and released in the field.

At about 5:26 p.m., an officer responded to the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a subject causing a disturbance. Officers located the subject and noticed white residue emitting from his right nostril. Through a series of tests, officers concluded the 41-year-old Asian male was under the influence of a controlled substance. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, February 14:

Just after 9:40 a.m., an officer responded to the 000 West Duarte Road regarding a non-injury, hit and run traffic collision. Party-1 was seen backing out of a parking spot when they hit the front bumper of Party-2 before fleeing without providing documentation. Party-1 is described as a dark beige SUV. The investigation is ongoing.

At approximately 10:26 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect broke in through a rear window, ransacked the bedrooms, and fled undetected with an unknown amount of property. No witnesses were located. The investigation is ongoing.

CITY OF ARCADIA SENIOR SERVICES NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nomination forms are available at the Arcadia Community Center and the Recreation Department office for the 2015 Senior Citizen of the Year! Do you know someone who is:

55+ years of age
Arcadia resident
Actively involved in volunteer work
Have made significant contributions to improve the community

If so, please stop by one of these locations or log onto the city website at www.ci.arcadia.ca.us and download the nomination criteria and nomination form. Recipient of the award will be honored at the Arcadia Rotary Club Salute to Seniors luncheon on Tuesday, May 12, at the Arcadia Community Center.

Nomination forms must be submitted to Dan Belling, Recreation Supervisor, by Friday, February 27 by 4:30pm. For more information, please call 626.574.5130.

About the City of Arcadia

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

MONROVIA - DUARTE

BRAIN BODY APPLIED SPORTS TRAINING



Pictured (from left), Duarte Kiwanis President, Mirna de Lira Lopez, Lauren Worsley from American Cancer Society and Ken Powell from Brain/Body Applied Sports Training.

Kenneth Powell had a Powerful Message at a recent Duarte Kiwanis Meeting - "In the Brain, Timing is Everything". Ken works with an amazing instrument called Interactive Metronome. In addition to being quite an amazing tool to enhance performance in athletes, it has been proven to be very effective in helping kids with ADHD and even helping stroke victims. Ken has a business in Duarte. His website is www.brainbodysports.com.

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.



VIRTUAL TREK THROUGH THE TOMBSTONES OF LIVE OAK CEMETERY

Historian Steve Baker will lead a virtual tour through Duarte's history as he tells the tales of those pioneer families buried at the Live Oak Cemetery. Their stories are engaging! This power point program will be presented at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte, on March 7 at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, call (626) 357-9419.

MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 419 service events, resulting in 73 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.

Resisting and Delaying a Peace Officer / Grand Theft / No-Bail Warrant – Suspect Arrested

February 16 at 7:06 p.m., a bicycle was stolen from the front of a business in the 100 block of East Olive. Officers responded to the area and located the suspect riding the bicycle. When the suspect noticed the patrol cars, he immediately rode in the opposite direction. As the suspect was riding, he began taking off his outer garments in an attempt to confuse the officers. One of the officers was able to stop the suspect, but he attempted to flee and tried to hide behind a retaining wall. The suspect would not comply with the officer's commands until other officers arrived to assist. He was then taken into custody without incident. The suspect also had an outstanding no-bail warrant issued for his arrest, which was added to his charges.

Possession of a Controlled Substance / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Suspect Arrested

February 16 at 11:05 p.m., an officer on patrol observed a suspicious male subject riding a bicycle in a park in the 600 block of South Shamrock. When the subject noticed the police vehicle, he rode in the opposite direction, and the officer lost sight of the subject as he went around a corner. The officer searched the area, found the subject and contacted him. As a result of the investigation, the subject was found to be in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. The subject was arrested and taken into custody.

Grand Theft Auto / Vehicle Burglary

February 17 at 6:34 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from an apartment complex in the 100 block of West Olive. The vehicle taken was a black, 4-door, 1995 Toyota Avalon. During the investigation, an officer discovered a vehicle parked in a nearby alley with the driver's side window down and the steering column damaged, with wires exposed. The owner of the vehicle lives in same complex as the victim of the stolen vehicle. The owner was contacted and confirmed his GPS system was stolen from the vehicle. It appears the suspect attempted to steal the vehicle, but couldn't get the vehicle started. It is unknown if the crimes were committed by the same suspect. The investigation is continuing.

Bicycle Theft

February 17 at 7:19 p.m., a bicycle was reported stolen from the 800 block of South Primrose. The victim parked his truck in front of the location and walked into a building. He left his bicycle in the bed of his truck; it was tied down, but not locked. When he returned to his truck about an

hour later, the bicycle was gone. The bicycle is described as a black, 16-speed, street bike, with a sticker on the frame with red and white lettering on it. The investigation is continuing.

Hit and Run Traffic Collision – Suspects Arrested

February 17 at 7:41 p.m., a vehicle exited the 210 Freeway at Myrtle and Evergreen at a high rate of speed. The vehicle jumped the curb, went up on the sidewalk and hit a gas station sign. The occupants of the vehicle all exited and fled. Police dispatch received numerous calls reporting the location of the suspects. Two of them were pointed out to responding officers by witnesses and were arrested.

The driver of the vehicle was not initially located. An area check was being made, when dispatch received calls reporting a male subject running on the freeway, approaching Mountain. An officer responded and detained the suspect at gunpoint until backup arrived. The suspect was determined to be extremely intoxicated, and he admitted to being the driver of the vehicle involved in the hit and run. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Possession of a Controlled Substance / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia / Littering – Suspect Arrested

February 18 at 8:37 a.m., a resident reported a suspicious male subject emptying the contents of a bag onto the sidewalk in the area of Melrose and Foothill. The contents of the bag appeared more likely to belong to a female, according to the reporting party. Officers responded and contacted the subject.

After investigation, the officer determined the subject had not stolen anything and was in possession of his own property; however, he was in possession of a usable quantity of methamphetamine and a glass smoking pipe. In addition, the officer observed him walking away from trash he had dumped on the sidewalk prior to making contact with him. He was arrested for drug possession, possession of drug paraphernalia and for littering.

Assault

February 18 at 3:22 p.m., a gas company employee was parked in his marked vehicle and in uniform, when a resident in the 500 block of East Los Angeles drove up in his vehicle and verbally confronted him about parking in the space on the public street. The resident was very agitated and said the space was his. He proceeded to use verbal obscenities toward the gas company employee and then swerved his vehicle toward him to intimidate him. He then parked his car and walked toward his home, intentionally bumping into the gas company employee as he passed, continuing to berate him verbally.

An officer was requested, but the suspect left the location before the officer arrived. As the officers were not able to speak directly to the suspect, the investigation will continue and a verified complaint with the District Attorney's Office may be filed.

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MONROVIA HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM ADVANCES TO WEST US CHAMPIONSHIP



Ten students from Monrovia High School and their purple robot "Sir Lancelot" were one of the top teams at the Los Angeles FTC (FIRST Tech Challenge) Regional Championship Tournament held in Monrovia this past Saturday. Along with seven other teams from across Southern California they qualified to advance to compete with 71 top teams from twelve western states at the West Super-Regional FTC Robotics Championship to be held at the Oakland Convention Center March 27-29. Teams at the West Super-Regional will compete for the chance to go on to the FIRST Robotics World Championship to be held in St. Louis in April.

The "Kings and Queens" team, made up of four seniors, one

sophomore and five freshmen, designed and built their own 18 by 18 inch robot from t-slot channel, Plexiglas, and machined aluminum to compete with alliances of robots on a 12 by 12 foot playing field. They stand out not just for their driving skill, design prowess, and their robot's ability to quickly scoop up baseball-sized whiffle balls and deposit them in four-foot-high goals. Heads turn when they take the field dressed in their signature costumes of purple velvet gold-embroidered renaissance dresses for the girls and fur-trimmed black velvet jerkins with purple capes for the boys. They also spread the word of robotics design as they share their robot adventures with students around Monrovia as well as mentor other middle and elementary school robotics teams.

ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE RETURN TO MENTOR CURRENT STUDENTS ALUMNAE SPENT TIME MENTORING JUNIORS AND SENIORS ON FUTURE CAREERS

Sierra Madre, CA (February 19, 2015) – Twelve Alverno High School alumnae recently returned to campus to participate in the school's 8-Minute Mentoring Program and share their careers and work experiences with students.

Each of the mentors shared a different career for current Alverno students to consider as they begin to make decisions about college. Current professions held by the alumnae mentors included a marriage and family therapist, mediation judge and family attorney, event planner, dentist, police officer, veterinarian, outreach coordinator, assistant professor of oncology, program manager and program supervisor for different organizations, and Senior Specialist for the American Cancer Society.

"I thought the mentoring program was great for the students," said Lauren Capoccia '01, a Registered Nurse at Huntington Memorial Hospital. "A lot of them were unsure of what they wanted to study in college, let alone what career path to choose, and I was no different when I was at Alverno. Even if they weren't interested in my career, one of the main points I wanted to get across was to make sure that whatever they end up choosing as a major in college or career path, that they truly are interested in the subject and enjoy their work."

"This was my first time participating in the program," said Diana Phillippi '78, Event Planner and Business Owner. "This is an exceptional opportunity for the students to learn about a variety of career options. As a result, I will be mentoring two of these young women on the event planning industry. I look forward to it being a win-win for all of us! "Alverno is fortunate to have over 4,200 alumnae in professions across the country," said Julia V. Fanara, Head of School. "These women help to serve as role models for our current students and are examples of the ways that Alverno works to empower each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments and are always grateful for their continued support and commitment to their alma mater."



ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY "THE YULE BALL" ALVERNO HOSTS ANNUAL WINTER FORMAL

Sierra Madre, CA – On Saturday, January 31 Alverno High School hosted its annual Winter Formal, "The Yule Ball," in the Villa del Sol d'Oro.

Winter Formal, an Alverno tradition, is the only all school formal dance at Alverno. Freshmen through seniors are invited to bring a date and enjoy the dance put on by Alverno's Student Union (ASU). This year's chosen theme was "The Yule Ball" and the Villa's 1920s décor served as a perfect complement to the theme.

After enjoying dancing, a delicious buffet of appetizers, and photos the evening ended with the announcement of Alverno's Winter Formal Court. Each class was represented by finalists who had been chosen through a larger pool of applicants. In order to be considered for Winter Formal, students were required to fill out an anonymous application and have an interview with ASU before each class voted on their princess at Winter Formal on Saturday, January 31.

The Winter Formal Court included freshman Ayanna Melin, sophomore Alexis Baro, junior Ciara Madigan, and senior LeAnn Zuniga.

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show KINGSMAN: THE SECRET SERVICE REVIEW

The trailers for this film made it look like someone gave Michael Bay the chance to direct a James Bond movie. 'Kingsman' looked like a ridiculous spy movie ripped right out of the pages of a comic books, shamelessly marketed male teenagers. While the production value looked very high and everyone involved with the project had good résumés, I was not very hopeful for 'Kingsman'.

Gary, better known as 'Eggsy' (Taron Egerton), is not the most responsible. He has a sleazy mother, making his home life terrible, and he has even less of a social life. That is until he gets involved with the Kingsman, a secret service that his father used to work for and is looking for a new agent.

While I expected this to be a train wreck, 'Kingsman' actually turned out to be in the middle: not the worst movie ever but certainly not the best. The story is good enough for an action movie, the acting is ok as well (with the exception of the stand-out performances of Colin Firth and Samuel L. Jackson), and, in the end, what the biggest fault of the movie was the lack of relatable characters. There were no characters that I found myself sympathizing with throughout the course of the movie, which cause it to feel flat, and makes for a very average moviegoing experience.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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Stadium, Staples Center, the Rose Bowl - so I can honestly say that the FrontRunner (Santa Anita Park's restaurant and bar) offers top-notch food. It's not that I don't enjoy a \$7 hot dog at Dodger Stadium, but there so many levels of enjoyment when dining at the racetrack. Sure, you can go to the concession stand to get a dog and a beer, but I recommend going to one of the many carving stations and getting one of the best sandwiches this side of the 405 freeway. Roast beef, corned beef, turkey, and ham all sliced in front of you - under \$11, and you can get it your way. Rye bread? Sure, they have it. Pickles a must? You got it! I got mine with just mustard. Nothing beats getting a sandwich and a Firestone DBA and sitting in the Club House with an unobstructed view of the San Gabriel Mountains... and of course the ponies running in front of you.

• When I feel like a big shot and still want a killer view, I head over to the FrontRunner. Prices here are very reasonable for topnotch food and a wine list Wolfgang would appreciate. The kitchen is in great hands with Executive Chef Maranowski. I am a creature of habit, so on my first day I will head right up to the FrontRunner and order the "real deal" Chesapeake Lump Crab Cakes (\$29.50) breaded with a panko crust (really enough crab for two to share). I have gone to a dozen or so "seafood houses" in Los Angeles and Orange County that serve crab cakes for \$14, and let me give you a tip: pay more and be happy. I will start off the Creamy Clam Chowder (\$9) - the menu says famous, so I have to have that, right? Another great starter is the caesar salad. For you steak fans, I suggest the Petite Filet Mignon (\$28) with a side of asparagus - win or lose that day, the price is a winner. Ahi Tuna is another popular dish - this one is seared to perfection (\$26). Saving the best for last, the view from FrontRunner is a true postcard, and the bar, I am told, is the longest bar west of the Mississippi.

• There is a true "cool buzz" when hanging around FrontRunner. New to the scene is the The Gallop Out, located just past the finish line on the Club House level, a sports lovers dream come true with plenty of TVs, a private bar, and a menu that would make Charlie Wittingham proud! I suggest starting with a great stakes cocktail, representing all the "big" horse races of the year. You can't go wrong with a Mint Julep inspired by the Kentucky Derby or a Black Eyed Susan from the Preakness. I loved the Bavarian soft pretzel stick with gobs of mustard and cheese dipping sauce - add a Stone IPA for your perfect exacta. The menu is relatively small, but so was Seabiscuit, and I like that. The burger (\$15), is one of the best I've had - bring your appetite; it's a half pounder on a brioche roll and comes with fries. They've also got a full bar and very user-friendly wine list. There's something for everyone to have a great day of dining at the Santa Anita Race Track. I hope you enjoyed the tour.



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 2 tablespoons chopped red onion
 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice
 3/4 teaspoon salt, divided
 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 4 (4-oz.) chicken breast cutlets
 2 teaspoons olive oil

DIRECTIONS

1. Stir together plums, next 4 ingredients, and 1/4 tsp. salt in a medium bowl.
2. Stir together brown sugar, cumin, and remaining 1/2 tsp. salt in a small bowl. Rub chicken with brown sugar mixture.
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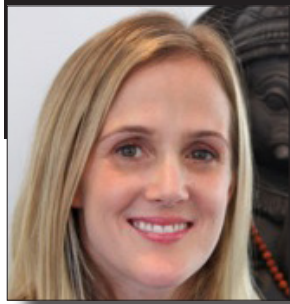
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As you've probably found, there are many different types of yoga classes. Some classes have a lot of poses, while others may have less. The pace at which the class flows can vary greatly. I've attended classes where it felt like I was tossed around in a windstorm, non-stop movement, with very few stopping points. It was hard to keep up. Alternately, I've experienced a lovely flow class that had incorporated longer holds into the poses. The effect produced by this was the exact opposite of a windstorm! It felt warm, solid, and energizing all at the same time.

There are a few reasons why we prefer to hold poses for a bit in class. First, we are able to find our alignment in the pose. Each supporting muscle can engage, we can line up our legs, hips, belly, arms, head and hands. Additionally, after we make our physical adjustments, we can settle into our breath and simply experience the pose. The mind will want to tell us to come out; we may have an itch, clothing adjustment or any myriad of other reasons. It's hard to stay!

Secondly, performing poses with longer holds

creates stability for the mind. Through practicing one-pointed focus, we begin to train the mind. It's this focused concentration that builds strength, stability and stamina. We often joke that we're "building character" as we hold a pose. This is so true. We hold steady in midst of challenge. Additionally, our heightened awareness not only empowers us, but it assists us toning our energetic body as well. We become aware, balanced, and self-regulating.

Ultimately, we stay in the pose for the benefits. Our physical body benefits from the muscular engagement and cardiovascular workout. Our mind and energetic bodies are simultaneously enlivened, toned and stabilized. Granted, there are poses that you don't want to hold indefinitely, but most of the standing poses and even cool down poses that release tension are best held. Start with 4 breaths, working on smooth and steady inhales and exhales, then work up to 6-8 breaths for more stamina. Advanced practitioners may take up to 12 breaths in a pose.

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LET'S FIGHT FATIGUE!



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More and more Americans complain that they suffer some sort of fatigue. It may range from needing a nap mid-day to symptoms more severe like chronic fatigue. Fatigue is frustrating and can be debilitating. For some people they have to push through every day. For these same people, at the end of each long and exhausting day, sleep is yet another challenge. Oddly, for many people the more exhausted they are during the day, the worse sleep at night. After a restless night of tossing and turning, the cycle begins again as the sun arises.

Feeling great and energetic requires reversing the things that contributed to the problem in the first place. Fatigue is something that gradually goes away so you have to be committed. Supporting your body with lots of fresh fruits and vegetables which will improve your body's immune system will greatly aid in restoring normal energy levels. Here are 5 more things that you can do to get started on a path of eliminating fatigue.

1. Cut back on caffeine.

Adrenaline is what gives athletes that winning burst of energy and also gives a person the strength to lift a car that has rolled onto a child. Adrenaline is the source of our "fight-or-flight" response, which enables us to run for our lives if the need arises. Caffeine stimulates your adrenal glands to produce this fight or flight response. When the over stimulation of your adrenals wears off you feel fatigue, and possibly irritability and headaches. If you are constantly using caffeine you are keeping your body in "fight-or-flight" mode.

2. Try to relax.

Make your world as small and uncomplicated as possible by reducing your everyday needs. Start by filtering news and information. If you cannot do anything about it and it stresses you, you do not need to be concerned with it. Learn to practice relaxation techniques whenever you can. Meditation, even for a couple of minutes can relieve stress as can a few slow deep breaths.

3. Generate feel good hormones through movement.

Endorphins are the "feel good" chemicals induced by exercise. Of course, you can be so fatigued that doing anything seems impossible which is a real "Catch 22" because moving is needed to eliminate fatigue. We need to be physically tired as well as mentally or emotionally. A simple walk can be the first step. Once you have established a routine, begin to walk farther or slightly faster. Yoga is another great option to get your body moving again and to relieve fatigue.

4. Try to develop good sleep habits.

Our bodies need a mini tune-up daily. Sleep, especially deep sleep, is when our bodies do this repair and maintenance. There are many things you can do to promote a good night's sleep. Once you have done 1, 2 and 3 above to improve your odds of sleeping well then try to; establish a schedule, don't eat too close to bedtime, and keep your bedroom as dark as possible.

5. Embrace whole food or herbal therapy instead of drug therapy.

If you are taking any type of drug therapy, be aware that it may actually be contributing to fatigue. Nutritional deficiencies can make it difficult to get your energy levels back even when you are doing all of the above. There are whole food and herbal supplements that feed the body what it needs to overcome fatigue without side effects. Herbs can help relieve the symptom of fatigue directly by enhancing immune function, balancing hormones, and stimulating the healing systems of the body.

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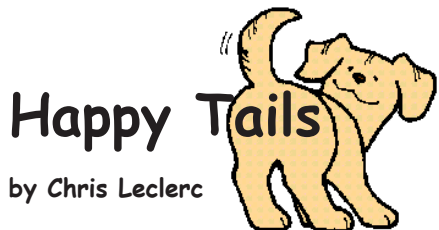
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As a youngster growing up in a rural setting in the deep south, I was lucky enough to have had lots of farm animals and domestic pets throughout my childhood. I remember enjoying the luxury of allowing my dogs to roam freely at will, knowing that they would most likely wander through the woods in our back yard, head off to the neighbor's house to play with their dogs and beg for left over scraps, then return home just in time for supper.

That was indeed a luxury of freedom for both myself and my pets, and I imagine there are many Sierra Madre locals who have similar childhood memories of their own. Those were the days, weren't they? With acres of undeveloped land surrounding us, ample space between our homes, and a heck of a lot less traffic passing through our neighborhoods, the risks were minimal for a pet with a nose for wanderlust and the desire to explore the great outdoors. It just seems natural, right? Well, unfortunately the open acreage and broad land gaps that used to exist between homes have shrunk dramatically in most parts of America over the years, and few & far between are the moments of silence without a vehicle passing swiftly by on the boulevards and streets that divide our properties.

Lets face it folks, as residents in America, or at least most certainly in Los Angeles County, the days of "free-range" pet ownership are far-and-away long-gone. Not only is it extremely risky to allow a dog to run free these days, it is also against the law. Pet owners who live in Sierra Madre and other parts of LA County should now know better than to think it is OK to let their dogs roam off-leash.

I learned my lesson several years ago, while living in Hermosa Beach with my dog, "Lady". She was a friendly pup, so I was never concerned that she might hurt anyone, and at the time it never dawned on me that she herself could be hurt by roaming free. I lived 2 blocks from the beach, and I loved to let "Lady" go play on the sand during the off-season months when there was minimal traffic and there were few tourists in town. One day, I let Lady go and a cop stopped and cited me for having my dog off-leash. The leash laws were new to me, so I was taken very much by surprise when I was told I had to take a day off work to appear in court and pay a fine. That was the last time I ever allowed my dog to roam free.

Although I admit that it seemed ridiculous at the time, I have since learned to respect the leash laws, particularly in LA County (one of the most densely populated places in the entire US) and I guess I have become a self-appointed advocate for full compliance, mostly for the sake of the animals. While we would all love to think that our own dog is smarter than most; smart enough to stay out of the street and behave properly no matter what, it is simply an unsafe assumption that amounts to nothing less than negligence.

A domestic dog is a creature driven more by instinct than taught intelligence or allegiance to it's master, regardless of how much training he has received. In fact, the human's delusion of owning the perfectly obedient dog is an excellent example of how, in some ways the dog is indeed smarter than the human being. No offense to those responsible owners who have taken the time to properly train and discipline their pets, it's just that humans need to come to grips with the fact that a canine will do what comes naturally to itself, and much of the time the instinctual behavior of the canine is not in tune with the natural behavior of the human being.

Even a well-trained, very obedient domestic dog harbors a tendency to chase a squirrel scrambling up a tree, a bird taking flight, or a cat meandering by on the opposite side of the road, and when he does see such playful prey within his proximity, his instincts are likely to override any obedience training he may have had, prompting him to cross the street and take chase after whatever it was that caught his attention.

It only takes one time for a fast-moving vehicle to pass by the wrong place at the wrong time, to end the life of a beloved pet, so I say set your "pet pride" aside, and take proper precautions. The risks are simply not worth it, and it would be you, not your dog to be blamed if such a tragic accident should happen. A truly loving, caring pet owner will always protect their pet from harm, and that kind of unconditional love includes educating ones-self and forfeiting some of the freedoms that we would all love to enjoy, such as roaming off leash like we did in the good old days. If you love them, you will leash them!



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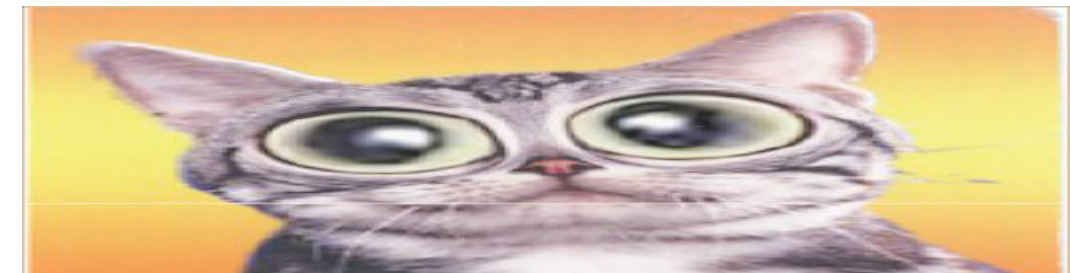
PET OF THE WEEK

Brooklyn: Animal ID #A4800300

Meet Brooklyn, an adorable little pup that is eager to be your best friend! Brooklyn (A4800300) is a sweet and dreamy 10-month-old black-and-tan male Manchester Terrier and Pug mix puppy who was found in Azusa on February 13th with his brother, Denver [A4800306], and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing 12 lbs, Brooklyn is an eager-to-please pup who (most likely due to fright) is a bit shy and reserved in the shelter environment. When given human cuddles, though, he warms up and returns the love with puppy kisses. He also seems to gain confidence and open up more when in the company of other dogs. Although he is familiar with a leash, he doesn't want to walk on it very much at the moment (preferring to be held in your arms and carried around). He strikes us as an attentive little sponge, though, so we expect he will do quite well learning leash skills in his puppy training. Brooklyn already shows signs of being housebroken and is obviously eager for human contact and affection. Since he is bonded with brother Denver, we would love to see them ditch the shelter and romp into the future together. In any case, we believe he will make one great indoor pet and family dog—perfect for activity and cuddle time alike. To watch a video of Brooklyn, visit the following link: http://youtu.be/rW_GabNxMnY

To meet Brooklyn 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 Brooklyn, please reference his animal ID number: A4800300. 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 Brooklyn or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.





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LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND??

To share quality time with? Timo is a handsome, friendly American Staffordshire terrier mix, estimated to be about 4 years old, weighing around 47 pounds. Timo has a sleek, short black coat with white highlights. His grooming requirements are quite simple – just an occasional bath and brushing will keep him looking and feeling his best.

The first thing you will notice about Timo are his eyes – one sable brown and one ice blue. They give him a unique look all his own, and they are clear and alert as he takes in the world around him. He is an intelligent dog who likes to sniff and explore. Timo enjoys going for walks and has a medium energy level, is very easy to handle and is manageable on the leash.

Timo has the energy to be a great hiking or running companion, but he can also enjoy some quiet relaxation time with his family. He is happy to take a break and lie on the grass next to his walking buddy, and is able to sit quietly after he rolls on the grass and does a belly crawl stretch.

Timo would do best in a home where he has regular exercise and a large yard, and where he would be part of the family with a nice, soft bed near his people at night. Timo needs to get some training to live up to his potential to be a great pet, and to channel his energy appropriately. He wants to be a good dog, and with the right patience and guidance, he will be some lucky family's forever best friend. Please come in to meet Timo – he is waiting for the right match – maybe it can be you?



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

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

His adoption fee is \$135 which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian. Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information on Timo.

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: CATFISH AND THE BOTTLEMEN – 'THE BALCONY'

By Sean Kayden

Catfish and The Bottlemen is an indie garage rock band hailing from Llandudno, North Wales. The quartet has been piloting the UK indie rock circuit for several years with a few EPs under their belt. This past year, Van McCann (lead vocals), Johnny Bond (lead guitar), Benji Blakeway (bass guitar) and Bob Hall (drums) have performed at numerous music festivals throughout the UK. Next month will mark their US debut LP, "The Balcony." Caught somewhere in between emerging UK acts such as Arctic Monkeys and The Vaccines, Catfish and The Bottlemen have a distinguishing quality that differentiates themselves from the pack. McCann noted that both Oasis and The Strokes have inspired him, in which some circumstances you can hear the influences bleed through the band's material. Catfish and The Bottlemen have been touring extensively and their hard work is paying off. "The Balcony" is a record filled with pent-up anger that displays extensive, spiraling choruses best suited for stadiums from my perspective. The path being traveled on isn't anything quite new yet the way Catfish and The Bottlemen are going about it feels organic and authentic. Their addictive, raw, and immensely fervent rhapsody signifies the workings of seasoned musicians and still this is merely just the beginning for Catfish and the Bottlemen. "Homesick" leads "The Balcony" with a soft opening before bursting with vigor. At two and a half minutes, it's a terrific opener setting the stage for what's to come. "Kathleen" is one of various singles the band has released over the past year. It's a razor sharp track with sawing guitars and heart pounding drums. Instrumentally it sounds like a Kings Of Leon track that's paired with a British accent. McCann possesses weathered, but self-confident vocals. "Pacifier" is a colossally sweeping endeavor that delivers spirited melodies and huge guitar hooks. "Hourglass" is a barebones acoustic track, the only one found here. It's

squarely placed right dab in the middle of the album. "Business" explores themes of young love infused with a lyricism leaning toward alcohol and nostalgia. Slick guitars, swift drums, and an instrumental structure with impetus, "Business" makes all the right choices from start to finish. "Fallout" soars and dazzles with its final minute being utterly dance worthy. As the drums pound, your head goes up and down, side to side feeling once again alive. "The Balcony" for all it's deeply rooted rage, longing, and intensity makes one feel very alert within one's own ever changing (or seemingly never changing) surroundings. "Sidewinder" is a strong addition with transcendent

Artist: Catfish and The Bottlemen
Album: The Balcony
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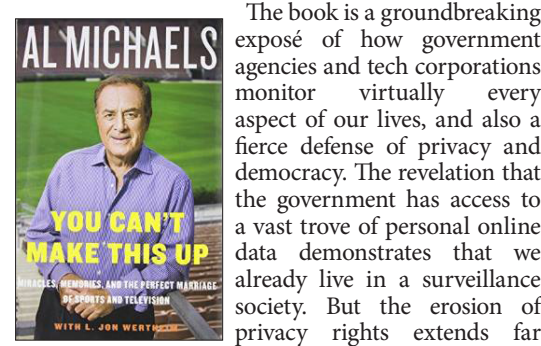
guitar riffs and fantastic bass lines. Catfish and The Bottlemen explore both poppier and harder rock echoes that ultimately offer the record a keen sense of balance. The longest track is the closer, "Tyrants." The song feels appropriately titled with commanding guitar riffs, assured vocals, and enrapturing drums. The guitar solos toward the end completely rivets one's undivided attention as the record comes to an absolutely exhilarating conclusion. At eleven tracks and a few seconds over 37 minutes, "The Balcony" proves to be a great leap forward for a band exposing tons of potential and room for progression. If you're looking for something fresh and electrifying, "The Balcony" will positively fit the bill.

Grade: 7.7 out of 10
Key Tracks: "Homesick," "Pacifier," "Sidewinder," "Tyrants"

Jeff's Book Picks

By Jeff Brown

THEY KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU: HOW DATA-XCOLLECTING CORPORATIONS AND SNOOPING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE DESTROYING DEMOCRACY by Robert Scheer



The book is a groundbreaking exposé of how government agencies and tech corporations monitor virtually every aspect of our lives, and also a fierce defense of privacy and democracy. The revelation that the government has access to a vast trove of personal online data demonstrates that we already live in a surveillance society. But the erosion of privacy rights extends far beyond big government. Intelligence agencies such as the NSA and CIA are using Silicon Valley corporate partners as their data spies. Seemingly progressive tech companies are joining forces with snooping government agencies to create a brave new world of wired tyranny. Life in the digital age poses an unprecedented challenge to our constitutional liberties, which guarantee a wall of privacy between the individual and the government. The basic assumption of democracy requires the ability of the individual to experiment with ideas and associations within a protected zone, as secured by the Constitution. The unobserved moment embodies the most basic of human rights, yet it is being squandered in the name of national security and consumer convenience. Robert Scheer argues that the information revolution, while a source of public enlightenment, contains the seeds of freedom's destruction in the form of a surveillance state that exceeds the wildest dream of the most ingenious dictator. The technology of surveillance, unless vigorously resisted, represents an existential threat to the liberation of the human spirit.

YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP: MIRACLES, MEMORIES, AND THE PERFECT MARRIAGE OF SPORTS AND TELEVISION by Al Michaels
In this highly entertaining and insightful memoir,

one of television's most respected broadcasters interweaves the story of his life and career with lively firsthand tales of some of the most thrilling events and fascinating figures in modern sports. No sportscaster has covered more major sporting events than Al Michaels. Over the course of his forty-plus year career, he has logged more hours on live network television than any other broadcaster in history, and is the only play-by-play commentator to have covered all four major sports championships: the Super Bowl, World Series, NBA Finals, and the Stanley Cup Final. He has also witnessed first-hand some of the most memorable events in modern sports, and in this highly personal and revealing account, brings them vividly to life. Michaels shares never-before-told stories from his early years and his rise to the top, covering some of the greatest moments of the past half century, from the "Miracle on Ice" (the historic 1980 Olympic hockey finals) to the earthquake that rocked the 1989 World Series. Some of the greatest names on and off the field are here, Michael Jordan, Bill Walton, Pete Rose, Bill Walsh, Peyton and Eli Manning, Brett Favre, John Madden, Howard Cosell, Cris Collinsworth, and many more. Forthright and down-to-earth, Michaels tells the truth as he sees it, giving readers unique insight into the high drama, the colorful players, and the heroes and occasional villains of an industry that has become a vital part of modern culture

MY SUNSHINE AWAY by M.O. Walsh
My Sunshine Away unfolds in a Baton Rouge neighborhood best known for cookouts on sweltering summer afternoons, cauldrons of spicy crawfish, and passionate football fandom. But in the summer of 1989, when fifteen-year-old Lindy Simpson, free spirit, track star, and belle of the block, experiences a crime late one evening near her home, it becomes apparent that this idyllic stretch of Southern suburbia has a dark side, too. In My Sunshine Away, M.O. Walsh brilliantly juxtaposes the enchantment of a charmed childhood with the gripping story of a violent crime, unraveling families, and consuming adolescent love. Acutely wise and deeply honest, it is a page-turning debut about the meaning of family, the power of memory, and our ability to forgive.

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On the Marquee: Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

EINSTEIN IS A DUMMY, MUSICAL COMEDY, OPENS MARCH 6 FOR LIMITED ENGAGEMENT

Einstein Is A Dummy is a fictional treatment of what the young genius Albert Einstein might have been like at age 12. Unsure of himself, competing with the classroom bully, coping with a self-centered jerk of a music teacher, hoping to impress his first crush: a pretty girl named Elsa. In other words, Albert is in many ways a typical 12-year-old; typical except for the fact that he comes to understand the fundamental principles of existence with far more clarity than you or me. Accompanied by his sole buddy, a loyal cat, Einstein's thirteenth year is one of discovery, in which the ways in which our universe works appear so clearly that even adults in the theatre audience will be able to understand them.

Einstein has more immediate concerns, however: He needs to have his violin skills sufficiently up to standard so that he can participate in an important competition. Also, he wants to get the girl.

Although ideal for audiences age 9 to 14, the musical is sufficiently smart and entertaining to reward adult and older teen audiences as well.

Born in Mexico in 1969, Karen Zacarias is currently playwright-in-residence at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. and teaches at Georgetown University. In October 2014, her play Mariela in the Desert was a festival selection at Encuentro 2014, the National Latino Theatre Festival at Los Angeles Theatre Center. She is the recipient of numerous awards. Her plays have been performed at venues throughout the country.

Together with her frequent collaborator, composer Deborah Wicks La Puma, the duo has created a series of musicals for young audiences, among them Chasing George Washington: A White House Adventure, Jane of the Jungle,

Cinderella Eats Rice and Beans, Looking for Roberto Clemente, Ferdinand the Bull, and Frida Libre, Ms. Wicks La Puma also serves as musical director for the Sierra Madre Playhouse production of Einstein Is A Dummy.

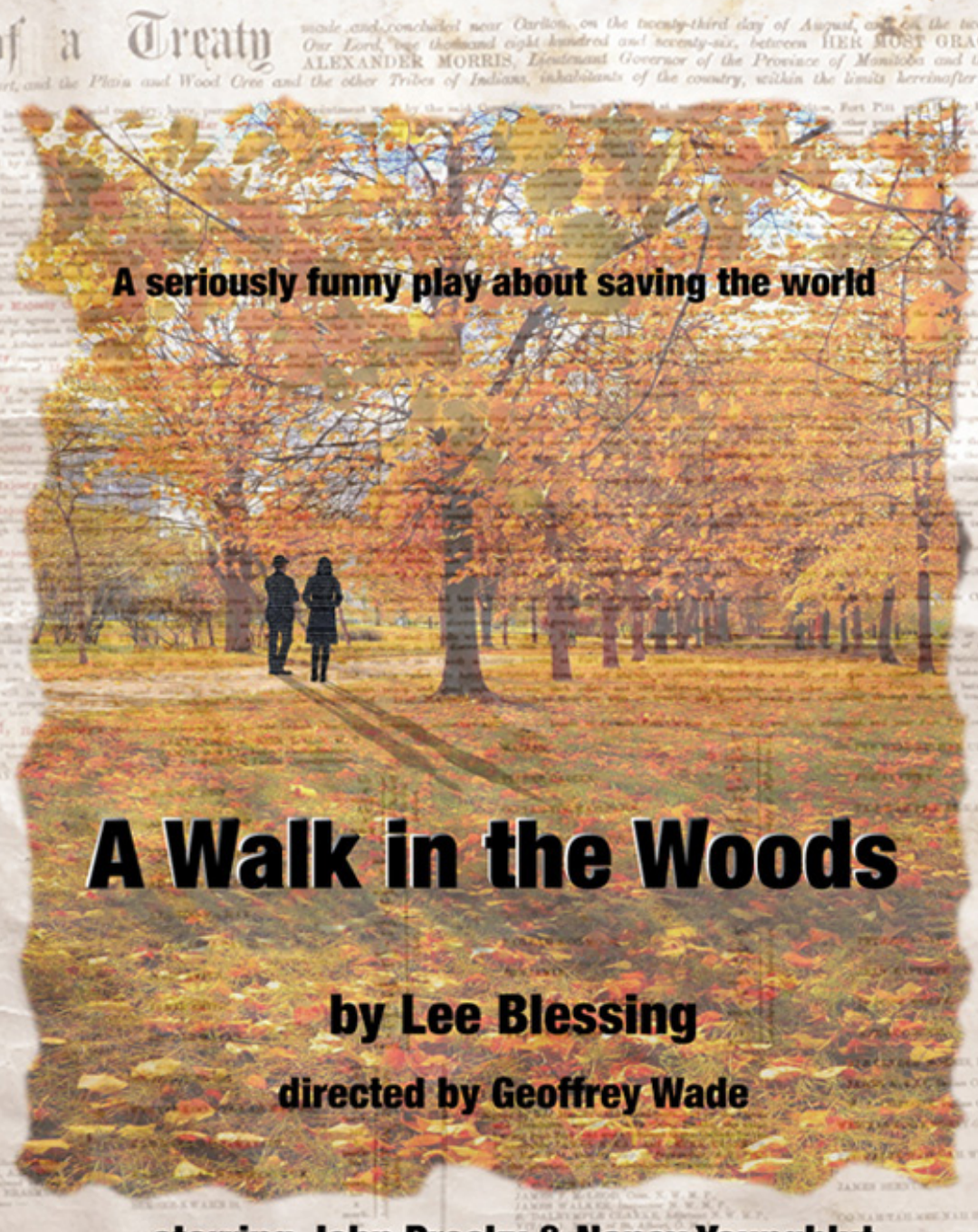
Derek Manson directs. He portrayed Einstein in the world premiere production of this musical at Alliance Theatre in Atlanta. He received an L.A. Weekly Award as co-producer of House of Gold for Ensemble Studio Theatre L.A. He has acted all over the country, recently at South Coast Rep in James and the Giant Peach. The current production marks his ninth collaboration with Deborah Wicks La Puma. He is graduate of Northwestern University.

All roles in this musical are portrayed by adult actors. The company includes (in alphabetical order) Thomas Anawalt, Andrea Arvanigian, Jonathan Brett, Tara Bopp, Alex Denney, Tyler Fromson, Molly Gilman, Katie Hotchkiss, Conor Lane and Matt Severyn.

Set design: Sarah Krainin. Costume design: Vicki Conrad. Lighting design: Phillip Powers. Video design: Sean Cawelti. Sound design: Jeff Gardner. Playhouse Artistic Director: Christian Lebrano. Playhouse Managing Director: Estelle Campbell.

There will also be weekday matinees of the show for schools. The weekday matinees are not open to the general public.

As there are two casts, there will be two opening nights with receptions, on March 6 and March 7. Loaded with laughs and packed with lively melodies, Einstein Is A Dummy will also raise your I.Q. by about 50 points. Do the smart thing and buy tickets.



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Shopping Around

Dear Shopping,

There are several different ways you can go about getting your mom a simplified smartphone that's easy for her to use. Depending on how much you're willing to spend, here are some different options to consider.

Simplify a Used Phone

The cheapest way to set your mom up with an easy-to-use, uncomplicated smartphone is to get her a second-hand android phone, and install a senior-friendly "launcher app" on it, which is a user interface software application.

This type of launcher will turn the appearance and performance of most android smartphone into a simplified phone with big understandable icons for commonly used features (phone, text messaging, camera, contacts, etc.) and no excess clutter. Most launchers can also be customized to fit your mom's needs and preferences.

There are a variety of launcher apps available today that provide this type of technology and are completely free to use. Some popular options include, Necta Launcher (launcher.necta.us), Wiser (wiser-me.com), Seniors Phone (seniorsphone.mobi), Fontrillo (fontrillo.com) and Big Launcher (biglauncher.com), which also offers an upgraded version for \$9.

Or, if you have an old Apple iPhone that you'd like to convert, check out Silverline Mobile (silverline.mobi) that converts both Apple and androids for free.

Purchase a New Phone

If you're interested in purchasing your mom a new smartphone, you have options here too. For starters, you could purchase her a smartphone that's specifically designed for seniors, like GreatCall's Touch3 that costs \$150 (with no contract) at greatcall.com or 800-918-8543. This is an android phone, made by Samsung, that has a 4-inch touchscreen and provides a simple menu list to often-used features like the phone, text messages, camera, pictures, email and Internet, along with



your contacts and apps.

It also offers a variety of health and safety features like the "5Star app" that would let your mom speak to a certified agent 24/7 that could identify her location and get her the help she needs. "Urgent Care," which provides access to registered nurses and doctors for advice and diagnoses. And "MedCoach," which sends medication reminders.

Another way you could go is to purchase her a standard/mainstream smartphone that provides a built-in "Easy Mode" or "Simple" feature in the phone's settings. This will let you convert the phone into a much simpler mode of operation, that provides larger, well labeled icons, to only commonly-used functions like the phone, camera, messaging, Internet, pictures, contacts and her favorite apps.

Smartphones that offer the "Easy Mode" or "Simple" feature include the Samsung Galaxy phones, which are available through most cell phone carriers at prices typically ranging between \$400 and \$850 without a contract. Or, for a more budget-friendly option, the Huawei Vision 2 and Huawei Ascend Mate 2, which you can buy as an unlocked phone or through Consumer Cellular (consumercellular.com, 888-345-5509) for \$80 or \$225 without a contract. Consumer Cellular is a top-rated no-contract service provider that also offers discounts to AARP members.

A nice advantage of getting your mom a mainstream phone is that if she masters the Easy/Simple mode (or gets bored with it), and is ready to expand her skills, you can always switch the phone back to the standard operation mode exposing her to more options. You can also add any number of health and safety features to her phone, like what the Touch3 offers, by downloading their apps at greatcall.com/medical-apps.

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

KATIE Tse.....This and That



THE SNOW LINE

I'm not as up-to-date on current events as I should be, but I do know that, at least here in sunny California, we're still in the throes of a historic draught. In contrast, much of the rest of the country is experiencing severe winter, including plunging temperatures and seemingly endless snow. It is precisely this snow that caught my attention.

According to my cousin in Massachusetts, heavy-duty tractor trucks have started routinely shoveling away the excess snow and dumping it in the river. But now the river is overflowing, so they really have a snow problem on their hands. My mom's friends in Michigan are in a similar dilemma, with unwanted snow piling up all over the place. Imagine, so many people across America are suffering with too much solid water, while here in California we are dying for lack of moisture.

Why not forget worrying about the oil pipeline going from Canada to the Gulf, and instead spend that money on an East-to-West Coast "snow line?" They're just dumping all that snow in rivers and lakes anyway. Let's just melt it and pump it over to us! If they can push crude oil over the frozen Alaska tundra, pumping slushy snow East to West should be a snap. Heck, a snow pipeline might even create new jobs and give a little boost to the sagging economy. Well, write to your state and local representatives with this suggestion and maybe we'll be able to recover from the draught, if only a little bit. And if a snow pipeline does happen to come to a community near you, remember --you read it here first!



SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... February 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.

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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.

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Wednesday, February 18th, 2015 beginning at 12:00 pm

February is American Heart Month, a time to show yourself the love. Learn about your risks for heart disease and stay "heart healthy" for yourself and your loved ones.

A representative from The Kensington will teach us about nutrition on how to eat a healthy diet and also activities that can help us maintain a healthy weight and lower cholesterol and blood pressure.

If you would like to have lunch during the talk, please make a lunch reservation with the Senior Lunch Café at 626-355-0256 or you may bring your own.

SEASONAL FUN AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Valentine's Day Craft: Give flowers on Valentine's Day that won't need water or trigger pollen allergies. Come and join us on Thursday, February 12th, in making tissue paper carnations. Craft making will begin at 11:00 am. All supplies will be provided.



UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:

HISTORIC RESIDENCE OF SAM MALOOF AND THE MALOOF DISCOVERY GARDENS (ALTA LOMA)

Date: Friday, February 27, 2014 Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Meeting Location: Hart Park House Senior Center Cost: \$20 (Does not include lunch)

Guided tour of the home of American woodworker Sam Maloof and furnished with his signature furniture. The house is also a showcase of 20th century studio craft and fine art. Following the tour, take a selfguided tour of the Maloof Discovery Garden and then visit the Museum shop stocked with crafts and Maloof publications. Please note there are 12 steps up to a mezzanine level in the historic home. Not able to accommodate wheelchairs in the historic home, but can accommodate walkers. Patrons are required to leave their handbags and other large belongings in a locked coat check room prior to touring the home. Lunch is scheduled for a restaurant

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OUR SUN HAD A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH ANOTHER STAR—JUST 70,000 YEARS AGO

Astronomers have identified the closest known flyby of a star to our solar system: a dim star that passed through the Oort Cloud about 70,000 years ago, coming within 0.8 light years of the Sun.

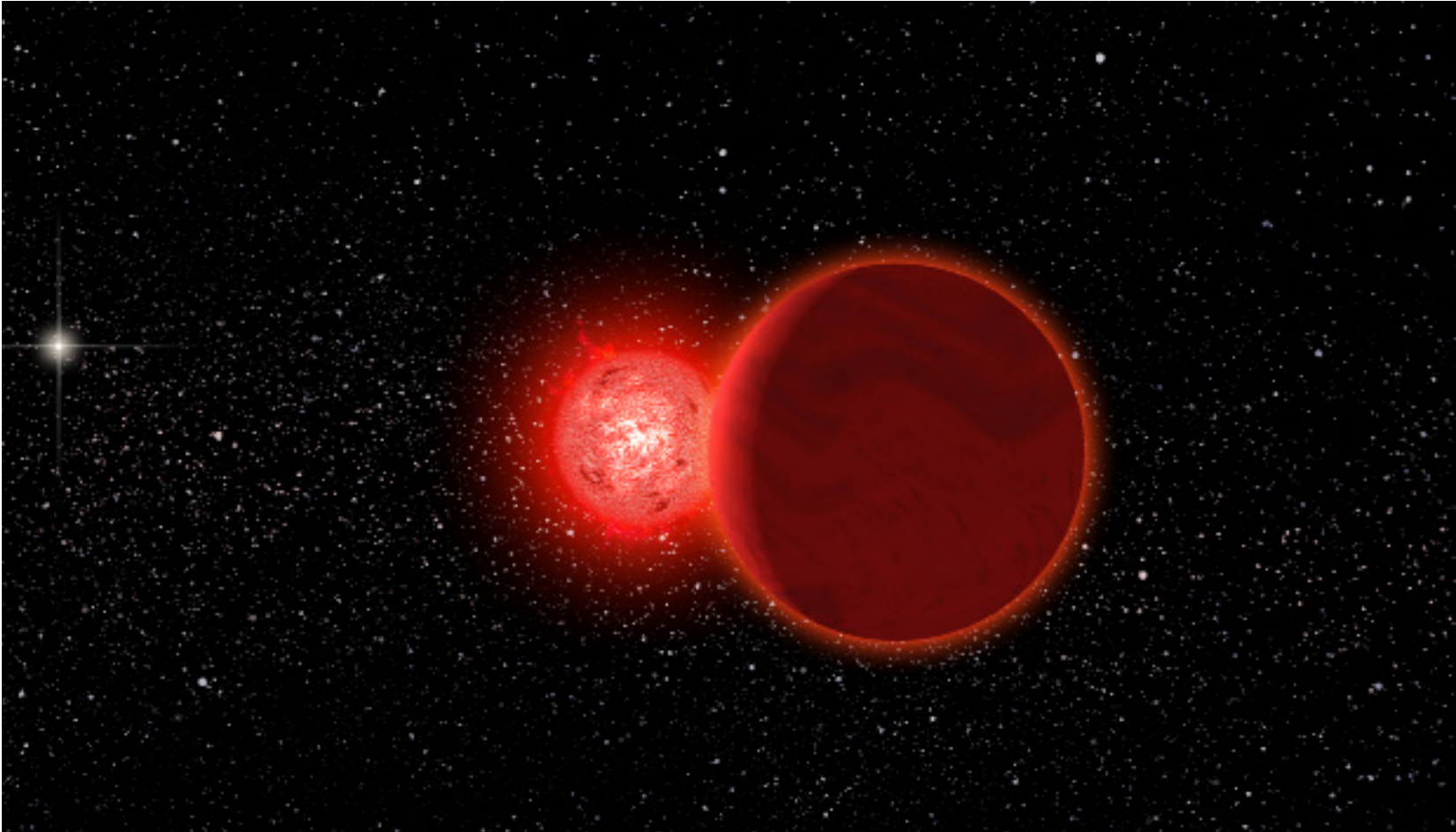
A group of astronomers from the U.S., Europe, Chile and South Africa have determined that a recently discovered dim star is likely to have passed through the solar system's distant cloud of comets, the Oort Cloud. No other star is known to have ever approached our solar system this close—five times closer than the closest star, Proxima Centauri.

In a paper published in Astrophysical Journal Letters, lead author Eric Mamajek from the University of Rochester and his collaborators analyzed the velocity and trajectory of a low-mass star system nicknamed “Scholz’s star.”

The star’s trajectory suggests that 70,000 years ago it passed roughly 0.8 light years (5 trillion miles) from the Sun. This is astronomically close—our closest neighbor star today, Proxima Centauri, is 4.2 light years distant. In fact, the astronomers are 98% certain that it passed through what is known as the “outer Oort Cloud”—a region at the edge of the solar system filled with trillions of comets a mile or more across that are thought to give rise to long-period comets orbiting the Sun after their orbits are perturbed.

The star originally caught Mamajek’s attention during a discussion with co-author Valentin D. Ivanov, from the European Southern Observatory. Scholz’s star had an unusual mix of characteristics: despite being fairly close (only 20 light years away), it showed very slow tangential motion, that is, motion across the sky. The radial velocity measurements taken by Ivanov and collaborators, however, showed the star moving almost directly away from the solar system at considerable speed.

Mamajek worked with former University of Rochester undergraduate Scott Barenfeld (now a graduate student at Caltech) to simulate 10,000 orbits for the star. Of those simulations, 98% showed the star passing through the outer Oort cloud, but fortunately only one of the simulations brought the star within the inner Oort cloud, which could trigger so-called “comet showers.”



While the close flyby of Scholz’s star likely had little impact on the Oort Cloud, Mamajek points out that “other dynamically important Oort Cloud perturbers may be lurking among nearby stars.” The recently launched European Space Agency Gaia satellite is expected to map out the distances and measure the velocities of a billion stars. With the Gaia data, astronomers will be able to tell which other stars may have had a close encounter with us in the past or will in the future.

Currently, Scholz’s star is a small, dim red dwarf

in the constellation of Monoceros the Unicorn, about 20 light years away. At the closest point in its flyby of the solar system, Scholz’s star would have been a 10th magnitude star—about 50 times fainter than can normally be seen with the naked eye. It is magnetically active, however, which can cause stars to “flare” and briefly become thousands of times brighter. So it is possible that Scholz’s star may have been visible to the naked eye by our ancestors 70,000 years ago for minutes or hours at a time during rare flaring events.

The star is part of a binary star system: a low-mass red dwarf star (with mass about 8% that of the Sun) and a “brown dwarf” companion (with mass about 6% that of the Sun). Brown dwarfs are considered “failed stars”; their masses are too low to fuse hydrogen in their cores like a star, but they are still much more massive than gas giant planets like Jupiter.

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WHY I WROTE MY BOOKS:
EXTREME SIMPLICITY:
HOMESTEADING IN THE CITY

by Christopher Nyerges

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Homesteading in the City” is perhaps my favorite of the books I have written because it is like a personal diary of how my wife Dolores and I worked towards our goal of “living lightly on the earth,” even though we had a small budget and lived in a small suburban Los Angeles home. We were doing what our Appalachian friend used to describe as “living country in the city.” We pursued all aspects of self-reliance, and wrote about it. Starting as soon as we moved in to our new home in 1986, we began task by task with limited income. We used our front lawn to grow food, we recycled our wash water, collected rain water, had chickens, a duck, bees, and a pig, had solar water heating and solar electricity, a wood stove, and we planted fruit trees and food everywhere.

We describe our efforts to do “integral gardening” on every bit of usable land, to produce food (for people and wildlife), medicines, fragrance, shade, and useful tools. We describe the details of what it meant to raise earthworms, chickens, rabbits, bees, a goose, a pig, and our dogs in their typical suburban back yard.

We took the reader along their journey to installing a wood fireplace, solar water heating, and a solar electric system.

Though there is much “how to” in this book, it is full of personal stories and rich reading of the learning they experienced along the way. There is a section on recycling, and a unique section about the economics of self-reliance.

It’s worth noting that this is not a book we planned on writing. In 2000, we were called by the Mother Earth News magazine to write an article about our meaning of “alternate health” methods, and we wrote about the methods that were as ancient as Hypocrates. We were on the cover, and a book publisher contacted us to see if we could turn that health article into a book. We said yes. But when we submitted the manuscript to the publisher, they said, hmm, not exactly what we were looking for. [That book, Integral Health, will be published eventually]. So they asked us if we could just write about how we live, which we did, and it became Extreme Simplicity.

Extreme Simplicity, first published in October of 2002, will be re-released from another publisher in August of 2013. It will be available wherever books are sold, from Amazon, and from the School of Self-Reliance, Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041; or www.ChristopherNyerges.com.

HERE ARE SOME SELECTED EXCERPTS WOOD FIREPLACE

Our freestanding fireplace has completely transformed our home. We would strongly encourage anyone without one already to seriously consider installing one. On very cold nights, we had been using those small electric heaters that really drive up your electric bill. The fireplace made the house really feel like a home, and we now are uncertain how we got along without it.

In our case, the transition to wood heating was fairly easy, because we had plenty of firewood readily available. We were actually doing a neighbor a favor by cleaning up and carting off large amounts of dead and fallen wood from his property. Our first season of firewood came entirely from our weekly cleaning of his yard, just for the cost of our

labor. How’s that for a win-win situation?

TIME AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE

Many people today believe that they’re spending all their time working, yet with very little in return. Unfortunately, such realizations may come too late to be remedied.

We think that the Amish people have the right idea when they keep their schools and work close to home. They don’t have to go a long way to a job, thereby avoiding wasted time and energy, unnecessary expenses, and disconnection from their community. They can protect their families from undesirable influence, and there is the added bonus of having youngsters nearby where they can learn a trade from an early age. The Amish are firmly committed to valuing “quality of life” over all the stuff that our modern society deems important or indispensable - car, home entertainment system, fancy clothes, foods bought for “convenience” and prestige rather than fresh garden flavor and nutritional value.

4 MAGIC WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION

Once, during a period of homelessness before we were married, Christopher was engulfed in thoughts of “poor me” and “I’m destitute,” and he could scarcely see a way out of the darkness. Dolores provided him with a simple set of practical tools that anyone can use if only they choose to do so. Here are four “magic” ways to improve your financial situation:

1. Never waste anything.
2. Continually improve your personal honesty.
3. Leave every situation or circumstance better than you found it.
4. Tithe to the church (or organization) of your choice.

We know that these are genuine practical solutions. We have heard people say that they cannot make these efforts - such as tithing, or improving an environment - because “we are poor.” Our perspective is that they have their reasoning backwards. They are poor because they do not engage themselves in the world in these ways. Logical thinking leads to erroneous conclusions when the premise is false.

3 STEPS TO HOUSEHOLD ENERGY EFFICIENCY

1. You can do without some electrical devices. This will probably involve changing your behavior, for instance, thinking twice before switching on an electrical tool or appliance when a non-electric alternative will work just as well or better.
2. You can learn to use your existing devices more efficiently. This step, too, requires changes in habit, but once you’ve understood the extra expenses caused by inefficiency and waste, you’ll feel good about it - plus you’ll save money by practicing efficiency.
3. You can purchase new appliances that render your household inherently more energy efficient. This step requires initial outlays of money, and in some cases higher short-term expenses, but with certain especially wasteful appliances, the best way to save energy and money is to immediately replace the old, wasteful model.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP

This year I celebrate another birthday. I hate to say it, but this is getting rather monotonous. Every year I celebrate my birthday. Of course, when the year comes around with no birthday to celebrate everybody will know what has happened.

The only thing I am wrestling with is which birthday am I going to celebrate? I have so many from which to choose, it is hard to really pick out the birthday I want to celebrate.

Some people like to pick the newest birthday to celebrate. I, on the other hand, believe that since it is my birthday, I have the option and right to pick which birthday I am going to celebrate.

It will take me several months to decide, so I need to get started now to pick out which birthday to celebrate.

In thinking this matter over, I have been tempted to celebrate my first birthday because I have no memories of that birthday whatsoever. I am not sure my parents could afford a camera, because there are no pictures of that first birthday. It is rather sad, but I think I can change that.

To celebrate my first birthday would be a rather awesome thing. The first birthday is celebrating the beginning of your life. However, the thing that makes it somewhat crazy is, at that time in life you do not know what to think about as far as life is concerned. After all, being only one year old does not give much time to contemplate what the world is all about. There is a certain degree of innocence in a one year old that fast fades as birthdays come and go.

As I think about celebrating my first birthday, I thought about sitting on the floor in diapers, drooling, while everybody is singing happy birthday to me. That picture kinda cancels any desire I have to celebrate my first birthday.

Then I thought about celebrating my 100th birthday. That would be awesome. I may not be around when I am 100 years old and even if I was around at that time, I may not know what is going on around me. Now that would be the perfect time to celebrate.

Then another disturbing thought entered my head. Just like my first birthday on my 100th birthday, I could be sitting on the floor in diapers, drooling, while everybody around me is singing happy birthday. I do not think we want to go there.

Before I can make any real decisions along this line, I think I am going to have to take a little nap.

As I was taking my nap and just before I slipped off into la-la land, I thought about how old I really am. I am old enough so that I can take a nap in the afternoon without anyone thinking anything negative about it. If that is not something to celebrate, I don’t know what is.

If I am going to celebrate my birthday, whichever one I choose, I will have as the focus of that celebration the wonderful privilege of taking naps. The older I get, the more accommodating an afternoon nap really is. That’s worth celebrating.

I can remember when younger, if caught taking a nap people made fun of me. “What’s the matter with you,” people would say as they pointed laughing in my direction.

To tell them I was just taking a nap did not do anything for my reputation.

Now, the situation is completely changed. I can have a nap in the morning and then another one in the afternoon and then, believe it or not, I can take a nap just before I go to bed for the night.

I feel sorry for those people who are not able to sleep at night. I am definitely not one of them. Sleep has not been a hobby to me; it is a full-time occupation I have mastered.

I am not quite sure how old I was when my parents taught me a little prayer for when you go to bed. It began, “Now I lay me down to sleep.” If only I could remember how old I was when I learned that, I would celebrate that birthday.

Nothing has been more beneficial to me than being able to say, “Now I lay me down to sleep,” regardless of the time of day. What a wonderful thing it is to be able to sleep and not be harassed by “well-meaning friends” who just don’t get it.

I have not come to any conclusion about which birthday to celebrate this year, but I do plan to celebrate this whole idea concerning sleep.

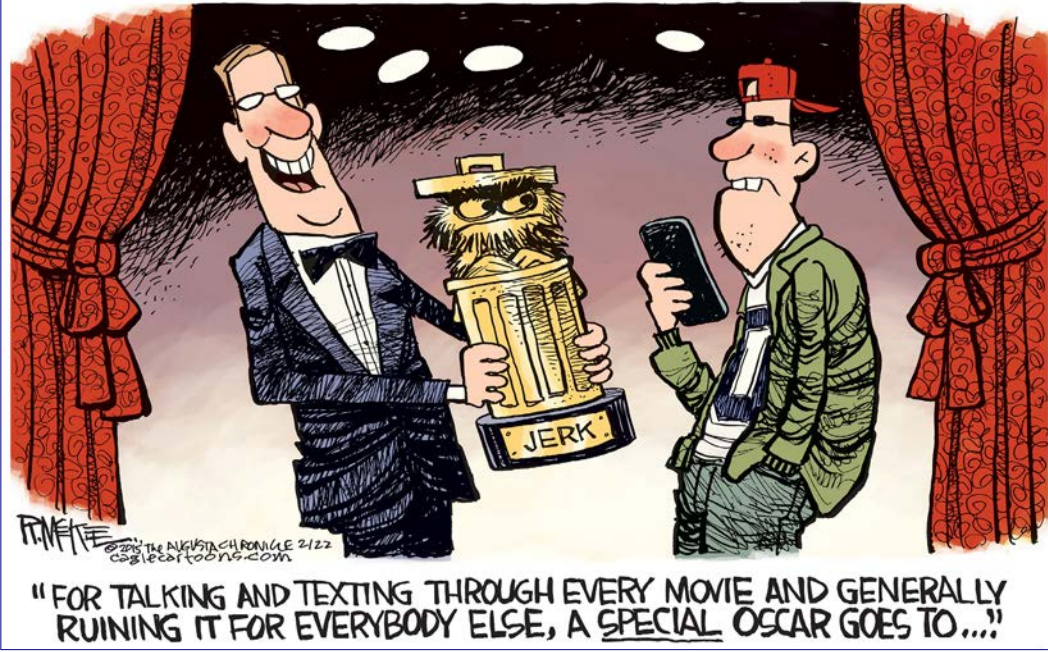
When I was very young, I would fall asleep whenever and not think anything of it. As I got older, it became embarrassing for someone to catch me napping. Then, I passed a certain milestone in life; I do not know which milestone it was, where I am not embarrassed anymore for anybody catching me asleep.

I think that is what I am celebrating this year. At my birthday party, right after the cake, everyone will join me in taking a nap.

David understood the importance asleep when he wrote, “It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep” (Psalm 127:2).

What puts you to sleep is a good indication of what kind of person you are.

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WHO IS SANDRA SIRAGANIAN?



By Robert Niles

A school board race might not seem as important as races for higher profile offices such as Congress and the Legislature. But a school board can have a direct effect on the lives of thousands of community children and their families. When voter turnout is small, it's all too easy for candidates with extreme views and questionable interests to make their way on to the school board.

So who are these candidates running for school board? It turns out to be a very interesting question, in the case of District 6 in the Pasadena Unified School District, which includes Sierra Madre, East Pasadena, Chapman Woods, and my neighborhood, an area of unincorporated Los Angeles County between Pasadena and San Marino. Two candidates are running to replace the retiring Tom Selinske for our district's seat.

Larry Torres is National Board Certified Teacher with 29 years' experience teaching in public schools. He's served for 14 years on PUSD school site councils and holds a master's degree in education from Harvard. He has a campaign website and has appeared at multiple local candidate forums, providing district residents with plenty of opportunities to get to know him and his positions.

Torres' opponent is Sandra Siraganian, a Sierra Madre real estate agent. Siraganian doesn't have a campaign website, and she's not bothered to show up for any candidate forums yet, making it hard to get any sense of what she thinks about education or what kind of board member she would be. We do know that the Pasadena Foothills Association of Realtors has endorsed Torres for the seat. Why would Siraganian's own co-workers endorse her opponent?

When I was teaching journalism at USC, I told my students that the best way to get to know a candidate is to learn about the people donating money to that candidate. The City of Pasadena publishes campaign contribution reports from candidates for the PUSD board. It's still early, but Siraganian has submitted one contribution report already.

And it's a biggie — \$1,000 from Frederick "Fritz" Hitchcock, who was listed with a Las Vegas address on the contribution report. Despite the Vegas address, Hitchcock is the chairman of California Chamber of Commerce and lives most of the year in the Ritz Carlton Residences at L.A. Live, according to an interview published on the chamber website. He's a major player in Republican politics, having contributed more than \$142,000 to federal and California state candidates and campaign committees alone just last year.

Why is a high-roller GOP player from Vegas and downtown LA dropping a grand on a Pasadena school board candidate? Let's take a look at Siraganian's own campaign contributions to get a better picture of her political beliefs.

Siraganian doesn't give nearly as much money to political campaigns as Hitchcock. But she did give nearly \$400 to a Tea Party Political Action Committee in 2011. She also gave \$250 to the California Lincoln Clubs in 2013, and \$100 to Tim Donnelly's campaign for governor last year. Donnelly enraged even his fellow Republicans during the gubernatorial campaign by accusing fellow GOP candidate Neel Kashkari of supporting the imposition of Muslim Sharia Law in the U.S. Donnelly has had his own issues with the law — he was busted by the TSA in 2012 for trying to bring loaded handgun on a plane.

On the subject of guns, Donnelly sponsored a bill in the California Legislature to allow teachers and school janitors to have guns in schools. Does Siraganian support bringing guns into our schools, too?

Donnelly also was one of the founders of the "Minuteman" movement, a group of border-control vigilantes. The Los Angeles Times reported last year that Donnelly in 2006 reacted to that year's immigrant rights rally by saying, "We are in a war. You may not want to accept it, but the other side has declared war on us."

Does Siraganian agree with the candidate she supported? Does she really see immigrants as the enemy in a war? What does Siraganian think about the thousands of immigrant children and families she would be called to serve as a school board member? With her being a no-show at candidate events, it's hard to ask her that question.

But there is another clue online: Siraganian appears to have a Twitter account,

though it's been inactive since late 2011. The posts reveal a political outlook very much in line with the Tea-Party views that her political contributions suggest. Here's a Twitter post on immigration:



Let's ignore the nonsense math and the dubious accounting. It's the use of the slur "illegal alien" that ought to concern voters. Yes, "illegal alien" is a slur -- a phrase intended to demean and dehumanize immigrants. In no other case do we use the word "illegal" to modify an entire person, instead of that person's acts. And the use of the word "alien" -- an old legal term -- further serves to make immigrants seem inhuman.

It's fair to question whether a candidate who so casually uses this slur can serve a school district where the majority of students are of Hispanic origin. PUSD voters deserve to know what Siraganian thinks about the use of this slur, today.

Two other tweets also prompt concern:



The Web addresses in those tweets no longer work, but the words in the tweets say enough to make voters want to ask questions. The phrase "the gay agenda" is almost exclusively used by people who oppose the efforts to allow gay and lesbian citizens equal rights under the law, including the freedom to marry.

The timing and content of the second tweet appears to reference an April 2011 controversy when Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant called a referee a "faggot." That's another despicable slur, and Bryant swiftly and appropriately apologized for using it. But many commentators, including many on

the right wing of American politics, chose to joke about the incident, recalling the word's archaic meaning as "a bunch of sticks."

Voters deserve to hear what Siraganian thinks about the gay, lesbian, and bisexual teachers, parents, and students in the PUSD community. Will she protect their rights as citizens and their dignity as community members? Or will she make jokes about them, dismiss them with slurs, and insist that they head directly for the closet once they pass through the schoolhouse door?

We need to know what Sandra Siraganian thinks and believes. Her record paints a picture of a radical Tea Party member who has supported racists for public office and supported the casual use of terms that evoke racism and bigotry. Is this who Sandra Siraganian really is?

Maybe if she bothered to show up for a candidate forum, we could ask her.

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LEFT TURN / RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"In this world of sin and sorrow there is always something to be thankful for; as for me, I rejoice that I am not a Republican."
- H. L. Mencken

We should all be thankful, though being satisfied merely because things could be worse is sort of a cop-out. We should always strive for the best; not simply for better than what it otherwise might be.

In his column last week, Greg Welborn expressed concerns about the current state of our State of California – and well he should. He focused on the annual shortfall of \$17 billion in the state's contribution to the public pension fund. It's reassuring, though, to note that CalPERS reported investment income for its fund of over \$45 billion for FY 2013-14. This compares to a loss of \$196 million in the first full FY after Gov. Jerry Brown took office.

Greg also notes that 1% of us pay 50% of the taxes. I assume he's referring to income taxes. Those percentages don't seem out of line in a state where, as of 2012, the average income of the top 1% (\$1.6 million) is some 35 times the average of the other 99% (\$45,800). I share Greg's frustration with this high-speed rail project. Especially after my having recently returned from Tokyo, it's hard to accept any excuse for why we remain so far behind the rest of the industrialized world in this area.

News from other states, however, gives us ample reason to be thankful we're here in California. Things could be worse – a lot worse. Here are some stories we might keep in mind when getting frustrated with the goings-on in Sacramento:

In Montana, State Sen. David Moore (R) proposed an indecent exposure law that could prohibit "tight-fitting beige clothing", explaining, "Yoga pants should be illegal in public, anyway."

In Arizona, State Sen. Jason Rapert (R) wades into foreign affairs by suggesting ISIS be taken care of with "a strategically placed nuclear weapon."

In Alabama, racial gerrymandering led to the recent Supreme Court decision on the Voting Rights Act and current voter ID laws threaten to bar hundreds of thousands from the polls. Still, Secretary of State John Merrill (R) suggested last week that, in regards to past acts of voter suppression, it's time to "forgive people" and "move on".

Mississippi State Rep. Gene Alday (R) explained he opposes funding for education and literacy because he comes "from a town where all the blacks are getting food stamps and what I call 'welfare crazy checks'".

North Carolina passed tax code revisions to count mortgage debt forgiveness as taxable income and to end the deduction for tuition expenses. These new taxes on college students and those trying to get back on their feet after losing their homes come two years after those with million-dollar incomes got tax cuts of \$10,000 a year. Republican Gov. Pat McCrory and the Republican legislature are also targeting research centers in the University of North Carolina system; the Carolina Center for Public Service, Carolina Women's Center, Center for Black Culture and History, UNC Center for Civil Rights, UNC Institute on Aging, Center for Poverty, Work and Opportunity, etc.

The Education Committee of the Oklahoma legislature approved a bill banning Advanced Placement US History in its high schools. The bill offers instead its own list of "foundational documents" for study, including the Ten Commandments and speeches by Ronald Reagan (but nothing from any Democratic president since LBJ). The bill's author, Rep. Dan Fisher (R) complains that AP History fails to adequately address "American exceptionalism".

The Republican-led senate in Wyoming overruled its Republican governor and blocked Medicaid expansion in the state under the Affordable Care Act, thus denying coverage for some 17,000 of the state's uninsured.

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback (R) is still trying to deal with the billion-dollar budget hole caused by his tax cuts for the highest-income residents. In addition to forcing disabled Kansans off Medicaid, now there are proposals to cut \$127 million from education, \$300 million from road repair and withholding \$446 million in state pension fund payments (estimated to cost the state \$3.7 billion in the long run). In the meantime, Gov. Brownback rescinded protections state workers had against discrimination based on sexual orientation. Thanks to Gov. Brownback, it's now okay to be fired because you're gay.

Shortly after speaking at a Washington D.C. conference on the importance of funding education, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal (R) returned to push for cutting state colleges by \$300 million – a third of their current budget. Meanwhile, despite a \$1.6 billion budget shortfall, he continues doling out subsidies to those who don't need them (like \$330,000 for each episode of "Duck Dynasty" filmed in the state).

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey (R) proposed cutting \$75 million from the state's universities, while earmarking \$5 million for a private prison that even Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio calls unnecessary. Gov. Ducey received \$10,500 in campaign contributions from the private prisons industry.

Legislation called the "Second Amendment Education Act" proposed in South Carolina would require all elementary, middle and high schools to conduct an NRA-developed course on the subject for at least "three consecutive weeks" per semester.

Former Republican State Senate leader Dale Schultz of Wisconsin offered this assessment of Republican Gov. Scott Walker's budget: "As soon as there was any revenue, [Walker] wanted to cut taxes. It's great for turning on a certain element of his base, but I'm not sure what it's doing for the average mother and father in Wisconsin." The state now faces a \$2 billion deficit, and a proposed budget state officials call "nonsensical".

California faces serious problems. A look at other states, though, affirms Mencken's observation that "there is always something to be thankful for." Rather than "rejoice" about whatever our own individual political affiliation might be, we can at least be thankful our state isn't being run by those other guys.

GREG Welborn

JOBS FOR JIHADIS



President Obama headlined the White House Conference on Violent Extremism with an impassioned call for jobs, more jobs and lots of jobs so that terrorists won't feel the call to arms. The specifics were a bit fuzzy – clearly to be worked out later in the rumble tumble of various high-level committees - but I half expected to hear about programs to teach "Electronic Activation Systems for Non-bomb Makers", or "Aircraft Flight Dynamics for Pilots Who Want To Live". The Middle East is deteriorating faster than anyone could have imagined, and this president's solution is a Jobs-For-Jihadis bill.

What the Jihadis thought about the proposal is hard to tell. I'm not sure they had a chance to really monitor the conference's progress; they've been pretty busy lately. In just the last several weeks, Jihadis burned to death a Jordanian pilot. They have organized and carried out the simultaneous beheading of 21 Coptic Christians. They produced, edited and distributed fairly high-quality videos of both events. 17 caged captured Kurdish fighters were paraded through streets in Iraq, presumably on their way to the ovens. Yemen has all but fallen to the Jihadis, while in Niger and Chad they have captured more territory. Advancing their reach beyond the immediate Middle East, in efforts mocking the "Je Suis Charlie" movement in Europe, Jihadis destroyed all the headstones in a French Jewish cemetery and fired automatic weapons into a free-speech gathering in Copenhagen.

And the President of The United States calls for jobs. So accustomed are many Americans to hearing this president talk about jobs that his call had a momentary appeal to logic and common sense. Who doesn't support good jobs? Who doesn't support "good" government, another of the items within the President's program? It seems funny in the context of all that's happened – almost a bad joke Obama didn't quite delivery correctly. But President Obama was absolutely serious; he, and others on the left, honestly believe that the lack of good jobs and sound governance are the root causes of terrorism. Nothing could be further from the truth, and no other belief has hampered this president more from truly meeting the civilizational challenge he faces.

It is a truism to say that jobs are a good thing, as it is to say that good governance is good. However, the opposite is not true. Lack of jobs and lousy government do not automatically lead people into terrorism. There are hundreds of millions of people on this planet who do not have decent jobs; they live in, or close to, poverty levels. There are equal numbers who live in countries managed terribly by their governments. These people are not killing and torturing others. Tibetans have lost their country to China. Many Indians live in poverty. Thousands of Christian Africans live in poverty and under oppression by their governments, and yet there is no large movement of any of these people toward terrorist tactics or terrorist organizations.

Terrorism is a choice made because of a value system, a philosophy, which justifies it and/or calls for it in the name of some perceived greater philosophical or religious good. Al Qaeda, ISIS, Boko Haram and other such groups are motivated by a deeply held religious belief. They are all Islamic, drawing credibility from real historical interpretations of the Koran which call for violence against the infidels. The Jihad is a movement within Islam that has powerful adherents and respected religious leaders who justify and support the violence in the pursuit of their religion.

We can trace the calls for Islamic terrorism back to Ibn Taimiyyah in the 14th century and, more recently, to Sayyid Qutb in the 20th century. This is a strong movement within Islam to return to the "literal teachings of the Koran and the Hadith". These people do not believe there is a middle ground between pure Islam and a life of decadence. Anything which is not purely, and literally, Koranic is by definition evil and must be stopped.

What this president does not understand is that modern terrorism is fighting more than a military campaign. This is not an effort to simply establish political bona fides in preparation for negotiations or an effort to simply win territory. Modern terrorism is fighting a philosophical and religious war; it seeks nothing less than to capture the soul of Islam. Theirs is a philosophy that directly challenges Judeo-Christian values and modernity. They recruit based not on the promise of jobs, riches or power, but on the promise that the Jihadi warrior will be doing the will of God and ridding the world of the infidel.

What's morbidly fascinating here is that only our president, among all the world's leaders, denies this reality. None of this is denied by leaders in the Muslim world. Most recently, Abdel Fattah Al Sisi, President of Egypt, addressed leading Islamic clerics at Cairo's al-Azhar university, telling them, "[they] need to revolutionize [their] religion". He meant by that to reclaim for Islam that vein of the religion which might reasonably be expected to join other major world religions as a true religion of peace. In so doing, he is all but admitting that today Islam cannot legitimately be called as practiced a "religion of peace". Only our president sees Islam for what he wants it to be, ignores the strains of that great religion which contradict his vision of it, and thus calls for jobs rather than for a full frontal assault against an enemy which will not accommodate, but will only surrender.

At a practical, real-politik level, our president must come to realize that the world needs moral leadership. This will not come from Russia, nor from China, and Europe is physically and emotionally spent. The world – including the parts of the Middle East that want to resist radical Islam – awaits the moral, philosophical and practical leadership that only the United States can provide.

Once again, we have arrived at an American moment – a time when our destiny is pushed upon us. Previous generations rose to that calling, to that demand, to that moral imperative. At a time such as this, the world needs more than a jobs program.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

I received a mailer from candidate Siraganian and it left me with one question. In this attack piece she stated that Larry Torres helped found City of Angels School and is the "curriculum coordinator. She then pointed out that this school is one of the worst performing schools in the state and that the majority of the students there are below proficient in English and math. The piece was about curriculum standards and the implication was clearly that Mr Torres is somehow responsible for this purported poor performance.

Although it appears that candidate Siraganian had done some research to come up with the statistics she cited, she left out one key detail: City of Angels is a Continuation School, one for "at-risk" kids that have not succeeded in normal schools. It serves all sorts of students, is a school of 2000 kids on San Pedro street in LA, composed of 90% minority population, about 80% Hispanic, and serves kids that are among the neediest and most challenging of any student population in the country. Of course they have statistics far below normal schools, this is a school for kids that have burdens placed on them that most people couldn't bear. This is a school that does tremendous things for kids most in need.

All I could think of is one thing - What kind of person would put out such a bald faced half truth? How does this real estate agent believe she is qualified to question the effectiveness of a curriculum for a special needs school?

This is a total and clearly intentional misrepresentation, and I hope the average voter spends 5 minutes Googling "City of Angels School" to better understand just what kind of an institution this candidate is deriding while giving the impression that it is a normal school that is performing poorly because of Larry Torres.

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FILE NO. 2015-022680
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) JOSE NAVARRO, 1527 E. 32nd ST., L.A., CA 90011, OSCAR NAVARRO, 1527 E. 32nd ST., L.A., CA 90011, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: PROFESSIONAL GARMENT MFG., 1527 E. 32nd ST., L.A., CA 90011. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 07/01/2013, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2013136814. The business was conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 01/27/2015. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is

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The following person(s) CAROLINA NAVARRO, 5912 S. BROADWAY, L.A., CA 90003, JORGE GONZALEZ, 5912 S. BROADWAY, L.A., CA 90003, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: THE MATTRESS SPOT, 6656 ATLANTIC AVE., BELL, CA 90201. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 05/18/2012, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2012097049. The business was conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 01/23/2015. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)

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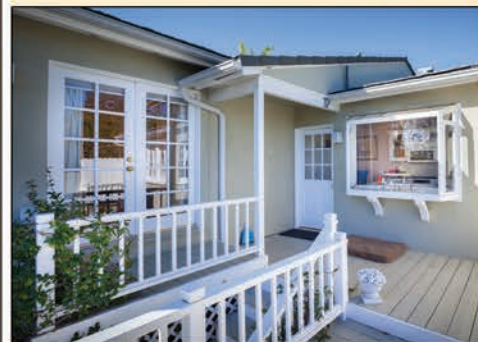


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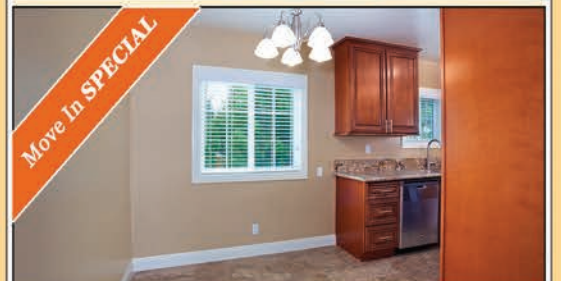
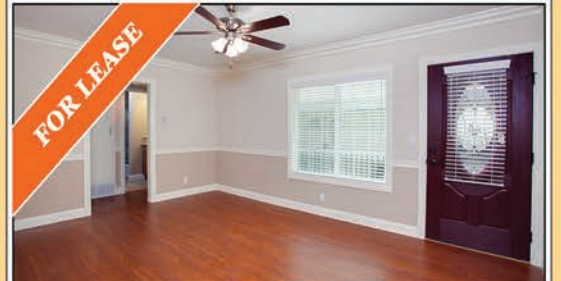
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