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FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015 8:00AM- NOON

The Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC) could use your help! Put on your work gloves and join us at Bailey Canyon Park (at the top of Grove), we'll be pulling weeds, clearing out dead brush and improving paths. In addition to light snacks and beverages, we offer you; fresh air, exercise and enjoyable teamwork experience. Hope to see you there!

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WATER, TAXES AND PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL CAREFULLY WEIGHS OPTIONS

The Sierra Madre City Council once again tackled the three topics that weigh heaviest on most Sierra Madreans minds: Water - conservation and quality; Taxes - the upcoming Utility User Tax ballot measure and Public Safety - shall or will the city continue to maintain its Police Department or contract out those services to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Potential solutions were reviewed again, or as one frustrated council member said, "it seems as though we keep going over the same thing every time we meet..

Water Conservation

At the last council meeting there was much concern over the penalties assessed. Overall 83% of the city's population is meeting their water conservation goals, however the remaining 17% - overusers - are cause for great concern as the city is well below the state mandated level and has received a warning. Those who are exceeding their conservation levels are only part the reason Sierra Madre is only at 21% conseration vs. the 30% required by the state. Water main breaks are also contributing to the city's water saving deficit.

The council directed staff to contact each of the top water abusers in an attempt to see what measures can be done to reduce their water consumption. Except for leaks that were undetected, penalties will be enforced.

Utility User Tax

April 12, 2016 is the date that citizens of Sierra Madre will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not to impose a Utility User Tax of 10% to avoid an almost \$1 million budget deficit. Without its passage, city services, which include public safety will dramatically change in Sierra Madre. However, at the last two council meetings speaker after speaker came to the podium supporting the UUT. Tuesday, the UUT oversight committee gave its report and confirmed that the income generated from the taxes approved in 2008 were in fact being used as directed. Further, Committee Member Paul Savoie who presented the report pointed out that 'the increase in public safety expenditures over the base year of 2008 (\$1,920,695) exceeded the increase in UUT revenues over the base year (\$1,277,795) in the amount of \$642,900,

indicating that the city remains in compliance with Measure UA.' Council directed staff to continue preparing the UUT for the April Ballot.

Public Safety

On the issue of whether to proceed investigating the cost of contracting the LASD to provide Police Services for Sierra Madre should the UUT fail, the council unanimously decided to proceed with Option I of the second phase of the proposal. The option will give the council further insight into the actual costs of contracting out police services, however, it will not cost Sierra Madre additional funds at this point.

Mayor John Capoccia reiterated that the council was not making a decision to hire the Sheriff's but simply putting all options on the table. Capoccia noted that the public has indicated "20 to 1" that they want to keep the SMPD, however, the council needs to have complete information in the event the UUT fails in April. The next council meeting will be held on November 24th.

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THANK YOU OFFICER JOHN FORD FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SIERRA MADRE



The Sierra Madre community is going to miss SMPD Officer John Ford who, after 35 years of faithful service has retired. Picture above with Ford are (l to r) Public Safety Director and Chief of Police Larry Gianonne, Officer Ford, Sergeant Ken Berry, Sergeant Ruben Enriquez and Captain Joe Ortiz. Best wishes and thank you for your years of dedication.

Photo courtesy SMPD

COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR PLANTING DAY



Sierra Madre, CA. - Thank you Community Planting Day volunteers! Over 75 volunteers from around the community gathered at City Hall last Saturday morning to help add new life to the landscapes surrounding the City's public buildings. Planting day volunteers included a rich mix of young children, adults, and seniors all eager to lend their talents to the project. Working together, they installed nearly 300 plants in just two and half hours.

Planting Day was the culmination of months of planning and work aimed at improving the City's landscape by replacing water-thirsty lawns with drought-resistant gardens. The City of Sierra Madre owes a special debt of gratitude to all who made this community project a success whether

it be by volunteering, donating or helping us spread the word.

In an effort to show our appreciation, the City of Sierra Madre and the Sierra Madre Garden Club are issuing a limited number of memorial bricks for those still seeking to add their legacy to the new gardens. A limited supply of 30 bricks will be available for purchase at City Hall from now until November 30th. All donations are tax-deductible and payments must be made by check at the time of application submission.

Additional photos from Community Planting Day are currently available on the City's Facebook page. To learn more about purchasing memorial bricks please contact City Hall at: 626-355-7135.

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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 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, November 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

Regular City Council Meeting

November 24, 2015 - 6:30 pm



The final agenda and staff reports will be available online no later than Friday night. Enter the date "10/13/2015" 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 and Events

Monday, November 9, 2015, 6:30PM
Library Proposal Committee

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 6:30pm
Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 6:30 pm

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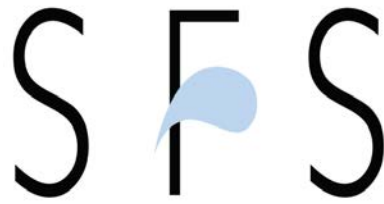
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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, November 1st, to Sunday, November 8th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 228 calls for service.

Tuesday, November 3rd

At 3:31 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the station lobby regarding a grand theft report. Upon arrival, Officers made contact with the victim who informed them that earlier that day she received a phone call from a boy claiming to be her grandson and the he had just been arrested and was in need of help. While on the phone with the boy, a man came on the line and stated he was a police captain from Santa Barbara Juvenile Detention Center and explained to the woman that her grandson was being held as an accessory and could be bailed out and that she would receive a call back with more information.

About a half hour later the woman received a call with information of where to wire money for her grandson's bail of \$23,450 and specifically told not to tell the banker why she was sending the money. After the money made the wire transfer she called back the police captain to inquire about when she could pick up her grandson, but he insisted that the boy would not be released until the wire transfer was successfully received. After several failed attempts to get more information regarding her grandson's release, the woman called her personal attorney, who advised her that she had been scammed. The woman then called her daughter to ensure her grandson was in fact not in jail, and discovered that he was safe at home. The woman notified the bank and then notified police. The woman also stated to officers that she kept receiving multiple calls from various numbers used by the police captain advising her not to tell anyone about what had happened. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Saturday, November 7th

At 12:00 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 00 block of Sunnyside Avenue regarding a residential burglary report. Upon arrival, Officer made contact with the victims who informed them that three days prior the couple had left for an out of town trip, and upon returning then realized their home had been burglarized.

They walked throughout their home and discovered that numerous rooms had been ransacked and that the rear sliding glass door to their backyard was wide open. Officers canvased the area for any possible witnesses and any additional evidence, but were unable to locate anything further. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Sunday, November 8th

At 2:14, Sierra Madre responded to the station lobby regarding a report of identity theft. Upon arrival the victim informed Officers that she recently checked her credit union credit card account and noticed there were six authorized transactions totaling the amount over \$1300 that were made Florida and San Francisco. When she reported the incident to her credit union they advised her to file police report. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

SHARE SOME GOOD NEWS!

"The Kindness of Strangers" feature encourages readers to share their stories.

I can assure you, they will be uplifting especially in contrast to all the challenges and issues we have to deal with daily. So, if you have something you would like to share, please submit it to: editor@mtnewsviews.com. It doesn't matter where you were or when it happened. Share your good experiences in hope that it might bring a little joy and/or inspire someone.

-Susan Henderson, Editor/Publisher
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Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"From the world wars of Europe to the jungles of the Far East, from the deserts of the Middle East to the African continent, and even here in our own hemisphere, our veterans have made the world a better place and America the great country we are today." John Hoeven

My Dad was in the Navy during World War II. He never talked much about what he did, what his job was, what happened to him. As we commemorated Veteran's Day this week, I thought I'd put up a picture of some of our Sierra Madre veterans and add the following poem. We are fortunate here in Sierra Madre, to have quite a few veterans who come out smartly and impeccably dressed in their uniforms to carry the flag, march in our July 4th parade, be on hand to kick off the Mt. Wilson Trail Race and be part of the Memorial Day observances. They stand tall and straight and we admire them. If you haven't been down to Memorial Park to look at the Veteran's Memorial Wall, take a few minutes, look at the pictures and see who you know.

"Just A Common Soldier"
A. Lawrence Vaincourt

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast, And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past

Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done, In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke, All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,

And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,

For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life

Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,

And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,

While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young,

But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our



land

A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and strife,

Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the style in which he lives

Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.

While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all, Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension small

It's so easy to forget them for it was so long ago

That the old Bills of our Country went to battle, but we know

It was not the politicians, with their compromise and plays,

Who won for us the freedom that our Country now enjoys.

Next time you see the flag go by, held in the hands of one of our veterans, stand and salute, for our flag and our veterans both deserve that honor.

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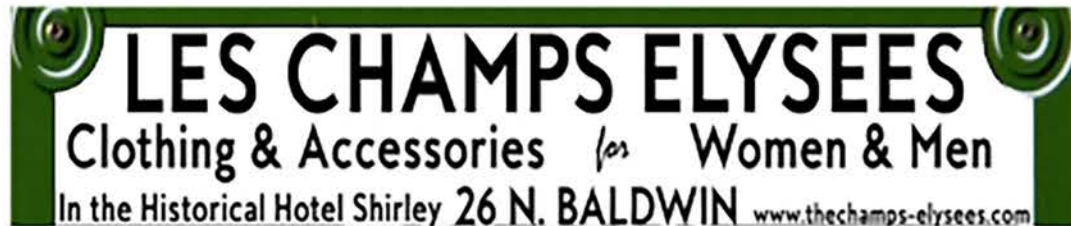
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If you were to ask my Dad before he moved to The Kensington why he should, he'd have assured you that everything was fine—that there was no need. However, I didn't see things the same way. Sure, my Dad had enjoyed a wonderful life with his wife in their home. But for the last few years, he'd been caring for her while she was terminally ill. Once she died, he was lonely and sad living by himself. It broke my heart. I understood that leaving memories behind would be hard, but when The Kensington came to Sierra Madre, I got excited for both of us. It took some persuasion to get my Dad to move. Finally, he did! Now, he is joking around again. New friends and lots to do have made him incredibly happy. Thanks to The Kensington, I have my Dad back.

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DUARTE AND MONROVIA HONOR VETERANS



Judy Chu presents Certificate of Recognition to Scott Sinclair Allied Veterans Council of San Gabriel Valley and David Magallanes, Band Leader, Monrovia High School Band performs every year at this.

By Joan Schmidt

Every Veterans Day neighboring cities Duarte and Monrovia honor Veterans and synchronize their event times so one can attend both!

Duarte's event occurs at Thorsen Park; always a good turnout. Among those attending were Mayor Paras-Caracci, City Council Members Finlay and Fasana, LASD Sgt. Haynes and Brian Villalobos from Public Safety. From American Legion Post #44, Chuck Keen did the Invocation; and Earle Sweeney, Pledge of Allegiance. Assemblyman Roger Hernandez thanked our Veterans and made a presentation. Guest Speakers included School Board Vice President Ken Bell and Gil Zepeda, an Army Sergeant who told of his experience in Iraq. His Company of twelve lost five in Iraq—a ring he wears bears their names. When their tour began, these twelve didn't know each other, but left as brothers. Sgt. Zepeda told us that while stationed there, the Iraqis received the right to vote. Iraqis traveled a long distance by foot in excruciating heat to do so. It was twelve miles between voting booths; many had reached their capacity, so the person had to walk another twelve miles to the next booth! Sometimes the next booth also had reached its capacity. Some Iraqis didn't even get to vote but were thrilled they had the OPPORTUNITY to do so. Sergeant Zepeda understood why we were there—fighting so the Iraqis could have the freedoms we have in America.

Melida Smith did her awesome renditions of the National Anthem and God Bless America. Brian Mejia from Supervisor Antonovich's office read the names of all Duarte service members—Veterans and Active duty Personnel.

The City of Duarte extended SPECIAL THANKS to ALL VETERANS, Guest Speakers Ken Bell and Sgt. Zepeda, Vocalist Melida Smith, American Legion Post #44, Mark Perez for his rendition of Taps, Boy Scout Troop # 185, Monrovia Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, Duarte Kiwanis Club and WePackItAll.

In neighboring Monrovia, once again, The Allied Veterans Council of the San Gabriel Valley held their annual VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE at

Library Park.

Welcome was by Scott Sinclair, President of the Allied Veterans Council. Monrovia VFW Post #2070 Color Guard including Willie Williams, Ron Handy, Brain Harley and Al Noll posted colors, followed by Monrovia High School Band's rendition of the National Anthem. Invocation was by Chuck Keen, American Legion Post #44, introductions of local dignitaries by Sinclair and American the Beautiful by MHS Band. Captain Ammon Van Orden, U.S. Army was guest speaker and told about choices we make and how they influence our lives. He chose to attend ROTC Classes and served our country, for example. Lt. Colonel Charles Wiest, Civil Air Patrol recognized all veterans present by naming each branch of service; members stood as he thanked them for various freedoms.

The Blue Star Families were also recognized. Monrovia was one of the first cities to participate in the program. Banners representing active duty personnel are hung throughout the City. When their military service is done, the banners are presented to them.

Lt. Colonel Wiest placed the Memorial Wreath, followed by God Bless America. Janine Coyne from the Allied Vets Council read the explanation of the Flag Folding, assisted by Willie Williams, VFW post 2070. Chuck Keen, American Legion Post #44 did the Benediction, and MHS Band, TAPS. After a Moment of Silence, Colors were retired by VFW #2070.

Special thanks to Allied Veterans Council for this awesome event and the City of Monrovia for the use of Library Park and Presentation. Also, VFW Post #2070, American Legion Post #44, Congresswoman Judy Chu who presented a Certificate to the Allied Vets Council and MHS Band (Director, Daniel Magallanes), City of Arcadia for a Certificate presented by City Clerk/Navy Vet, Gene Glasco, MHS Band, and many volunteers, young and old.

It was heartwarming to see the entire Monrovia City Council present as well as City Manager Oliver Chi, City Treasurer Steve Baker, Police Chief Jim Hunt and MPD Captain Alan Sanvictores. A Great celebration and gratitude for our Vets!

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Rescue Crews Save Stranded Mt. Lowe Hiker

A female hiker is lucky to be alive after spending two days stranded in the Angeles National Forest last weekend only to be rescued after witnesses heard her yelling for help.

According to rescue workers, the Altadena Mountain Rescue Team was activated Monday morning shortly before 9 a.m. to assist Los Angeles County Fire Department for the investigation of a female voice heard yelling for help in the area of Mt. Lowe Dr. and Maiden Ln. in Altadena. There were several calls to the Sheriff's Station from Northern Altadena.

Ground crews simultaneously searched Rubio Canyon, in the Angeles National Forest, and several dry waterways and debris basins in Altadena. Units from the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Altadena and Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Teams hiked into Rubio Canyon and located the hiker.

Los Angeles County Fire Department Copter 14 performed a hoist rescue of the hiker and flew her to Farnsworth Park, in Altadena. Ground crews further assessed the hiker and determined she needed further treatment for possible hypothermia, after it was learned the hiker had been outside for the past 2 days. The hiker was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital by ground ambulance for treatment.

The hiker, a 23 year old female residing in Reseda was on a hike to Echo Mountain when she took the wrong trail and became lost. She was in a location where she could not hike back up due to the loose crumbly hillside, and she could not go any further down either. The hiker had no cell phone coverage, very little food, water and lacked warm clothing.

Newly assigned Captain, Vicki Stuckey came out to the scene and met with the different rescue members.

Pet of the Week



Jersey (A329711) is a social and sweet two-year-old, male, white and black domestic shorthaired cat. He loves attention and can be quite vocal, so if you're looking for a cat who will talk to you, look no further! He is calm and affectionate and would love to find his forever home. Jersey is already neutered, which means he is ready to go home with you today.

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

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

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



City Hall Holds Veteran's Ceremony

By Dean Lee

Dignitaries, retired and current soldiers, as well as hundreds of citizens celebrated Veteran's Day Wednesday in front Pasadena of city hall during a ceremony that included a flyover of vintage airplanes, military vehicles, local high school ROTC, and free hotdogs provided by the Pasadena Fire Department.

"We extend gratitude and pay tribute to the many heroes that have served our great country over the generations," Pasadena

Mayor Terry Tornek said. "We gather today to honor the sacrifices made by militaries, men and women, past and present and their families. To our men and women in uniform to our veterans' service organizations and to the proud veterans and family members..."

Lt. Col. Garth Massey of the U.S. Marine Corps in Pasadena led the poignant ceremony.

"There are so many incredible veteran stories of courage and bravery under fire, but they are

not all stories of combat," he said. "Over eighty percent of today's missions have noting to do with warfare. Veterans around the world support humanitarian missions too, and bring food, water and build shelter, and give air to our brethren who are in harms way."

Guests included Pasadena area veterans, Pasadena City College veteran students, Pasadena Police and Fire departments and the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines.

Put a Fork in Hunger Drive

The giant fork at 200 Bellefontaine Street, at, well, the fork [plaza] in the road at Pasadena Ave will again hold their annual food drive today and tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Known as, "filling the bag," all non-perishable food items collected will benefit Foothills Unity Center, which feeds thousands of families in the Pasadena area.

Organizers say those with food donations do not even have to get out of their cars, "just drive up and look for volunteers with outreach bags, we'll unload for you."

They again also hope to break the 5 ton mark this year.

The 18 foot high, 500 pound fork, a gag by Ken Marshall, who built and erected it six years ago Halloween, for his longtime friend Bob Stane's, 75th birthday.



Stane is the owner of the Coffee Gallery Backstage in Altadena.

The "Put the Fork in Hunger" drive has been going each year since 2011. For more information visit puttheforkinhunger.com.

Crime Blotter for Altadena

Sunday, November 1st

10:30 AM - A vehicle burglary occurred in the 3400 block of Chaney Trail. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by shattering the front passenger window. Property Stolen: Apple MacBook Pro.

3:00 PM - A residential burglary occurred in the 100 block of E. Mariposa Street. Suspect(s) entered the residence by cutting the ... View more window screen. Property Stolen: Toshiba laptop, dark brown jewelry box. On-going investigation.

8:00 PM - A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 1400 block of Harding Avenue. Suspect(s) broke the headlights and keyed the vehicle.

Monday, November 2nd

4:33 AM - Nicholas Navarro, 20 years old of Tujunga was arrested in the 2700 block of Marengo Avenue for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

5:30 AM - A residential burglary occurred in the 3300 block of Tonia Avenue. The suspect entered the residence by removing the window screen. The suspect has been identified and an arrest is pending.

12:40 PM - Stephanie Price, 30 years old of Pasadena was arrested for shoplifting at Walmart, 2408 Lincoln Avenue. Suspect Price was in company of female, Black, 30 years, 5'4" - 5'6", 200 - 220 lbs. who fled the area prior to deputies arrival. All property stolen was recovered.

Tuesday, November 3rd

1:00 PM - A residential burglary occurred in the 1400 block of N. Allen Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the residence by prying the window. Property Stolen: Apple MacBook Air, LG LCD television, Seiko watch, Nautica watch, G-Shock watch, Pulsar watch, currency. On-going information.

3:30 PM - Daniel Sandoval, 31, years old of Altadena was arrested in the 2100 block of Glenrose Avenue for domestic battery.

9:47 PM - A vehicle was

reported stolen from the 300 block of Figueroa Street. Vehicle stolen described as a blue 1989 Toyota Camry. Still outstanding

Wednesday, November 4th

2:20 PM - A vehicle burglary occurred in the 500 block of W. Woodbury Road. Suspects described as a male, Hispanic, 20 years, 5'2", 180 lbs, and a female, Hispanic, 20 years.

Suspects entered the vehicle by shattering the front passenger window. Property Stolen: burgundy purse, black satchel. 7:05 PM - An assault with a deadly weapon (knife) occurred in the 2800 block of N. Marengo Avenue. Victim confronted the suspect about littering and a verbal altercation ensued. The suspect punched and swung a knife at the victim. Suspect described as a male, Black, 30 years, 5'10", 200 lbs, in a black 2000's Nissan 4-dr. No injuries.

On-going investigation. Arrest pending. 8:30 PM - A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 100 block of W. Las Flores Drive. Property stolen: Bose speaker, Samsung tablet, flashlight, charger, rice cooker, headphones, electrical strip, blue case.

Thursday, November 5th

6:00 PM - A theft of mail occurred in the 1900 block of 1900 Minoru Drive. Property stolen: U.S. mail. 8:14 PM - Denese Leath, 45 years old of Ontario was arrested in the area of Lincoln Avenue and Mountain View Street for possession of a controlled substance.

9:16 PM - Bonita Brown, 46 years old of Altadena was arrested at Walmart, 2408 Lincoln Avenue for robbery.

Saturday, November 7th

9:58 PM - A shooting at an Inhabited Dwelling occurred at 2600 block of N. Glen Avenue. Residence was occupied by four people, nobody struck by gunfire or objects. 40 Caliber and 9mm cases recovered. On-going investigation.

Ken Burns Selected Rose Parade Grand Marshal

Tournament officials announced Tuesday award-winning documentary filmmaker Ken Burns as the 2016 Tournament of Roses Grand Marshal.

Tournament of Roses President, Mike Matthiessen, made the announcement at a public event at Tournament House in Pasadena, during which the 2016 Grand Marshal was revealed through a celebratory documentary video created by Burns.

"Ken Burns is a legendary figure and a great fit for this year's Rose Parade theme, 'Find Your Adventure,'" Matthiessen said. "We're so honored to have someone like Ken, who has devoted his life to telling the story of America, lead the Rose Parade - America's New Year's Celebration - that provides hope and joy to millions of people around the world."

The "Find Your Adventure" theme for the 2016 Rose Parade is a result of a unique partnership between the Pasadena Tournament of Roses and the U.S. National Park Service, which will celebrate its centennial in 2016. Among Burns's 2009 film, The National Parks: America's Best Idea focused on the ideas and individuals that helped propel the parks and the National Park Service into existence.



"The Rose Parade is an annual tradition woven into the fabric of America, so it's such an honor to be chosen as the Grand Marshal," Burns said. "I've never been to the Parade in person, so this will be a new adventure for me. I'm looking forward to sharing the experience with my family and all the fans of the Rose Parade who will be watching on New Year's Day."

Throughout his almost 40-year career making documentary films, Burns, age 62, has been honored with countless awards, including 14 Emmy Awards, two Grammy Awards and two Oscar nominations. Burns will ride in the 127th Rose Parade on January 1.

Burns was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1953. He graduated from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1975 and went on to be one of the co-founders of Florentine Films.

Colorful Doo Dah Parade to Charm East Pasadena

The Occasional Pasadena Doo Dah Parade celebrates 38 years of irreverent frolicking on the streets of Pasadena. The parade takes place on Sunday, November 22nd, stepping off at 11am in East Pasadena along Colorado Boulevard.

On Doo Dah day, the street will swell with a memorable cast of local eccentrics, disruptors, pundits, mutant art cars, lone wolves, steam punks, makers and merrymakers who comprise Her Royal Majesty Queen Veronika MeowMeowzz, Car Pool DeVille, Radioactive Chickenheads, Code Blue DeFibs medical satire, Flying Baby Naptime Aerialists, Pride Pasadena, The Partridge Family, Route 66 Royalty, Crimebo the Clown & Dr. Morbius, Klingon Assault, Tortilla Target, just to name a few, and legendary Doo Dah house band, Snotty Scotty & the Hankies. Secret Santa, Doo Dah's take on the North Pole icon, will close the parade and ring in the holiday season. Oh, yes, and the world's tallest

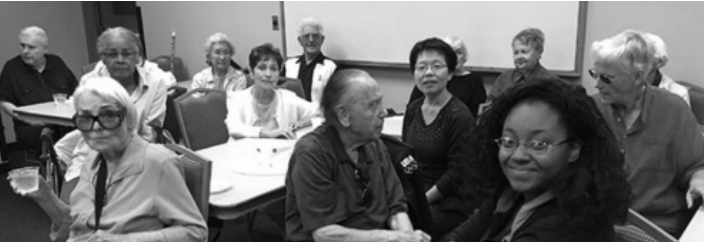
girl scout!

This year's Grand Marshal, Juli Crockett, will perform live with the Evangenitals. The popular singer/songwriter is also a playwright and undefeated professional boxing champion. Writer Jerry Boyd (aka F.X. Toole) became convinced she was the real-life incarnation of Maggie Fitzgerald, the character he turned into a "Million Dollar Baby."

Plenty of street parking is available - Parade route is also just west of the Sierra Madre Villa Gold Line Station (at Colorado Blvd. and Sierra Madre Villa). City busses go directly to the area.

Official Doo Dah After-Party: American Legion, 179 N. Vinedo St. (2 blocks north of Parade on Vinedo) immediately following the event. The 38th consecutive after-parade performance by Snotty Scotty and the Hankies, and New Horses on Astroturf. Dancing, cheap(est) food and drinks!! \$3 cover.

Free Upcoming Events at Pasadena Senior Center



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

Stay Connected with Social Media - Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 to 11 a.m. Learn how to keep in touch with family and friends via email, Skype, Facebook and other social media during a 30-minute, one-on-one meeting. You choose which applications you want to learn. Bring a laptop or use one onsite. If you have an email address, bring it and your password. Sign up with Edison at the Welcome Desk.

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

Friday Movie Matinees - Nov. 20, A Town Like Alice (1956 NR) starring Virginia McKenna and Peter Finch. A newly wealthy English woman returns to Malaya to build a well for villagers who helped her in wartime (please note this film will begin at 2:30 p.m.). **LA Opera: Norma - Monday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m.** An LA Opera community educator will take

participants through Vincenzo Bellini's classic bel canto opera Norma. Torn between love and loyalty to her people, which will the Roman priestess Norma sacrifice?

Spirituality and Aging - Thursday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. Spirituality is the measure of how willing we are to allow grace - some power greater than ourselves - enter our lives and guide us along the way. Presented by Doug Edwards, director of church outreach for a nonprofit retirement housing organization.

Low Vision Screenings - Thursday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Low vision screenings are designed to assist partially sighted people in the selection of magnifiers and other devices to improve reading and other visual tasks. Registration is required in advance for one-hour appointments: 626-795-4331. Presented by the Braille Institute.

Health Fair - Friday, Nov. 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. A new medical safety identification plan, sponsored by New York Life, has been added to the popular monthly health fair. Bring your list of medications, doctors and emergency contacts and they will be placed on a personal identification card at no cost. Other health fair services include glucose, blood pressure and hearing screenings. For more information call 626-685-6732.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY ARCADIA CHAMBER EVENT: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS AT CURRENT SITE - TIME CAPSULE OPENED

By Joan Schmidt

Once again the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce put on a spectacular event. This time it was the celebration of the 50th anniversary at its present site on Huntington Drive right across from Santa Anita Park.

The Arcadia Chamber of Commerce actually began in 1921, celebrating its 90th Anniversary in 2011. In July, 2009, there was a big bash to mark the 75th year of its official incorporation. TV personality Wink Martindale, a former Arcadia resident came by to join in the festivities.

In 1965, the Chamber moved to its current building and a time capsule was buried. It was only fitting that this capsule would be opened at the Anniversary Celebration.

There was fantastic lunch—Twohey's served their smoked pulled pork sandwiches, homemade kettle chips, hot fudge sundaes and their award-winning lemonade. Embassy Suites provided quinoa, chicken sliders, beef/lamb sliders and brownie bits. During the event, we listen to great 60's music— thanks to DJ John Villa of Dance Syndicate Entertainment.

Attendees were able to see the newly-renovated building— thanks to the City of Arcadia. (The Chamber rents the building from the City) Also people walked around the new landscaping which is drought-resistance. Dave, in charge of the landscaping explained what was done and spoke of special plants such as Mexican Sage and Lion's Paw— they do bloom and will bring color.

Congresswoman Judy Chu made presentations to both the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce and the City of Arcadia. The Chamber made a Presentation to the City in appreciation for all the City has done to support them in their mission and especially for all the great renovations to the building and grounds. The City in turn also presented a Proclamation to the Chamber



recognizing the 50th Anniversary at the current site and commended the Chamber for all its fine work and what the Chamber has done to enhance the city.

The Arcadia Rotary Club made the pit at the side of the building—its volunteer members worked hard many hours and bought rocks from Irwindale!

Wells Fargo provided a beautiful seven foot mural depicting historic scenes from Arcadia, now hanging on a Chamber wall. Wells Fargo has a mural on the wall of its Arcadia branch and throughout the U.S., there are 1800 murals at various bank branches. Members of the Chamber since 1965 and prior were all given a special plaque. On it was the Chamber seal and the date they became a member.

The capsule was opened and its contents were NOT anomic! There were film strips, film, papers, a lot were faded from time. People were given the opportunity to bring up something to place in a 2015 time capsule, and Congresswoman Judy Chu brought up a copy of the LA Times. Its main story was that a portion of the San Gabriel Mountains became a National Monument.

It was wonderful to see past Mayors—Floretta Lauber, Bob Harbicht and Peter Amundson, and of course many local residents came out and joined the chamber members in a great celebration.



TWENTY TIMES FASTER INTERNET ACCESS AT THE ARCADIA PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Arcadia CA – November 9, 2015—High-speed Internet access is now available at the Arcadia Public Library. Users of the Library's 65 public computers can experience the Internet over a connection that is up to 20 times faster than before! The Library's free Wi-Fi service has also been greatly improved.

Director of Library and Museum Services Mary Beth Hayes has stated, "We conducted a library community needs assessment earlier this year and our computer and Internet services were identified as second in importance only to access to books by respondents. We're excited to be able to offer this greatly improved Internet access to our patrons thanks to generous grant funding."

The new one gigabit-per-second broadband access comes thanks to the Library's participation in the California Public Library Broadband consortium,

part of a state initiative to eventually connect all of California's 1,112 public libraries to the California Research and Education Network (CalREN) for high-speed Internet access. CalREN is provided by the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC), and also serves the University of California, the California State University system, California Community Colleges, the California K-12 system, and some private universities.

Funding for the Library's improved connection comes from the Federal Communications Commission's Universal Service Program for Schools and Libraries, the California Public Utilities Commission's Teleconnect Fund, and the California State Library.

A recent study by the Pew Research Center found that 26% of all Americans depend on libraries for

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, November 1st, through Saturday, November 7th, the Police Department responded to 967 calls for service of which 122 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, November 1:

Just before 2:20 a.m., an officer initiated consensual contact with two individuals sitting in a parked car in the 5400 block of Peck Road. The driver of the vehicle, a 22-year-old male from El Monte, admitted to having a loaded firearm in the vehicle. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The passenger was the suspect's juvenile brother. He was released to his mother.

At approximately 8:23 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1600 block of Old Oak Lane regarding a grand theft report. After an open house for the for-sale residence, the victim discovered her personal property was missing from her dresser. The investigation is ongoing.

Monday, November 2:

At about 1:36 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Foothill Boulevard and Santa Anita Avenue for having a broken license plate light. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver's breath. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 25-year-old male from Hacienda Heights was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 9:14 p.m., an officer responded to the Station Bar, 1218 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed a physical altercation occurred between friends resulting in the suspect pushing the victim off a bar stool, causing bruised ribs and a laceration to his leg. The 45-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The victim refused medical attention.

Tuesday, November 3:

Around 12:39 a.m., an officer responded to Knockouts Gentlemen's Club, 1580 Clark Street, regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. The officer discovered the victim was hit in the face with a blunt object by an unknown suspect while in the men's restroom. The suspect was seen leaving the location in a Toyota sedan. The investigation is ongoing.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his late 20's to early 30's, light complexion, 5'8", medium build, with short black hair and brown eyes. The driver of the vehicle was a thin, Asian male.

Just after 7:34 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the intersection of Huntington Drive and Fifth Avenue for using a cellphone while driving. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 36-year-old male from La Puente had been driving with an expired license. He was cited and released in the field. His vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

Wednesday, November 4:

Shortly after 9:15 a.m., an officer responded to the 600 block of Michillinda Avenue regarding a vandalism report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) spray painted graffiti on the walls of an abandoned parking structure sometime during the previous night. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At about 7:48 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2200 block of South Fifth Avenue regarding a burglary. The officer determined unidentified suspect(s) entered the residence by unknown means, stole jewelry, two firearms, and handbags, before fleeing. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, November 5:

At approximately 7:26 p.m., an officer responded to a parking lot of the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect stole all four tires and wheels from a 2015 Honda Civic. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Around 9:30 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of 24 Hour Fitness, 125 North First Avenue, regarding an attempted vehicle burglary. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect broke the front window of the vehicle in an attempt to commit a vehicle burglary. No loss was reported, no suspects were seen, and no witnesses were located.

Friday, November 6:

At about 12:05 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Duarte Road and Lyndon Avenue for having a broken tail light. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 20-year-old male from Monrovia was driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released in the field. The vehicle was left legally parked.

At approximately 7:41 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of First Avenue and Alta Street for having expired registration. A records check of the vehicle revealed the registration had expired; however, the vehicle displayed a 2015 registration sticker. The driver, a 39-year-old male from El Monte, admitted to knowingly placing the forged sticker on his vehicle. The suspect was cited and released in the field. His vehicle was not towed.

Saturday, November 7:

Just after 10:05 a.m., an officer initiated consensual contact with a subject near the intersection of San Luis Rey Road and Colorado Boulevard. During a consensual search of the subject, the officer located a small bag of methamphetamine. The 25-year-old male from Altadena was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At about 3:38 p.m., an officer responded to an apartment complex in the 100 block of California Street regarding a commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) pried open the mailbox to the complex. It is unknown if any mail was stolen. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

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MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

Following are the weekend's highlighted issues and events. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to the City of Monrovia website and click on the crime mapping link.

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Theft From a Vehicle November 5 at 6:55 a.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 800 block of West Duarte Road. The victim went to his vehicle, which he had parked in the carport area, and saw items were missing. He realized he left the vehicle unlocked and someone entered his vehicle without his permission and had stolen his belongings. The investigation is continuing.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

November 5 at 4:10 p.m., an officer on patrol saw a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, heading south on Ivy from Colorado. Officers tried to catch up to vehicle, but lost sight of it until a caller reported a subject fleeing from a vehicle matching the description in an alley in the 200 block of West Maple Avenue. Officers arrived and located the unoccupied vehicle. A search of the surrounding area was conducted for the fleeing suspect, but no suspect was located. The vehicle was stolen earlier in the day from another city.

Identity Theft/Fraud Investigation

November 5 at 6:58 p.m., an officer responded to a location in the 800 block of West Duarte. The victim reported that several credit card accounts had been opened fraudulently in her name by an unknown suspect. The suspect had also canceled her cell phone service. The investigation is continuing.

Theft From a Vehicle November 5 at 7:05 p.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 100 block of North Ivy. The victim parked her vehicle and had left it unlocked. An unknown suspect entered the

vehicle and stole several items that had been left inside. The investigation is continuing.

Stolen Vehicle

November 5 at 8:12 p.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 200 block of East Huntington. The victim reported her 1998 Honda Civic was stolen from the business parking lot while she was at work. The investigation is continuing.

Shoplifting – Suspect Arrested

November 6 at 8:16 p.m., a theft was reported at a business in the 500 block of West Huntington. An adult female walked into the store, selected and concealed several items in her purse, and walked out of the business without paying. She was stopped outside by store loss prevention. An officer responded to the location, arrested the suspect and took her into custody. She was later released on a citation to appear in court on the charges.

Shoplifting – Suspect Arrested

November 6 at 10:37 p.m., an officer responded to a business in the 500 block of West Huntington regarding a theft of merchandise. A male and female went into the business and concealed several items of merchandise on their persons. They attempted to leave the store without paying for the merchandise and were stopped by loss prevention personnel. An officer responded to the business and they were arrested and taken into custody. They were later released on a citation to appear in court on the charges.

Hot Prowl Burglary November 7 at 7:38 a.m., an elderly resident in the 1000 block of East Huntington Drive phoned police to say she heard a noise inside her mobile home sometime in the middle of the night. She went into the spare bedroom to see what the noise was, but did not notice anything unusual. She did not turn on the

lights. She returned to the room in the morning and found the screen had been removed from the window, which she had left open, and the room had been ransacked. Two pieces of costume jewelry were missing. The investigation is continuing.

Driving Under the Influence

Traffic Collision November 7 at 4:31 p.m., officers responded to the report of a male subject who had driven his vehicle into a wall in the 900 block of West Duarte Road. Officers arrived and found the subject unresponsive behind the wheel with the doors locked and the windows rolled up. The officers broke a window to the vehicle to gain entry. Once inside, they determined the subject was breathing. It was determined that the subject was intoxicated and was possibly driving under the influence. He was taken to a hospital for treatment. Charges will be filed pending blood test results.

Domestic Violence – Suspect Arrested

November 7 at 11:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 200 block of West Lime regarding a male and female adult couple arguing. When Officers arrived, they learned the male had struck the female in the face with a clenched fist during the argument. The male suspect was arrested and taken into custody for domestic violence.

Driving Under the Influence – Suspect Arrested

November 8 at 5:20 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Colorado and Ivy regarding a subject passed out behind the wheel with the vehicle running. When officers arrived, they discovered the driver was intoxicated. He was arrested for driving under the influence and held for sobering.

Internet access. These users connect to do research for school or work (66%), obtain information about health and wellness (47%), and apply for jobs (36%).

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

About the City of Arcadia

Nestled in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, Arcadia is an 11.38 square mile community with a population of just over 56,000. Located approximately 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, Arcadia is a full-service charter city governed by a five-member City Council, elected at large. Recognized for exceptional education and recreation opportunities

NEW CITY OF DUARTE FIELD RENTAL POLICIES

The City of Duarte's new field use rental policy will go into effect beginning Monday, November 16. The new policy for the City of Duarte will help to coordinate the allocation of all sports fields and park facilities available to the general public in an equitable and fair manner. The policy will help user groups to secure fields for games, practices, and other events, avoid disputes among users over field usage, ensure Duarte residents have priority usage and access to Duarte facilities and ensure that maintenance and renovation can be scheduled and implemented properly to maintain the quality of the facilities to be used by the public.

Groups Now Priority Ranked For Field Use

A field rental application for permission to use the sports fields and park facilities must be submitted by all organizations, teams, or individuals for all field uses. All groups will be prioritized depending whether they are a resident group, youth non-profit groups, adult groups or other varied criteria.

New 5-Month Field Rental Period

Users requesting fields for league play or on-going uses will now need to submit a bi-annual rental application for a maximum 5-month use period. These rental uses will be approved based on the prioritized rankings. A maximum of 3 uses per week will be approved for applicants that are not recreation programs, DUSD uses and contract agreements. Applicants will be contacted after applications have been prioritized and use requests have been inserted

into the master calendar. The Bi-annual applications for use of fields must be submitted to the Recreation Office at Duarte City Hall as follows:

Submit your application during the 3rd week of November (November 16-19), Monday - Thursday (except for holidays), 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for 5-month facility uses that will begin after January 1st.

Submit your application during the 3rd week of May, Monday - Thursday (except for holidays), 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for 5-month facility uses that will begin after July 1st.

All other applications for use of available fields or facilities must be submitted at least eight (8) working days and not more than ninety (90) days prior to the time of use ending December 1st and June 1st. Facilities uses will be subject to availability.

To download the full application form and policies please visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.accessduarte.com"](http://www.accessduarte.com) www.accessduarte.com and navigate to City Departments/Parks and Recreation/City Facilities and scroll down to see the links for Field Rental Form and Field Rental Policies. Call (626) 357-7931 for more information on this or any Parks and Recreation programs.

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For more questions, please contact the Recreation Department at 626.574.5113.

About the City of Arcadia
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RETIRED TEACHERS TO ENJOY A "LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE" CHRISTMAS

Judith Helton will bring author Laura Ingalls Wilder to life when she portrays the author in a one-woman program featuring stories from the "Little House" books.

Wearing a period gingham dress and poke bonnet, the portrayer will relate how the Ingalls' family weathered the harsh prairie winters with their homespun Christmas festivities. Helton has performed this one-woman show and others since 1976. She has also appeared as Abigail Adams and Beatrix Potter in clubs, schools,

libraries, and museums—all to wide acclaim.

Judith Helton will present her "Little House" program to the California Retired Teachers' Association #71 (CalRTA) at their luncheon meeting on Friday, December 11, at 11:30 a.m. The meeting takes place at the Senior Center Building in Arcadia Park (county park), 405 W. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, next to the Lawn Bowling Greens. Guests are welcome to come enjoy the luncheon and the "Little House"

performance. The cost of the luncheon for members and guests is \$12. For luncheon reservations, please call John Gera at (626) 286-0714 by December 4.

Membership in the California Retired Teachers' Association is open to all retired educators, as well as to current educators, and to any others interested in joining this active group. The local CalRTA #71, San Gabriel Valley Division, now numbers over 500 members. CalRTA's motto is "Your Partner in Pension Protection."



Actress Judith Helton will portray Laura Ingalls Wilder on Dec. 11 at Retired Teachers' meeting.

FIRST PHASE OF PASADENA UNIFIED 2016-2017 OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS WITH PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR SIBLINGS, OTHERS

Pasadena, CA – As Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) families begin to prepare for the holiday season, it is also time to start making plans for the next academic year. PUSD's annual Open Enrollment for the 2016-2017 academic year begins Jan. 12, 2016 with the general online application process. However, the priority registration period is now underway for siblings of currently-enrolled permit students, preKindergarten students entering the dual language immersion programs, and current fifth graders who will continue in the district's dual language immersion or International Baccalaureate programs. Priority registration concludes Nov. 20, 2015.

siblings of children attending schools of choice, Willard Elementary fifth graders, and Dual Language Immersion Prekindergarten and fifth grade students. Registration takes place at schools, not the district office, and must be completed by 12 p.m. Nov. 20, 2015. For information on registration sites and required documentation, visit openenrollment.info For information about schools, explore PUSD's new Find My School locator.

To assist families in navigating the process and in completing online applications, PUSD and its partners offer the following informational and computer lab sessions:

Informational Sessions & Presentations:

Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, 6:30 p.m. District English Learner Advisory Committee Meeting presentation, 119 Palm Ave., Altadena

• Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, 7 p.m. Informational Session with Pasadena Education Network, Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St., Pasadena

• Friday, Dec. 11, 2015 Informational session. Check openenrollment.info for time and location

• Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016, Check openenrollment.info for time and location

• Tuesday, Jan. 12, 6 p.m. McKinley School, 325 S. Oak Knoll Ave., Pasadena Computer Lab Sessions

Computers will be available to complete online applications:

• January 13 & 29, 2016 and April 6, 2016, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., PUSD Education Center, 351 S. Hudson Ave., Room 240

• January 21 & 28 and April 7, 2016 during school hours at all PUSD schools

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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show SPECTRE REVIEW

'Skyfall' was the first Bond movie that I saw but, luckily, it made no references to previous Bond movies and, from what I heard from fans, it was one of the better films in the franchise. I had not, and still have not, seen 'Casino Royale' or 'Quantum of Solace'. After this movie, however, I feel like I need to.

James Bond (Daniel Craig) is in pursuit of a mysterious organization at the center of seemingly unconnected acts of violence around the world; however, there is one problem: the 007 program has been shut down by C (Andrew Scott), the new boss of British Intelligence. With everyone in the 007 program out of a job, Bond must scramble to put the pieces of his past together to discover the truth behind the sinister organization known as Spectre.

This movie makes a lot of references to the Daniel Craig Bond movies; in fact, that is pretty much what the entire movie hinges on: the viewers knowledge of these movies. While not having seen them (only 'Skyfall'), the movie was still enjoyable. It is a classic Bond movie with stellar action sequences, an incredible opening title sequence, and a story and characters that are completely capture your attention; however, it felt like something was missing. If 'Spectre' was a movie that you were interested without having seen any of the previous Bond films, it will still be a fun and thrilling two and a half hours. If you are a fan of the series, and have seen the previous Daniel Craig films, you will get even more out of it, as his story ad Bond comes full circle in this epic spy thriller.



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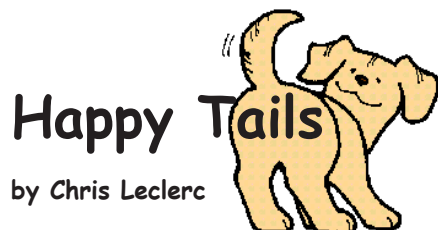
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A FEW TIPS FOR HOUSE-TRAINING A NEW PUPPY

Dog ownership is on the rise these days and while there are as many philosophies on how to cohabitate with a pet as there are pet owner's personalities, one thing all new dog owners have in common is the hope to start off on the right paw when it comes to house-training. House-training a puppy doesn't have to be as daunting as it sounds if you set some boundaries and get on a workable, regular regimen right from the start. Here are a few basic pointers for house-training using a training pad, that I hope you will find helpful.

Timing is everything - Puppies do best on a regular schedule. To get started, lead your puppy to the training pad frequently, as most pups relieve themselves at least six times a day. Follow the same path to the pad every time. This process will require a lot of attention for a few weeks, but keep in mind that your early efforts will last throughout your pet's lifetime.

Dine and dash - If you establish set mealtimes and lead your pup to the pad right after each meal, he will likely learn to relieve himself on schedule as well. Keep tabs on when your dog does his business during training and use that timing to get your dog accustomed to going outside or using the training pads.

Relaxation room - Dogs like their own den, and a proper-sized crate for your dog is all the space it needs for downtime. Have your puppy sleep in the crate at night and when you are not home during the training period. If the crate concept is introduced early, most dogs learn to love having their "own personal space" and will voluntarily visit their crate into adulthood.

Separate spaces - Set up the training pad in a special area away from the crate and food. Consider using special trays designed to hold training pads to keep the pad in place and deter dogs from playing with the training pads.

Treat time - Use the same treat every time your pet does the right thing during house-training for positive reinforcement. Rubbing its nose in its feces may make matters worse and could cause your dog to hide when it's time to go.

Go green - Consider environmentally conscious training pads. Eco-Care Training Pads by Simple Solution are made from 85% recycled material, saving landfills from over 400 tons of waste every

year. They also provide maximum absorption by holding two times more liquid than other leading brands. They are designed with odor neutralizers to help eliminate tough urine odors and can be used with litter box mats, as a dog crate liner, as car seat covers and to clean up messy spills. I'm really not trying to sell you on this particular product, but they seem to offer more desirable features than some of the pad brands, including the fact that they are eco-friendly. Take the time to shop around for what works best for you and your pet.

Training assistance - Many pet owners find it helpful to include some sort of basic behavioral training concurrent with puppy house training at home, to promote a stronger sense of structure and communication with the dog. I have personally had very positive pet training experiences at The Pasadena Humane Society. They offer a variety of evening and weekend training courses at their facility on Raymond Avenue. The certified instructors at PHS are qualified to train dog and master as a unit. Owners are then able to take what they learn with them and continue to use the same techniques at home. For more information about training classes at Pasadena Humane Society, visit www.phsspc.org or call 626-792-7151.

Whatever technique you choose to apply in training your puppy, for the best results it is very important to be consistent in your routine. Also, when it comes to the use of commands and rewards, limit your vocabulary to only a few, single syllable terms, and strive to offer lots of petting and verbal praise in lieu of snacks or treats. You will be doing your pet a big favor by teaching him to want to please you simply for the praise rather than for food or treats. Have fun in the process and remember, a healthy, well- trained & well-loved dog is a happy dog!



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PET OF THE WEEK: SABRINA: ANIMAL ID #A4891107

This is one puppy you definitely want to meet! This is Sabrina (A4891107), a kissy 9-month-old white-with-black female Jack Russell Terrier mix puppy who was picked up as a stray in La Puente on October 26th and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing 11.5 lbs, Sabrina savors affection, and reciprocates human attention with kisses and wiggles. Like all puppies, she will benefit from basic leash and obedience training to help her grow into a model canine citizen. Sabrina will thrive in a household eager to train and socialize a pup, and is ready and waiting for you! To watch a video of adorable little Sabrina, please visit the following link: <https://youtu.be/vWdPpxAejkU>

To meet Sabrina in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For any inquiries about Sabrina, please reference her animal ID number: AA4891107. 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 Sabrina



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/>.

Adopt A Senior Pet Month

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LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND?

Who loves turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes? Meet Roy!! He is a charming little dog that could best be described as a "white roly-poly." He is thought to be a Corgi-Chihuahua mix, around 8 years old and weighing about 10 pounds. It is hard to resist petting his soft white coat, and you can't help but smile at his outgoing, friendly personality. He will greet you with a wagging tail and a smiling face, and you can get lost in his big brown eyes. He has a compact, somewhat stout stature with short legs.

Roy's age of 8 makes him eligible for our 'Senior for Senior' discount adoption rate, but you would never describe him as an old dog. He is a spunky little guy who loves to chase a toy, and shake it vigorously before asking for it to be thrown again. He is easy to harness and loves to go for walks to the park. And he REALLY loves getting attention from people in the form of pets, massages, and belly rubs. He is quite affectionate and he can be a real charmer.

What Roy lacks in size, he makes up in attitude. In his interactions with other dogs at the shelter, Roy appears to take the dominant role. He has even intimidated his current kennel mate, who has a strong personality and is larger than Roy. Roy may have learned that he has to be assertive to get the respect he deserves. The two dogs have worked their relationship out and seem to have a mutual respect for each other.

Roy would make a wonderful companion and would fit well in many family situations. He

loves being with people and definitely wants to be part of the family. If there is another dog in the home, they would have to meet Roy to see if they are compatible. Roy would probably do well as the only dog and would not mind keeping all the attention for himself. Roy has a lot of love to share – come in to meet him soon. He would love to share Thanksgiving with you!

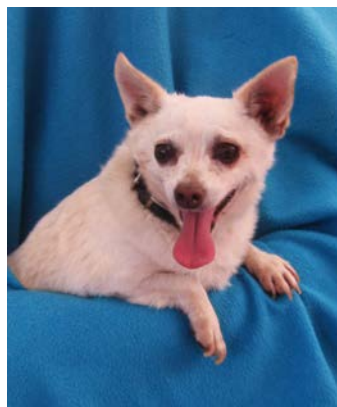
In celebration of "Adopt A Senior Pet Month", his adoption fee is \$39 which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian.

If you are interested in meeting Roy or any of the other available animals at the shelter, visit the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society at 851 E. Grand Ave., San Gabriel, Calif. 91776. Stop by any time

from 10:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday to arrange a meet and greet with Roy. For more information, call (626) 286-1159. See our website at www.sgvhumane.org for information and photos of all our wonderful pets.

Celebrate the season with our 'Fall is for Felines' promotion. All cats one year and older are available until October 31st for a \$39 adoption fee.

2016 calendars are available at the shelter for a \$10 donation. The photos were selected among hundreds submitted by shelter supporters. They make great holiday gifts for the animal lovers on your list! If you would like to order a 2016 calendar on line, you can do so through Paypal. Go to the shelter website at sgvhumane.org for more information.



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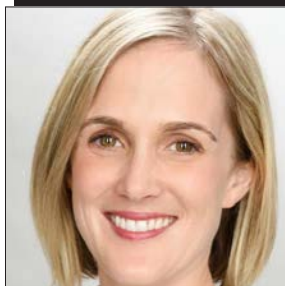


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Our breath tells a lot about how we're doing too. Is the breath shallow? Are we holding the breath? Are we just sighing out our exhaustion? Shallow breath could indicate anxiety, nervousness, fear, even excitement. Lots of sighs? Sounds like a mom who needs a break.

Great thing about the practice of pranayama. We can use it almost anywhere. At one point in time I was working in a busy office, totally stressed

out. Someone suggested taking ten deep breaths at the top of each hour, taken with control. This was perfect for me. And it helped quell those anxious moments. Just like that I had a one-minute pranayama practice that I could do at work!

Add some asana (yoga poses) with the breath; and boom, Magic! Using pranayama and asana together can produce amazing results. And at times, become what's called a "moving meditation" benefiting body, mind, and soul.

We start out very simple, and then progress to many, many other forms of pranayama.

In this practice, we deepen our focus, awareness, and sense of calm. We might even find ourselves pausing to breathe before reacting and answering a question. At that point, we know it's working.

Namaste,
Keely Totten



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Dr. Tina is a traditional naturopath and nutritionist at Vibrant Living Wellness Center

WAKE UP TO A GLASS OF LEMON WATER!

If you are like me, you are always looking for easy ways to improve your immune response, lower inflammation and improve mood. Drinking lemon water first thing in the morning is one quick and easy way to accomplish all of the above.

Since lemons are packed with vitamin C, B, calcium, iron, magnesium, potassium, enzymes, and

antioxidants, they do all sorts of things to help strengthen our bodies. The vitamin C strengthens the immune system which will help you to fight colds and flus while improving the body's ability to absorb more iron from the food you eat.

Lemons have the ability to remove uric acid from our joints. The build-up of uric acid is one of the major causes of inflammation so have a glass before and after a workout for better recovery. There's been lots of talk about having an over acidic body. We know an acidic body can cause inflammation which is involved in obesity and is the root of most other diseases. Lemons to the rescue. They are one of the most alkalizing foods on the planet.

Lemon water provides beneficial effects on our brain and nerve health as well because of its high levels of potassium and magnesium. Because lemon water is loaded with these minerals, it can give you the boost you need to fight depression and stress. It creates mental clarity and focus. Have a stressful job to go to every day? Think about adding lemon water to your morning routine.

There are many other beneficial reasons to drink lemon water. It is a simple, low cost and benefits your body and your mind. Warm lemon water is best because hot or cold lemon water will take more energy to digest.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



5 REASONS WHY YOU NEED AN ESTATE PLAN REVIEW

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

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

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

as guardians, executors or agents.

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

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

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

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

To review an existing estate plan (or create a plan if you don't have one already), call our office today. As the holiday season approaches, there really is no better gift you can give yourself and your family.

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A local attorney and father, Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love most. His office is located at 49 S. Baldwin Ave., Ste. G, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.355.4000 or visit www.GarlettLaw.com for more information.



Social Media Tips, Tricks & Ideas



by: MJ Finstrom

SHARE INTERESTS WITH LISTLY

Recently I've discovered a cool tool called List.ly. It allows you to share interests and build lists with other people in an interactive way. It works great with Facebook and Twitter.

Basically, you start a list on list.ly and it posts to your Facebook account so that others can add to your list. People are making lists of restaurants, favorite iPhone apps, TV shows, best cameras, gift ideas etc. It's an interesting way to curate content and share ideas with others.

To get started, go to list.ly. Connect with your Facebook account. Select "Make a List." Add a few links to your list and then share to Facebook to encourage participation. I just started a list called "Unique and fun places to visit in Southern

California." I can't wait to see what ideas people share!

About MJ: MJ and her brother David own HUTdogs, a creative services business that specializes in Internet Marketing strategies and Social Media. They offer social media management services and help their clients build a strong on-line presence. "Like" them on Facebook for trending news in social media, internet marketing and other helpful tips, www.facebook.com/hutdogs.

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REQUIRED IRA AND 401(K) WITHDRAWAL RULES FOR RETIREES

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you give me the details on required IRA and 401(k) distributions? I turned 70 this year, and want to be clear on what I'm required to do, and when I'll have to do it.

Planning Ahead

Dear Planning,
The old saying "you can't take it with you" is definitely true when it comes to Uncle Sam and your tax-deferred retirement accounts. Here's what you should know about required retirement account distributions along with some tips to help you avoid extra taxes and penalties.

RMD Rules

Beginning at age 70½, the IRS requires all seniors that own tax-deferred retirement accounts – like traditional IRAs, SEP IRAs, SIMPLE IRAs, SARSEPs, 401(k)s, 403(b)s and 457s – must start taking annual required minimum distributions (RMDs), and pay taxes on those withdrawals. The reason: The IRS doesn't want you hoarding your money in these accounts forever. They want their cut. Distributions are taxed as income at your ordinary income tax rate.

There are, however, two exceptions. Owners of Roth IRAs are not required to take a distribution, unless the Roth is inherited. And if you continue to work beyond age 70½, and you don't own 5 percent or more of the company you work for, you can delay withdrawals from your employer's retirement plan until after you retire. But if you have other non-work-related accounts, such as a traditional IRA or a 401(k) from a previous employer, you are still required to take RMDs from them after age 70½, even if you're still working.

RMD Deadlines

Generally, you must take your distribution every year by Dec. 31. First timers, however, can choose to delay taking their distribution until April 1 of the year following the year you turn 70½. So, for example, if your 70th birthday was in March 2015, you would turn 70½ in September and your required beginning date would be April 1, 2016. But if your 70th birthday occurred later in the year, say in August, you wouldn't turn 70½ until 2016. In that case, you would be required to take your first distribution



by April 1, 2017.

But be careful about delaying, because if you delay your first distribution, it may push you into a higher tax bracket because you must take your next distribution by December 31 of the same year.

Also note that you can always withdraw more than the required amount, but if you don't take out the minimum, you'll be hit with a 50 percent penalty on the amount that you failed to withdraw, along with the income tax you owe on it.

Distribution Amounts

Your RMD is calculated by dividing your tax-deferred retirement account balance as of Dec. 31 of the previous year, by an IRS estimate of your life expectancy. A special rule applies if your spouse is the beneficiary and is more than 10 years younger than you.

IRA withdrawals must be calculated for each IRA you own, but you can withdraw the money from any IRA or combination of IRAs. 403(b) accounts also allow you to total the RMDs and take them from any account or combination of accounts.

With 401(k) plans, however, you must calculate the RMD for each plan and withdraw the appropriate amount from each account.

To calculate the size of your RMD, you can use the worksheets on the IRS website – see irs.gov/Retirement-Plans and click on "Required Minimum Distributions." Or, contact your IRA custodian or retirement-plan administrator who can do the calculations for you.

For more information, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements" (publication 590-B), or see irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p590b.pdf.

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.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...November Birthdays*

Flo Mankin, Alberta Curran, Carmela Frontino, Kathy Wood, Lena Zate, Joe Pergola, Janice Kacer, Valerie Howard, "Mike" Ruggles, Joan Ruggles, Lois Stueck, Jean Wood, Shirley Yergeau, Kathi Jefferson, Pat Krok, Irene Nakagawa, Anna Ross, Mary Steinberg and Sue Quinn. *To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required

ACTIVITIES:

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

YWCA San Gabriel Valley - Intervale Senior Cafe



Seniors 60 years of age and up can participate in the YWCA Intervale daily lunch program held at the Hart Park House Senior Center. Meals are served Monday through Friday at 12:00 pm and participants are encouraged to arrive by 11:45 am. Meals are a suggested donation of \$3.00 for seniors 60 and over or \$5.00 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary, space is limited. Please reserve your lunch by calling 626-355-0256.

Tech Talk: Held on Monday, October 19th and 26th from 1:30-2:30pm. Learn how to use your new technology devices. Please reserve your space with the Hart Park House by calling 626-355-7394.

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

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

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

Brain Games: Thursday, October 15th, 10:30am - 11:30am, improve your memory and strengthen your brain. Activities facilitated by Swati Puri, Community Liaison for New Wave Home care of Pasadena.

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, October 21st from 10:30am to Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. He specializes in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates, and Injury. Appointment are required by calling 626-355-7394.

Chair Yoga: Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 to 11:45 am. A suggested donation of \$5 at one of the classes is requested, but is not required.

Case Management: Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month. Case Management services are provided by the YWCA and provide assistance in a variety of areas. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling the HPH Office at 626-355-7394.

Birthday Celebrations: Every second Thursday of the month at the Hart Park House. The free birthday cake is provided by the Sierra Madre Civic Club.

Game Day: Every Thursday starting at 12:00pm. (Please note the time change.) 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.

Senior Club: Every Saturday at the Hart Park House Senior Center. Brown bag lunch at 11:30am. Club meeting at noon. Bingo 12:30-3:30pm. Annual Membership is only \$10.00.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:



CANDLELIGHT PAVILION (CLAREMONT)

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015
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Excursion Refund Policy

Notification of the cancellation must be made at least 3 business days before the excursion. A refund will only be issued 1) for a medical excuse or 2) if the Department is able to fill the patrons spot from a waiting list. This refund will be issued in the form of a credit which will be applied to the patron's account with the City, less a \$11 cancellation fee. The credit will remain on your account for one year from the date issued and the credit may be used for any program or service offered by the Community Services Dept.

SENIOR CINEMA - 1st and 3rd Wednesday Shown at the Hart Park House Senior Center



November 18 - Seven Days in Utopia (2011)

Luke Chisholm (Lucas Black) is a young golfer who's about to take a swing at the big time. Luke, however, has a big blow up that makes national news, drives away his father/coach, and seemingly scuttles his once-promising career. While driving along a Texas backroad, Luke crashes through the fence of eccentric rancher Johnny Crawford (Robert Duvall). Johnny makes Luke an irresistible offer: spend a week with him in the tiny town of Utopia and see if Luke can change his life. Rated G. Start time 1:00PM (run time 1h 40m).

LIFESAVERS PARAMEDIC SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

The Sierra Madre Lifesavers Paramedic Subscription Program is an official program offered by the City of Sierra Madre which offsets the cost of emergency medical responses. The membership program is available to residents of Sierra Madre. Your subscription to the program will perform similar to a secondary insurance plan, with no out-of-pocket cost to you. Subscriptions are \$60.00 per individual (July 1 – June 30). For additional information contact The Sierra Madre Fire Department 626-355-3611.

KATIE Tse.....This and That



SUNDAY PUNDAY!

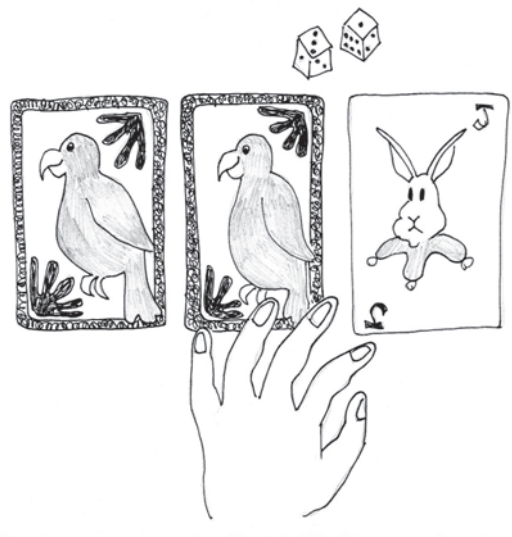
* The following is very, VERY corny. Proceed at your own risk. Also, you may not "get it" if you are not of a certain age.

Other than that, knock yourself out!

A guy walked into a Vegas casino and sat down at a slot machine. A cocktail waitress came by and he ordered a drink. As she walked away he noticed that her dress had a fancy parrot design and said "Parrot Bar." When she returned with his drink, it, too, was in a festive parrot patterned glass with a matching parrot coaster. After sitting there a while he won \$50! When he redeemed his voucher the receipt said, "Thank you for playing Parrot Slots!" He then decided to place some bets at the sports book. There also, he noticed a recurring parrot theme on the score cards and pencils. Overall he won

\$100 on football and horse racing. The cashier thanked him for betting in the Parrot Sports Book. Feeling lucky, the man meandered over to a black jack table. After two or three games he won \$200 at Parrot Black Jack. Excited to see how long his luck would hold out, he then played a few rounds of Parrot Roulette and won \$400. Just when he was ready to leave the casino, he noticed that a crowd had formed around a table where they were playing a game he had never seen before. Intrigued, he decided to join the next game. Each player was dealt cards and then had to come up with combinations using their cards and dice. Try as he might, he could not get the hang of it. A young lady

sat down next to him and was about to pay to join the game when the man gave her his cards instead, saying, "You may as well take my hand. I'm a stranger in Parrot Dice."



LUNCH AND HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM

Seniors 60 years of age and up can participate in the YWCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale daily lunch program held at the Hart Park House. Meals are served Monday through Friday at 12:00pm (participants are encouraged to arrive by 11:45am). Meals are suggested donation of \$3.00 for seniors 60 and over or \$5.00 for non-senior guests. Reservations for lunch must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling 626-355-0256. The Meals-On-Wheels program offers hot meals to homebound seniors within the community. Meals are delivered at the door, Monday through Friday. For more information on this program, contact the YWCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale program at 626-214-9467.

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thechefknows@yahoo.com

We jump up in class a bit this week, staying in California and opening the dark reds as we travel to Paso Robles. Why Paso Robles? Benefitting from the perfect climate for producing award-winning premium wines, Paso Robles wine country is located in California between Los Angeles and San Francisco, and is home to more than 200 wineries, mostly comprised of boutique and small family-owned vineyards and wineries. Speaking of award winning wines from Paso Robles, this past week I enjoyed the San Simeon 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon. This Paso Robles stand-out is aged for at least 18 months in French oak barrels leading to structured tannins,* and provides texture and depth with a lengthy somewhat spicy finish.

Winemaker Anthony Riboli tells me that this wine is one of his favorites when he is home with his family enjoying dinner. He went on to say "as a fourth generation winemaker, I really want every consumer to taste the quality and care that our family imparts into every bottle of San Simeon Cabernet Sauvignon. From estate vineyards to artisan winemaking, we want the consumer to feel part of our family... to feel special." Thanks An-thony!

Tannins.... The Dills Definition: Tannin is the textural element that makes the wine taste dry, though I use the word often to describe how it feels on my tongue, thus dry, sandy, bitter etc...

Dills Score

Each week I will give you my Dills Score. Starting with a base of 50 points, I have added 8 points for color, 8 points for aroma or "nose", 8 points for taste, 8 points for finish, and 8 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating.

Total Score 90

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WAITING ON STAR WARS - Picture of the Week



All over the news these days you hear of the hysteria and anticipation for STAR WARS: Episode VII that opens in theatres on December 18th.

However, over the Halloween weekend, PHI-YODA, aka Phiona Lambdin had a message for all the anxious ones, "Keep Calm and Use The Force".

The movie marks the 30th anniversary of the original Star Wars movie and stars

Han Solo (Harrison Ford) and his allies face a new threat from the evil Kylo Ren (Adam Driver) and his army of Stormtroopers.

Photo courtesy
Nikki Staggs Lambdin

On the Marquee: Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

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A Christmas Memory Photo by Gina Long

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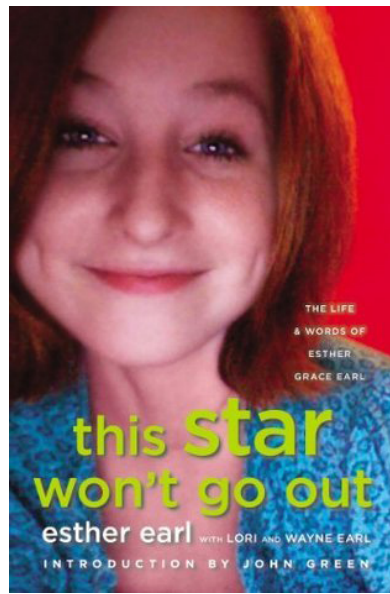
Jeff's Book Pics By Jeff Brown

This Star Won't Go Out: The Life and Words of Esther Grace Earl by Esther Earl, Lori Earl, Wayne Earl, John Green

New York Times Bestseller! "This moving read will have you reaching for the tissues and smiling with delight, stunningly alive on the page, Esther shows that sometimes the true meaning of life, helping and loving others, can be found even when bravely facing death." —People Magazine. In full color and illustrated with art and photographs, this is a collection of the journals, fiction, letters, and sketches of the late Esther Grace Earl, who passed away in 2010 at the age of 16. Essays by family and friends help to tell Esther's story along with an introduction by award-winning author John Green who dedicated his #1 bestselling novel *The Fault in Our Stars* to her.

Founding Gardeners: The Revolutionary Generation, Nature, and the Shaping of the American Nation by Andrea Wulf

For the Founding Fathers, gardening, agriculture, and botany were elemental passions: a conjoined interest as deeply ingrained in their characters as the battle for liberty and a belief in the greatness of their new nation. *Founding Gardeners* is an exploration of that obsession, telling the story of the revolutionary generation from the unique perspective of their lives as gardeners, plant hobbyists, and farmers. Acclaimed historian Andrea Wulf describes how George Washington wrote letters to his estate manager even as British warships gathered off Staten Island; how a tour of English gardens renewed Thomas Jefferson's and John Adams's faith in their fledgling nation; and why James Madison is the forgotten father of environmentalism. Through these and other stories, Wulf reveals a fresh, nuanced portrait of the men who created our nation.



100 Years of The Best American Short Stories by Lorrie Moore and Heidi Pitlor

The Best American Short Stories is the longest running and best-selling series of short fiction in the country. For the centennial celebration of this beloved annual series, master of the form Lorrie Moore selects forty stories from the more than two thousand that were published in previous editions.

Series editor Heidi Pitlor recounts behind-the-scenes anecdotes and examines, decade by decade, the trends captured over a hundred years. Together, the stories and commentary offer an extraordinary guided tour through a century of literature with what Moore calls "all its wildnesses of character and voice." These forty stories represent their eras but also stand the test of time. Here is Ernest Hemingway's first published story and a classic by William Faulkner, who admitted in his biographical note that he began to write "as an aid to love-making." Nancy Hale's story describes far-reaching echoes of the Holocaust; Tillie Olsen's story expresses the desperation of a single mother; James Baldwin depicts the bonds of brotherhood and music. Here is Raymond Carver's "minimalism," a term he disliked, and Grace Paley's "secular Yiddishkeit." Here are the varied styles of Donald Barthelme, Charles Baxter, and Jamaica Kincaid. From Junot Diaz to Mary Gaitskill, from ZZ Packer to Sherman Alexie, these writers and stories explore the different things it means to be American. Moore writes that the process of assembling these stories allowed her to look "thrillingly not just at literary history but at actual history — the cries and chattering, silences and descriptions of a nation in flux." 100 Years of The Best American Short Stories is an invaluable testament, a retrospective of our country's ever-changing but continually compelling literary artistry. All the above from Amazon.com

Jeff's History Corner By Jeff Brown

1. Santa Anita Park was originally part of "Rancho Santa Anita," which was owned originally by former San Gabriel Mission Mayor-Domo, Claudio Lopez, and named after a family member, "Anita Cota." The ranch was later acquired by rancher, Hugo Reid, a Scotsman. Later, it would be owned by gold prospector Lucky Baldwin. Baldwin initially founded a racetrack adjacent to the present site in what is today, Arcadia, outside of the city of Los Angeles in 1904. It closed in 1909 and burned in 1912.

After the legalization of pari-mutuel gambling in 1933, San Francisco dentist Dr. Charles H. Strub and movie mogul, Hal Roach, create a new Santa Anita Park in its current location at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains and found success despite being in the midst of the Great Depression. The newly formed Los Angeles Turf Club reopened the track on Christmas Day in 1934, making it the first racetrack in California. Architect Gordon Kaufmann designed its various buildings in a combination of Colonial Revival and a type of art deco known as Streamline Modern, painted primarily in Santa Anita's signature colors of Persian Green and Chiffon Yellow. In February 1935, the first Santa Anita Handicap was run. The race's \$100,000 purse, the largest of any race ever in the United States makes front page news in the Los Angeles times.

2. The San Gabriel valley derives its name from the San Gabriel River that flows southward through the center of the valley, which itself was named for the Spanish Mission San Gabriel Arcángel originally built in the Whittier Narrows in 1771.

3. The San Gabriel Mountains for decades also bore

a more poetic name: the Sierra Madre (Mother Mountains). Both names were handed down by the early Spanish missionaries and existed side-by-side until 1927, when the U.S. Board on Geographic Names acted on a petition from a Pomona College geographer and decided in favor of "San Gabriel Mountains." "Sierra Madre" has since passed out of common usage, although it still survives in numerous place names, from the City of Sierra Madre to the Gold Line's Sierra Madre Villa station, named after a tuberculosis sanitarium at the base of the mountains.

4. Stretching from the Cajon Pass in the east to the Newhall Pass in the west, the San Gabriel Mountains are something of a topographic anomaly.

Whereas most mountain ranges in California parallel the coasts, the San Gabriels and the other Transverse Ranges, including the San Bernardino, Santa Monica, and Santa Susana, run east-to-west. Geologists credit this crook -- responsible for the prominent jog at Point Conception in the California coastline -- to movement between the Pacific and North American tectonic plates.

5. About 20 million years ago, the Pacific plate began scraping against the North American plate and broke off a piece of continental crust.

Trapped between two plates, the loose block of crust turned 90 degrees clockwise as the Pacific plate dragged it to the northwest. About 5-7 million years ago, part of that block began rising as a mountain range along the Sierra Madre and Cucamonga fault zones, creating the San Gabriels and forming an unusual bend in the otherwise orderly line of coastal mountain ranges.

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Looking Up
with Bob Eklund

HOT EARTH-SIZED PLANET IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Scientists have discovered a new exoplanet that, in the language of “Star Wars,” would be the polar opposite of frigid Hoth, and even more inhospitable than the deserts of Tatooine. But instead of residing in a galaxy far, far away, this new world is, galactically speaking, practically next door.

The new planet, named GJ 1132b, is Earth-sized and rocky, orbiting a small star located a mere 39 light-years from Earth, making it the closest Earth-sized exoplanet yet discovered.

Scientists from The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have determined that the planet is a roasting 440 degrees Fahrenheit, and is likely tidally locked, meaning that it has a permanent day and night side, presenting the same face to its star, much like our Moon is locked to the Earth.

Because of its scorching temperatures, GJ 1132b most likely cannot retain liquid water on its surface, making it uninhabitable for life as we know it. However, scientists say it is cool enough to host a substantial atmosphere.

It is also close enough to Earth that scientists may soon be able to find out much more about its characteristics, from the composition of its atmosphere to the pattern of its winds—and even the color of its sunsets.

“If we find this pretty hot planet has managed to hang onto its atmosphere over the billions of years it’s been around, that bodes well for the long-term goal of studying cooler planets that could have life,” says Zachory Berta-Thompson, a postdoc in MIT’s Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research. “We finally have a target to point our telescopes at, and [can] dig much deeper into the workings of a rocky exoplanet, and what makes it tick.”

Berta-Thompson and his colleagues discovered the planet using the MEarth-South Observatory, a Harvard University-led array of eight 40-centimeter-wide robotic telescopes located in the mountains of Chile. The array monitors small, nearby stars called M dwarfs, which are scattered all over the night sky. Scientists have determined that these kinds of stars are frequently orbited by planets, but haven’t yet found Earth-sized exoplanets that are close enough to study in depth.

Since early 2014, the telescope array has been gathering data almost every night, taking measurements of starlight every 25 minutes in search of telltale dips in brightness that may



indicate a planet passing in front of a star.

On May 10, one telescope picked up a faint dip from GJ 1132, a star located 12 parsecs, or 39 light-years, from Earth.

The robotic telescope immediately started observing GJ 1132 at much faster 45-second intervals to confirm the measurement—a very slight dip of about 0.3 percent of the starlight. The researchers later pointed other telescopes in Chile at the star, and found that indeed, GJ

1132’s brightness dimmed by 0.3 percent every 1.6 days—a signal that a planet was regularly passing in front of the star.

“We didn’t know the planet’s period from one single event, but when we phased many of them together, this signal popped out,” Berta-Thompson says.

Based on the amount of starlight the planet blocks, and the radius of the star, scientists calculated that planet GJ 1132b is about 1.2 times

the size of Earth. From measuring the wobble of its host star, they estimate the planet’s mass to be about 1.6 times that of Earth.

By calculating the size of and proximity to its star, the group came up with an estimate of the planet’s average temperature: a scorching 440 degrees Fahrenheit.

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COMMUNITY RAISES FUNDS AND HOPE FOR FOSTER YOUTH

By Laquetta Shamblee



Monica-Crystal and Ebony

The Mediterranean Room was buzzing with excitement at Brookside Golf Course on Thursday, November 7th as Journey House hosted an evening event to raise funds for the nonprofit agency’s Beyond Foster Care initiative. Almost 100 people gathered to celebrate the progress and success of more than 75 former foster youth who are currently pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. Board members and guests had the opportunity to mingle and dine with the college students who attended. The evening’s MC, Dameon Pichetrungsi was among several Journey House alumni who attended. Years ago, he was a resident at Journey House before the loss of funding resulted in the closing of the Transitional Living Program for foster youth. He is now a Special Education Instructor for LAUSD and has written a screenplay and produced a movie trailer about his experience in the foster care system.

After several former foster youth shared their experiences in foster care and how Journey House has helped them to accomplish their goals, actress/singer Monica-Crystal took the podium as keynote speaker. She spoke of growing up in a broken home and overcoming adversity to pursue her dream of becoming a professional entertainer and starting her own company.

MC Dameon and Monica-Crystal surprised the audience with an impromptu duet performance



Monica-Crystal and Dameon Pichetrungsi

of a song written by Dameon called Trials and Tribulations. When they finished to the applause of everyone standing, it was a wonderful acknowledgment and celebration of how Journey House continues to makes difference in the lives of young people beyond foster care.

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges
THOUGHTS ON THANKSGIVING

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Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday of the year. Even moreso than Christmas. It is our uniquely American holiday where the family gathers, where we remember our roots, we share a meal, and we give thanks. I like it when the ridiculous Halloween images disappear in local stores, and we start to see traditional Thanksgiving images of Indians, turkeys, and pilgrims with black powder guns.

But look how quickly such simple and profound holidays get perverted. Today, we hardly know what “giving thanks” even means, and so the act of giving thanks is lost on most of us. Newscasters talk about “turkey day,” as if all there was to the day was eating turkey.

Interestingly, most folks would not know whether or not they were eating turkey, or eating crow, and most of the time we’re doing the latter, figuratively speaking. Then, when we have barely taken the time to consider the notion of “giving thanks,” we get up early on the following “black Friday” to rush around with the mobs “looking for a good deal” to help us celebrate the consumer-driven commercial craze into which we’ve morphed “Christmas.”

Wow! How did we get here? What can we do about it? Let’s take a moment to look at the roots of Thanksgiving.

In the history of North America, we are told that the first historic Thanksgiving Day was in October of 1621. After a successful harvest that year at the Plymouth colony, there was about a week of celebrations. The local Indians and the colonists joined together, with the Indians generally showing the colonists (mostly city folks) how to hunt for the meal which consisted of fowl, deer, duck, goose, and fish. Corn bread, wild greens, plums, leeks, and many other vegetables (wild and domestic) were shared in this celebration. Interestingly, there is no evidence that wild turkey or wild cranberries (totally unpalatable without cooking and adding sweeteners) were part of the menu.

In fact, some (but not all) historians question whether or not there were any religious overtones at all on this “first Thanksgiving,” citing such evidence as the archery and firearms games, and the running and jumping competitions, which they say would never be done at religious ceremonies by the Puritans.

What then is it, if anything, that sets the American (and the Canadian) Thanksgiving celebration apart from any of the other myriad of Harvest Festivals?

The pilgrims experienced a severe drought in the summer. That season, they were totally dependent on wild game and wild plants, and owed their survival largely to the English-speaking Indian “Squanto” (Tisquantum). In their lack, they refocused upon their real purpose for coming to this new land. They sought to establish a time to give thanks for their spiritual bounty, in spite of the fact that they had no material bounty that year.

Not widely known is that this thanksgiving feast had political overtones, which seem to have largely backfired. Tisquantum was actually the interpreter for Massasoit, who was the political-military leader of the local Wampanoag tribe. Massasoit was worried that his weakened tribe would be taken-advantage of by the stronger Narragansett. Massasoit would permit the European newcomers to stay as long as they liked, as long as they aligned with Massasoit against the Narragansett. (There was a short-lived peace, and you can read all about it in your history books). Despite the varied history of this day, Americans have chosen to see this as day set aside so that we do not lose sight of our spiritual heritage, which is the real bounty.

Both Thanksgiving and the Fourth of July are the times that Americans have traditionally set aside to reflect upon the concepts of “freedom” and “giving thanks.” The purpose of such special times of reflection is to see how well we have done during the past year, and determine what corrections we should make if we find that we are veering away from our chosen path. It should not be a time of merely “having fun.”

As long as we confuse “giving thanks” with “eating a lot of really good food,” the practical effect is that Thanksgiving today is little more than a Harvest Festival. “Giving Thanks” is a particular attitude which accompanies specific actions. Perhaps sharing our bounty with the needy would be a better Thanksgiving activity than eating large volumes of food. More to the point, perhaps we should use Thanksgiving to give thanks where it is due -- to the American Indians who have become the “forgotten minorities.” Rather than “eat a lot,” perhaps we could send blankets, food, or money to any of the American Indian families or nations who today live in Third World conditions.

To me, the essence of Thanksgiving was the coming together of two cultures, trying to work together under trying circumstances. Yes, they shared a meal. Food sustains us. But it was not about food, per se. They practiced with their bows and guns, a sign of mutual preparedness. And in their own ways, they “prayed to God,” in the ways that were appropriate to each culture.

By the way, much has been said about the term “Indian,” supposedly because Columbus thought he was in India when in fact he never got beyond the Carribean islands. But not everyone agrees with that linguistic conclusion. For one, India was not called “India” in the late 1400s. Some have suggested that it was the phrase “en Dios” (with God) that Columbus used to describe how the native, who lived simply and were perceived to be “close to God,” was the actual root of the term “Indians.” It is still debated.

But we really should not forget our national roots. Don’t just give lip-service thanks to the Native Americans whose land was taken. Rather, find those organizations that are actually providing real assistance to Native Americans in poverty, such as many of those living in the third world conditions so prevalent on today’s reservations. (If you have trouble locating such organizations, contact me and I will make some suggestions).

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OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder IN MY NEW DIET ALL I LOST WAS INTEREST

I see these commercials on TV where people lost tons of weight and invite me to join their program. Investigating some of the programs I discovered all you really lose is money every month. If there is one thing I do not want to lose it is money. I never took losing weight very serious. I figure one man's pound is another man's jiggle and we sure do not have enough jiggle in this world.

I have bigger problems than losing weight, which I would readily acknowledge is a big problem, but I have been focused on a bunch of other matters. If I kick the can down the road far enough, I never have to deal with it. Right?

What if when we get to heaven, I like to think of this often, everybody is fat? One of my favorite verses in the Bible is, "...all the fat is the Lord's" (Leviticus 3:16). I realize this may be a little bit out of context, but some of us have to get our consolation wherever we can find it.

Then it happened. You know how something happens that you did not plan to happen, but it just happens?

It was after a wonderful supper and I had overindulged as usual, and happen to say out loud, "I sure am stuffed."

I did not make this remark to start a conversation or to mean anything other than I was stuffed at that time. However, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage saw it just a little bit differently.

I think this is why men are so reluctant to talk to their wives because everything they say can be taken out of context and usually is. I was just referring to the fact that at that moment I was feeling stuffed. Actually, I meant it as a compliment to her fine cuisine. After all, a compliment is a compliment and should be received as such.

"I think," she said, staring at me with one of her stares, "that you really are stuffed. Furthermore, I think we ought to do something about it."

I hate it when my wife says "furthermore" because I do not know exactly what she's talking about. All I know is what is coming next is going to get me into trouble. Trouble is not my middle name but it certainly is my identification number. Then, this is how women think, when she said, "we ought to do something about it" the emphasis was on the "we." Whenever a wife says "we," she is really referring to her husband.

That started quite a conversation about dieting. I say conversation, but actually, it was a very animated monologue of which I was the only audience at the time.

Don't you love it when people know how

to fix your problem? A recent study shows that wives outlive husbands. And of course, the reason is simply that many husbands cannot change the monologue into a dialogue. "Mono," means one and "dia" means two. But I digress.

My good wife went on talking about a wonderful diet she has had in mind for a long time. In thinking about that, I concluded she thought I was overweight for a long time. The one good thing is that she has not mentioned it before. But now she is mentioning it.

All of the pent-up observations and suggestions about my weight were now coming out in one dynamic monologue. I just could not keep up. It is hard to keep up when you only have two ears.

I could tell she had been thinking about this for a very long time because she had great detail as to what my new diet should be, even calculating how much weight I would be losing if I kept on this new diet.

So far, it was not too bad. I would go on this new diet, lose tons of weight, be healthier, and live longer and the both of us would be happy. What can go wrong with a plan like that? I love it when a plan comes together.

Then she began outlining the details of this new diet. I was going to eat nothing but fruit and vegetables until I had achieved my weight loss goal.

I had a few questions. "Would you consider an Apple fritter to be a fruit?"

"Is a carrot cake a vegetable?"

These two questions alone brought such a stare from the other person in the room that I melted in complete defeat. Already I was losing. It seems, and I'm learning something new here, one person's definition of a fruit and vegetable is not another person's definition.

She began outlining all of the rules and regulations of this new diet and she did it with such glee, in fact, I have never seen her smile more, and it was going to be hard not to do it.

After her plan was firmly set on the table the only thing that I lost was interest in the whole new diet plan.

The Bible has some good things to say about fruit. "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit" (Matthew 7:17).

It is not so much the fruit on the table as it is the fruit in my life that delights God.

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TOM Purcell



VETERANS DAY BY THE NUMBERS

"I had no idea that many men and women have served our country in our armed forces."

"Ah, yes, you refer to Veterans Day facts and figures shared by the U.S. Census Bureau. Did you know there are 19.3 million U.S. veterans living today? Roughly half are 65 and older. Nearly 2 million are under the age of 35."

"That's interesting stuff. Those older than 65 served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam and the 2 million under 35 served mostly in Iraq and Afghanistan after 911?"

"You are correct. According to statistics released by the Department of Veterans Affairs, World War II vets are dying at a rate of approximately 492 a day. This means there are approximately only 855,070 veterans remaining of the 16 million who served our nation in World War II."

"The greatest generation!"

"My father served in the Korean War. He is 82. Of the 5.7 million who served during that war, 2 million veterans are still with us."

"What about the Vietnam War?"

"Of the 8.7 million veterans who served in that horrific war, 7 million are still alive. To round out the numbers, 5.5 million veterans served during the Gulf War era, which spans 1990 to the present. Roughly 4.4 million veterans served during peacetime. Other veterans had it awfully tough."

"How so?"

"Nearly 63,000 living veterans served during the Vietnam War and both periods of the Gulf War. They served from August 1990 through August 2001 and then from September 2001 and beyond."

"God bless them for their service."

"Some of our living veterans served through three wartime periods! Nearly 37,000 served during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War."

"Wow."

"The makeup of the armed services is changing as our demographics change. Though nearly 80 percent are 'non-Hispanic white,' nearly 12 percent are black, 6 percent are Hispanic, 1.5 percent are Asian and nearly 2.5 percent are Native Americans, Alaskans and Hawaiians."

"What about women who serve?"

"Those numbers are growing, too. There

are currently 1.6 million female veterans in our country."

"We are lucky to still have these men and women with us and the purpose of Veterans Day is to honor all of those who have served. But what about the people who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country?"

"Did you know that nearly 1 million Americans have died for their country? Approximately 4,500 died during the American revolution."

"I did not know that. What about our bloody Civil War?"

"Bloody is the right word. Nearly 370,000 Union soldiers and 135,000 Confederate soldiers died during that war. We lost nearly 120,000 veterans in World War I and nearly 405,000 in World War II. The Korean War claimed 34,000 and the Vietnam War 48,000."

"Those are sobering numbers."

"If there is any silver lining as far as war goes, it is that our modern war-fighting techniques and medical technologies are resulting in fewer battlefield deaths. Of the 1.5 million who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq, we have suffered approximately 6,500 losses. However, nearly 50,000 were wounded and many of them are still suffering from their disabilities."

"We need to do more to help our suffering veterans."

"That is exactly what Veterans Day is about. It is a special day when we honor all of those who have served. It is also a great day to give back."

"Give back?"

"We can volunteer at a local veterans' organization or provide financial support. CharityWatch.org has a list of legitimate organizations that provide help and resources to disabled veterans. I'm going to donate \$50 now."

"Now that's the kind of Veterans Day number I prefer!"

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LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"Now, people ask me all the time how we got four surplus budgets in a row. What new ideas did we bring to Washington? I always give a one-word answer: Arithmetic."

- Bill Clinton, speaking at the 2012 Democratic National Convention

Republicans have remained scientifically-challenged. Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX), Chairman of the House Science Committee, used his office to issue subpoenas to scientists addressing climate change. He's pushed for cutting NASA's earth observation budget by 40%. Committee member Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) claims "solar flares are more responsible for climatic cycles than anything human beings can do." Another member, Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), dismisses the whole thing; "global warming is a total fraud . . . employed by liberals to create global government."

Until defeated in his bid for a U.S. Senate seat last year, Rep. Paul Broun (R-GA) served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight of the Science Committee. He's perhaps best known for his characterization of evolution and the Big Bang theory as "lies straight from the pit of hell."

Republicans haven't fared much better with history, either. At the local level, those on the Texas Board of Education made news last month when their influence on textbook publishers was called out by an angry mom (who also happened to be a doctoral candidate at the University of Houston). Her son had sent a snapchat of a caption from a geography textbook referring to millions of "workers" coming from Africa to the South; part of "Patterns of Immigration". There'd been pressure not to refer to these workers and immigrants as what they were - slaves. (McGraw-Hill later agreed to revisions.)

History lessons pushed by Republican-dominated boards have sought to minimize topics like Jim Crow laws, the KKK, McCarthy-era witch-hunts (except for justifications of them) and, going back to medieval times, the Crusades.

Recent history proves more problematic. At last week's Republican debate, when Carly Fiorina was asked about job growth having been greater during Democratic presidencies than under Republicans, she responded by recalling a chat she'd had with a 40-year-old mother.

Dr. Ben Carson told us that "People need to be educated on the minimum wage. Every time we raise the minimum wage, the number of jobless people increases." Carson could have looked to history as recent as the first half of this year, when job growth in the 13 states that raised their minimum wage at the beginning of the year was greater than in the 37 states that didn't - while cities with the highest minimum wages also had the highest growth in small businesses.

A history we should all be familiar with is the Republicans' record on economic predictions, particularly when it comes to

jobs. From the 2009 stimulus package through the Affordable Care Act to regulations on the environment and Wall Street under the Obama Administration, Republicans consistently warned of them being "job-killing" and ruinous for the economy. Instead, we've seen the creation of 13.5 million new jobs, with 68 straight months of job growth being the longest such streak in our history.

That history shows in May of 2012, candidate Mitt Romney predicting that after rolling-back or eliminating these programs, he could get us to 6% unemployment by 2017. They weren't rolled-back or eliminated, and unemployment is already down to 5%.

But as Bill Clinton suggested, perhaps their biggest problem is with arithmetic - or even understanding big numbers; those with commas in them. Arguing at the debate for more vocational training, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) stated that "welders make more money than philosophers". The latest figures from PayScale.com show a welder's median starting salary as \$33,728, rising to \$44,487 after ten years. For philosophy majors, it's \$42,200, rising to \$85,000. Some philosophy majors have done quite well; such as Carl Icahn, George Soros - and Carly Fiorina.

The arithmetic is especially relevant in analyzing the candidates' tax plans. According to Citizens for Tax Justice, Rubio's plan, where 34% of the benefits would go to the top 1% of earners (who'd each receive an average \$223,783 tax cut), would cost \$11.8 trillion in revenue over ten years. That's more than three times worse than the Bush tax cuts, which cost us \$3.4 trillion over the decade. Rubio also proposes a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution - but constitutional amendments don't change the arithmetic.

Jeb Bush's plan is figured to cost \$7.1 trillion over the decade, but with 46% of the benefits going to the top 1%. That 1% would see their incomes rise 10.2%; the middle 20% would see a 3.2% rise in income, while the poorest 20% would average a 2% raise.

Trump's plan comes out worst, adding \$12 trillion to our national debt. The richest 1% would average a \$227,225 tax cut, the middle 20% a \$2,571 cut while the poorest 20% might take home an extra twenty bucks a month (but, as Trump suggests, they should just work harder).

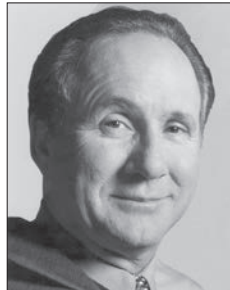
Getting back to history, there were Republican predictions of economic disaster back in 1993 when President Clinton raised the top tax rates, and of prosperity to come when Bush cut them. History is clear on how those predictions turned out.

Carly Fiorina stated at the debate that "Obamacare isn't helping anyone". According to this month's figures from the Centers for Disease Control, the percentage of uninsured Americans has dropped 9% since 2013. 44.8 million uninsured Americans back then minus 28.5 million uninsured today equals 16.3 million Americans no longer worrying about denial because of a pre-existing condition, some cap on benefits or financial ruin if a family member gets sick - thanks to the Affordable Care Act.

Just do the math - or even some simple arithmetic.

MICHAEL Reagan Making Sense

A GOOD REPUBLICAN SLUGFEST



A funny thing happened at the Republican primary debate in Milwaukee Tuesday night.

A debate broke out.

Episode 3 of the GOP's presidential debates was the best yet - if you're more interested in what the candidates think about the issues than what they think about each other.

Unlike the fiasco put on by CNBC last month, the moderators on the Fox Business Network didn't try to get the candidates to fight among themselves or ask stupid liberal gotcha questions.

In fact, FBN's classy and competent journalists - Maria Bartiromo, Neil Cavuto and the Wall Street Journal's Gerard Baker - were the night's biggest winners.

But what about the candidates? Who won or lost?

I did my duty to God and party and watched the so-called "undercard" debate, where Bobby Jindal, Rick Santorum, Mike Huckabee and Chris Christie slugged it out.

Santorum stuck up for the family and the workingman as usual while Huckabee tried to sell his unsellable Fair Tax idea, which has no chance of becoming a reality - ever.

Rising New Jersey heavyweight Chris Christie clearly won the undercard debate on points, despite the pesky attacks of his fellow governor Jindal.

Christie fought off Jindal with one hand while throwing a dozen hard jabs at someone who wasn't even in the ring - Hillary Clinton. He proved he deserves to be with the first tier at the next debate in Reno on Dec. 15.

In the main event Tuesday there were no clear winners or losers.

John Kasich got in a good zinger about Donald Trump's fantasy promise that he'd round up and deport 11 million illegal immigrants, but overall he was too angry-looking and yelled too much.

Jeb Bush, once again, acted more like an awkward wallflower at a seniors dance than a future president. He needed a memorable moment but didn't get it.

Bush did get a chance or two to show he's smart on foreign policy and realistic on immigration.

But in this silly primary season he and Kasich are out of place. This time it's not just about having brains or experience. It's about having style and personality -- and being an outsider.

Speaking of which, Trump, except for

his cheap verbal snaps at Kasich and Fiorina, behaved himself.

He did OK when he answered questions but seemed like he was there more in body than spirit.

He again promised to rebuild our military and kick everyone's butt in the Mideast.

But his "Make America Great Again" bumper-sticker boasts are looking more dubious all the time. Maybe The Donald should ask Bush if he could sublease some of his position papers.

Dr. Carson didn't hurt or help himself at the debate, either. But he also needs to start sharing some of his substantial policy ideas - if he has them.

Ted Cruz and Carly Fiorina did great each time they had the stage.

Fiorina killed with her tough foreign policy stand and her rant on crony capitalism.

Cruz warned that if the Republicans join Democrats "as the party of amnesty, we lose" in 2016.

He had the best quip of the night when he said that the politics of immigration would be much different "if a bunch of people with journalism degrees were coming over and driving down the wages in the press."

Rand Paul showed up to debate this time.

He made his libertarian points well and landed a sharp sucker punch on Marco Rubio's chin by asking how his plan to spend \$1 trillion on families and \$1 trillion on rebuilding the military could qualify as a fiscally conservative position.

Anyone forced to single out a winner would probably pick the crowd favorite, Kid Rubio. He was smooth, quick on his feet and hit hard with both hands on foreign policy.

He, Cruz and Christie are the best debaters among the establishment candidates.

If they are going to get a chance to knock out Trump and Carson, however, the GOP bosses have to dump the undercard now and get the top five or six contenders on the same stage in Reno.

Michael Reagan is the son of President Ronald Reagan, a political consultant, and the author of "The New Reagan Revolution"

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
 Subject: LOCAL HISTORIC CULTURAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION
 Applicant: Mark Abernathy
 Project Location: 101 West Bonita Avenue, in the City of Sierra Madre,
 County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider a request to designate the property located at 101 West Bonita Avenue as a Local Historic Cultural Landmark. Pursuant to Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.82.050, a property may be designated a historic landmark if it meets prescribed historic or architectural criteria. At the meeting on November 5, 2015, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Local Historic Cultural Landmark Designation to the City Council.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

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

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
 City Council Chambers
 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
 Sierra Madre, CA

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The request for designation qualifies for a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15331 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it involves no expansion of an existing structure and pertains to preservation of a historic resource.

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
GUNTER ANTON
SCHREINER

Case No. BP167463

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GUNTER ANTON SCHREINER

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Frank James Licher IV in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Frank James Licher IV be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 19, 2015 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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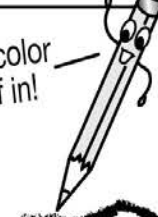


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...and are ready for Old Man Winter.

Kids: color
stuff in!

The air is cooler. The fallen red, yellow and orange leaves have been raked. Geese honk noisily in the sky as they fly south. School buses rumble by. Football and soccer players are running and kicking balls. We've fallen gently past the middle of autumn!

Well, most of
us anyway!Late
Fall
Fun!

Read the clues to
fill in the crossword
with late fall fun.

1. big, orange _____ sit shrinking in fields
2. _____ are finishing chores around the house and yard
3. hours of _____ are even fewer
4. _____ have been raked
5. _____ are still gathering acorns
6. crowds cheer at _____ games
7. _____ are flying south
8. light jackets and _____ are being worn
9. the _____ is chillier
10. _____ are piled high in baskets

Last Days of Autumn!

What are Families Doing in the
Late Fall to Get Ready for Winter?

1. raking leaves and clearing _____
2. taking down _____ and putting up storm windows
3. having the chimney cleaned and stacking _____
4. storing summer _____ and taking out hats, jackets, boots
5. picking and storing apples, _____, carrots, squash
6. canning _____ and fruits; making jellies and jams
7. finding the shovels and filling a pail with _____ for ice
8. rolling up _____ and turning off water pipes to outside
9. having the _____ checked and cleaned
10. cooking larger, hotter _____



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PODLEY PROPERTIES' EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

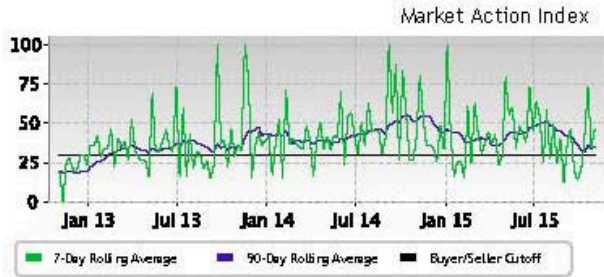
This Week

The median list price in SIERRA MADRE, CA this week is \$1,188,000.

Inventory is tightening and days-on-market is falling. The Market Action Index shows demand heating up. These are relatively bullish signs for prices.

Supply and Demand

While the Market Action Index shows some strengthening in the last few weeks, prices have settled in a bit of a plateau. We currently in a Seller's market so prices will likely resume their climb should this trend persist.

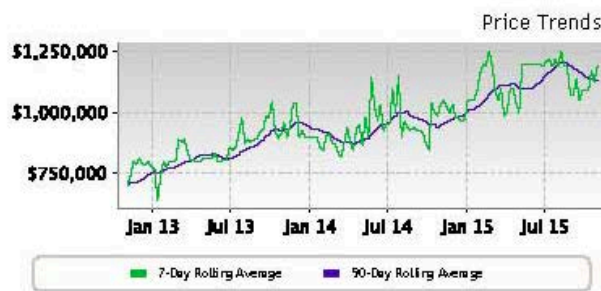


Quartiles

Quartile	Median Price	Sq. Ft.	Lot Size	Beds	Baths	Age	Inventory	New	Absorbed	DOM	
Top/First	\$ 1,665,250	3572	0.25 - 0.50 acre	4.0	4.5	46	6	0	0	107	Most expensive 25% of properties
Upper/Second	\$ 1,239,000	2657	0.25 - 0.50 acre	3.0	3.2	72	6	0	1	68	Upper-middle 25% of properties
Lower/Third	\$ 1,092,000	2359	0.25 - 0.50 acre	3.5	2.5	52	6	1	0	54	Lower-middle 25% of properties
Bottom/Fourth	\$ 735,000	1537	8,001 - 10,000 sqft	3.0	2.0	76	7	1	3	60	Least expensive 25% of properties

Price

The market seems to have paused around this plateau. The Market Action Index is a good leading indicator for the durability of this trend.



Characteristics per Quartile Investigate the market in quartiles - where each quartile is 25% of homes ordered by price.



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