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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU



The Osti Christmas Decorations from Sonny Salsbury's 2009 Sierra Madre Calendar. Salsbury said in 2006, "Sierra Madre is my favorite town anywhere" and many of his paintings, such as the scene above, depict a look into the charm of Sierra Madre that still exists today. For years we have shared Salsbury's works with our readers. This picture originally appeared in the Mountain Views News in 2008.

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SIERRA MADRE TO RESUME PUMPING WATER FROM WELLS

After almost two years of relying exclusively on imported water due to Sierra Madre's water supplies low levels caused by the drought, the city is going back to pumping water from its own wells. In late November, the city council authorized city staff to begin pumping from the Sierra Madre wells again. While the levels are high enough to begin pumping, the city will continue to purchase water from the Metropolitan Water District to supplement what comes from the SM wells and hopefully eliminate the problems of discoloration and smell.

In a press release from the city on Wednesday, residents were informed that, " Due to low water levels in the aquifer, the water being pumped from the ground will be augmented with imported water placed into the City's spreading basins for groundwater recharge. The reactivation of the City's wells is intended to alleviate the water discoloration issues that have plagued much of Sierra Madre for the last two years. The reduction in water discoloration will not be immediate. Some neighborhoods may see a spike in discoloration before the water distribution system stabilizes and water clears."

The reactivation of the City's wells began on Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

"Customers may notice a chlorine odor to the water and some may notice a taste difference during the transition from chloramine to chlorine disinfected water. The water will be safe to drink and cook with, however it may be necessary for some customers to run their faucets a few moments to allow the water to clear before using it.

This action by the City has been done with the approval of the California Department of Public Health - Division of Drinking Water, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Raymond Basin Management Board.

It is not expected that the use of imported water for groundwater recharge will have an adverse effect on the groundwater supply. The Raymond Basin Management Board has approved the use of the imported water as a one-year pilot project and will assist the City of Sierra Madre in stringently monitoring groundwater quality.

The need to conserve water in Sierra Madre remains critical. The return to wells does not signal an end to the drought and groundwater level remains extremely low. Replacing groundwater with imported water is the only way the City can operate the wells for the foreseeable future.

For the next twelve months the imported water will be used for groundwater recharge in a pilot program approved by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Drinking Water Division of the State Water resources Control Board, and the Raymond Basin Management Board.

If residents have any questions, please contact Director of Public Works Bruce Inman at (626)355-7135 ext. 801 or Deputy Director of Water Jose Reynoso at (626)355-7135 ext. 813.



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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES SOUGHT

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the 2015 Citizen of the Year. To be eligible, a person must be a resident of Sierra Madre. The accomplishment(s) or project(s) for which they are being nominated must have been of benefit to the community of Sierra Madre and its citizens during 2015. They must have served without remuneration on the project for which they are being nominated, and members of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are not eligible.

If you would like to nominate someone, nomination forms are available at www.sierramadrechamber.com.

You can also pick up nomination forms at the Chamber office, City Hall, the Library, and the Recreation Center. Completed forms should be mailed to Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, 19 Suffolk Ave., Ste. A, Sierra Madre, 91024 by January 4, 2016.

The winner will be selected by members of the Chamber Board of Directors, and will be honored at the annual Citizen of the Year/Board of Directors Installation Dinner to be held in January 30, 2016.

Previous Awardees:

Dave Loera, Sr.	2014	Celeste McCreary	1989
Joe and Jacquie Pergola	2013	Harry C. Martin	1988
Marlene Enmark	2012	Howard L. Wagner	1987
Richard Mays	2011	Royden F. Estoppey	1986
Glenn and Amy Putnam	2010	A. Virginia Liskow	1985
Paul and Louise Nieby	2009	Joseph Delgatto	1984
Angel Throop	2008	Hugh Campbell	1983
Pete Siberell	2007	Marjorie Peterson	1982
Bud Switzer	2006	Mary Tumulty	1981
John Grijalva	2005	Phyllis Chapman	1980
Hank Landsberg	2004	Gertrude Gerke	1979
Rob Stockly	2003	Charles Brown	1978
Bill Messersmith	2002	R. Robert Evans	1977
Carol Canterbury	2001	Sam Tesoro	1976
Marilyn McKernan	2000	John Goodall	1975
George Enyedi	1999	George Maurer	1974
Judy Webb-Martin	1998	Earl LaLone	1973
William McKernan	1997	H. Clay Reavis	1972
Shirley McGillicuddy	1996	Myrtis Waite	1971
Lew Watanabe	1995	Rudolph Hartman	1970
Jan Reed	1994	Janet Wood	1969
Michael Sizer	1993	Carl Hobson	1968
Dorothy Hobiak	1992	Ruth Barden	1967
Doug Hayes	1991	William Wark	1966
Helen Walker	1990		

Established in 1946, the Sierra Madre Chamber's Mission is: "To encourage a healthy business environment by advancing, promoting and supporting the businesses serving Sierra Madre." This includes providing a voice for local businesses when dealing with local government, creating networking opportunities monthly, supporting other non profit groups in town and sponsoring events such as the Wistaria Festival, Winter Festival and the Citizen of The Year, to help promote and brand the city of Sierra Madre.

For more information on the Chamber, call 626-355-5111.



THE QUESTION OF CHRISTMAS:
"Do you believe in me or not?"

This question emerges in the opening scene of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," being the forceful petition, which Jacob Marley, a ghost, demands of his old business partner Ebenezer Scrooge. Jacob Marley warns Scrooge that he is to be haunted by three spirits. The function of these spirits assume the action of angels by the manner in which they document Scrooge's past, present and foreseeable future. Charles Dickens' timeless masterpiece has become synonymous with the season of Christmas.

Outside of the obvious introduction of the three separate periods of time, there exists three distinct themes present in the story...Do you believe in Charity? Do you believe in Happiness? Do you believe in Kindness?

By posing these questions with Scrooge, Charles Dickens is raising the lantern of consciousness in each of us, and exposes the pettiness in which we allow to exist within our hearts; the forgiveness we so stubbornly withhold; and the simple seeds of kindness that grow in a greatness of a forest. These are the deeper themes that Dickens petitions in each of us.

I don't believe that Christmas is the greatest day of the year — the lessons of Easter are far more important in their measurements of Christ than the infant reflections of Christmas, but I must admit that I love Christmas most of all. I suppose it is my secret of sorts, being that no one could conceivably know of it outside of me, as I have never held a baby in my arms. I suppose that most of my apprehension exists in the illogical belief that I may break something so tenderly precious to the world, and being of the judgment that my fingers are insufficient instruments in securing such a priceless work of art, I have refused the invitation. But Christmas is something altogether different in my mind, inspiring the emotion of holding that child at Bethlehem. When I meditate upon the miracle of what occurred on that first Christmas more than two thousand years ago, I perceive my love to be as great as any mother would ever hope to imagine. We must understand that Christmas is empty of meaning if we regard kindness and charity as inconsequential.

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Tues:	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
Thur:	Rain	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
Fri:	Rain	Hi 60s	Lows 40s

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, January 12, 2016
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

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 - 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, December 21, 2015, 6:30pm
Community Services Committee Meeting

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

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

Monday, December 21, 2015, 6:30PM
Community Services Commission Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2016, 3:00PM
Senior Master Plan Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 2016, 12:00PM
Coordinating Council

Thursday, January 7, 2016, 3:00PM
Senior Community Commission Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 2016, 7:00PM
Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 6:30PM
City Council Meeting

SIERRA MADRE 2015 HOLIDAY
CLOSURE SCHEDULE

Sierra Madre, CA. – December 9, 2015 - Sierra Madre City Hall will be closed beginning at 12:30pm on December 24, 2015 reopening on January 4, 2016. The Sierra Madre Public Library will close at 2:00pm and the Hart Park House Senior Center will close at 2:30pm on December 24th and will also reopen on January 4, 2016. Administrative service workers, with the exception of emergency personnel, will be off-duty in observance of the upcoming holiday season.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the City's online services during this period. Many of the services performed at City Hall, including payments and applications, are also available online through the City's website. Residents can conveniently manage their water bill, register for Community Services activities, reserve public facilities, check out online library books, and apply for select permits without interruption this holiday season.

All City offices and buildings will resume normal business hours on Monday, January 4, 2016.

For more information about online services, please visit the City's website at: www.cityofsierramadre.com.

VOLUNTEERS
WANTED

Deco Week at the Sierra Madre Rose Float, "Rollin' on the River", starts on December 26th. We need your help! Please click on the link below to look for the shift(s) that will be right for you: <https://smrfa.volunteer.com>. We hope that you will join us. If you prefer to help with non-decorating jobs, food service at lunch or dinner, working in the Sales Booth or checking in volunteers, please contact Bonnie at volunteer@SMRoseFloat.org.

For more information about SMRFA and all of our activities, check out our website at smrosefloat.org. We look forward to seeing you at the SMRFA barn! Volunteers like you are what make the entire process possible.



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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 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@mtnviewsnews.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 MVNews



SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, November 29th, to Sunday, December 6th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 252 calls for service.

Tuesday, December 1st

At 7:28 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 600 block of Woodland Dr regarding a theft report. The victim informed Officers that he had recently ordered a laptop and had been tracking the order for several days. While the victim was at school, he received notification from the delivery service that the laptop had been delivered to his home but when he arrived home later that day he could not locate the package. When he victim called and contacted the delivery service, they stated the package was delivered to his home and signed for by initials the man did not recognize. The estimated loss of value was \$1500. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Thursday, December 3rd

At 12:31 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 200 block of Jameson Ct regarding a theft from a vehicle. Upon arrival the victim informed Officers that while he was mowing the lawn of the residence he was working at, he noticed a grey colored vehicle stopped next to his truck that was parked on the street. The victim continued to mow the lawn and shortly after noticed someone standing next to his truck, so the man began to walk toward his truck to investigate and the grey car suddenly drove away. When the man approached his

truck he realized several pieces of equipment were missing and notified police. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Saturday, December 5th

At 10:35 pm, Sierra Madre Police were patrolling the area of Foothill Blvd and Michillinda Ave when they noticed a vehicle driving with a broken passenger headlight. Officers initiated a traffic stop and upon making contact with the drivers, they smelled a strong odor of marijuana. The driver of the vehicle stated he did not have a valid driver's license and the passenger stated he was on parole and did not have any identification. Both men consented to a search and Officers discovered marijuana, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia on the men. A vehicle search uncovered several bags from a local grocery store containing numerous bottles of liquor with the security device still on them, as well as various other items. When Officers questioned the men about the items found in the vehicle, they stated they were only dropping off the car who belonged to a friend and the items in the car were already there when they picked it up. Both men were arrested for various charges and the vehicle was towed. A follow up with the local grocery store revealed the men had been to the store earlier that night and stole the merchandise amounting to a total of over \$600. This case has been forwarded to the Detective bureau and District Attorneys office.

SIERRA MADRE NEWS BRIEFS

WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES

Disposal of Bulky and Hard To Handle Items

Athens Services encourages reuse and donation of bulky items whenever possible. Bulky waste includes large items that do not fit into barrels or bins such as: water heaters, furnaces, bed springs, mattresses, dressers, couches, washers, dryers, stoves, tables, chairs, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, or patio furniture. These items are to be placed at the curbside (not in the street) for pick-up on your regular trash collection day.

To schedule a pick up please call Athens Services at (855) 557-1007.

VERY IMPORTANT: PLEASE REMOVE OR SECURE ALL APPLIANCE DOORS TO PROTECT CHILDREN.

Christmas Tree Recycling

TREES are 100% recyclable!

Athens Services collects holiday trees on your normal pickup days from the day after Christmas through the second week of January each year. Trees are delivered to various landfills to be used as mulch or cover material, or to Athens American Organics composting facility in Victorville.

Tips to ensure collection of your Christmas tree:

- Remove stands, ornaments, lights and tinsel. Place Christmas trees next to your regular trash containers. Trees over 6 feet in length must be cut in half. Trees with flocking or fire retardants ARE acceptable.
- If you miss the date for recycling, please cut up your tree and place it in your yard waste container(s).
- Please help keep our parks clean and safe during the holidays. If you see anyone illegally dumping Christmas trees in city parks, please call the Sierra Madre Police Department.

SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY EVENTS

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

The Library Board of Trustees will meet for a special meeting on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00PM in City Hall Council Chambers. The Wednesday, December 23 meeting has been cancelled.

THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

Read and discuss your favorite book on Thursday, December 17 at 11:00AM.

MAKE YOUR OWN MINI ROSE FLOAT

"Find Your Adventure" at our annual Mini Rose Float building on Monday, December 21 at 11:00AM. Open to children of all ages.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join the Teen Book Club on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00PM. December's book is Shadow & Bone by Leigh Bardugo.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Join preschool children and their parents and caregivers for stories, songs, puppets, and crafts on Mondays at 10:00AM and Wednesdays at 7:00PM.

BABY RHYME TIME

Designed just for babies and their caregivers, this fun program introduces children from birth to age 2, to songs and stories. Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00AM.



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Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

*"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world,
and behold, Everything is softer and more beautiful."*

Norman Vincent Peale

It's true, isn't it! We've been walking Sierra Madre early in the mornings, yes, it was 46 degrees this morning, and enjoying the lights that our neighbors leave on through the night. Across the street, Susan has wreaths that are brightly lit in all colors. Lisa and Craig are mostly red lights this year, with lighted candy canes and bright white snowmen on the gate pillars. Our lights are magnificent, on top of our fence, circling the gate wreaths and spilling over the terrace wall. My lighting expert, John, has outdone himself this year.

Have you seen Star Shower? Amazing lights in green or red that light up the entire front of houses and all their trees. And we don't have one! Carefully creeping up onto our neighbor's lawn, shortly before 6 a.m., to see what that device was which was creating all these nifty lights, we saw "Star Shower" on it, raced home, went to the source of all good things: Amazon.com, and there they were! All sorts of Star Shower devices. And none in stock to be shipped immediately to us. Delivery date: December 31st! Seriously? So, we tried the next best thing, Home Depot. "No..." the nice lady in Christmas decorations said, "we've been out of those and there won't be any more this year." Que lastima!! "You might try CVS," she said. So we did. Nope. So we're enjoying everybody else's Star Shower and, frankly, lusting after them. Next year, friends and neighbors, we'll be lighting up the night, too!

We've been driving slowly around town admiring everybody else's lights. There are some very artistic folks here in Sierra Madre, doing beautiful things with lights. If you don't have anything important to do after dinner tonight, hop in the car and drive around town. There's a really nice display on Montecito and on Mountain Trail, too. Actually, everyone's house looks so beautiful. If your lights are up, give yourself a high five.

Worst thing ever... our microwave died. After serving us faithfully for some twenty years, it just quit heating our oatmeal, melting our butter (I'm making Pumpkin Cookies, Christmas Jam, and Cranberry bread, all of which require melted butter or sterilized canning jars. Yes, I know there was life before microwaves, but it was awful, which reminds me once again that I have no trace of Pioneer Stock in me. My sister-in-law, Pat, makes the best Pumpkin Bread.

PAT'S PUMPKIN BREAD

2 cups sugar
1 cup vegetable oil
3 large eggs
1 15-oz can solid pack pumpkin

Mix all that together in your mixer.

3 cups all purpose flour
1 tsp. each: ground cloves, cinnamon (generous tsp) nutmeg, baking soda
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. baking powder

Mix this group of dry ingredients together and add to the pumpkin mixture, mixing till it's all well combined. You can add dried cranberries, nuts, raisins, or nothing at all if you're a purist. Bake at 350 for about an hour and you'll have five or so small loaves or a couple of larger loaves (use those disposable foil pans). You can wrap 'em and freeze 'em, or wrap 'em to give away. Your house will smell divine and people will beat a path to your kitchen to get some of your pumpkin bread. (Recipe from Tablespoon of Love, Tablespoon of Laughter).

Have you been down to City Hall to see the new landscaping? It looks great and the rain we had Sunday night made it all look shiny and new. Took this little guy's picture in there. He's ready for Christmas. And last but certainly not least, our float association needs volunteers to sign up to decorate the 2016 float during the week of December 26-31. For guidelines go to [HYPERLINK "http://www.smrosefloat.org"](http://www.smrosefloat.org) www.smrosefloat.org and don't miss A Christmas Memory at the Playhouse. Whether you're shopping, baking, or decorating, enjoy every minute!

"The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love and of generosity and of goodness. It illuminates the picture window of the soul, and we look out upon the world's busy life and become more interested in people than in things." Thomas S. Monson

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
Blog: www.authordeanne.com
"Tablespoon of Love, Tablespoon of Laughter" is available there...

Christmas is coming! You'll need gifts!

ROSE FLOATS BLOOM AT THE SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Creativity and fun are in store when children gather at the Sierra Madre Public Library to create mini rose floats on Monday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m. Youth of all ages will hear about this year's entry and create their own rendering based on this year's Sierra Madre Float. The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association donates materials and helps with the Library's mini float event each year. "Find Your Adventure" is the theme of this year's Parade.

The Sierra Madre Public Library will be open on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Library will be closed from Friday, December 25 through January 3 and will reopen on Monday, January 4 at 11:00 am.
Read, Discover, Connect @ Sierra Madre Public Library

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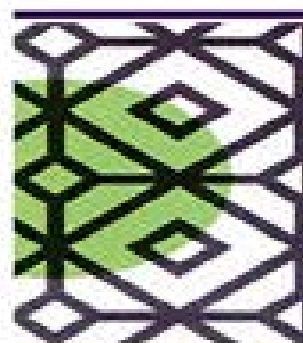
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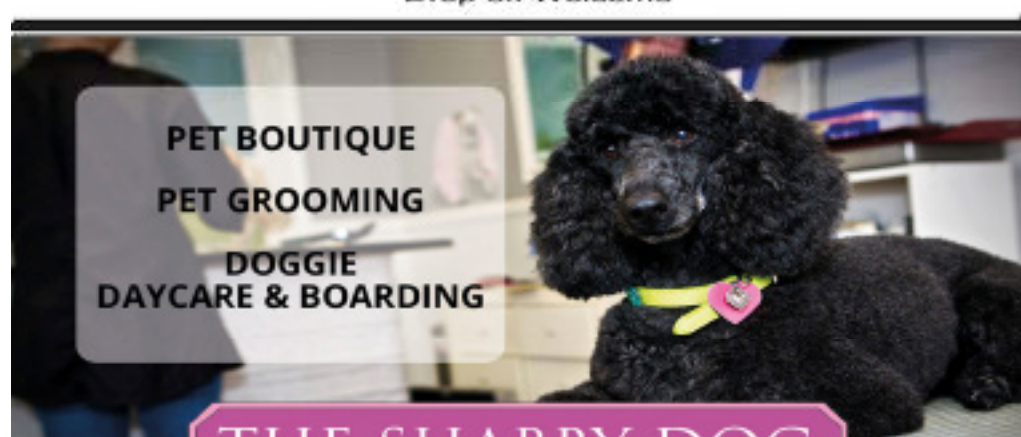


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When I imagine Christmas and the history that followed the birth at Bethlehem, the personification of a metaphor comes to life — a metaphor about a man who was of impeccable beauty and grace, so peaceful was his appearance, so absolute his perfection. The question was justifiably asked if the world had ever seen such a man.

One day as this man walked along the streets, he came to the place of a blazing fire, and the woman outside of this great inferno frantically told the man that her two children were trapped inside. Though the man was composed of the most extraordinary beauty, the laws of heaven and his allegiance to God transcended every physical characteristic that could ever be said of his appearance. So the man, without considerations of his own safety, charged into the burning building. He covered the children with his coat and rushed out into the street. The intensity of the fire greatly disfigured the man, and after surviving a few short hours, he perished. One of the children quickly forgot the man, but the second child lived every day in devotion to the sacrificial person who so unselfishly saved his life.

Many gifts are given at Christmas and numerous forms of celebration exist, but we must never forget that Christmas is God's hope of forgiveness. There is no real power in Christmas, no song so noble in singing, or story worth repeating, unless we know the immortal history of that night.

Christmas is the immortal moment in which Jesus entered the world and rescued us from those eternal flames of judgment.

I have known my heart to be as dark and wretched as Scrooge's, and I have known myself to be destitute of decency and utterly irresponsible as that first child. I was openly indifferent to the greatest act of charity ever communicated to this world. If I had not Christmas and the Cross of Calvary as the example of God's mercy, what hope in all the world's imperfect hopes should I ever hope to encounter? So immeasurable was the gift of Jesus that it cannot be reasoned in the greatest estimation of our imagination. How is it that one perfect sacrifice could satisfy the debt of so many, and how could it pardon a man so pitiful as me?

I believe in the power of Christmas because of what was done for me, and if you should offer me a "Happy Holidays," please forgive me — for I must offer you a "Merry Christmas" in the most heartfelt sense of what I know it to mean.

May judgment and charity rule your heart, and may you come to know the benevolence of that Christmas King.

Merry Christmas and "God bless us, every one!"

Craig Hakola CraigHakola@gmail.com

COUNTY APPROVES UPGRADES FOR PAMELA PARK

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -- Supervisor Michael Antonovich announced that the Board of supervisors has approved a \$1.4 million upgrade to Pamela Park, a popular neighborhood facility in Duarte which also serves Monrovia, Arcadia and surrounding communities.

"Pamela Park is a vital neighborhood resource with picnic areas, recreational amenities and a wide range of programs for local youth and

their families," said Supervisor Antonovich. "This upgrade project includes renovation of the parks' restroom facilities and an 800-square foot expansion of an existing community building with additional new craft and storage rooms."

With today's approval by the Board, the Department of Public Works will begin project design and construction is expected to begin in July 2016 and be completed in seven months.

ADVISORY: GOLD LINE TRAINS BEGIN FULL OPERATION TEST RUNS MID-DECEMBER - LOOK, LISTEN, AND LIVE! GRADE CROSSING SAFETY TIPS

Look, Listen, and Live! Grade Crossing Safety Tips:

Trains will begin full schedule test runs along the Foothill Extension of the Metro Gold Line, on or about December 18, 2015. Trains and grade crossings will be active and functioning with only the absence of passengers.

Here are some safety tips from Metro:

Use designated crossing areas and wait for the walk/crossing signal.

If the gates are down, do not attempt to go around them, it's against the law and unsafe.

If a train is coming, be sure to stay behind the yellow warning stripes.

Always stop, look, and listen for trains before crossing the tracks, and be sure to look both ways.

Never race a train to a crossing.

Never climb railroad vehicles or walk on the tracks.

Before starting across the tracks, be sure there's room for your vehicle to get completely across.

Both Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies and

Arcadia Police Officers will be actively enforcing traffic laws at all grade crossings and Gold Line Stations.

We have seen both pedestrian and vehicle vs. train collisions here in Los Angeles County and in the vast majority of collisions...the train wins! Saving a minute is not worth your life, or the life of someone else. Practice good safety and obey the laws pertaining to grade crossings. Look, Listen, and Live!

Get detailed, up-to-date emails and text messages specific to your community from the Arcadia Police Department by registering for "Nixle" alerts at: <https://local.nixle.com/register/> You can also register for alerts and advisory text messages only by texting your zip code to 888777. (Standard text messaging rates may apply, depending on your cell phone plan). Nixle provides community wires nationwide. Once registered, you can subscribe to messages from other areas that service your relatives or other loved ones, or other locations of interest to you.



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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2015

Christmas, New Year Closures and Reminders

Pasadena City Hall and most City services will be closed Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25 and New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1, 2016. Specific closures and exceptions include: Refuse and recycling collection for Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, will be delayed by one day. All other routes will be serviced per schedule. No bulky pickups will be scheduled from Jan. 15 to Feb. 2.

On Dec. 25, Pasadena Transit and Dial-A-Ride programs will not operate, but will resume regular service on Saturday, Dec. 26. All parking meters are free and time limits will not be enforced on Christmas Day. All parking meter enforcement resumes on Dec. 26.

On Jan. 1, Pasadena Transit buses and Dial-A-Ride programs also will not be in operation, and will resume regular service on Saturday, Jan. 2. All parking meters are free on Jan. 1. Parking meter enforcement resumes on Jan. 2. Red curb violations and blocking fire hydrants will be enforced on both holidays.

Motorists must obey all temporary "No Parking" signs posted for the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl. Vehicles will be towed at owners' expense, no exceptions.

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 and closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The City's Community Centers have modified hours during the holidays.

The Pasadena Fire and Police Departments will be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services. For life-threatening emergencies, always call 9-1-1. For other incidents, "If You See Something, Say Something!" by calling police at (626) 744-4241. Be prepared to know your location and listen carefully to all questions asked.

The Citizen Service Center, (626) 744-7311, is closed Christmas Day. On Dec. 31, the Center is open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., New Year's Day.

Pet of the Week



Stubs (A389275) is a 10-year-old, spayed female, tricolor dachshund. She is a very sweet dog who walks great on leash and is very peppy for her age. Loves to be with her sister, Baby (A389276), and loves other small dogs. While spending time out on the PHS mobile Outreach Unit, Stubs was mellow and friendly to everyone she met. Walks well on leash and has the energy of a younger dog! Stubs doesn't seem to get along well with cats, so she would do best in a dog-only household.

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

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

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



Pasadena Fire and Police Departments Discuss Holiday Safety

By Dean Lee

Pasadena Fire Chief Bertral Washington along with the city's Police Chief Phillip Sanchez gave holiday safety tips, Wednesday morning that include igniting a real Christmas tree on fire to demonstrate how quickly a fire can start and cautioning what the public can do to avoid being the victim of a crime —at home, shopping, on the road or wherever people are.

"We would all ask that parade goers and folks that are going to the Rose Bowl that you're aware of your surroundings," Sanchez said. "We have participated a concept of 'see something, say something' for the last several years. Effectively, what we're looking for is, if you're in Pasadena and you see suspicious activity, please notify the Pasadena Police Department so that we can investigate."

Sanchez warned that thieves target packages left at doorsteps and businesses during the holiday.

"So, we would ask folks that live in Pasadena or businesses, if you are expecting a gift, make an arrangement with the ground provider so you have somebody that will be there and they can take custody of that package," he said.

He also said not to store gifts in the trunk, or anywhere in a car.

Sanchez said they expect many people will get drones as gifts, "I would ask that if you're receiving one of giving the gift of a drone, that you visit the FAA [The Federal Aviation Administration] website and that you are aware of the regulations with respect to drones."

He said, just this week, the FAA put out a directive that all drones weighing over .5 pounds must be registered. He added that drones cannot be flown over large crowds or near people.

Washington discussed tree and light safety before an intense



demonstration in which a Christmas tree was lit on fire and disappeared into billowing smoke within minutes.

Choosing the freshest tree as possible, that has green needles, topped his list of safety. Giving your tree water is the key to keeping it fresh and enhancing its fire resistance he also said. Never use candles on a tree and remove the tree immediately after the holidays.

As for lights, make sure all electric cords have no frayed or cracked wires or broken sockets. Do not use or repair a worn light set. Throw it out and buy new. Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Use indoor lights inside and outdoor lights outside.

Use LED light as they produce almost no heat, reducing the risk from fire.

Washington said, just last week, the fire department put out the first Christmas tree related fire.

According to Fire spokesperson Lisa Derderian two people were displaced last week when a Christmas tree caught fire in an apartment. The fire was caused by a birthday cake, in a box, where candles were not properly extinguished and it caught the box and tree on fire. That caused sprinkler alarms to activate as it should, she said, the tree ignited in less than a minute causing an estimated \$15,000 in damage.

Sanchez said that if a crime is in progress to call 911, if not, to call the city's non-emergency number (626) 744-4241.

Orchestra to Perform Beethoven

The internationally acclaimed Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra will present an all-Beethoven concert in the Scott Pavilion at the Pasadena Senior Center,

The orchestra will perform Beethoven's Piano Sonata in A Major, Op. 22; Sonata for French Horn and Piano in F Major, Op. 17; and Sonata for Piano and Violin in G Major, Op. 30/3.

Under the direction of Music Director Martin Haselböck, Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra is regarded as Southern California's premier Baroque ensemble and presents wide-ranging programs encompassing music from the early Baroque Era (1600 to 1750) through the early Classical Era (1750 to 1820). Founded in 1993, the orchestra collaborates with leading performing arts institutions including Los Angeles Opera, Long Beach Opera, J. Paul Getty Museum, Norton Simon Museum and Los Angeles Master Chorale. The orchestra also has performed and recorded in Europe.

Tickets are only \$5 for members of the Pasadena Senior Center. The first 30 members who register in advance at the Welcome Desk will be admitted for free. Non-members are welcome to attend as well for the general admission price of \$40.

The event talks place Friday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. the Pasadena Senior Center is located at 85 E. Holly St.

Reservations may be made at the Pasadena Senior Center Welcome Desk before Jan. 13. For more information visit www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

Pasadena Visitor Hotline to Open

With large crowds coming to Pasadena for both the Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl Game, a toll-free "Visitor Hotline" at (877) 793-9911 operated by the Pasadena Convention and Visitors Bureau, visitpasadena.com, will open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., starting Tuesday, Dec. 29 through Thursday, Dec. 31; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, plus 8 a.m. to Noon, Saturday, Jan. 2.

Famed Culinary School to Close Pasadena Campus

By Dean Lee

Le Cordon Bleu, the prestigious cooking school, best known as Pasadena native Julia Child's Alma Mater announced Thursday they are closing all 16 U.S. campuses in September and will stop enrolling students Jan. 4—including the Pasadena campus on Colorado Blvd.

"New federal regulations make it difficult to project the future for career schools that have higher operating costs, such as culinary schools that require expensive commercial kitchens and ongoing food costs," said Career Education Corp. President Todd Nelson, in a statement. Career Education Corp. runs and owns the schools. Closing the schools will not affect Le Cordon Bleu schools overseas he said, the first of which opened in Paris in 1895.

According to reports, 1,200 students attended the Pasadena

campus last year. Career Education Corp. is looking for an interested buyer to possibly take over running the schools.

New federal rules would now limit a student's loan to 20 percent of a graduate's income after taxes for for-profit schools.

In a class-action lawsuit in 2008, students alleged that the majority of the school's graduates make less than \$22,500 a year after attending a school with a tuition cost of \$20,000 to \$40,000.

The school has been criticized for its high tuition rates.

Students currently enrolled, or those enrolled by January, will be able to finish out their programs the school announced on their website.

Closing the schools, including Pasadena, Sacramento, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle among others, could cost as high as \$64 million according to reports.



Free Christmas Tree Recycling

Residents can end the holiday on a green note by recycling their Christmas trees through free, convenient curbside pickup and drop-off recycling services offered by the Pasadena Department of Public Works.

Residents can drop off their trees for recycling from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 26, 2015, through Monday, Jan. 4, 2016, at the following locations:

Eaton Blanche Park, 3100 E. Del Mar Blvd., parking lot on Millicent Way

Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave., parking lot on Morton Street

Pasadena's solid waste customers can place their Christmas trees at the curbside for pickup on their regularly scheduled collection days and routes beginning Monday, Jan. 4, 2016, through Friday, Jan. 15, 2016.

No matter which recycling option you choose, remember that stands, ornaments and lights must be removed from trees. Flocked and fire retardant trees are OK, but no artificial trees will be accepted.

Visit www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks or call (626) 744-7311 for more information.

Christmas Dinner at the Pasadena Senior Center

Ho, ho, ho! The Scott Pavilion at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., will be beautifully decorated and overflowing with holiday spirit during the annual Christmas dinner party Friday, Dec. 25.

Doors will open at 11 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., Theater of Vision will present an entertaining variety show titled "Christmas with Champagne." At noon a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served, and Santa and the elves will stop by with a gift for each guest.

Prepaid reservations must

be made at the Welcome Desk no later than Monday, Dec. 21. The cost is only \$10 for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and \$12 for non-members of all ages.

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

Founded in 1960, the Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that offers recreational, educational, wellness and social services to people ages 50 and over in a friendly environment. Services are also provided for frail, low-income and homebound seniors.

The Masters Series at the Pasadena Senior Center

The winter term of The Masters Series, which embraces lifelong learning, is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 12 to March 3 at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

The Masters Series is open to members and non-members of the Pasadena Senior Center.

2016 U.S. Elections and the World – Tuesdays, led by Dr. Larry Caldwell, professor of politics, Occidental College, and Dr. Caroline Heldman, associate professor of politics, Occidental College. With the world changing rapidly in light of Syria, ISIS, Russia's assertiveness, China and more, and so much information bombarding the public by the media, class participants will improve their filters for political facts, dig deeper into the world of global and U.S. politics and explore America's growing dissatisfaction with

the election process, 2016 presidential candidates and other related issues.

Understanding Constitutional Issues – Thursdays, led by Dr. Alison Dundes Rentein, professor of political science, anthropology and public policy, University of Southern California. Participants will explore current controversies in law and public policy and learn about various constitutional issues facing U.S. courts and American society.

Sign up for individual talks at \$10 each, a Tuesday or Thursday series for \$60 or the complete series for \$120. For information about registration or to be placed on The Masters Series mailing list, contact Pam Kaye at 626-685-6756 or pamk@pasadenaseniorcenter.org. The Masters Series spring term, which will focus on string virtuosos, stars of the swing era and other musical topics, will begin March 22.

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CITY OF ARCADIA RECREATION AND PARKS MASTER PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND SURVEY!

City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department seeks resident input on park facilities and recreation program as part of its community outreach effort for a new recreation and parks master plan. The intent of the master plan is to develop a tool which can provide direction and planning for an achievable, fiscally responsible and environmentally sustainable recreation and parks system in Arcadia. The final document will be used to direct future park and facility improvements as well as meet future trends and community needs for Arcadia's recreation and leisure services programs and activities over the next 20 years.

On Wednesday, January 20, 2016 from 6-8pm, a Public Workshop will be held at the Arcadia Police Department's Community Room, 250 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007.

One of the ways the city is assessing community needs, suggestions, and priorities is through a community survey. The survey is available both online and in paper form. Residents can pick up the paper survey form at the Arcadia Community Center Recreation Office or go online to complete and submit the survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArcadiaParksRecNeeds.

You can also access the survey link through the city's web site at www.ci.arcadia.ca.us by clicking on Recreation & Community Services under the "City Departments" heading on the homepage. Residents can also check the master plan status and get information on how to submit ideas and comments. The survey is still available and should be completed as soon as possible. For more information call the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626-574-5113.

About the City of Arcadia

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

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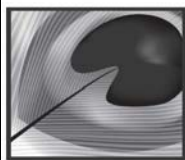
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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, December 6th, through Saturday, December 12th, the Police Department responded to 995 calls for service of which 121 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, December 6:

Just before 1:17 a.m., an officer initiated contact with a subject trying to flag down vehicles in the area of Baldwin Avenue and Arboretum Way. Upon contacting the 37-year-old male from Arcadia, the officer noticed symptoms of alcohol intoxication and determined the suspect was unable to care for himself. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 2:48 a.m., an officer responded to the area of Baldwin Avenue and Duarte Road regarding a male subject writing graffiti on a traffic signal control box. The officer located the suspect who admitted to committing the crime. The 21-year-old male from El Monte was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, December 7:

At about 12:35 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the intersection of Golden West Avenue and Arcadia Avenue for having expired registration. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 29-year-old female from South El Monte had never been issued a license. She was cited and released in the field. Her vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

At approximately 10:37 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a package theft report. An investigation revealed an unknown male suspect using the name "Ren Chun Tian" signed for the delivery of the victim's packages and fled with her property. The reported loss is more than \$1,500.00 in clothing and makeup. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Tuesday, December 8:

Around 11:28 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 000 block of West Santa Anita Avenue regarding a fraud report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect charged \$118.14 to the victim's Verizon account without her permission. The victim does not know how the suspect obtained her personal information.

Just after 3:17 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a petty theft report. A loss prevention specialist witnessed the suspect conceal numerous items in her stroller before exiting the store, failing to make payment. The 37-year-old female from Alhambra was cited and released in the field.

Wednesday, December 9:

Shortly after 12:02 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of Cortez Road regarding a package theft report. An investigation revealed the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - Altadena Station located the victim's property while servicing a search warrant at a residence in Altadena. The 22-year-old male resident was arrested by the Sheriff's

Department.

At about 7:50 p.m., an officer responded to a hit and run traffic collision that occurred in the parking lot of the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue. The officer discovered Party-1 collided with Party-2's rear bumper while trying to park or back up. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Thursday, December 10:

At approximately 1:09 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1900 block of Tulip Lane regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed two suspects forcibly entered the home in an attempt to burglarize the location, however once the suspects located the residents, one of the suspects repeatedly struck the 54-year-old male victim in the head with an unknown object. Arcadia Fire transported the victim to Huntington Memorial Hospital for treatment. The investigation is ongoing.

Around 5:25 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 900 block of Paloma Drive regarding a burglary that had just occurred. The officer discovered a 43-year-old male from Temple City had entered the victim's residence through an unlocked door and asked her for the keys to her vehicle. Fearing for her safety, the victim complied and the suspect fled in her vehicle. The suspect was arrested on Friday, December 11th by Monrovia Police Department.

Friday, December 11:

At about 1:03 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of Diamond Street regarding a petty theft report. The officer determined an unknown suspect stole the victim's unlocked bicycles from his patio sometime during the previous night. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Just after 3:04 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a battery report that occurred two days prior at Arcadia High School, 180 Campus Drive. An investigation revealed the juvenile male suspect slapped and punched the victim in the face after losing a basketball game.

The suspect is described as an Asian male, 14 to 15-years-old, 5'7" tall, and approximately 140 pounds. The investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, December 12:

Just after 10:36 a.m., an officer responded to the 2600 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect broke the passenger window of the vehicle and stole a gym bag. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At approximately 11:34 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Colorado Street and Baldwin Avenue 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 27-year-old male from Pasadena, knowingly placed the forged sticker on his vehicle. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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For more information, please call 626.574.5440 or visit the website at <http://museum.ci.arcadia.ca.us>. The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed 12-1). Admission is

always free.

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 and beautiful neighborhoods, Arcadia is also defined as the "Community of Homes" and has twice been designated the "Best City in California in which to Raise Kids" by Business Week Magazine.

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Grand Theft Auto December 14 at 7:17 a.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 800 block of West Walnut. The victim started the vehicle and left it running and unattended for a few minutes. When he came back to the vehicle, it was gone. The investigation is continuing.

Vehicle Burglary December 15 at 6:38 a.m., an officer responded to the report of a vehicle burglary in the 1300 block of South Alta Vista. An unknown suspect entered the secured apartment complex and went to the carport area. The suspect shattered a window to gain entry to the vehicle, but nothing was taken. The investigation is continuing.

Theft of Mail December 15 at 12:41 p.m., an incident of mail theft was reported in the 1200 block of South Alta Vista. The suspect is seen on video approaching mailboxes. He is seen removing an object from his pocket, possibly a key, and opening multiple mailboxes. The suspect then removes mail from the boxes and sets it on the ground. He then picks up the large pile of mail and leaves the location. The investigation is continuing.

Traffic Stop/Warrants - Suspects Arrested December 15 at 9:58 p.m., officers were on patrol in the 800 block of West Colorado and noticed a vehicle traveling towards them without lights during the evening hours. The officers made a traffic stop and contacted two subjects in the vehicle. A computer check revealed both subjects had outstanding warrants for their arrest. The subjects were arrested and held pending their court appearances.

Found Property December 16 at 1:37 a.m., while on routine patrol in the 200 block of West Colorado, an officer noticed a subject crossing the street near Colorado and Magnolia. Due to the time and cold weather, it seemed suspicious for someone to be out walking. The officer circled the block and found a subject exiting the alley of the 300 block of West Colorado. The officer recognized the subject from previous contacts. Once the subject was released, the officer drove down the alley and located a suitcase containing over 50 vintage TV and radio electrical tubes and a competitive ping pong paddle. No victims were located and the investigation is continuing.

Vehicle Burglary December 16 at 7:12 a.m. a vehicle burglary was reported in the 1800 block of South Peck Road. The victim parked his vehicle overnight in his

assigned parking space in his complex carport. When the victim returned to his vehicle, he found the shell of his truck had been pried open and his tools were missing. Security video showed two suspects enter the parking area in a Chrysler minivan. The suspects got out and one appeared to be talking on the phone, while the other suspect pried open the shell of the truck. Both suspects then took tools out of the truck bed, put them into the van and drove away. The investigation is continuing.

Mental Evaluation December 16 at 2:15 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of West Duarte Road to check the welfare of a subject. The subject was involved in a vandalism earlier in the day. He called a friend and told the friend he wanted to hang himself because he knew he was going to go to jail for the vandalism. When the officers contacted the subject, he had a knife and a rope and told officers he wanted to hang himself. As the officers approached, the suspect tried to run. An officer attempted to stop him and they fell against a wall. The suspect hit his face on the wall and the officer sustained a contusion on his left forearm and strained his neck. The suspect broke away from the officers and, again, attempted to get away, but the officers subdued the subject and he was taken into custody without further incident. The suspect was taken to a hospital and held for mental evaluation.

Petty Theft December 16 at 8:40 p.m., a petty theft was reported in the 800 block of Oceanview Avenue. Two UPS packages were stolen off the porch of a residence. A neighbor saw the theft, but failed to report it to the police. The suspect is described as a male, wearing a grey hoodie over his head. The suspect vehicle is an early 2000, white Ford F250, possibly a diesel, with large tires and tinted windows. The investigation is continuing.

Felony Vandalisms December 16 at 8:41, a vandalism was reported in the 300 block of North Encinitas Avenue. The window on the victim's vehicle had been shattered by an unknown object. As officers investigated the area, they located several other vehicles that had been vandalized and police received additional calls reporting vehicle vandalisms that sustained identical damage, possibly caused by a BB gun. The Investigation is continuing.

Vehicle Burglary December 16 at 9:57 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a business parking lot in the 800 block of West Huntington. The victim parked and locked her vehicle in the parking lot and went into a restaurant for dinner. When she returned to her vehicle, she found the rear window shattered and a wrapped Christmas gift was stolen from the backseat. The investigation is continuing.

ALERT

Starting this weekend, December 19-20, Los Angeles County Metro (Metro) will start running trains on the Foothill Gold Line during the daytime hours between the Sierra Madre Villa and APU/Citrus College Stations, as they continue to "burn in" the new Kinkisharyo 3010 vehicles. As you likely know, Metro has been running trains in the late afternoon/evening hours since taking possession of the Foothill Gold Line on September 24. With this change, trains will be running throughout the day and night - Sunday through Thursday - starting this weekend.

Metro has also let us know that starting mid to late-January, they will begin Pre-Revenue Operations. Pre-Revenue Operations is the final phase of work before passenger service begins, and during this period trains operate on their future schedule. Metro plans to run Foothill Gold Line

trains at 12-minute headways (the time between trains) during the morning and afternoon peak periods; less often during the off-peak periods.

Through all of this, Metro will continue to place their Ambassadors at the different street crossings to educate the community on how to stay safe. They will continue to have Ambassadors along the corridor until several months after passenger service begins on March 5, 2016 (77 days from now).

As trains begin to operate at higher frequency through the Foothill Gold Line communities, always remember the following:

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The Pasadena Unified School District's (PUSD) annual Open Enrollment for the 2016-2017 academic year begins Jan. 12, 2016 with the general online application process. To assist families in making decisions and navigating the Open Enrollment process, PUSD has scheduled informational sessions Friday, December 11, 2015 and Saturday, January 9, 2016.

The annual Open Enrollment process offers families an opportunity to apply for award-winning schools and signature programs throughout the district. While every child living within PUSD boundaries is guaranteed placement in their neighborhood school, through Open Enrollment children can attend a different campus that offers specialized programs such as dual language immersion in Spanish and Mandarin, International Baccalaureate, STEM, visual and performing arts, high school college and career academies, and much more.

The online application period for the first lottery of the 2016-2017 Open Enrollment is Jan. 12 through Feb. 2, 2016. Notifications will be made by March, with registration occurring shortly thereafter. A second lottery and registration for any remaining spots will take place in April.

For a schedule of school tours, information about PUSD schools and 2016-2017 Open Enrollment go to www.openenrollment.info.

The Next Open Enrollment Information Session, Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016, 9 a.m. Villa Parke Community Center, 363 E. Villa St., Pasadena


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THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show IN THE HEART OF THE SEA REVIEW

The trailers for this film looked promising and, while I have not read 'Moby Dick', the trailer was enough to inspire me to read it when I can. The movie looked well cast, well directed, and with enough action to fill its two hour run time. 'In the Heart of the Sea' looked to be an exciting historical piece about the men who survived Moby Dick.

Herman Melville (Ben Whishaw) is looking to find out the truth about the disaster of the Essex. He is able to track down Tom Nickerson (Brendan Gleeson) and convinces him to tell the story. The tale that Nickerson tells is one of how the final journey of Essex bonded a group of men through storms, whaling, and an attack from a monster unlike any they have ever seen.

'In the Heart of the Sea' has a very slow beginning and, once it picks up (signaled by them boarding the whaling ship), it becomes a very hard movie to sit through. Between stupid decisions made by characters, visceral whale hunting, and disturbing acts committed solely to survive, the rest of the two-hour runtime is intense. However, that does not mean that it is not an important movie. This film highlights a dark part of human history, one that is important to observe so that we do not repeat our actions in the future. While 'In the Heart of the Sea' may not be an entirely enjoyable experience, it has many good moments and is worthy of being seen for the history lesson alone.

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SAFE CHRISTMAS FOR CATS & CANINES

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



Christmas is coming, and folks are busy preparing for the big day. Besides the usual shopping & wrapping rush, there are decorations to dawn and party plans to be made. With all the excitement it is easy to forget about safety precautions to protect pets from holiday harm. It may sound silly to think Christmas could cause concerns for a kitty or canine's safety, but there are a few things you can do to ensure your four legged friends are kept out of harm's way during the holiday. The ASPCA offers this neat list of tips for a safe and happy holiday season for you and your precious pets.

Be Careful with Seasonal Plants and Decorations
Oh Christmas Tree: Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will prevent the tree water-which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset-from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria, and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.

Avoid Mistletoe & Holly: Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.

Tinsel-less Town: Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.

That Holiday Glow: Don't leave lighted candles unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders, placed on a stable surface. And if you leave the room, put the candle out!

Wired Up: Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth and digestive tract.

Avoid Holiday Food Dangers

Skip the Sweets: By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with Xylitol, but do you know the length to which an enterprising pet will go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.

Leave the Leftovers: Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the fun festivities in other ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.

Careful with Cocktails: If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak and ill, and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.

Selecting Special Treats: Looking to stuff for your pet's stockings? Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible. Kongs that can be stuffed with healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible. Long, stringy things are a feline's dream, but the most risky toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery. Surprise kitty with a new ball that's too big to swallow, a stuffed catnip toy or the interactive cat dancer.

Plan a Pet-Safe Holiday Gathering

House Rules: If your animal-loving guests would like to give your pets a little extra attention and exercise while you're busy tending to the party, ask them to feel free to start a nice play or petting session.

Put the Meds Away: Make sure all of your medications are locked behind secure doors, and be sure to tell your guests to keep their meds zipped up and packed away too.

New Year's Noise: As you count down to the new year, please keep in mind that strings of thrown confetti can get lodged in a cat's intestines, if ingested, perhaps necessitating surgery. Noisy poppers can terrify pets and cause possible damage to sensitive ears. And remember that many pets are also scared of fireworks, so be sure to secure them in a safe, escape-proof area as midnight approaches.

Enjoy the holidays and don't forget to hug your kitties and canines; tell them you love them and thank them for all they do for you throughout the year!

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PET OF THE WEEK: STEWART: ANIMAL ID #A4901249

Love comes in all shapes, sizes, and ages! Meet Edwin (A4901249), an adoring 10-year-old tan (with some white and black) male Chihuahua mix who was found as a stray in San Gabriel on November 30th and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing only 7 lbs, Edwin is a heartbreaker with his huge ears and soulful eyes. He relishes human companionship, and will crawl into your lap if you let him. He seems fine with other dogs; but his main interest really is in people, and we think he would be happy to get all of the attention in his new home. Edwin will be a wonderful companion for anyone seeking a well-mannered and affectionate dog. To watch a video of Edwin please visit the following link: <https://youtu.be/hBAiVdL7H2Q>



To meet Edwin in person, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Edwin, please reference his animal ID number: A4901249. 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 Edwin 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, 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/>.

LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND?

Who loves Santa? Elsa is a 1-year-old Staffordshire mix pup who came to the shelter in October of this year after being scooped up by the shelter's humane officer from the streets of Rosemead. This pretty petite "blue" Staffy girl has the silliest pair of half-way-up-ears to match her silly and outgoing personality. Weighing about 44 pounds, Elsa is certain she can fit in any lap and be carried like a baby no matter the size of the lap or the arms. But what she loves more than being cuddled is to be out-and-about living her puppy life to the fullest. She loved being the center of attention happily dressed up in her red Christmas outfit for her holiday photos!



Elsa definitely embodies all the fun, energy, and goofiness a Disney princess would have...and then some! Being a one-year-old pup, she has a lot of wiggly and bouncy energy to share with her human companions on walks, runs, hikes, and anything active that can keep her entertained. She is also a pretty smart girl who is quickly learning her basic commands and would benefit from living in an active environment with additional training and consistent exercise.

If you would like to give this lively little princess a fairy tale ending for the holidays, please consider adopting Elsa and provide her with the forever loving home she so deserves!

Her adoption fee is \$145 and includes spay surgery,

vaccinations, microchip and a free wellness exam at a participating veterinarian.

Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information on Elsa. If you are interested in meeting Elsa or any of the other wonderful pets at the shelter, visit the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society at 851 E. Grand Ave., San Gabriel, Calif., 91776, Tuesday through Sunday from 10:30am to 4:30pm. See our website at www.sgvhumane.org for information and photos of all our wonderful pets.

Shelter supporters are encouraged to visit the website to read the amazing story of Hoppy told by his rescuer in his blog. This three-legged Chihuahua now has a

second chance for a happy life after a terrible accident left him alone and helpless trying to survive on the busy city streets.

To celebrate the '25 Days of Xmas', all cats are available for the special adoption fee of \$25 that includes spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchip, and a free wellness exam at a participating veterinarian.

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 stop by the shelter or do so through PayPal. Go to the shelter website at sgvhumane.org for more information.



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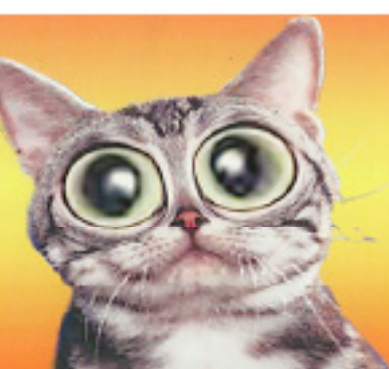
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3. Gear and accessories. Every yogi needs their own mat! I recommend a quality Manduka mat. They are not cheap, but last forever and give the extra firm padding needed for our knees and wrists. Less expensive mats such as a Jade or Tapas mat work well too, but may need to be replaced sooner. Other props such as a Bolster and blocks are extremely helpful and almost essential to a home practice. Don't forget the meditation cushion, or 'zafu', to allow that perfect lift for a comfortable seated position.
4. Devotional accompaniments. Typically, a student of yoga has a space at home for practice or meditation. A set of mala beads, or prayer beads, is a very special gift. A deity

to place on an altar, or dresser is a lovely gift too. Any deity, whether it be a statue of Ganesha or Mother Mary can make the space sacred. To complete the space, a special candle is perfect. Yoga Madre carries Breathe In Candles, which are handmade organic soy blend candles. They are infused with Reiki healing energy and make the perfect gift for yogis and non-yogis alike.

5. Books and Journals. There is not enough space in this article for all the recommended book titles! Light on Yoga and Light on Life by B.K.S. Iyengar are essentials. The Secret of the Yoga Sutra by Pandit Rajmani Tigunait is a very inspiring book. Every yogi (and person for that matter) needs a journal to note insights and intentions for the year ahead.

My very first yoga mat was a gift from someone at Christmas. At the time, I had not yet taken a yoga class. Just a month or two later, I was inspired to attend my first class with using that same mat. It was my mat for the next few years. My set of prayer beads, same thing, a gift, I use them each day.

Happy gift giving this season! Yoga Madre has many great gifts including quality Manduka mats and lovely Breathe In candles. See you in class very soon!

Namaste, Keely Totten

ACUPUNCTURE AND FOOT PAIN

WHAT IS FOOT PAIN?

The foot is one of the most complex parts of the body. It consists of 38 bones connected by numerous joints, muscles, tendons and ligaments, and is susceptible to many stresses. As a result, foot and ankle problems are a common reason for visits to a doctor's office (4.8 million office visits a year, according to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons). Foot problems may be caused by pain, inflammation or injury, thereby limiting a person's range of motion (and in some cases, a person's quality of life).

Foot pain is caused by a variety of conditions, most often improper foot function or poor posture. In fact, the most common reason for people to have foot problems is a condition called abnormal pronation, in which the foot does not strike and/or leave the ground as it is supposed to. However, several other factors can cause (or lead to) foot pain. Footwear can worsen and, in some cases, produce foot problems. Shoes that are too tight, for instance, can increase pressure and stress, while shoes that are too loose can let the foot slide and rub, creating friction. Overuse and exercise-related problems can also cause foot pain.

Who suffers from foot pain?

Nearly everyone suffers from some form of foot

pain during their lifetime. The condition is most prevalent in infants and newborns just learning to walk, and people over age 50. Women who wear high-heeled shoes are also more susceptible to foot pain, as are athletes who either do not warm up their feet prior to exercise, or who use improper foot techniques while exercising.

What can acupuncture do?

Studies have shown acupuncture to be effective in relieving certain types of foot pain. A study published in the journal Acupuncture in Medicine in 1996 found acupuncture to be effective in relieving otherwise unresponsive chronic foot pain. A 1999 study, meanwhile, found that electrical stimulation of acupoints on the feet could increase blood flow to the foot and lower leg. There have also been anecdotal reports of individual acupuncturists using different techniques to relieve pain associated with the ankle, heel, and ball of the foot.

As with any other form of care, however, remember that not all patients will respond to all forms of treatment. Make sure to discuss the situation thoroughly with your acupuncturist before undergoing treatment for foot pain.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



HOW TO RAISE RESPONSIBLE KIDS - PART 3

In part 3 of this series, I'm focusing on how to raise kids who are responsible when it comes to relationships.

I defined "responsible" in part 1 of this series as "able to be trusted to do what is right." And just like with money (see part 2), in order to trust our children to do what is right in relationships, we need to trust ourselves in that area first.

It's no secret our children are sponges, absorbing everything they see us do.

So the first question we need to answer is, are we modeling responsible behavior in our own relationships? Here's a good exercise to help you see where you may be making less than the best

relationship decisions:

- Look at where you might be blaming other people for your circumstances, rather than taking 100% responsibility for your choices.
- Look at where you may be trying to control people and events that are not within your personal sphere of control.
- Look at where you are gossiping (even inadvertently), avoiding hard conversations, or simply not communicating at all and then making the other party responsible for your pain.
- Look at where you are failing to set boundaries but then lashing out if and when they are crossed.

These are just some of the ways our children may be picking up irresponsible relationship habits. If any of them ring true for you (as they did for me), the good news is that we now have the opportunity to "grow up" these parts of ourselves that were likely not parented properly when we were kids (because our parents didn't know how to do it better than they did) so we can break the pattern in our own children, raising them to be trusted to do what is right in relationships.

After a child's other parent, our ultimate relationship resides with our child and deserves the utmost attention and care. By giving it that attention and care we have the opportunity to stop generations of wounding instead of passing it down and perpetuating pain in our family line.

Our path toward that goal is to see every behavior our children exhibit as a reflection of our own interior. After all, our children often mirror the parts of ourselves we cannot see.

While many parents try to "fix" their kids (with therapy, drugs, wilderness programs, behavior modification, punishment and rewards), if we truly want to raise responsible kids, we must be open to the possibility that when our child behaves in a way we do not like, it's not only - or perhaps even primarily - the child who needs fixing, it's us.

Now, this is not to say that a child may not need therapy or treatment, especially if he or she has been through trauma, but if we only try to fix the child, we've missed a true opportunity for the inner growth being a parent makes possible for us.

And, if we do not focus on being responsible in our own relationships first, we will likely never fully trust our children to do what is right in their relationships because we haven't done the work necessary to trust ourselves.

Bottom line: If you want to raise kids who are responsible when it comes to relationships, start with yourself. Look at where you are not being 100% responsible with your own relationships and then put in the effort to make positive changes.

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HELPING AN AGING PARENT WITH THEIR FINANCES

Dear Savvy Senior

Can you offer any tips on helping an elderly parent with their finances? My 82-year-old mother is having some trouble keeping up with her bills, and I just found out that she has been making a lot of small contributions to suspicious charities.

Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned,
Millions of adult children today serve as financial helpers to their elderly or ill parents or other loved ones. They provide services like paying bills, handling deposits and investments, filing insurance claims, preparing taxes and more. Here are some tips and resources that can help you help your mom.

Have a Talk

Taking on some or all of the financial responsibility of an elderly parent or other loved one can sometimes be awkward and difficult.

The first step in helping your mom is to have a thoughtful and respectful talk with her, expressing your concerns, and offering your help in simplifying her financial life. If you have siblings, it can be a good idea to get them involved too. This can help you head off any possible hard feelings, plus, with others involved, your mom will know everyone is concerned.

Get Organized

If your mom is willing to let you help manage her financial affairs your first order of business is to get organized by making a list of her financial accounts, and locate her important legal documents. This will help you get a handle on her overall financial situation and let you know if any key documents are missing. Your list should include her:

Monthly bills: Phone, cable, water and trash, gas, electric, credit card accounts, etc.

Financial accounts: Including bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, safe-deposit boxes and any other financial assets she has.

Company benefits: Any retirement plans, pensions or health benefits from your current or former employer.

Insurance policies: Life, home, auto, long-term care, Medicare, etc.

Important legal documents: A will, advanced medical directive which includes a living will and health-care proxy, and durable power of attorney which gives one or more people the legal authority to handle her finances if she becomes incapacitated. Make sure these documents are prepared.

Taxes: Copies of your mom's income tax returns over the



past few years.

Contact list: Names and phone numbers of key contacts like insurance agents, financial advisor, tax preparer, family attorney, etc.

Seek Advice

If your mom has considerable assets or a complex financial situation, you and your mom should sit down with her financial advisor or attorney to review her situation. If she doesn't have anyone, consider hiring a reputable fee-only financial planner who can help you figure things out and put a smart plan in place. Fee-only planners do not earn commissions by selling you financial products. They charge only for their services, which can be around \$150 to \$300 an hour. To locate one in your area, visit napfa.org or garrettplanningnetwork.com.

Simplify Financial Tasks

One of the easiest ways to simplify your mom's monthly financial chores is to set up automatic payments for her utilities and other routine bills, and arrange for direct deposit of her income sources. You can also make arrangements to have her bank statements mailed directly to you, so you can monitor what's coming in and going out each month. Or, you could set up your mom's online banking service (if available), so you can pay bills and monitor her account anytime.

For more tips on financial caregiving, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau offers four guides on "Managing Someone Else's Money" that you can read online at consumerfinance.gov/blog/managing-someone-elses-money.

If you need some help or live far away, you may want to consider hiring a daily money manager (aadm.com, 877-326-5991) who can come in once or twice a month to pay bills, make deposits, decipher health insurance statements and balance her checkbook. Costs range between \$50 and \$150 per hour.

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

KATIE Tse.....This and That



LOST IN TRANSLATION

I am, in many ways, a closet old person. I can't say that since I'm older now, the younger generation annoys me. Even when I was the younger generation I still felt old on the inside. One of the few ways in which I'm slowly, unwillingly, adapting to modern living is through use of the smart phone --or, as I sometimes call mine, the dumb phone.

But as time goes by I make baby steps along the continuum of technological progress. With my phone I'm able to access email and the internet. And if it's an exceptionally good day and the planets are all aligned, I might even be able to use the GPS feature to navigate unfamiliar territory --like Old Town Pasadena. Aside from that, I often use my phone for texting.

My parents sometimes tease me about my tendency to text rather than call people. "Gosh!" they say as I fire off a series of messages to my husband or friends. "Wouldn't it be easier just to call them?" "But it's not an emergency," I reply. "This way they can read it at their leisure and respond to it when they feel like it." "Aren't you meeting them for lunch in half an hour? Doesn't sound like much leisure time to me!" Despite their protests, my texting usually turns out okay. That is, unless I've failed to actually check who it is I'm sending the texts to!

Last week was a real doozy as far as texting was concerned. I met one of my friends for lunch (we'll call her Sandy), and of course all our pre-lunch correspondence was by text. The day after our lunch, Sandy texted that she had grapefruits and lemons for me. Meanwhile, one of my other friends (we'll call her Tina) texted me that her father was not doing well. At some point during all this I texted Sandy "How's your dad doing?" It was late at night so I realized before Sandy responded that I had mistakenly texted her instead of Tina.

"I'm so sorry, Sandy!" I wrote, "My friend's dad isn't doing well and I texted you on accident. But I hope your dad is doing well! Have a great weekend!"

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"And God said, 'Let there be light' and there was light."

The Sierra Madre "Candlelight Walk" is a holiday island within that great Season of Celebration. Whether in the spring of life or the winter of reflection the candlelight procession will awaken the spirit of emotion in the charitable birth of a child.

The Candlelight Walk is held each Christmas season to celebrate the journey Joseph and Mary made to Bethlehem where Jesus was born over 2,000 years ago. With "Mary and Joseph" leading the way, the procession will begin at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Sierra Madre, accompanied by participants holding candles and singing traditional Christmas carols. The procession will end at Kersting Court in the center of town where the Christmas story will be read from the Scriptures.

The event begins at St. Rita traveling down Baldwin to Kersting Court. It is recommended to arrive at 6:45p.m., as the walk will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...December Birthdays*

Pat Karamitros, Joan Hufnagel, Mary Alice Cervera, Carol Horejsi, Shirley Anhalt, Mignon Grijalva, Helen Reese, Levon Yapoujian, Toni Buckner, Lottie Bugl, Pat McGuire, Sheila Wohler, Nan Murphy, Eleanor Hensel, Sylvia Curl, Elizabeth Levie, Gayle Licher, Cindy Barran, and Melissa Stute.

*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.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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Originally dubbed “the devils wine” because the bubbles tended to explode in the thin bottles, champagne has long been the choice (well, my choice) to celebrate special occasions for as long as I can remember. January 1st is National Champagne Day, and for good reason - more bubbles will be served from December 24th to January 1st than any other time of the year. Remembering that only grapes from the region of Champagne, France can be so-titled, our last review for the year celebrates bubbles from Champagne: Mumm Cordon Rouge Brut. This is a non-vintage winner - just like many blends I have written about from California, some of the best champagnes I’ve had are non-vintage. The wine maker has access to over 500 acres of grapes, and the Reims area of Champagne produces great juice year after year. The Mumm name is rivaled only by the House of Moët for champagne dominance. Though you might see me at the local market picking up a bottle of Veuve Cliquot, for \$10 less I can hardly notice the difference.

Of course, this is not a beverage I would recommend drinking on a regular basis, but for a very lasting

memory of a great occasion, this champagne will surely create it! Many of you expressed the need for me to keep the prices down in this article - trust me I hear you loud and clear - but for a celebration I do like this champagne. The Cordon Rouge has a wonderful depth of flavor, though some say a little too sweet (I disagree).





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On the Marquee: Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

FIRING THE IMAGINATION ONE SANTA AT A TIME

By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano

Last week I wrote about how most of us in the theater were once those little kids with powerful imaginations and a yearning to live in that place of wonder, and this week I have been confronted with it in my own child. My son is ten – many of you have met him at the theater as he often tags along with me. He is a sweet, funny, loving, and exceedingly bright kid who prefers encyclopedias over fiction, endlessly curious about the facts of being in the world and how it works, and yet he still believes in Santa Claus. He was aided in this by my partner, a Christmas baby himself, who still professes to believe in Santa and all that Santa represents. We tread lightly around my son’s doubts – when he asks me, I tell him that I believe in the spirit of Santa. My partner and I had many

years and whom he describes as one in a legion of helpers that the “real” Santa employs) said some encouraging things about some challenges my son has faced this year. My son was impressed that he knew about them and pleased at the kind words. As he left, he turned to my partner and said: “Dad, I want to be like you – I want to believe in Santa all my life.” And so there it is.

Like all parents, I want all the best for my son. But as a man of the theater I hope that includes a powerful imagination. A willingness to throw himself head long into it – to indulge it, and follow it wherever it leads. As a man of the theater I know that it will serve him well in whatever profession he ends up in, that an imagination will take him down unknown paths and will reveal things to him that his encyclopedias never will.



“Sheldon (Queenie) under the Christmas Memory tree” photo by Gina Long.

discussions about Santa as we were preparing to be fathers. I was more ambivalent, but my spouse was adamant that we would foster the belief in Santa until our child decided for himself how we as a family would relate to the Man in Red. We had a family crisis yesterday when, at my son’s school the kids in his class presented their persuasive essays and the final one was Why Santa Doesn’t Exist. It created some serious anguish and upset for both my son and partner and lead to long discussions about Christmas and believing and how we choose to be the people we are. We took him for his annual photo and the Santa at the mall (whom my son has seen for the last several

It has for me.
* * *
A Christmas Memory is sold out this weekend and we only have a few tickets left for the days around the holiday. It has definitely struck a chord with those who have seen it. I’m so happy that we’ve been able to share it with you. A Christmas Memory runs through the holidays to December 27. And Deathtrap is selling briskly – it opens January 15 and runs through February 20. I’ll share some of the publicity pictures next week. Please visit our website at SierraMadrePlayhouse.org or call Mary at 626.355.4318 to arrange your purchase.



SEAN’S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: SPOTLIGHT

By Sean Kayden

Writer/director Tom McCarthy’s “Spotlight” is the true story of how the Boston Globe exposed the colossal scandal of child molestation and cover-up within the local Catholic Archdiocese, which ultimately shook up the entire Catholic Church to its core. In 2001, editor Marty Baron (Live Schreiber) of the Boston Globe assigns a team of journalists from the “Spotlight” division of the paper to investigate accusations against John Geoghan, a dismissed priest suspected of molesting more than 80 boys. Led by editor Walter “Robby” Robinson (Michael Keaton), journalists Michael Rezendes (Mark Ruffalo), Matt Carroll (Brian d’Arcy James) and Sacha Pfeiffer (Rachel McAdams) interview victims and try to unseal complex documents. The reporters make it their utmost duty to deliver evidence of a cover-up of sexual abuse within the Roman Catholic Church.

“Spotlight” is a solid picture as it shows how this team of journalists was utterly relentless on digging up the truth. As far as storytelling goes, the movie has a clear goal and goes through the motions in reaching it. It balances between a detective story and a newsroom drama. In regards to character development, there’s not a lot going on with the individual lives of the film’s principal characters. There’s some chatter about Marty Baron (Live Schreiber’s role) coming in as the new editor of the paper, but nothing of any real importance concerning the main plotline. Then again, this isn’t a character driven story, but plot driven. When the victims have an opportunity to tell their accounts to the reporters of what had happened to them, its

significantly affecting. In fact, their retellings give “Spotlight” a strong emotional core.

“Spotlight” is kind of like rolling out a huge carpet, eventually it will be all laid out for you. It’s incredibly informative as it is consistently throwing out names

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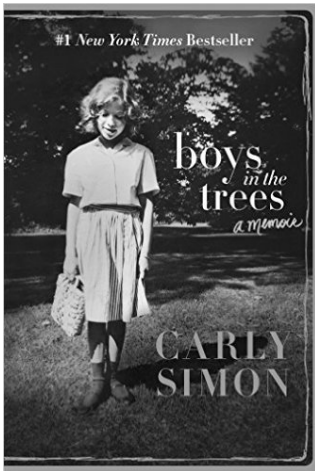
of priests and victims to the audience. “Spotlight” is deeply absorbing coming from a script written by McCarthy and is co-writer, Josh Singer. The entire story is insightful and expressive every step of the way. With a terrific ensemble cast, “Spotlight” delivers great writing and acting. However, the film is unwavering with its pacing and revealing new information. The momentum builds very slowly as “Spotlight” is on a steady course throughout its duration. After the journalists acquire different bits and pieces from an array of sources as well sensitive court documents, the “story” is finally unveiled (published in the paper). It was a laborious journey for the journalists to reach the end, but the unraveling of this scandal is an important one in US history and “Spotlight” is now an important film as well.

Grade: 4 out of 5

Jeff’s Book Pics By Jeff Brown

Healing and Awakening the Heart: Animal Wisdom for Humans by Laurie A Moore (Author), Kathy Glass (Editor), Josephine Wall (Illustrator), Bentinho Massaro (Preface)

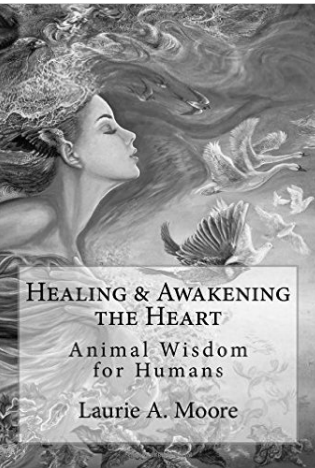
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Run” from the movie Working Girl. The memoir recalls a childhood enriched by music and culture, but also one shrouded in secrets that would eventually tear her family apart. Simon brilliantly captures moments of creative inspiration, the sparks of songs, and the stories behind writing “Anticipation” and “We Have No Secrets” among many others. Romantic entanglements with some of the most famous men of the day fueled her confessional lyrics, as well as the unraveling of her storybook marriage to James Taylor.

The Silkworm (A Cormoran Strike Novel) by Robert Galbraith (A.K.A. J.K.Rowling)

Private investigator Cormoran Strike returns in a new mystery from Robert Galbraith, author of the #1 international bestseller The Cuckoo’s Calling. When novelist Owen Quine goes missing, his wife calls in private detective Cormoran



Strike. At first, Mrs. Quine just thinks her husband has gone off by himself for a few days--as he has done before--and she wants Strike to find him and bring him home. But as Strike investigates, it becomes clear that there is more to Quine’s disappearance than his wife realizes. The novelist has just completed a manuscript featuring poisonous pen-portraits of almost everyone he knows. If the novel were to be published, it would ruin lives--meaning that there are a lot of people who might want him silenced. When Quine is found brutally murdered under bizarre circumstances, it becomes

a race against time to understand the motivation of a ruthless killer, a killer unlike any Strike has encountered before... The Silkworm is the second in the highly acclaimed series. .All of the above from Amazon .com

Jeff’s History Corner By Jeff Brown

- 1.Christmas has its roots in pagan festivals such as Saturnalia (December 17-December 23), the Kalends (January 1 -5, the precursor to the Twelve Days of Christmas), and Deus Sol Invictus or Birthday of the Unconquerable Sun (December 25). The Christian church heartily disapproved of such celebrations and co-opted the pagans by declaring December 25 (in 350 A.D. by Pope Julius I, bishop of Rome) as Christ’s day of birth, though there is no evidence Christ was born on that day.
- 2.Evergreens (from the Old English word aefie meaning “always” and gowan meaning “to grow”) have been symbols of eternal life and rebirth since ancient times. The pagan use and worship of evergreen boughs and trees has evolved into the Christianized Christmas tree.
- 3.The traditional three colors of Christmas are green, red, and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth; red symbolizes the blood of Christ, and gold represents light as well as wealth and royalty.
- 4.Ancient peoples, such as the Druids, considered mistletoe sacred because it remains green and bears fruit during the winter when all other plants appear to die. Druids would cut the plant with golden sickles and never let it touch the ground. They thought it had the power to cure infertility and nervous diseases and to ward off evil. Mistletoe’s associations with fertility and vitality continued through the Middle Ages, and by the 18th century it had become widely incorporated into Christmas celebrations. As the legend goes, Balder was killed by an evil spirit with an arrow made of mistletoe. Saddened by her son’s death, Frigga wept tears of white berries, which brought Balder back to life. Frigga was so overjoyed that she blessed the plant and promised a kiss to all who passed beneath it. The kissing tradition appears to have first caught on among servants in England before spreading to the middle classes. As part of the early custom, men were allowed to steal a kiss from

any woman caught standing under the mistletoe, and refusing was viewed as bad luck. Yet another tradition instructed the merry-makers to pluck a single berry from the mistletoe with each kiss, and to stop smooching once they were all gone.

5.Santa Claus is based on a real person, St. Nikolas of Myra (also known as Nikolaos the Wonderworker, Bishop Saint Nicholas of Smyrna, and Nikolaos of Bari), who lived during the fourth century. Born in Patara (in modern-day Turkey), he is the world’s most popular non-Biblical saint, and artists have portrayed him more often than any other saint except Mary. St. Nikolas had a reputation for secret gift-giving, such as putting coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him, a practice celebrated on his feast day (6 December in the Gregorian calendar, in Western Christianity; 19 December in the Julian calendar, in Eastern Christianity);[38] and thus became the model for Santa Claus, whose modern name comes from the Dutch Sinterklaas, itself from a series of elisions and corruptions of the transliteration of “Saint Nikolaos”.

6.Christmas stockings allegedly evolved from three sisters who were too poor to afford a marriage dowry and were, therefore, doomed to a life of prostitution. They were saved, however, when the wealthy Bishop Saint Nicholas of Smyrna (the precursor to Santa Claus) crept down their chimney and generously filled their stockings with gold coins.

7.The earliest known Christmas tree decorations were apples. At Christmastime, medieval actors would use apples to decorate paradise trees (usually fir trees) during “Paradise Plays,” which were plays depicting Adam and Eve’s creation and fall.

8.Christmas is a contraction of “Christ’s Mass,” which is derived from the Old English Cristes mæsse (first recorded in 1038). The letter “X” in Greek is the first letter of Christ, and “Xmas” has been used as an abbreviation for Christmas since the mid 1500s. The above from facts.randomhistory.com

Looking Up
with Bob Eklund

NASA'S FERMI SATELLITE KICKS OFF A BLAZAR-DETECTING BONANZA

A long time ago in a galaxy half the universe away, a flood of high-energy gamma rays began its journey to Earth. When they arrived in April, NASA's Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope caught the outburst, which helped two ground-based gamma-ray observatories detect some of the highest-energy light ever seen from a galaxy so distant. The observations provide a surprising look into the environment near a super-massive black hole at the galaxy's center, and offer a glimpse into the state of the cosmos 7 billion years ago.

"When we looked at all the data from this event, from gamma rays to radio, we realized the measurements told us something we didn't expect about how the black hole produced this energy," said Jonathan Biteau at the Nuclear Physics Institute of Orsay, France. He led the study of results from the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS), a gamma-ray telescope in Arizona.

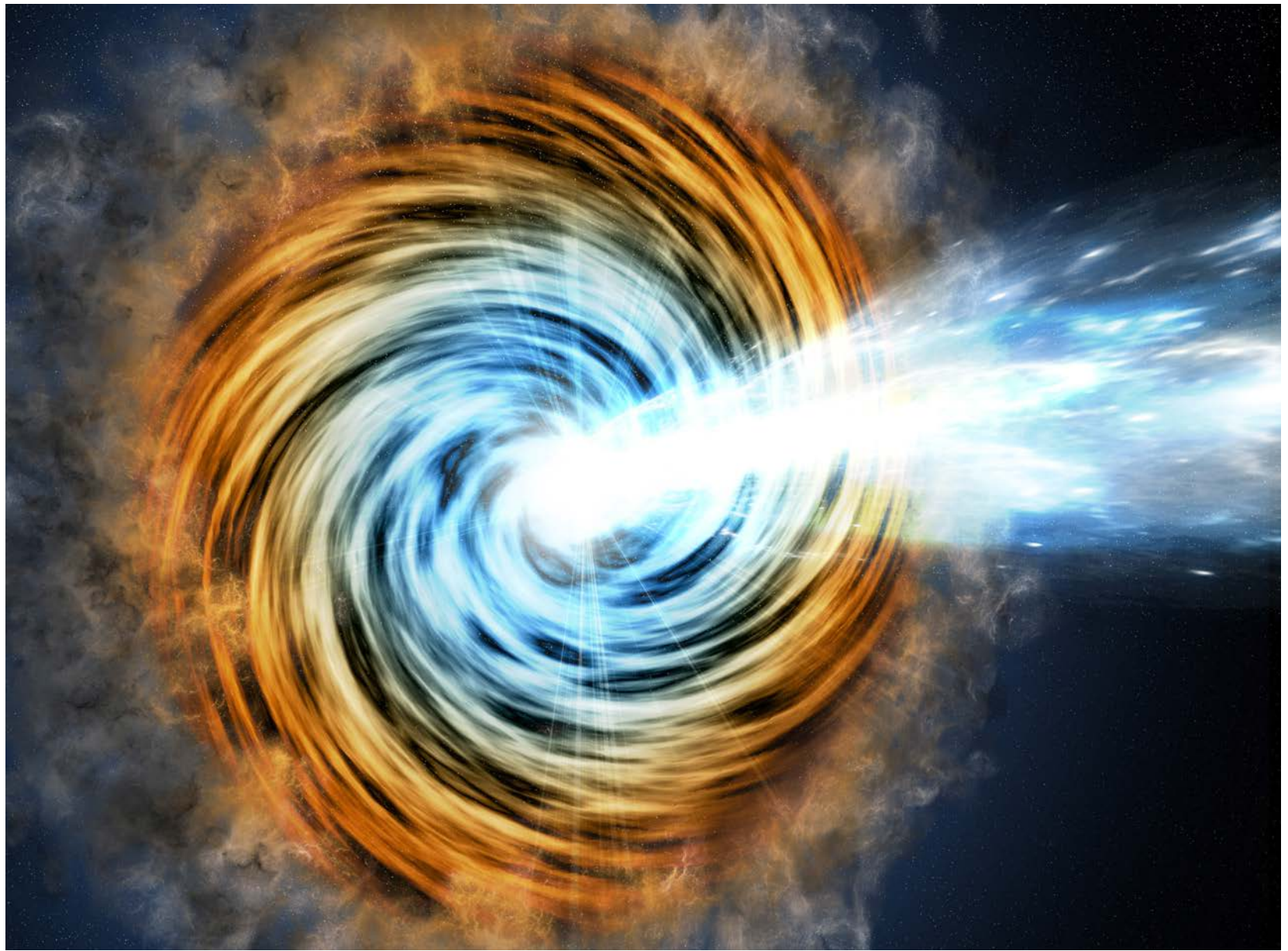
Astronomers had assumed that light at different energies came from regions at different distances from the black hole. Gamma rays, the highest-energy form of light, were thought to be produced closest to the black hole.

"Instead, the multi-wavelength picture suggests that light at all wavelengths came from a single region located far away from the power source," Biteau explained. The observations place the area roughly five light-years from the black hole, which is greater than the distance between our Sun and the nearest star.

The gamma rays came from a galaxy known as PKS 1441+25, a type of active galaxy called a blazar. Located toward the constellation Boötes, the galaxy is so far away its light takes 7.6 billion years to reach us. At its heart lies a monster black hole with a mass estimated at 70 million times the Sun's.

As material in the disk falls toward the black hole, some of it forms dual particle jets that blast out of the disk in opposite directions at nearly the speed of light. Blazars are so bright in gamma rays because one jet points almost directly toward us, giving astronomers a view straight into the black hole's dynamic and poorly understood realm.

In April, PKS 1441+25 underwent a major eruption. Luigi Pacciani at the Italian National Institute for Astrophysics in Rome was leading a project to catch blazar flares in their earliest stages in collaboration with the Major Atmospheric Gamma-ray Imaging Cerenkov experiment (MAGIC), located on La Palma in the Canary



Islands. Using public Fermi data, Pacciani discovered the outburst and immediately alerted the astronomical community. Fermi's Large Area Telescope revealed gamma rays up to 33 billion electron volts (GeV), reaching into the highest-energy part of the instrument's detection range. For comparison, visible light has energies between about 2 and 3 electron volts.

Following up on the Fermi alert, the MAGIC

team turned to the blazar and detected gamma rays with energies ranging from 40 to 250 GeV. "Because this galaxy is so far away, we didn't have a strong expectation of detecting gamma rays with energies this high," said Josefa Becerra Gonzalez, a researcher at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. "There are fewer and fewer gamma rays at progressively higher energies, and fewer still from very distant sources."

The reason distance matters for gamma rays is that they convert into particles when they collide with lower-energy light. When a gamma ray encounters starlight, it transforms into an electron and a positron and is lost to astronomers. The farther away the blazar is, the less likely its highest-energy gamma rays will survive to be detected.

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

SEEKING THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

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Overhearing conversations at Bean Town and on Baldwin, I've heard much about the Scrooge of "political correctness" descending upon the Spirit of Christmas. There is also animated conversation about those who see great danger to our republic by the singing of "Merry Christmas" want to remove even the "Christ" from "Christmas" lest the church become irretrievably intertwined with the state.

I have even heard from the deeply-religious Christians of Sierra Madre, wringing their hands about the assaults on religious freedom from judges and school administrators. They argue that the separation of church and state was primarily intended to keep the government out of religious. Nowhere in our Constitution does it forbid us from publicly proclaiming our religious views – whatever they may be.

So how should we regard these most recent politically-correct assaults against Christmas?

When I was in my early teens, I became aware of a fact that I was not taught in Catholic school. Jesus – in whose honor all this furor supposedly revolves – was a Jewish rabbi who lectured in the Synagogue and kept the traditional Jewish Holy Days of his time. We know the date of Jesus' birthday is not known to historians, and was certainly not December 25.

Using ordinary encyclopedias and the library, I began to uncover a side of Christmas that I never knew existed. To my amazement, in Jesus' day, as he was celebrating the Jewish Holy Days, the known world was commemorating nearly every Holy Day that Christianity celebrates today, but under a different name. Holy Days of Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Saint Valentine's Day, Candlemas, and more, were all being commemorated in the Roman empire. Though they were commemorated under different names, the customs associated with each are still with us.

By the Third Century as Christianity was becoming a religious and political force, Constantine made a political choice to cement his Christian empire. Since there was resistance to dropping the old so-called pagan customs, Constantine "Christianized" the entire gamut of pre-Christian Holy Days and changed their names. (This is, obviously, the very short 25-cent version – you can read the long version in your encyclopedia.)

By the way, "pagan" in its origin had no religious overtones. It merely meant a country-dweller, from the Latin "pagus." The complaint that the pagans in their observation of their Holy Days were riotous and drunken was only partly right. History clearly demonstrates that among the "pagani" there was no more or less drunken revelry than there was among those now calling themselves Christians.

As it was in the past, so it is today.

So when I hear about the sound and fury that we must keep Christ in Christmas, I have to remember

how Christ got into Christmas in the first place. Though December 25 is not the winter solstice, it is the day when someone observing the sunrises notes that the sun begins again its northern ascent back from that southernmost point of the horizon that it reached on the winter solstice. It is the birth of the sun that that pagans celebrated, which Constantine made the birth of the Son.

My first childhood reaction to learning of this "pagan history" of Christmas led to my disenchantment and depression. A few years later when I became a Buddhist, I was surprised to learn that my Buddhist friends celebrated Christmas. "It's a social and secular holiday too," they told me. "It's part of the popular culture," as they all had their warm parties and exchanged gifts in their eagerness to be a part of American culture. That opened my eyes to another side of this.

Gradually, with this and other experiences, I came to grips with the reality of this time, and the ancient symbols surrounding it.

The season and its myriad symbols are ancient, yet it is still up to each of us to use these symbols, and this time, for a spiritual leap-forward, and not as an excuse to grovel in materialism. Gifting, for example, can be a mindless act, or it can be a true communion between two beings. And gifting doesn't have to be a physical object. It can be a service, some act of love, or even walking someone's dog or cooking a meal when they have the need. That's the sort of gifting that I love to do with my closest friends.

The evergreens, the trees, the wreaths, the lights, all good symbols of spiritual renewal and eternal spiritual life. That's what they're there to remind us of.

Santa Claus is a latter day addition to the winter solstice time. Saint Nicholas was a real Catholic Bishop from Asia Minor who gave gifts to newlyweds around the Christmas season. The bland comic-book appearance of the modern "Santa Claus" has made him acceptable to today's PCers as the "big man" of the winter solstice.

The Christmas season's ancient symbols are intended to remind us that even at our darkest moment, there is hope for us finding the light again. That is why solstices were commemorated in the first place. So in the Christian tradition, it was Jesus born in Bethlehem, who we barely understand, whose life demonstrated that there is a way to live, a way that each of us should follow, that can lead us out of our spiritual darkness. That is why we commemorate the birth of Jesus at this time.

Could it be that the secular PC scrooges are really concerned that Christmas has, in fact, simply descended into a shopfest and drinkfest, where we're all so crowded into the malls and onto the freeways that there's no opportunity to think about the real, inner meaning of Christmas? Each year, the newscasters report whether or not we had a good sales in the Christmas season. Is that the point of Christmas?

If, in fact, Christmas for the majority has simply become a festival of spending, then what harm is there in removing "Christ" from all this shameless materialism? If, on the other hand, we want to renew and rejuvenate our own flagging spiritual selves at this time, then keeping the "Christ" in Christmas is something worth fighting for.

REP. ADAM SCHIFF ANNOUNCES MAJOR FUNDING INCREASE FOR WEST COAST EARTHQUAKE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM OF \$8.2 MILLION

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Adam Schiff (D-Burbank, CA) announced that Congress has included \$8.2 million in the FY 2016 funding bill specifically designated for a West Coast Earthquake Early Warning System. The \$8.2 million is a substantial increase over what the President requested in his budget and is a great victory for California and the West Coast. Congress included funds allocated for the system in a spending bill for the first time last year at \$5 million.

The Earthquake Early Warning System is currently being developed by Caltech, UC-Berkeley, the University of Washington, and the University of Oregon in conjunction with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). It can provide users with seconds to even a minute or more of warning before shaking hits, depending on the distance to the epicenter. A limited system already been deployed for test users has proved that the early warning technology is sound. It will cost an estimated \$38.2 million to build out a full system for the west coast, with annual operating and maintenance costs of \$16.1 million.

"By increasing the funding for the West Coast Earthquake Early Warning System, Congress is sending a message to the western states that it supports this life saving system. But the federal government cannot do it alone and will need local stakeholders, both public and private, to get behind the effort with their own resources," said Rep. Adam Schiff. "This year, Congress allocated an additional eight million dollars, a very substantial sum in these budget constrained times, and I thank Chairman Calvert for his support. The Early Warning System will give us critical time for trains to be slowed and surgeries to be stopped before shaking hits – saving lives and protecting infrastructure. This Early Warning

System is an investment we need to make now, not after the 'big one' hits."

Earlier this year, Schiff led a group of 35 Members of Congress – primarily from California, Washington, and Oregon – to request that the Appropriations Committee fund an Earthquake Early Warning System for the West Coast. The final FY16 budget funds the Early Warning System at a higher level than the \$5 million originally included in the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill. The funding level in the FY16 budget also exceeds the President's \$5 million budget request earlier this year. Senator Feinstein, Rep. Schiff and 35 other Members of Congress sent a letter to the President last October, asking him to include funding for the West Coast Early Warning System for FY2016.

In December 2014, Congress passed a funding bill for FY2015 which included an additional \$5 million specifically for the Earthquake Early Warning System, bringing the total funding for the system for FY2015 to \$6.5 million. This was the first time Congress included funds specifically allocated for the system in a spending bill. That \$5 million in funding allowed those developing the statewide system to begin purchasing and installing additional sensors, build new stations, speed up the ShakeAlert system, and come closer to deploying comprehensive early earthquake warning coverage throughout earthquake prone regions of the West Coast.

The explanatory language for the funding bill reads:

Natural Hazards.-Funding for the Natural Hazards program includes \$60,503,000 for earthquake hazards, of which \$8,200,000 is provided to transition the earthquake early warning demonstration project into an operational capability for the West Coast.

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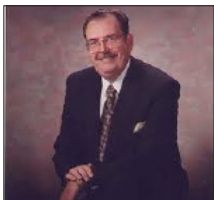
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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

THE CHRISTMASIFICATION OF OUR HOME

Our home, like every other home this time of year, bears the decorations of the Christmas season. This is all thanks to the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. My assigned role in the whole Christmas affair was to keep out of her way. And, out of her way, I kept.

Consequently, our house is full of the glitter and tinsel of the season with Christmas music playing in the background. In the very center of all of this holiday collage, sits our Christmas tree begging for Christmas gifts. Every once in a while I catch it casting a wishful look in my direction. I pretend not to notice. After all, I'm not Santa Claus.

One afternoon I was in the house by myself and had a strange feeling something was missing. Walking around and looking at all the unique decorations I just could not put my finger on it, but something was absent. I know what a thorough job my wife does with this sort of thing, and so I was not about to approach her with my query.

The more I pondered this, the more perplexing it became. Then it hit me. There definitely was something missing in our Christmas ornamentation. The answer came to me when I was rehearsing in my mind the old poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Somewhere in the beginning of that poem are these words, "The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;" I quickly looked around and discovered no stockings were hung by the chimney with care.

The first problem I faced was, we had no chimney. I assure you, this was not a major setback with me in my quest. Once I set my mind to something, I will not stop until it is finished.

Not far from the Christmas tree was a shelf upon which were arranged various Christmas knickknacks and decorations. This, in my opinion, would be a wonderful place to hang our Christmas stockings.

One other problem I had; I could not find any Christmas stockings. This would not in any way hinder my progress. I love a challenge and do my best when the odds are stacked against me.

Looking for something to improvise, which is something my wife is quite famous for, I happened to notice I was wearing socks. Voilà. Without a moments hesitation I took off my shoes, pulled off my socks and hung them on the bookshelf with care in hopes that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would notice them there.

We may not have a glowing fireplace in our living room, but a warm, glowing feeling of satisfaction was stirring up inside me. I love Christmas.

I almost forgot the situation when a few hours later my wife came home from her Christmas shopping. I was in my easy chair reading Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." I always read this book this time of the year. Sure, I enjoy the movie adaptations,

but nothing is like getting back to the real thing. A Christmas without reading "A Christmas Carol," is no Christmas in my thinking.

I was engaged with Ebenezer Scrooges' "Humbug," when I heard a cry of alarm coming from our living room. "What in the world stinks in here?"

This shows very plainly the difference between men and women. Women are always finding things that stink. My wife's nose is so delicate she can differentiate between a thousand different smells and identify the source to each and every one.

I think she has some kind of smell-phobia, which has, as far as I know, no cure. And believe me, I have looked. Living with someone allergic to stink is a real hardship.

"Did something in this house die while I was away?"

I did fall asleep and was dead to the world for about 25 minutes. I rather doubt this was the cause of the snoot full of stink she was currently experiencing. Being the dutiful husband I am, I immediately ran to her rescue.

"Something in this house stinks awfully bad."

I just looked at her not knowing what to do or say at the time. Then her attention was drawn to the stockings hung with care. "What in the world are these?" she demanded.

With a St. Francis of Assisi smile on my face, I explained to her what I had done while she was away. "Take those filthy socks outside and burn them." Then, much to my consternation, and despite the coolness of the outside weather, all the windows and doors were opened for three days to get what she called "the stink," out of our house. Her fumigation was not in complete harmony with what I considered the holiday spirit.

Even my malodorous socks cannot diminish what Christmas is all about. After burning my socks I turned to the promise in the Old Testament, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14 KJV). All the way to the New Testament and the fulfillment of that promise. "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Matthew 1:23 KJV).

Jesus is the Christmasification of every home. Apart from him, Christmas is just an empty holiday.

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LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"So you are okay with the deaths of thousands of innocent children and civilians?"

- Questioner Hugh Hewitt, at the Las Vegas Republican debate

"You got it. You got it."

- Presidential candidate Dr. Ben Carson, in response to Hewitt

Right-wing radio talker Hugh Hewitt had a like-minded audience, but they booed his question. For them, it came as buzz-kill while candidates tried outdoing each other with ramped-up warmongering about carpet bombing (Sen. Ted Cruz), risking WWII by shooting down Russian planes (Gov. Chris Christie) and lethal targeting of the families of terrorists (Donald Trump).

I managed to catch the re-play of the Republican debate on CNN. It was held at Las Vegas' Venetian Hotel and Casino, owned by mega-donor Sheldon Adelson. Not only does Adelson buy politicians, with some \$100 million sunk in the GOP race so far (though his \$20 million investment in Newt Gingrich four years ago didn't really pan out), now he's put \$140 million into buying the Las Vegas Review-Journal - to help promote the politicians he owns.

Adelson had a front-row seat for the event, with one-on-one face-time having been arranged for participants seeking his largesse. Currently, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) appears the front-runner for his affections - though the debate might have changed that.

Hoping to eventually pick up supporters of Trump, whose campaign pundits predict to implode any day now (as they've been predicting since last June), Cruz went after Rubio, rather than front-runner Trump. He made Rubio answer for his having taken a position on immigration reform a couple of years ago that was dangerously close to being reasonable. Rubio, of course, had to deny any such accusation of reasonableness, and charged Cruz with having voted "no" on a bill cutting defense spending. It turned out to be a bill Rubio himself had skipped voting on, in order to campaign in New Hampshire.

The primary theme of the debate was being tough. It wasn't enough to call for banning all Syrian refugees, but to emphasize there would be no exception made for widows and orphans, as Christie did. Amid all the tough-guy talk, Carly Fiorina tried to be heard above the fray, calling for a chance to explain her own strategy for defeating ISIS. Then, when she did have the floor and the opportunity to detail her proposal, she explained that one could defeat ISIS, as well as deal with troublesome players like China, Russia and North Korea - if one were "tough".

There was Jeb Bush's charge that Trump's proposals weren't "serious". Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) mentioned that this targeting of innocent civilians might run counter to something called the Geneva Conventions. Paul also brought up the U.S. Constitution, in response to Trump's call for government censorship of the internet -

something Trump says he wants to "penetrate".

Carson seemed to have problems with analogies; comparing the infliction of mass civilian casualties to a surgical procedure which, despite the pain involved, is something everyone eventually agrees was worthwhile, anyway. He also continued to have problems with pronunciation. A couple weeks ago, speaking to the Republican Jewish Coalition, it was pronouncing Hamas as "hummus" - as in smashed chickpeas. At the debate he spoke of a "fox narrative", which, it took me a moment to realize, was intended to be a "faux narrative". He's been studying hard attempting to remain relevant, but apparently not really understanding what he's been studying.

The debate took place in the context of what Rubio described as a "mood of the country" in which "People are really scared and worried." Yes, but not necessarily about terrorism. According to a recent HuffPost/YouGov poll, when asked about "you or someone in your family" becoming a victim of terrorism, a majority of Americans worry either "not so much" or "not at all" about it. Becoming a victim of terrorism or gun violence is a top worry for 26% of Americans. A top worry for 41% is "Losing a job or having financial problems". (The poll noted some differences. Republicans are more worried about terrorism than gun violence; with Democrats, it's the opposite. 2% of white Americans list police brutality as a top fear, while 20% of black Americans do.)

All the talk of carpet bombing and a Muslim threat recalled another poll, this one from Gallup five years ago. The question was whether the targeting and killing of civilians by the military was justified "sometimes", "depends" or "never". 38% of American Protestants said it was "never" justified (58% "sometimes"). 39% of Catholics and 43% of American Jews said it was never justified for the military to target and kill civilians. Among American Muslims, the figure was 78%.

A related question was "is targeting and killing of civilians by individuals or small groups justified". 71% of Protestants and Catholics said never; with 75% of Jews agreeing. 89% of American Muslims said it was never justified.

As for risks, even figuring in the recent San Bernardino attacks, since 9/11 more Americans have died from right-wing extremist attacks than from violent jihadis. But however hard Republicans try to make us afraid, doubts of competency pretty much negate whatever credibility might be given their argument. The real fear seems to be coming from the Republican establishment; that the more dangerously clueless seem the more likely to prevail in this nominating process.

In endorsing Hillary Clinton, Warren Buffet said watching the debate brought to mind Abbott and Costello, and that "vaudeville was never this good". Clinton herself saw "7 Republican candidates who are totally unprepared to be commander-in-chief". Addressing Ted Cruz in particular, she remarked, "Promising to carpet bomb until the desert glows doesn't make you sound strong - it makes you sound like you're in over your head."

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: Summary of Ordinance No. 1371:

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 15-04, ESTABLISHING ORDINANCE 1371, AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 17.10 (MARIJUANA CULTIVATION AND MARIJUANA DISPENSARY)

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

On January 12, 2016, the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 1371, a Municipal Code Text Amendment (15-04), amending Title 17, Chapter 17.10 (Marijuana Cultivation and Marijuana Dispensary), establish local control measures prohibiting the growing of live plants, cultivation, testing, transporting, and distribution of cannabis and marijuana in all zones. The purpose of the Municipal Code Text Amendments is to further an objective of the City of Sierra Madre's 2007 Ordinance No. 1266, prohibiting in all zones medical marijuana dispensaries which involves the distribution of drugs or other substances which is illegal to distribute or possess under federal law. The proposed Ordinance complies with the requirements of Assembly Bills 266 and 243, and Senate Bill 243, each containing key provisions of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act.

At the meeting of December 3, 2015, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and recommended to the City Council the adoption of the proposed MCTA 15-04 and Ordinance 1371.

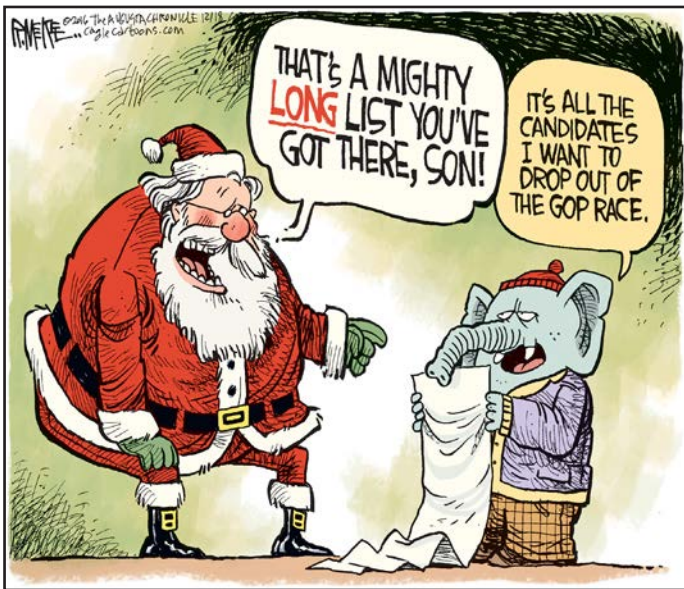
DATE AND TIME OF HEARING PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre City of Sierra Madre
City Council Meeting City Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 12, 2016 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
(Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.) Sierra Madre, CA

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION The Municipal Code Text Amendment is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review pursuant to Title 14, Section 1506 (b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

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.



MICHAEL Reagan Making Sense

WATCHING THE TUESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS



Maybe it was because it was held in Las Vegas, where so many great prizefights have been held.

But Tuesday night's Republican presidential debate was easily the best yet.

CNN and Wolf Blitzer did a good, fair-and-balanced job of staging and refereeing the nine-person fight card.

Most of the time was spent discussing substantive issues like foreign policy and national security, not throwing personal low blows.

No candidate was the clear winner. No one was the unanimous loser. No one dramatically moved up or down in the rankings.

A day later it's still No. 1 Donald Trump against everyone else (except his new pal, Ted Cruz).

The final debate of 2015 wasn't as informative as it should have been, but it was like watching three boxing matches in the same ring.

One minute it was Trump and Jeb Bush going toe-to-toe, with Jeb trash-talking Trump for his harsh words about Muslims and charging him with playing on the terrorism fears of Americans.

Trump in turn dismissed Jeb as a fading candidate who was resorting to calling him "unhinged" because "he has failed in this campaign. It's been a total disaster. Nobody cares."

It didn't make me happy to tweet it, but Trump did well. He played Trump - he always does - and held his own.

It might be too little too late for Jeb Bush, but he clearly had his best debate so far.

When he said, "Donald, you're not going to be able to insult your way to the presidency," he landed one of the most memorable punches of the night.

When Donald and Jeb weren't jabbing at one another, Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio fought in the main event to show who deserves to be ranked No. 2 behind Trump.

Cruz had Kid Rubio on the ropes a couple of times but couldn't knock him out. He questioned his conservative credentials and hit him hard for his pro-amnesty position on illegal immigrants and his poor judgment on national security matters.

Rubio counterpunched, accusing his fellow Cuban-American of being soft on national security.

Then Rand Paul, the former highly ranked contender in the faded libertarian trunks, jumped in to help Cruz.

Mocking Rubio for acting like he was Mr. Tough Guy on national defense, Paul said he was "the weakest of all the candidates on immigration."

The third fight of the night was the one Chris Christie had with someone who wasn't on stage - Hillary.

Christie took a shot at Cruz and Rubio for being rookie senators who have no executive experience and only know how to write laws and argue over their details.

But he spent most of his energy going after Hillary Clinton and President Obama for understating the threat from Islamic State terrorists and pursuing a reckless foreign policy in the Middle East.

Gentle Ben Carson didn't hurt or help himself in the debate. Neither did tough John Kasich. Neither did Carly Fiorina, who's never afraid to box with the boys. The GOP now goes into 2016 with about nine or 10 too many presidential candidates.

Until Republicans get that down to three or four, which won't happen until sometime after the Iowa caucus in February, we're not going to get an old-fashioned primary debate.

When we get a real debate, voters will quickly find out the strengths and weaknesses of the Republican candidates. Voters will also learn who's the most likable and most relatable - and therefore the most electable in November.

Tuesday's debate wasn't perfect. But the fights made it a lot more exciting than anything we're going to see next year.

In fact, it was so entertaining, my family and I actually turned it on and watched it again.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GOO PLUS MINI MARKET; GOO PLUS MINI MARKET, DELI, 23431 S. WESTERN AVE., TORRANCE, CA 90501.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ERICA LUNA, 22618 FIGUEROA ST. #1, CARSON, CA 90745.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **ERICA LUNA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/20/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-305280
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GOOD VIBES ONLY, LLC, 3142 CHARLEMAGNE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SHAE B. OLDS, 3142 CHARLEMAGNE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **SHAE B. OLDS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/03/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-300974
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HOMETOWN INN, PL 9401 SEPULVEDA BLVD., NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91607.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **GERALD WANG, 706 N 1st AVE., ARCADIA, CA 91006.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **GERALD WANG.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/30/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-300452
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HOKAH PARIS CAFE, 554 CARPENTER AVE., A CAFE PARIS HOKAH, 309 GLENDALE BLVD., L.A., CA 90026.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SANDRA SIMON, 877 E. E. REPETTO DR. APT B73, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754.** This Business is conducted by: **A MARRIED COUPLE.** Signed: **SANDRA SIMON.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/25/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-303246
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **J TRANSPORT, 5554 CARPENTER AVE. #102, N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91607.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JASHUA ALLEN SKALSKI, 5554 CARPENTER AVE. #102, N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91607.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **JOSHUA ALLEN SKALSKI.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/01/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-305792
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JJ GREASE COLLECTION, 8117 1/2 CALIFORNIA AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JASHUA ALLEN SKALSKI, 5554 CARPENTER AVE. #102, N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91607.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **JOSHUA ALLEN SKALSKI.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/01/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-297673
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JEDD APPAREL, 7127 WATCHEE ST., COMMERCE, CA 90040.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **AMERICA TAMAYO DE ESPARZA, 7127 WATCHEE ST., COMMERCE, CA 90040.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **AMERICA TAMAYO DE ESPARZA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/23/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-303316
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JNA VENDING, 16600 DOWNEY AVE., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JULIO ANDRADE, 16600 DOWNEY AVE. #11, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **JULIO ANDRADE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/01/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-299168
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KAETHE SALON, 11911 LAKEWOOD BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90241.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **VERONICA YOLANDA MARTINEZ, 11911 LAKEWOOD BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90241.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **VERONICA YOLANDA MARTINEZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/24/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-296052
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KENN'S A/C, 1003 S. GLENN ALAN AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91791.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **KENN'S A/C, 1003 S. GLENN ALAN AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91791.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION.** Signed: **KENNETH E. OWEN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/20/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-302954
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LAS CHAMBRAS, 5400 AVALON BLVD., CA 90011.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MARIA CRISTINA DE SANTOS, 5400 AVALON BLVD., L.A., CA 90011.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **MARIA CRISTINA DE SANTOS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/01/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-302335
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LIBERTY WALK USA, 11036 VENICE BLVD., CULVER CITY, CA 90232.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **KOITO, INC., 11036 VENICE BLVD., CULVER CITY, CA 90232.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION.** Signed: **CEO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/24/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-304077
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LNG GREEN CONSULTING, 1800 STATE ST. #59, SO PASADENA, CA 91060.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SIEW LAN NG, 1800 STATE ST. #59, SO PASADENA, CA 91060.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **SIEW LAN NG.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/02/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-303658
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LOZANO, TRANSPORT, 13142 VERBURA AVE. #102, N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91607.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **STEVEN ANDY LOZANO, 13152 VERDURA AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90242.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION.** Signed: **STEVEN ANDY LOZANO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/02/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-304162
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **M.H MINI MARKET, 3727 FIRESTONE BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MARICELA HERRERA, 4396 ORCHARD ST., MONTE, CA 91017.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **MARICELA HERRERA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/02/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-303972
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MATRIX CARPET CLEANING & AUTO CARE, 5238 FAIR VALLEY AVE., FAIR VALLEY, COVINA, CA 91722.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JOSE ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ RIVERA, 5238 N. FAIR VALLEY AVE., COVINA, CA 91722.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **JOSE ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ RIVERA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/02/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-302027
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MILANO STORE, 1031-B SANTEE ST., L.A., CA 90015.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **AZITA 1031-DGANTY, 1031-B SANTEE ST., L.A., CA 90015.** This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.** Signed: **AZITA DADGARIAN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/01/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-302406
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MOBILE REPAIR SERVICES, 1927 FIRESTONE BLVD. UNIT B, NORWALK, CA 90650.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **PHUOC QUANG NGUYEN, 10927 FIRESTONE BLVD. UNIT B, NORWALK, CA 90650.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **PHUOC QUANG NGUYEN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/01/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-303063
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **OENOPHILE CLUB, GOMTEY GOUR, 1111 CORPORATE CENTER DR, STE 301, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **PHUOC QUANG NGUYEN, 10927 FIRESTONE BLVD. UNIT B, NORWALK, CA 90650.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION.** Signed: **PHUOC QUANG NGUYEN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/01/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-303063
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ORCHID'S NAILS SPA, 1121 GARDEN AVE., DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SARAH QUYN TRIEU, 14382 RED HILL AVE., #11, TUSTIN, CA 92780.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION.** Signed: **SARAH QUYN TRIEU.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/25/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-295560
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **OUTER LIMITS TATTOO; OUTER LIMITS TATTOO AND PIERCING; KARI BARBAS OUTER LIMITS TATTOO; OUTER LIMITS, 22 S. CHESTNUT PL., LONG BEACH, CA 90802.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **INK EXPRESSIONS, S. CHESTNUT PL., LONG BEACH, CA 90802.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION.** Signed: **DEANNE KARI BARBA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/20/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/01/1983. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-302213
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PARCHMENT COFFEE, 425 S. MYRTLE AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91016.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MONTEY PARK, 425 S. MYRTLE AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91016.** This Business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** Signed: **JUN CHONG.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/25/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-304434
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PWS, 11105 WILMINGTON AVE., L.A., CA 90059.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROBERTO TEJEDA, 6771 HANNON ST. C. BELL GARDENS, #59, SO PASADENA, CA 91060.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION.** Signed: **ROBERTO TEJEDA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/02/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-304692
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **QUICK BITE; BURGER, BREAK TIME; DISNEY FAMOUS BURGER; HALAL BURGER, 10809 LINDEN PARKWAY, L.A., CA 90024.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **H & H GASOLINE, 1761 E. WASHINGTON BLVD., PASADENA, CA 91011.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION.** Signed: **OTIS TAYLOR, 10809 LINDEN PARKWAY, L.A., CA 90024.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/02/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-297132
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RAINBOW HEALTH CENTER, 3120 HACIENDA BLVD. #100, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **XIUQU CHEN, 1131 DO MONTE, EL MONTE, CA 91731.** This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.** Signed: **XIUQU CHEN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/23/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-299189
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SAL'S EAST COAST TUBE AND AUTO REPAIR, 565 S. GREENWOOD AVE. UNIT A, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SAL'S FAST LUBE LM, INC., 6030 FLORENCE AVE., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION.** Signed: **LEONEL MARQUEZ-GARCIA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/15/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-305050
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SEBK STUDIOS, 12149 CHESTERTON ST., NORWALK, CA 90650.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JAMES PAUL GARCIA, 12149 CHESTERTON ST., NORWALK, CA 90650.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION.** Signed: **STEPHANIE GOMEZ, 12149 CHESTERTON ST., NORWALK, CA 90650.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/03/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/01/2015. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-305790
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SEBK CONSULTING, 16702 LONGWORTH AVE., CERRITOS, CA 90703.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SEBK CONSULTING, 16702 LONGWORTH AVE., CERRITOS, CA 90703.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** Signed: **STEPHEN MICHAEL LEON.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/03/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-303254
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SUNWORKS TANNING L.L., 324 S. CENTRAL AVE., GLENDALE, CA 91204.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SUNNIVEY, INC., 234 S. CENTRAL AVE., GLENDALE, CA 91204.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION.** Signed: **HAMAJAK AZIZIAN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/01/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2015-303260
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SUNWORKS TANNING PASADENA; MEDITERRANEAN RED, 2300 E. COLORADO BLVD., PASADENA, CA 91107.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SUNNIVEY, INC., 234 S. CENTRAL AVE., GLENDALE, CA 91204.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION.** Signed: **HAMAJAK AZIZIAN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/01/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE. This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a

City of Sierra Madre

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: Summary of Urgency Ordinance No. 1373-U:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED URGENCY ORDINANCE 1373-U ESTABLISHING AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 17.93 (STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WIRELESS FACILITIES AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 36934 AND 36937

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

On December 8, 2015, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1373-U, an Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre, amending Chapter 17.93 ("Standards and Criteria for Wireless Communication Facilities") of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. Chapter 17.93 is amended to fulfill requirements of Assembly Bill 57 (AB 57) describing that a wireless facility colocation or siting application that is not acted on by the local jurisdiction in accordance with time periods and procedures established by Federal Communications Commission rulings and Government Code Section 65964.1 shall be deemed approved. The ordinance complies with the requirements of AB 57. Additionally, federal law establishes a similar requirement to review and act on applications for certain "minor" modifications to existing wireless facilities within 60 days. Under these laws, the City has 60 days to act on a "minor" collocation or modification application, 90 days to act on a "larger" collocation or modification application, and 150 days to act on a "new" facility application. This ordinance complies with the requirements of California Government Code Section 65964.1 and Section 6409 of the federal Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. The Ordinance was approved as an urgency ordinance



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