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SIERRA MADRE UTILITY USERS TAX ARGUMENTS AND ANALYSIS RELEASED

By Susan Henderson

When citizens of Sierra Madre go to the polls in April, in addition to selecting two council members, a city treasurer and a city clerk, there will also be a ballot measure to increase the existing Utility Users Tax in order to avoid a \$1 million budget shortfall. Previous attempts to pass similar measures have failed in the past, however this ballot measure is supported by the entire city council, a council which represents the city’s wide range of ideas on how the city should manage its finances.

After an extensive educational outreach effort to residents last year along with a quite successful effort to allow residents to scrutinize the city’s finances, operations and plans and come up with solutions to balancing the budget, the drive to put the UUT on the ballot in 2016 was driven by the public. As one normally “anti anykind of tax” resident put it, “I will support this measure but city government should be on notice that they have to step up and govern wisely”. His concern is that without prudent fiscal management, the city might have to come back to residents in a few years. “They need to get their priorities straight. We must protect our Fire, Police, Water and Public Works, Unnecessary spending has to stop!” He did express a concern that the increase was not 12%, an amount that many feel will better stabilize the city’s finances.

The office of the City Clerk released the official text of the Argument and Rebuttals for and against the measure along with the City Attorney’s Impartial Analysis. The contents are listed below:

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE UUT PREPARED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

Measure UUT is submitted to the voters by the Sierra Madre City Council to increase the current rate of the City’s Utility Users Tax and eliminate the existing “sunset” clause in order to generate and stabilize additional municipal revenues.

BACKGROUND

A utility users’ tax (UUT) is a tax levied on each user of a utility (e.g. telephone, electricity, gas, water, wastewater, solid waste disposal, cable or video services) within the City’s boundaries. UUT revenues are paid into the City’s general fund and used to fund city services and programs, including library and public safety services. The City’s Utility Users’ Tax has been in force since at least 1993. In 2008, the voters approved an incremental increase in the UUT from 6% to 12%; however pursuant to City Council action, the UUT collection rate never exceeded 10%. The 2008 UUT legislation also included a “sunset clause” to reduce the rate from 12% to 6% over time, decreasing the rate to 8% on July 1, 2015, and again decreasing it to 6% on July 1, 2016. The difference between a 10% UUT and a 6% UUT is approximately \$1,000,000 which means that at 6%, there will be approximately \$1,000,000 less revenues for general fund purposes, such as library and public safety.

Eliminating the “sunset” clause is proposed to stabilize general fund revenues.

A UUT Oversight Conunittee was formed pursuant to the 2008 voter approved UUT measure. The Committee has tasked with verifying that the additional UUT revenues generated from the 2008 UUT measure would be used to fund public safety services. The Citizen’s Oversight Conunittee has determined that the cost of providing public safety services exceeds the amount of UUT collected at 10%, thereby showing that the City uses the UUT to fund public safety services and that the service of the Citizen’s Oversight Conunittee has been fulfilled.

THE MEASURE.

Measure UUT WILL:

- Increase the existing 8% UUT tax to a maximum of 10% on July 1, 2015.

- Eliminate the “sunset clause” so that the UUT tax rate will be stabilized at 10%, subject to the City Council’s discretion to collect less than 10%.

- Modify the existing exemption to apply to very low-income households.

- Eliminate the citizen oversight conunittee as its role has been fulfilled.

Measure UUT WILL NOT:

- Tax access to the internet;
- Tax internet purchases and downloads, such as books, music, ringtones, games or similar digital products.

Measure UUT requires approval of a majority of voters. A “yes” vote for Measure UUT will approve the rate increase described above; a “no” vote will leave in place the City’s existing 6% Utility Users Tax Ordinance.

Teresa L. Highsmith
Sierra Madre City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure UUT. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measlll’e, please call the elections official’s office a(626) 355-7135 and at copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

EFFORT TO ABOLISH UUT SLATED FOR 2018 BALLOT

As reported in this paper last week, a signature drive that produced the required 191 signatures and qualified a ballot measure to eliminate any Utility Users Tax in Sierra Madre, went before the city council on Tuesday. The council, in accordance with the state elections code was given several options on how and when to put the measure before voters. The council unanimously chose to, pursuant to EC Section 1405(b), submit the ordinance, without alteration, to the voters at the General Municipal Election to be held April 10, 2018, and direct the City Clerk to cause publication of the entire text of the proposed ordinance in the sample ballot.

That measure is supported by the California Tax Limitation Committee.

NEW EFFORT TO SAVE SIERRA MADRE’S HISTORICAL LANDMARKS BEGINS



The Pinney House, one of Sierra Madre’s most coveted historical homes.
Photo MVNews Archives

Sierra Madre city government has initiated a new campaign to help homeowners of historical properties utilize the resources available to them under the Mills Act Program. The program was enacted as an economic incentive program in California for the restoration and preservation of qualified historic buildings by private property owners.

In Sierra Madre, historical preservation of private property is of great importance when trying to maintain the city’s history and village character.

Benefits include financial assistance with the cost of rehabilitation as long as the rehab efforts “occur prior to, or in conjunction with, the use of the Mills Act Contract and that it will not impair the architectural, historic or aesthetic integrity of the cultural resource substantial property.”

Home owners are also eligible for substantial tax savings between 40% and 60% as long as the property owner commits to rehabilitating and maintaining “the historical and architectural character of their properties according to an approved rehabilitation and maintenance plan”

The new brochure details the program including describing what qualifies as historic properties and how to participate in the program.

For more information, contact the City of Sierra Madre Planning & Community Preservation Department 232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard Sierra Madre, CA 91024 Phone: 626.355.7138

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE UUT

We respectfully ask that Sierra Madre’s citizens approve Measure UUT, which will set the Utility Users Tax (UUT) at 10% to maintain services that our citizens value and expect, and to keep Sierra Madre a full-service city with its own Police, Fire, Paramedics, and Library. Measure UUT merely provides a sufficient and stable revenue source to maintain the current level of services. The city is now running a deficit of \$529,000, which is 6% of expenditures. If Measure UUT is not approved, the deficit will increase to approximately \$1,000,000 next fiscal year. The deficit is caused by the sunset of the 10% UUT which was the tax rate from fiscal years 2009/2010 through 2013/2014. The lost revenue cannot be made up by increases in property tax, sales tax, or other revenue sources. Sierra Madre is now spending reserves that were built through prudent fiscal management and will soon be forced to make severe reductions that will devastate recreational and community service programs, dramatically reduce library hours, compromise maintenance of facilities, and could result in outsourcing of one or more departments such as Police, Paramedic or Library.

The City Council recognizes that our citizens demand the most value for their tax dollars and have successfully implemented cost-cutting initiatives since 2010 that have saved approximately \$2,000,000.

The choice is to set the UUT at a 10% rate to preserve our city as we know it, or face devastating cuts where one or more major departments could be outsourced, or public works, public safety and community services are significantly curtailed. If Measure UUT fails, the nature and character of this safe, self-sustaining village will change for the worse.

Only you can keep Sierra Madre the very special community that it is. PLEASE VOTE YES on Measure UUT.

John Capoccia, Mayor
Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tern
Denise Delmar, Councilmember
John Harabedian, Councilmember
Rachelle Arizmendi, Councilmember

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE UUT

The City council is attempting to increase the future UUT tax rate by 66 %. The rate is scheduled to be 6% effective July, 2016, and the City would like to raise the rate to 10%. The 66% increase equates to increased taxes of \$1,000,000 on a City which has a population of approximately 11,000 citizens. We agree that our City needs to improve financially. The way to make change is not through additional taxes, but through prudent spending. Government cannot continue to increase taxes through fear. The City needs to look at the parts of the budget where change will make a difference. For example, 47% of the City’s general fund budget is allocated to public safety. A proposal has been brought to the City by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department which will provide projected annual savings in excess of \$700,000. The proposal will not only save the City money, but will provide increased security and patrol hours. The City is attempting to raise taxes before consideration of savings in the public safety budget. Savings are available in other departments, but the City has not pursued.

Future tax increases needs to be restricted for a period of time with a defined purpose, or used for improvements to our infrastructure. Our first option should not be a permanent increase in taxes, with the revenue used for general operating expenses.

Change is difficult, we all do it in our personal lives, and our City needs to do the same. We do not need more taxes, our City needs to be fiscally responsible, and spend our money strategically.

Please VOTE NO ON MEASURE UUT. Let’s take a step back, and review our City budget, make the changes necessary, and retain Sierra Madre’s status as the crown jewel of the San Gabriel Valley.

Michael Amerio
Dave Mysza
Rick De La Mora



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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 26, 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 26, 2016 - 6:30 pm

The final agenda and staff reports will be available online no later than Friday night. Enter the date "00/00/0000" 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, January 18, 2016, 6:30PM
Community Services Commission Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 7:00PM
Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Commission Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2016, 7:00PM
Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 6:30PM
City Council Meeting

Thursday, January 27, 2016, 7:00PM
Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Planning & Community Preservation and Public Works
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TICKETS TO THE 46TH ANNUAL WINE AND
CUISINE TASTING BENEFIT ON SALE NOW

The event will be held on Friday evening, February 19, 2016, from 7:00-9:30pm at Alverno's historic Villa del Sol d'Oro, located at 200 N. Michillinda Avenue, Sierra Madre, and will be an elegant affair featuring more than two dozen vintners providing superb wines and local restaurants offering creative food and desserts.

Tickets to the premier event are \$80 and allow early admission at 6:00 pm. Those at the premier event will enjoy a variety of wines from Giesen Wines, New Zealand, and delectable hors d'oeuvres from local Pasadena restaurateur and award winning chef, Claud Beltran of Claud & Co. Catering, The Eatery, and Bacchus' Kitchen. A chance to win a very unique wine basket will be offered again this year. Tickets to the main event are \$60 and provide admission at 7:00 pm. Both will be on sale, beginning mid-December, at the Sierra Madre Public Library, The Bottle Shop, Savor the Flavor, and Arnold's Frontier Hardware & Gifts, as well as currently on line at <https://www.eventbrite.com>.

The Benefit is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to supporting our community Library. All funds received from this event support the Sierra Madre Library. For more information about the event or Friends of the Sierra Madre Library visit our website at www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org

IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO DESIGN
NEXT YEARS FLOAT.

This year's design contest will be held until Friday, February 5th 2016. While incoming Tournament of Roses President Brad Ratliff has not officially announced his 2017 Parade Theme, we do know that the theme is a take on his father's theme of the 1999 parade, "Echoes of the Century", and is reflection of our successes.

The 2017 theme will officially be unveiled on January 21, 2016 at the Tournament's annual installation meeting.

Brad Ratliff's Float Design Hint for the upcoming 2017 Tournament President is:

The 2017 Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game tells the story of how our character has developed through the selfless contributions of others and celebrates their inspirational gifts. Our successes are unique to each of us. Success is not gauged by the final score, not by how much wealth we accumulate and should not be weighed against the accomplishments of others. Success is measured by our own personal satisfaction in knowing that we achieved our utmost by doing our best.

Your daughter's first piano recital.

A Special Olympian crossing the finish line.

A wounded warrior's first steps.

All are examples of success.

But success cannot be achieved alone. We need the support and influences of others. Family, teachers, friends, organizations and coaches contribute to our success. Music, art and education further inspire our success. These echoes help make us who we are. America's New Year Celebration for 2017 celebrates those people and institutions that have been instrumental in helping each of us and in helping others achieve success. It's about the people and cultures that lend us a hand in reaching our destination.

So get your pencil to paper and submit a design.

See <http://www.smrosefloat.org/get-involved/design-a-float> for more information and for the submission forms.

CLEM AND NINA BARTOLAI
CHOSEN AS SIERRA MADRE'S
2015 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

The COTY award is granted to an outstanding Sierra Madre resident(s) who best demonstrate the town's spirit of volunteerism during the year. The Bartolai's credentials are extensive. The couple has resided in Sierra Madre for more than 50 years and are well known for their community involvement.

Clem is a Past President and current member of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club and was a founding member of the Sierra Madre Community Foundation.

Nina has served on the Senior Community Commission for over six years including serving as the commission's Chairperson. Both have been active with the Sierra Madre Rose Float Assoc., The SM Historical Society, SMEAC and Friends of the Sierra Madre Library.

Sierra Madre the community we treasure today. The Bartolai's are Sierra Madreans that make a difference.

The COTY dinner honoring The Bartolai's will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 in the Sierra Madre Room, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, Ca. Reception begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person/Tables of 10 \$275.00.

For more information, please contact Amanda Burnett at 626-355-5111.



Photo courtesy Bill Coburn/Sierramadrenews.net

Saturday, January 30, 2016

The Sierra Madre Room

611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024

6:00 p.m. Happy Hour

7:00 p.m. Dinner and Awards Ceremony

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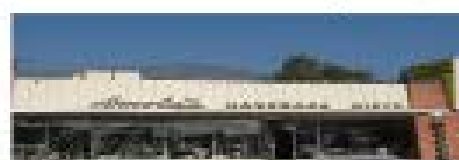
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Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Bare limbs shivering
In January's chilled wind
Deciduous trees."

Anita Lovelace

We're sure you've noticed these beautifully painted stones all over town, speaking of the wonders of Mary's Market. Big ones, small ones, we happen upon them in all sorts of places, but this one is our favorite. See if you can find it. There's a delightful happy face one at the Library, too. Beautiful things show up all around you, if you're looking for them.

What a great day to be walking Sierra Madre. Monday was the first day in weeks when walking outside at about 7 a.m. was a pleasure instead of a punishment. It was a nice mild 48 when we set out, my walking buddy and fellow Sierra Madre admirer, John, and I, and we met all sorts of folks enjoying the day. The student garden cold frames at Gooden School are looking really good, veggies about 3-4" high, ready to grow into something good to eat. Last I heard, all the food grown in the garden goes to the Friends Indeed Food Pantry in Pasadena at Los Robles and Washington.

Peeking in the windows at Mui Spa, we decided we wanted a Himalayan Salt Stone Massage which detoxifies and enhances energy, releases stress and improves circulation using warm Himalayan hand carved salt crystals; or maybe the V-Face lifting Therapy, an anti-aging face and neck treatment, which reduces fine lines and wrinkles on the face, and improves firmness. Mui is at 31 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. if you want to check it out.

Moving on, we admired the pansies in the new flower boxes in front of Thai Sierra Madre restaurant. Now is supposed to be the best time to plant pansies, our neighbors, Lisa and Craig already have some in and they look so colorful.

We were so sorry to see Left Coast Scooter had moved on but then delighted to see Rafael's Interiors, our favorite upholsterer, who has done wonderful things with the loveseat John inherited from his parents, a delicate piece covered in a floral brocade which I am terrified someone is going to spill red wine on, and our red velour-covered easy chair, which we bought at a yard sale years ago for \$45.00. Rafael is currently in the shops on Montecito, but this new location will be terrific for him. More parking. He has been in Sierra Madre for over 35 years and if you need a piece of furniture done, he's your guy.

The new gardens are City Hall are taking hold beautifully. Such a well-done project, thanks to the Sierra Madre Garden Club. Did you know there's a Time Capsule dated 1976 there put in by the Historical Society? Check it out. Poppy Cake Baking Company had folks waiting in line for a cup of coffee and something yummy to eat. We got no closer than the windows as the New Year's weight loss resolution reminded us it's oatmeal, not croissants, we'll be breakfasting upon.

The camellias are blooming at the Library. First we've seen this year and they're gorgeous! Vibrant pink with zillions of buds ready to bloom. We



wandered through the Friends Library Garden and noticed that those nice benches in there are all marked in honor of dear Sierra Madre friends, like Bruce Crow, Jay Whitcraft & Joy Phillips, Gwendolyn Ludford, Helen Wagner, Richard Hartley and, of course, the Mary Tumilty Endowment Fund. Sitting out there under the trees and enjoying a restful reading moment will be lovely when we get a little closer to Spring.

If you happen to find yourself on Montecito in the vicinity of where Neil, The Pot-Bellied Pig, used to live before he left us last year, you will find that there's a new pig in residence! Rumor has it this one is a she and possibly she's expecting. Take a look!

Nobody has started pruning their roses back yet, which was a relief as we've been so busy doing Christmas and enjoying the rain and how much happier all the trees look that we haven't even thought about that. Speaking of trees, the Jacarandas look like they're seriously planning a bumper crop of purple blossoms this year. We hope so anyway as the purple cloud effect on many of our streets is thrilling. Speaking of roses, I managed to kill my favorite tree rose last year. Think I over-pruned. Planning a trip to Armstrong's to buy a new bare root tree rose to replace it. What's going on in your garden? Hopefully, with the rain, everything is looking healthy and happy. Look around this week while you're out walking, and see what beautiful things are going on in Sierra Madre.

Have you got your tickets to "Deathtrap" at the Playhouse? We do.

Happy New Year, dear Walking Sierra Madre friends. Hope to see you out and about in 2016. Check out my book page on Amazon.com: DeanneDavis@Amazon.com

You might like my blog, too: www.authordeanne.com

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISPATCH FEE

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of City Council Resolution 16-06 amending the Fee Schedule by adopting an Emergency Medical Services Dispatch fee.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2016
(Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

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

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

For further information on this subject, please contact Fire Chief Stephen Heydorff at (626) 355-3611.

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE SIERRA MADRE WATERWORKS COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) was created to provide residents and the community an opportunity to be a part of the planning process for aquatic services at the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center. The CAB consists of seven distinct positions representing: swim lessons, swim team, lap swimming/ water aerobics, recreation swim/ social user, a Waterworks Aquatics staff, Community Service Department staff and Community Services Commission liaison. Each of the community positions serve one year terms and are appointed by the selection committee consisting of the Waterworks Aquatics staff, Community Services Department staff and Community Services

Commission liaison.

The CAB meets on a once a month basis throughout the year. Upon completion of the one year term, members of the CAB can reapply for appointment. Applications can be turned in to the Sierra Madre Aquatics Center, located in Sierra Vista Park at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

For applications, information and questions on the CAB please contact Waterworks Aquatics at (626) 836-1200 ext. 168 or email Monica Rathbun at monica@waterworksswim.com.

NEW RAIN BARREL REBATE PROGRAM

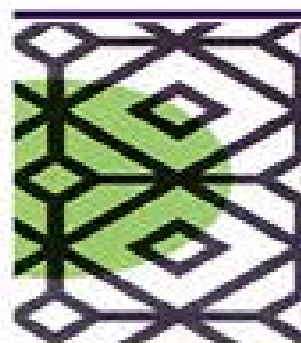
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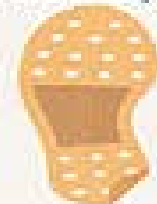


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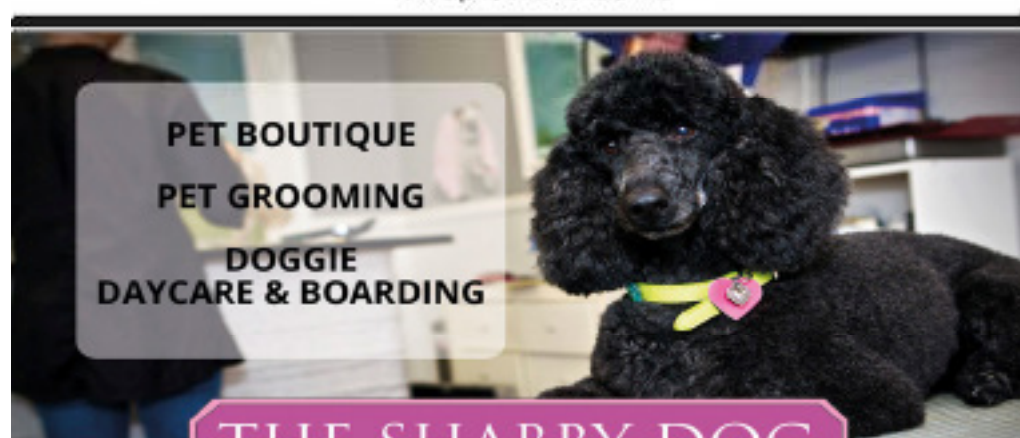


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DECEMBER WATER SAVINGS REMAINS AT 20%

Water savings for the FMWD service area ended at 20% for the month of December 2015, which was unchanged from the 20% savings in November. The State is using calendar year 2013 as the benchmark for measuring water savings for water agencies throughout California. Compliance with the mandate is determined on a cumulative basis starting with June 1, 2015. Cumulative water savings for the District since the State-mandated reductions began is 29%.

As with some other water providers in the State, local agencies did not meet their State-mandated targets for the month of December. However on a cumulative basis, which accounts for all water savings achieved from June 2015 to December 2015, most agencies are on track in compliance. Below are the numbers for agencies within the FMWD service area:

December Savings Cumulative Savings State-Mandated Target Crescenta Valley Water District 23% 29% 24% La Canada Irrigation District * 17% 31% Two day Watering Las Flores Water Company * 16% 21% Two day Watering Lincoln Avenue Water Company 20% 30% 28% Mesa

Crest Water District 10% 28% 25% Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association 27% 30% 36% Valley Water Company 16% 28% 36% *The State allows smaller agencies to choose between two days a week watering or 25% reduction.

"Although it is harder to conserve during the winter months, when historically there is a drop in irrigation, customers can prepare for the summer by installing cisterns and rain barrels to save storm water," stated FMWD General Manager Nina Jazmadarian. "Rebates of \$300 per cistern and \$75 per rain barrel are being offered by Metropolitan Water District."

For more savings tips, please go to <http://bewaterwise.com/>.

Foothill Municipal Water District provides imported water to Crescenta Valley Water District, La Cañada Irrigation District, Mesa Crest Water Company, Valley Water Company, Lincoln Avenue Water Company, Las Flores Water Company and Rubio Cañon Land & Water Association. Kinneloa Irrigation District, another retail agency, takes no water from Foothill.

SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ANNOUNCES COUNTY'S ENHANCED ELECTRONIC PERMITTING AND INSPECTIONS SYSTEM

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – To enhance customer service by reducing costs and making the application and permitting system process easier, the Department of Regional Planning's improved web portal, "EPIC-LA" provides a comprehensive approach to land entitlement processing and code enforcement, announced Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

"EPIC-LA will reduce the time necessary to approve planning permits and respond to code enforcement violations -- saving businesses time and money," said Antonovich. "Customers will have the ability to initiate land use projects, pay fees online, request services, research, communicate and access information related to their projects online using a handheld device or computer with

internet access." Visit EPIC-LA at: <https://portal.planning.lacounty.gov>

Additional features include electronic plan checking and review as well as mobile tools for code enforcement and inspections.

The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (DRP) is responsible for the strategic growth and development of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County through the preparation of the Los Angeles County General Plan. DRP performs all land use planning and zoning functions in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The unincorporated areas include more than 2,600 square miles and represent two-thirds of the County's land and one tenth of its population.

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Two Killed in Car Crash Identified

Police identified two women killed Tuesday morning, in a violent crash near North El Molino Avenue and East Maple Street, as a mother and daughter from the city of Burbank.

Maria Dolores Escobedo-Torres, 42 and Vanessa Escobedo, 18 died during the collision around 12:13 a.m. in which one of two cars ended upside down. One of the vehicles had five people inside, three were transported to a nearby hospital. One person was treated at the scene.

According to investigators, one of the cars was traveling northbound on El Molino Avenue and another west on East Maple Street when both entered the intersection. Police said they were not sure who entered first.

It was not known if alcohol played a role in the crash police said.

Stats Home Decorative Center to Close

Stats, the family-owned business, for the last five decades on South Raymond Ave will close in the next few months —liquidating inventory and physical assets.

Owner Damon Stathatos told customers Sunday the store will close within months.

Stathatos cited economic factors and a changing retail environment. He said the store could reemerge next Christmas with smaller shops and Kiosk spaces located within the Stats building. He said they would become landlords rather than an individual store.

Other adjacent businesses will stay open including Fishbecks Patio Center.

Pet of the Week



Coco (A390846) is a four-year-old, male, chocolate and white pit bull mix. He walks well on leash and will love going for walks with you. This smart boy already knows his "sit" training cue and is ready to learn some more. Coco doesn't always seem to get along well with other dogs, so he would be best suited to a single-dog home. Since Coco is already neutered, he is free to go home with you today!

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

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

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



City Hall Painting Donated to the City

Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek dedicated a painting of city hall, donated by Pasadena Heritage, Thursday during a ceremony that included the artist Bruce Tunis. The work, depicting a view of city hall from Euclid Ave. is titled, "City Hall."

"I think that it is really interesting to have the art installed in the place it depicts," Tornek said. "People like to paint this building and to have it where they work or live because it shows the strength and pride in our community."

The painting was installed this week in the basement of city hall, adjacent to the conference rooms on the south side of the

building.

"Sometimes we don't get a chance for something to come back second time," Tunis said. "The first time I just dropped off the artwork, so having a fanfare the second time is sort of like a cherry on the cake."

The large scale artwork is a triptych composed of three 38 inch by 60 inch panels. The painting was removed from its original location, Brookside credit union, in the mid-1990s when the bank remodeled. It was then rescued from the trash and offered, by an anonymous person, to Pasadena Heritage for its protection and maintenance. In August, the artwork was

donated by Pasadena Heritage to the city.

Pictured (left) Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek, (middle) artist Bruce Tunis, and (right) Pasadena Heritage Executive Director Sue Mossman. Photo D. Lee/MVNews

Coffee Gallery Brings Island Style to Altadena

Hawaiian Slack Key Guitarist Stephen Inglis, along with Da Ukulele Boyz are set to bring island music to Altadena as a double headliner —from coast to coast and island to island — Wednesday night.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Inglis plays Grammy-nominated Hawaiian slack key guitar. He records and tours with the most respected traditional musicians. His duet album with legend Dennis Kamakahi, Waimaka Helelei, won Hawaii's highest musical honor, a Na Hoku Hanohano Award, and the CD is on permanent display at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. Barely out of his teens, Inglis formed a group with legendary Grateful Dead drummer, Bill Kreutzmann.

Da Ukulele Boyz, Cousins Peter deAquino and Garrett Probst, first began playing ukulele together as a duo as children competing in the Hula Grill Ukulele Contest on Maui. They are featured on all four of the Slack Key Show's Grammy winning compilation CDs. The Ukulele Boyz regularly co-host, The Slack Key Show, with George Kahumoku Jr. The Boyz have taken to the road to promote their latest CD release On Hawaiian Time. Da 'Ukulele Boyz define the music of their generation with their own unique rendition of Hawaiian Classics & "Jawaiian" Style tunes.

The show starts Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15. Coffee Gallery Backstage is at 2029 N. Lake Altadena. For reservations call: (626) 798-6236.

National Science Bowl Regional Competition

On Jan. 30, teams from 24 high schools will compete at JPL in the 2016 National Science Bowl Southern California regional competition. The National Science Bowl is a fast-paced, game-show-style competition designed to spark interest in educational and career paths in science and math. Nationwide, more than 9,000 high school students and 4,500 middle school students are expected to compete in 70 high school and 50 middle school regional Science Bowl tournaments. JPL has hosted the regional Science Bowl for 24 of the competition's 25 years. For more info visit science.energy.gov/wdts/nsb/



City officials are set to hold two meetings this month where the public can learn about various forms of police oversight and provide input into the analysis being conducted by the City.

"Pasadena enjoys an involved and concerned citizenry and a modern, professional Police Department," Councilmember John Kennedy said. Kennedy is chair of the City's Public Safety Committee.

"There is a need to build on the best of both, and the goal is to make us a better City," Kennedy said. "To that end, the City has engaged outside professionals to lead a study of Independent Oversight to determine whether there are models of oversight from which Pasadena could benefit. We need the public's input and encourage their active and critical participation in this study and planning phase where it can make an appreciable difference."

According to city staff, The City Council, as part of the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget, approved funding for a consultant study of police

oversight alternatives. The City Council Public Safety Committee was charged with approving the scope of services for the study.

The meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 26, City Council Chamber, Pasadena City Hall, Second Floor, 100 N. Garfield Ave., and at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 28 at the Jackie Robinson Center's Auditorium, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Both meetings will cover the same topics and are being held in two locations to encourage participation. Public comment will be accepted at both meetings.

In addition to conducting public outreach; meeting with government officials and members of the Pasadena Police Department, the consultants will prepare an analysis of various forms of police oversight along with possible recommendations. The consultant's final report is expected to be completed in March and will be presented to the Public Safety Committee and the City Council city staff said.

Crime Blotter for Altadena

Sunday, January 3rd
6:30 AM – A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 2200 block of N. Crawford Avenue. Property Stolen: golf clubs, gym bag.

Monday, January 4th
5:19 PM – Nathan Macon, 58 years old and Tina Williams, 40 years old both from Pasadena were arrested at Walmart, 2408 N. Lincoln Avenue for shoplifting.

8:25 PM – Gabriel Lopez, 24 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the area of Allen Avenue and Washington Boulevard for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Tuesday, January 5th
12:30 PM – A shoplifting incident occurred at Toto's Beauty Supply, 2311 Lincoln Avenue. Suspect described as a male, 40 years old, 6'00", 180 pounds, wearing a red beanie, tan jacket, and blue jeans. Property Stolen: hair conditioner.

4:00 PM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 2300 block of Grandeur Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by cutting the lock. Property Stolen:

construction machinery.
Wednesday, January 6th
2:55 AM – A robbery occurred at 7-11, 1319 N. Altadena Drive. Suspect described as a male, 50 years old, 5'7", 200 pounds, wearing sunglasses, a gray beanie, and blue jacket. Property Stolen: can of beer.
8:00 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 900 block of E. Poppyfields Drive. Suspect(s) entered the residence via the bedroom window. Property Stolen: platinum diamond ring 1 ct.

Thursday, January 7th
3:15 PM – A package theft occurred in the 2300 block of Garfias Drive. Suspect described as a male, 20 – 30 years old, 5'10" – 6'00", brown hair, brown eyes, short hair, and thin build. Property Stolen: computer hard-drive.

Friday, January 8th
4:30 AM – A locker burglary occurred at 24 Hr. Fitness, 2180 Lincoln Avenue. Property Stolen: vehicle keys, iPhone. *The victim's parked vehicle was reported stolen from the parking structure of the location. Vehicle stolen described as a black 1996 Mercedes C280 4-dr.

Pasadena Mayor Tornek to give State Of The City

Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek is set to give his first State of the City address Wednesday at William McKinley TK-8 School gymnasium, 325 S. Oak Knoll Ave. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the formal program begins at 7 p.m.

Tornek will deliver a budget message using illustrations that look at the City's finances, including an examination of funding sources and how the City spends its money. A brief question and answer period with the audience will follow.

Vice Mayor Gene Masuda will serve as emcee for the evening, and students from the McKinley School will also participate in the program.

The event is being held at the school's new multi-purpose gymnasium built in cooperation by the City and the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD). Please avoid wearing high heels in order to protect the new gymnasium floor.

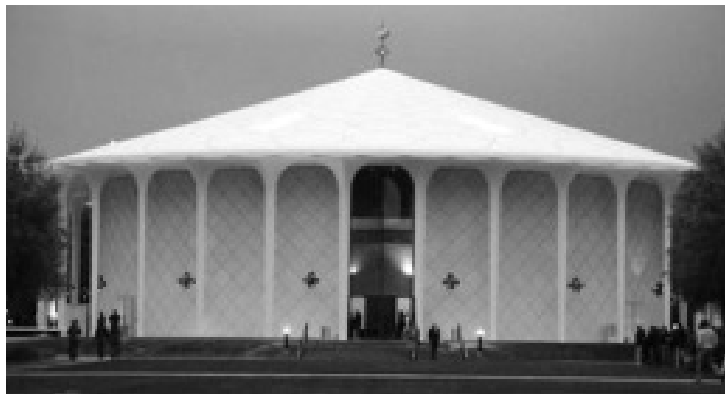
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Avenue; at the Rose City High School parking lot off South Oak Knoll Avenue; and at the PUSD headquarters on East Del Mar Boulevard and South Oak Knoll Avenue.

KPAS, the City's cable TV station operated by Pasadena Media, will record the event for broadcast. KPAS is available on Ch. 3 for Charter cable subscribers and Ch. 99 for AT&T U-verse subscribers. A video stream is also available on the City's website, www.cityofpasadena.net/Media, and at Pasadena Media, www.pasadenamedia.tv.

For more information, contact Rhonda Stone, (626) 744-7147 or rstone@cityofpasadena.net.



Free Science Society Conference

The Science and Society conference will bring together some of the world's leading researchers and scholars in science and world affairs—individuals who have dedicated their careers to addressing the most complex and challenging problems of our time. The event will be Friday, February 26, starting at 9:00 am in Caltech's Beckman Auditorium.

The one-day conference is being organized in honor

of Nobel laureate Ahmed Zewail—Caltech's Linus Pauling Professor of Chemistry and professor of physics—as a way to recognize this distinguished scholar for more than 40 years of scientific and scholarly contributions. Zewail will be joined by fellow Nobel laureates and National Academy of Science and National Medal of Science honorees, as well as other leaders in their fields, in a series of lectures ranging from treating disease to quantum physics.

This is a free event, with no tickets required.

Learn more at scienceandsociety.caltech.edu/.

Free January Events at Pasadena Senior Center

There is something for everyone in January at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. All events listed are free.

You do not have to be a member to attend. Some events require advance reservations as noted.

Stay Connected with Social Media – Tuesdays and Thursdays to Jan. 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. Learn how to keep in touch with family and friends via email, Skype, Facebook and other forms of social media during a 30-minute, one-on-one meeting with an instructor. You'll choose which applications you want to learn. Bring a laptop or use one of the onsite computers. Sign up with Edison at the Welcome Desk.

Smart Phones, Tablets and Computers – Any Questions? – Tuesdays and Thursdays to Jan. 28, from 10 to 11 a.m. Get the answers you need about technology devices, whether you own them already or are considering a purchase. Learn how to text, check voicemail, set an alarm, navigate the Internet, download apps and more.

Friday Movie Matinees – Fridays, 1 p.m. Jan. 29: The Kid (1921, NR) starring Charlie Chaplin and Jackie Coogan. In Chaplain's first feature-length comic masterpiece, a poor, good-hearted loner finds a kidnapped baby and "adopts" him as his own.

LA Opera: The Magic Flute – Monday, Jan. 18, at 1 p.m. An LA Opera community educator will take participants through Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's comic opera Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute). In a fantastical world of ferocious dragons and enchanted musical

instruments, a noble prince sets out to rescue a beautiful princess and ensure the triumph of truth and justice.

Seek Joy, Play Often and Live in the Moment – Thursday, Jan. 21, at 10 a.m. When we feel joy we feel better about ourselves. Seeking joy is a choice, not a duty or obligation. Learn how to be more mindful of living a joyous life. Presented by Shawn Herz, a Heritage Clinic licensed marriage and family therapist.

Titanic: 103 Years of Mystery, Intrigue and Discovery – Monday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m. Titanic expert and local author Bill Blowers will discuss the famed ship, its builders and her first and only voyage. Drawing on more than two decades he has spent researching the most famous maritime disaster in history, Blowers will take participants back in history and explain the story behind his novel Dangerous Betrayal – The Vendetta That Sank Titanic. Books will be available for purchase and signing. A scale model of the ship will be on display.

Heritage and Legacy Planning – Thursday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m. What are senior dwelling benefits? What steps should be taken at the time of passing? What is a parent-child transfer exclusion? These and other topics will be explored during this one-hour session presented by the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office and Forest Lawn.

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ROMANTIC EXUBERANCE: A CLASSICAL KALEIDOSCOPE CONCERT

Johannes Brahms wrote four symphonic masterpieces. His monumental sextet in B-flat Major will be performed along with the Fantasy String Quartet, the beautiful pastoral work by the British Composer Herbert Howells. Paul Stein and Alex Russell, violins, Michael Larco and Aaron Oltman, violas, David Garrett and Maksim Velichkin, cello.

This concert will be performed on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Doors open to the Cay Mortenson Auditorium at the Arcadia Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Following the program, guests are cordially invited to meet and speak with the musicians. Reservations are not necessary and admission is free. This program is intended for adults and music lovers ages 12 and up only. Refreshments will be served.

The Classical Kaleidoscope is a series of unique and memorable free concerts made possible by the generous funding of the Arcadia Public Library Foundation, a non-profit organization.

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Come to the Library for a celebration of the wonderful characters created by Mo Willems including Elephant and Piggie, Knuffle Bunny, and Pigeon. Enjoy silly stories, crafts, snacks, and games! Don't miss out of the Mo Willems fun on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. Just perfect for a fun family afternoon at the Library!

For more information, please visit the Library's new website at <http://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library> or call 626.821.5566.

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

Twitter and Facebook.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, January 3rd, through Saturday, January 9th, the Police Department responded to 896 calls for service of which 135 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 3:

Just after 12:35 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle near the intersection of Myrtle Avenue and Live Oak Avenue for failing to stop at a red signal. A records check of the subject revealed the 31-year-old female from Palmdale had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and was driving with a suspended license. During a search of the vehicle, the officer located a small amount of cocaine. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 6:35 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Baldwin Avenue and Huntington Drive for having expired registration. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 41-year-old male from Temple City was driving without insurance and did not have the required ignition-interlock device installed on his vehicle. He was cited and released in the field. The vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

Monday, January 4:

At about 12:13 a.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Inn, 130 West Huntington Drive, regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed the victim made arrangements for a prostitute to visit him for \$200.00. Upon her arrival, she stated the charges would be \$500.00. When the victim refused to pay the additional \$300.00, the suspect called in her bodyguard and both the suspect and the body guard fled with the victim's \$200.00.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic female between 25 and 30-years-old, 5'6", and 140 pounds. The suspect and bodyguard fled in a white sedan in an unknown direction.

At approximately 11:57 p.m., an officer responded to the 600 block of Santa Rosa Road regarding an activation of the Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker now in motion. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy packages containing bait property and tracking devices to combat the increase in package thefts from residential areas. An investigation revealed a 21-year-old female from Glendale, a 22-year-old male from Los Angeles, and a 20-year-old male from Los Angeles had the stolen package, property, the tracking device, and stolen mail in their vehicle. All three suspects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, January 5:

Around 11:16 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a grand theft report that occurred at Ralph's market, 211 East Foothill Boulevard. While the employee was delivering merchandise, an unknown suspect stole the victim's handheld scanning device. The investigation is ongoing.

At about 6:01 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of West Palm Drive regarding a burglary. The officer determined unidentified suspect(s) attempted to enter the residence by breaking a glass panel on the front door, however, the suspects were unsuccessful because of a

chain lock. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, January 6:

Shortly after 7:19 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and Baldwin Avenue for having a cracked windshield. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 28-year-old male from Arcadia was driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released in the field. His vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

At about 7:13 p.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of North First Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect tampered with the driver's door lock and stole a pair of sunglasses. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Thursday, January 7:

At approximately 3:15 a.m., an officer responded to 101 Noodle Express, 1025 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) shattered the front glass door and ransacked the register before fleeing undetected. The reported loss was an iPad and an unknown amount of cash. The investigation is ongoing.

Around 4:23 p.m., an officer responded to the Extended Stay America, 401 East Santa Clara Street, regarding a disturbance report. The officer discovered a reported missing person from the City of La Verne was arguing with a male suspect, who was in possession of methamphetamine and a smoking pipe. The 48-year-old male from Pomona was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. La Verne Police Department was notified that the missing person had been located and was in good health.

Friday, January 8:

At about 11:10 a.m., an officer responded to the 000 block of West Live Oak Avenue regarding a petty theft report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered the unlocked vehicle and stole a wallet and the victim's green card. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Just after 10:13 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 an empty shopping bag before exiting the store, failing to make payment. The 35-year-old female from Monrovia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, January 9:

Around 11:06 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and Holly Avenue for having a broken tail light. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 32-year-old male from Colton was driving with an expired license. He was cited and released in the field. The vehicle was left legally parked.

At approximately 10:26 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of West Duarte Road regarding a domestic dispute. An investigation revealed a physical altercation occurred between a husband and wife resulting in the husband punching his wife multiple times in the head and face. The 46-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 354 service events, resulting in 63 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter.

Vandalism in Progress – Suspect Arrested
January 11 at 3:19 p.m., police received a report of a subject vandalizing a park in the 500 block of West Olive. An officer responded and detained a subject, who was positively identified by two witnesses and arrested.

Traffic Offense/Resisting and Delaying a Peace Officer/Bench Warrants – Suspect Arrested
January 11 at 5:06 p.m., an officer on patrol observed a subject in the 1300 block of South Shamrock that he knew had several warrants outstanding for his arrest. The subject saw the officer and fled on his bicycle. As the officer pursued him, the subject ran several stop signs

and eventually abandoned his bicycle and fled on foot. The officer eventually caught up to him on foot and placed him under arrest.

Traffic Collision with Injuries January 12 at 3:40 p.m., a vehicle was traveling westbound on Huntington and ran a red light. The vehicle struck another car that was traveling south on California, causing a rollover collision. There were no serious injuries, just complaints of pain.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia/Possession of a Controlled Substance/ Warrants – Suspect Arrested
January 12 at 10:35 p.m., officers responded to the report of a suspicious male subject loitering in the area of King and Highway Esplanade. When officers arrived, they located a subject matching the description given and made contact with him. The subject had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. He was also found to have a methamphetamine pipe and a useable amount of methamphetamine on his person. The subject was arrested and taken into custody.

MONROVIA ENDURES RECENT RAIN EVENT

Monrovia was busy last week making preparation for three back-to-back-to-back storm events we experienced. The City is happy to report that overall, our community was able to withstand the storms with minimal impact. All of the advance preparation and work that our residents and our staff coordinated during the dry season certainly contributed to this success.

For example, k-rails and the temporary drive way barriers were effective in keeping the mud and debris in the street and off of private property. The catch basins that the City cleaned in 2015 were also able to capture much of the new run off we experienced from the recent storms. Also, removal of accumulated mud last year from canyon areas off of Crescent Drive and Highland Place helped minimized the amount of debris in the streets.

However, there is more rain to come and more work to do. The City has sandbags available for all residents and businesses at the following locations:

Public Services Corporate Yard (600 S. Mountain Avenue, from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday)
Community Center (119 W. Palm Ave from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Friday)

Monrovia Fire Station 101 (141 East Lemon Avenue) and Fire Station 102 (2055 South Myrtle Avenue)

Please note... residents may request up to 25 bags per resident, however, special circumstances may allow for the distribution of additional bags.

Gravel collection is available on a self-service basis (residents need to bring a shovel, safety goggles, and gloves) for resident use in a containers located at the following places:

900 Block of Crescent (between Madison and El Nido)

352 Hill Street (North-East corner of Hill Street and Prospect Avenue)

Recreation Park (near Barney Glen Baseball Field Parking Lot)

Please note... City staff will be on-call and available to help with filling gravel bags for residents in need of assistance. Please call (626) 932-5575 for additional information.

We also wanted to share that a few City facilities did experience some damage as a result to the rain. The Community Center had 5 separate roof leaks, the Historic Museum (which is currently undergoing a roof replacement) had one leak, the Mary Wilcox Youth Center had two leaks and Fire Station 102 had two leaks.

Moving forward, the City is now coordinating clean-up efforts throughout the community. If you notice mud and debris in the streets, or if you have any questions / concerns, please feel free to contact the Monrovia Public Services Department at (626) 932-5575.

STATION SQUARE PARK DEDICATION SET FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016, AT 11:00 A.M.

Mark your calendars! The City is excited to share that a celebration event dedicating Station Square Park (1601 South Myrtle Avenue) has been scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 23, 2016. The event is scheduled to begin with the Park Dedication at 11:00 a.m., and will continue until 2:00 p.m. with festivities that include live entertainment, arts & crafts for children, a Canyon Park critter display, giveaways,

refreshments, and much more for the entire family! In addition to the City dedication event, LA Metro will also be on hand to distribute important information regarding train safety and other Gold Line related materials. Please see the attached event invitation for additional information, and please make plans to be part of this momentous occasion celebrating the opening of Monrovia's newest park!

CANYON PARK RECOGNIZES BOB DOLLINS AS THE 2015 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, WHILE TOD BARRY AND BONNY HIDAS RECEIVE SPIRIT AWARDS

Canyon Park / Hillside Wilderness Preserve recently hosted their Annual Volunteer Recognition dinner. The festivities provided time for the volunteers to catch up and honor one another for a job well done. This year Canyon Park recognized volunteers who contributed 100 and 200+ hours of service throughout the year. Spirit Awards were given to Tod Barry and Bonny Hidas for their great humility and

loyalty to our park system. Also, Bob Dollins was recognized as our 2015 Volunteer of the Year. Bob has contributed countless hours to our park system and community, and during 2015, he provided customer service at our entrance gate, emergency help to our foothill residents, special events assistance, and acted as a docent for community tours. Thank you and congratulations to Tod, Bonny, and Bob!



MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

**Station Square
PARK DEDICATION**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

1601 SOUTH MYRTLE AVENUE MONROVIA, CA 91016

Event Highlights
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
GRAND OPENING CEREMONY

12:00 - 2:00 P.M.
CONCERT • CRAFTS • GAMES • COMMUNITY INFORMATION

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE MONROVIA COMMUNITY CENTER AT 626.256.8246

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE EVENT WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO FEBRUARY 6 FROM 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

ALVERNO JAGUARS VARSITY SOCCER DEFEATS SACRED HEART COMETS 3-0



Sierra Madre, CA (January 11, 2016) – The Alverno High School Jaguars (1-1) traveled to face the Sacred Heart of Jesus Comets (1-3) for the first Horizon League game of the season on Wednesday, January 6. The pouring rain did not damper the Jaguars' game plan as thunder-and-lightning teamwork propelled them to victory.

After several offensive attacks that ended in off-sides calls, the Jaguars' first goal came at the 20th minute. Junior forward Britni Delgado (11) dribbled the ball to the left-outside past defenders. Her shot hit the post and ricocheted directly to co-captain and senior midfielder Isabel Diaz (9). Diaz, returning from an injury during the game against Hoover High School, shot it straight into the back of the net to give the Jaguars a 1-0 lead.

At the 32nd minute, freshman forward Megan Cavender's (7) shot was deflected by the diving Comets goalkeeper. Senior forward Emma Cavender (19) put the ball back towards the goal; but the wet ball slipped out of the goalkeeper's gloves. Megan Cavender (7) was there to shoot it back into the goal and give the Jaguars a 2-0 lead going into half-time.

The Jaguars continued their offensive control in the second half. At the 54th minute, freshman midfielder Beatriz Rivas (16) sent a textbook cross to the goal for co-captain and senior defender Dina Der Vartanian (8) to score and extend the lead to 3-0.

Outstanding defense by Der Vartanian, junior Nicole Lianto (6),

sophomore Nicole Oberhammer (17), and freshman Elisia Bendy (2) and ball control in the middle by junior Larissa Hernandez (21) and sophomore Subrina Hamdan (4) kept the Comets offense at bay. Sophomore goalkeeper Ayanna Melin (1) came away with her third shut-out of the season.

The Jaguars' next game will be Wednesday, January 13 against the San Gabriel Mission Pioneers at San Gabriel Mission High School.

About Alverno High School

Alverno High School is an independent, progressive, Catholic high school for young women dedicated to preparing them to function in a society as informed, knowledgeable persons, who have the requisite skills to make and implement mature decisions about complex problems. Enlivened by the spirit of its Immaculate Heart Community sponsors, and mindful of the Franciscan roots of its founders, Alverno's program—academic, spiritual, aesthetic, social, and physical—is shaped by the staff, trustees, and students in light of the world for which the students are being educated. Alverno's mission is to empower each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be and since 1960, Alverno has empowered more than 4,500 women to meet that goal. For more information about Alverno High School, please call 626-355-3463 or visit www.alverno-hs.org.

BOSCO TECH'S WINTER OPEN HOUSE & FRESHMAN PREVIEW NIGHT IS FEBRUARY 11

FREE TECHNOLOGY-BASED 'EXPLORE & CREATE' WORKSHOPS OFFERED

ROSEMEAD, CA. – January 13, 2016 - Don Bosco Technical Institute (Bosco Tech) will host its annual Winter Open House & Freshman Preview Night on Thursday, February 11, 2016, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Prospective students and their families are invited to tour the school's extensive engineering and applied science labs and participate in its signature Explore & Create workshops. The free technology workshops, offered to boys in grades 6-8, feature interactive introductions to alternative energy, circuits and programming, polymers and chemistry, and more. Seating for each 30-minute session is limited and reservations are encouraged.

Also during the Open House, the school's many extracurricular clubs and nine CIF athletic teams will provide information, while the award-winning Royal Techmen marching band will entertain the visiting crowds. For more information about Open House or to reserve workshop spots, visit <https://boscotechopenhouse.eventbrite.com>, email admissions@boscotech.edu or call 626-940-2009.

"The Open House is an excellent opportunity for prospective students and their families to meet our knowledgeable and caring faculty, experience our technology-driven STEM labs, gather information about our summer school program, and learn more about Bosco Tech's unique university-directed curriculum," said Bosco Tech President Xavier Jimenez.

Celebrating its sixtieth year, Bosco Tech is an all-male Catholic high school that combines a rigorous college-preparatory program with a technology-focused education. The innovative science,



engineering, technology and math (STEM) curriculum allows students to exceed university admission requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of several applied science and engineering fields. Each year for the past several years, one hundred percent of the graduating class has earned college acceptances. Visit www.boscotech.edu for more information.

DID YOU KNOW DUSD STUDENTS STUDY STEM AT CITY OF HOPE

Duarte Unified students have the extraordinary opportunity to participate in a one-of-a-kind Science Education Partnership with City of Hope. In addition to high school offerings, the program is also designed for 2nd, 5th and 8th grade students. The idea being that repeated contact with City of Hope scientists and visits to the research facility may help peek their interest in science. The hope is that by the time students enter high school, they are more interested in science-related careers and will participate in the summer research program. Specialized curriculum has been developed for every grade-level in collaboration with our teachers and City of Hope experts. 2nd graders focus on genetics, 5th graders explore the human body and 8th grade students utilize forensics to solve a lab mystery. On

a recent Friday, forty 5th grade students from Valley View visited the City of Hope main campus. They were exposed to four different hands-on experiments facilitated by real scientists. The 5th graders participated in lessons about the digestive system, blood typing and transfusions, how diseases are spread, and protecting the brain. They were outfitted with real science lab coats and gear that may be too big for them now, but by the time those lab coats do fit, they will be ready for majors in the sciences in college and for exciting careers in S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics fields). For more information about Duarte Unified's partnership programs with City of Hope go to <http://www.cityofhope.org/students-and-youth/science-education-partnership-award>

PASADENA UNIFIED HONORS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WITH ART, WRITING, CAMPUS CLEANUPS AND COMMEMORATIONS

[CORRECTION: Jan. 12 event starts at 5:30 p.m., not 6:30 p.m.]

Pasadena, CA – Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) students, staff and community members will commemorate the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday with a series of events over the next week.

The celebration begins Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 5:30 p.m. with readings and displays of art by finalists and winners of the annual Martin Luther King (MLK) Community Coalition Art and Essay Contest. The event will be at Don Benito Fundamental Elementary School, 3700 Denair St., Pasadena. Admission is free.

On Saturday, Jan. 16, Hamilton Elementary School will host "A Day On, Not Off" from 8 a.m. to noon with a morning of campus beautification, landscaping and planting. The event is designed to encourage individuals to improve their community to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King.

On Monday, Jan. 18, at 8 a.m., the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

breakfast and celebration at Jackie Robinson Park (1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena) is presented by the MLK Community Coalition, PUSD, Pasadena Tournament of Roses, and Aspires West of Pasadena in conjunction with the City of Pasadena and the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Gamma Lambda chapter. Student finalists are presented awards for their participation in the essay and visual and performing arts contest. There will be music, dance, food, and arts and crafts for kids.

Stay connected to the Pasadena Unified School District! Visit us online at www.pusd.us; follow us on Twitter @PasadenaUnified, [www.twitter.com/PasadenaUnified](https://twitter.com/PasadenaUnified); like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PasadenaUnifiedSchoolDistrict; text PUSD to 888777; and subscribe to our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/klrnpasadena. Or call the Communications Office, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (626) 396-3606.

SAINT ELIZABETH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Elizabeth Parish School invites prospective students, parents, and friends to attend our annual Open House.

All are welcome to tour our beautiful campus in Altadena, visit our classrooms and meet our faculty members and staff.

Now accepting Transitional Kindergarten to 7th Grade.

Sunday, January 24, 2016 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Thursday, January 28, 2016 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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THE REVENANT REVIEW

For years, Leonardo DiCaprio has been working extremely hard to earn an Oscar. Last year, director of "The Revenant", Alejandro González Iñárritu, won for his film "Birdman". DiCaprio was probably fast to work with Iñárritu since he will most likely win multiple Oscars again this year for "The Revenant", which looks to be better than "Birdman", but does it actually deliver?

Hugh Glass (DiCaprio), joined by a company of men, are on a fur trading expedition when attacked by Native Americans on the hunt for their chief's daughter. With only ten men left, they must make their way to the nearest outpost, but tensions run high between a man named Fitzgerald (Tom Hardy) and Glass' half Native American son, Hawk (Forrest Goodluck). After being mauled by a bear, having his son killed in front of him, and being left for dead, Glass must find his way back to civilization and seek revenge on the man who took everything from him.

"The Revenant" is the best movie that I never want to see again. The acting is stunning, the story flows perfectly from scene to scene, and the cinematography makes every second of the film a feast for the eyes. Yet, it is not an easy film to watch. At almost three hours long, the events that happen in this film are so disgusting, graphically violent, and heart-wrenchingly sad that, if it were not for the beautiful cinematography and acting, "The Revenant" would be an unwatchable film. It is a film that should not be missed and will certainly be a major awards contender when Oscar season comes around, and hopefully DiCaprio will finally get his first, much needed Oscar win.

CIRCUS PACH'S FINALLY PACK THEIR BAGS FOR RETIREMENT

It's been a long time coming, but the hard work and tenacity of many dedicated animal lovers over several decades is finally paying off. Ringling Brothers has finally agreed to allow their performing circus elephants to retire for the remaining duration of their lives. It is an enormous victory for those gorgeous beasts and yet another battle won in the on-going war against animal cruelty in general.

I remember going to the circus with my dad when I was 8 years old. It was an exciting event for me, as it is for most children. Remarkably, however, the thing I remember most about that day is going to the back parking lot of the civic center before the show, to visit the animals. In spite of my excitement and anticipation to see the show, I clearly remember secretly crying when I saw those poor elephants shackled to posts behind fences in their holding pens. I remember thinking how sad they looked, and how unnatural it was to see them in that setting. Honestly, it broke my heart.

When I grew up and became more aware of how the elephants and other circus animals are treated behind the scenes, I felt a deep sense of guilt over having taken part and supported the cruel fiasco as a spectator when I was a kid. It became clear to me that our culture is capable of some pretty disgusting behavior when it comes to how we treat our fellow beings, and an uncanny way of justifying it and making it seem acceptable if it means making money. I believe it was then that a burning desire to become an advocate on behalf of the animals began to grow inside me.

Fast forward to 2016. It has been 45 years since my childhood visit to the circus, and still the performing elephants are being shackled to their posts, waiting to make their way into the tent to entertain the "entitled" masses who are, in turn biting at the bit to witness the hideous spectacle. The use of wild animals of any kind in a circus act is absolutely barbaric at it's roots, if you ask me. Whoever thought of it first had to have been one sick soul. Then again, it should come as no surprise. I've been taught all my life that a greedy man has the capacity to do just about anything and will always find a way to justify it as a means to an end.

But I don't wish to digress from the good news in this happy tale. In May of this year, 1 ½ years sooner than originally planned, Ringling Brothers will be discontinuing their elephant acts and will transport the 13 performing pachyderms remaining in their show to the Center for Elephant Conservation. The Conservation Center is a 200-acre ranch located in central Florida, where the 13 retirees will join 30 other elephants already residing there. Then, at long last they will be able to live out the rest of their lives in peace. God knows they've more than earned it.

The Center for Elephant Conservation will become host to the largest concentration of Asian elephants in the Western Hemisphere when the retired 13 arrive in May. An endangered species, Asian elephants are second only to the African elephant in being the largest mammals on earth. Last year, the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) estimated approximately 32,000 Asian elephants remaining, about 250 of which live in the USA, mainly in zoos. The import of Asian elephants

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



into the US was ceased back in 1975, when an international treaty prohibited their trade.

Not all of the elephants residing at the Conservation Center retired from the circus. Some had been used for the sole purpose of breeding, to proliferate the population so they'd have more elephants to choose from as future prospective performers. This is the part where I struggle to stay focused on the happy side of the tale. I must remind myself - the good news is that 13 elephants that have been worked nearly to death all their lives, will soon be granted the right to simply live and be cared for. Finally, they will get to enjoy a sense of freedom alongside others of their own kind, in a setting that will allow them a semblance of peace and tranquility. Finally!

That is definitely good news, but at the mention of breeding, I am reminded of the reality that those beautiful, sensitive, family-oriented gentle-giant mammals were, for so long, treated like objects to be exploited by ignorant humans who somehow deemed themselves worthy of choosing their unnatural birth, and an alternate lifestyle for them. To think those people assumed the right to breed elephants just to have plenty of potential performers to choose from just makes me sick inside.

They showed no regard for what goes on in the mind of the animal. An animal with the capacity for feelings and emotions very much like our own. They showed no regard for what the Creator would have intended for the animal's life, which would have been to live it freely in it's natural indigenous environment. They showed no regard for anything other than padding their own bank accounts. For me it is difficult to feel any sort of connection to such humans. Indeed, I find it much easier to feel a connection to the elephants.

Regardless of what has happened in the past, we must do our best to stay focused on the good that is happening today, and on what we as individuals can do to ensure that more good will occur in the future. I wish I could give each one of those elephants a great big hug and tell them that not all humans are selfish, greedy and thoughtless. Some humans really do want to show them love. The kind of love they share with each other. The kind of love our Creator shares with all of us. From what I read and heard about the Center for Elephant Preservation, it sounds like those elephants will be blessed with the presence of people who will, indeed, show them the love they deserve and that makes me very happy.

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Wish is a sweet boy who is friendly with people and other dogs he has met during his time at the shelter. Wish has a very playful nature and appears to enjoy playing with toys, chasing them and bringing them back to have them thrown again. He is a good-natured boy with a happy disposition, and he is interested in making new friends - both human and canine.

Wish is easy to harness and does well walking on leash. He loves exploring the world around him and lets his nose lead the way as he discovers new smells. Wish seems to be a smart boy who is very responsive to treat training, catching on quickly to new commands. He has a lot of playful energy, typical of the young dog that he is, and he would benefit from getting regular exercise as well as some basic training to help him direct that energy in a positive direction.

Wish is looking for an active family to take him home, and give him the attention he needs. some time getting to know Wish - he is wishing for his forever Wish would probably do well having



another dog as a playmate and companion. Come in to spend family to discover what a great little dog he is!

His adoption fee is \$130 and includes neuter 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 Wish. He currently resides at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society located at 851 E. Grand Avenue in San Gabriel. We are located off San Gabriel Blvd., north of Mission and south of Las Tunas. To arrange a 'Meet and Greet' with Wish, please stop by any time from 10:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday.

If you are interested in meeting Wish 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.

2016 calendars are available at the shelter for a \$10 donation. The photos were selected among hundreds submitted by shelter supporters. 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.

PET OF THE WEEK: THEODORE: ANIMAL ID #A4908367

The animal shelter can be a loud and scary place, and it's not surprising to see some dogs shut down there. That is not to say those dogs are not amazing, because more often than not, those same shy dogs at the shelter actually blossom and flourish once adopted or rescued! Theodore (A4908367) is one of those pups. Theodore is a bashful 2-year old caramel male Chihuahua and Dachshund (aka "Chiweenie") mix whose owner left him and two sons Simon [A4908366] and Alvin [A4908365] at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center for no known reason on December 30th. Weighing 14 lbs, Theodore is a tender little dog who finds the shelter environment under s t a n d a b l y overwhelming. He will be so much happier being back in a home again! Theodore shows signs of being housebroken and knows how to walk on a leash (although he's equally happy to be carried); additional obedience training will help boost his confidence. Theodore will be an outstanding indoor pet and addition for any individual or family who's seeking a calm, sweet, small dog to

call their own. To watch a video of Theodore, please visit the following link: <https://youtu.be/NPHioesZJ-M>

To meet Theodore 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 Theodore, please reference his animal ID number: A4908367. 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 Theodore 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/>.



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So how do we get started?! Your practice can begin with just one class, the very effort of making it there has power. Just one class can change our energy, relieve pain, and enliven the body. The experience can serve as our own personal wake up call. If the teacher not our favorite, we try others

and find the one who we can connect with. Again, the effort of just making it to class is sufficient. Once over this hurdle, you'll discover (or re-discover) the benefits of a weekly practice. Ideally, attending class 3x per week is going to really improve your physical and emotional health, not to mention your energetic body!

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STUDIES: ACUPUNCTURE EFFECTIVE FOR DEPRESSION

Many people suffering from depression can find a natural and effective way to treat their symptoms with acupuncture, according to the latest study. A study published by researchers from the University of York in the United Kingdom showed patients who suffer from depression may benefit more from acupuncture or counseling alongside their usual care, compared with usual care alone. The researchers conducted a randomized controlled trial of 755 patients with moderate to severe depression from 27 primary care practices in the north of England. The patients were randomized to one of three treatment groups:

302 patients had 12 weekly sessions of counseling plus usual care.

151 patients had usual care alone.

After three months of treatment, the patients were required to complete a Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9), detailing what depressive thoughts or feelings they had over the study period. The outcome of the this showed that when compared with usual care alone, patients who received acupuncture or counseling plus their usual care showed a significant reduction in average depression scores, according to the study. This is not the first time acupuncture has been touted for its positive impact on those suffering from mental illness.

In 2012, a research study out of Hong Kong showed electro-acupuncture stimulation also reduced the severity of depressive symptoms to help patients dealing with depression recover faster using alternative methods.

Researchers at the School of Chinese Medicine at The University of Hong Kong, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine and the Department of Psychiatry in Kowloon Hospital conducted a study of a

randomized controlled trial using Dense Cranial Electro Acupuncture Stimulation (DCEAS) on patients with major depressive disorder (MDD). DCEAS is a novel acupuncture treatment, which was developed by Dr. Zhang Zhang-jin, associate professor of the HKU School of Chinese Medicine. For the study, 73 participants, ages 25 to 65 years, had been diagnosed with MDD and had suffered with the disorder from several months to several years.

The volunteers continued taking their prescribed antidepressant medications (fluoxetine), and were randomly selected to be in the DCEAS group or the control group. Participants in the DCEAS group received dense cranial electroacupuncture stimulation, while the control group received noninvasive electroacupuncture (placebo acupuncture) for 9 sessions in 3 weeks. Each session lasted 45 minutes.

Assessments given by both physicians and the patients themselves revealed that the DCEAS group had greater improvement in depressive symptoms, according to researchers.

On the 21st day after receiving treatment, the DCEAS group had a greater improvement in both the clinical depression assessment and the self-rating depression scale. Furthermore, strong improvements were observed in the DCEAS patients as early as at day 3, and this continued until the end of the treatment.

The findings suggest that DCEAS may be considered as an additional treatment for depressed individuals to achieve better clinical effects.

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I brought along a trusted friend on this trip to Matsuri, Sean Lorenzini. He hunts sushi the way Melville's Ahab hounded the depths for whales,

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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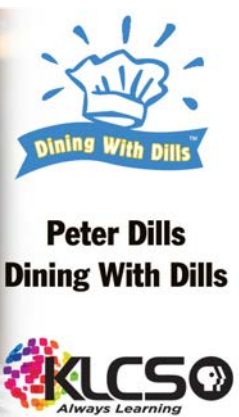
There is one inescapable thing that all great sushi must possess, freshness. That is the

fundamental element in any great Sushi restaurant and they ensure it at Matsuri. Papa San motors to the LA Fish Market at least five times a week to buy fish for the restaurant. Improbable, impossible, unimaginable you say, not to be found in this day and age! Pride drives that man to honor his guests. The delivery truck may sling fish at other restaurants but the emperor of sushi walks the docks as the fish is delivered and turns his keen eye to the best catch of the day. The gas is on me Papa San, put the pedal to the metal. I didn't get the names, as I was offered only, Momma San, Papa San and Son of San.

The entrees were fantastic, I always order a Spicy Tuna Hand Roll. I even convinced Ahab; of course he ordered the rice paper, while I got the traditional seaweed wrap.

Sake and Beer are available, I do recommend sitting at the Sushi Bar if seats are available. I did enjoy my meal! Next time the Live Scallops or Sea Urchin.

It appears in this story that Ahab survives with a smile. Matsuri 1050 E.



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 6-8 whole wheat hamburger buns
 1 jar Sierra Madre Grocery Company Caramelized Onion & Garlic Spread* (Available at Taylor's Market - Sierra Madre)
 1 package arugula
 tomatoes & pickles optional

DIRECTIONS

Lightly mix Sierra Seasoning in with ground beef and form into 6-8 patties. Grill patties 5 minutes per side, or until cooked through. Place cheese to melt on burger while grilling second side. Grill whole wheat buns, inner side down until lightly toasted. Spoonful SMGC Caramelized Onion & Garlic Spread on cheese. Top with bacon strips, arugula, tomatoes & pickles. Smile and Enjoy!

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Now, that's what they but us 'locals' know the truth, Mary's Market is Numero Uno!

Located at 562 Woodland in Sierra Madre, stop by with a good appetite sometime. Visit their website at www.marysmarket.com at check out the menu. (P.S. - They cater too!)

HOW TO FIND DISCOUNTS
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any worthwhile discounts available to people with disabilities, and if so, how can I find them? My wife – who's 48 – has Multiple Sclerosis that now requires her to use a wheelchair.

Need to Save

Dear Need,

There are actually a wide variety of discounts and services available to people with disabilities and those living with a chronic illness that can literally save you hundreds and even thousands of dollars each year. Here are some tips to help you find them.

Always Ask

The first thing to know is that most businesses that offer discounts to people with disabilities or their escorts don't publicize them, so it's important to always ask.

Also note that most nonprofit organizations and government agencies that provide disabled services or benefits will require proof of disability through a letter from your doctor or some other form of verification before they will accommodate you.

Search Locally

The disabled discounts available to your wife will vary depending on where you live, so a good place to start is to contact the local chapter of the nonprofit organization that specializes in your particular disease or disability – in your wife's case that would be the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (nationalmssociety.org, 800-344-4867).

Local chapters often know where to find discounts on the medical supplies, mobility equipment and support services. Some organizations have even negotiated special discounted rates with suppliers, and a few even provide subsidized equipment directly.

To search for other disability or disease specific organizations, use any Internet search engine, any type in your disease or disability followed by organizations – for example “Arthritis Organizations” or “Hearing Loss Organizations.”

Search Online

DisabledDiscounts.com is one of the best resources for finding disabled discounts online. This is a free website that lists thousands of discounts in all 50 states. You search by state and county in 30 different categories ranging from assistive technology to federal and state tax discounts, entertainment to education and so much more.

Also visit Benefits.gov and BenefitsCheckUp.org, two great sites that will help you look for financial assistance



programs your wife and you may be eligible for, and will tell you how to apply. And see Disability.gov, a site that connects people with disabilities to helpful programs and services in your area.

Types of Discounts

Here are a few examples of the different types of disabled discounts and services that are out there.

Recreation: Most movie theaters, museums, zoos, theme parks and aquariums provide reduced admission to people with disabilities or their escort. And, the National Park Service offers the “America The Beautiful Access Pass” (see nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm) to disabled residents, which provides a lifetime of free access into all national parks and federal recreational lands.

Taxes: There are numerous federal tax deductions and credits available to people with disabilities, and a number of states and counties also offer property tax deductions to disabled homeowners.

Utilities: Many utility companies, including electric, gas, phone, water and trash services offer discounts to customers who are disabled, elderly or low income.

Communication devices: 47 states have equipment distribution programs (see tedpa.org) that offer free amplified telephones to residents with hearing impairment.

Home modifications: There are a number of federal, state, local and nonprofit organizations that help pay for home accessibility improvements like wheelchair ramps, handrails and grab bars for elderly and disabled people in need.

Travel: Amtrak offers a 15 percent rail fare discount to adult passengers with a disability and up to one traveling companion.

Reading services: For those with vision or physical impairments that make it difficult for them to read, the Library of Congress (see loc.gov/nls) offers a “Talking Books” program that provides free audiobooks, magazines and audio equipment. And the National Federation of the Blind offers a free newspaper and magazine reading service at nfbnewslinesonline.org.

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

KATIE Tse.....This and That



THE GOAT'S GOT RHYTHM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...January Birthdays*

Gerald Day, Mary Tassop, JudyWebb-Martin, John Johnson, Mary Bickel, Marlene Enmark, Ross Kellock, Ruth Wolter, Sue Watanabe, Sandy Thistlewaite, Bobbi Rahmanian, Fran Syverson, Shirley Wolff, Judy Zaretska and Becky Evans.

* 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, January 25th 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, January 21st, 10:30am - 11:30am, improve your memory and strengthen your brain. Activities facilitated by Hugo, Community Liaison for New Wave Home care of Pasadena.

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, January 27th 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.

Balance Class: No Balance Class due to Martin Luther King Holiday.

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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January 6 - To Catch a Thief (1955)

Notorious cat burglar John Robie (Cary Grant) has long since retired to tend vineyards on the French Riviera. When a series of robberies is committed in his style, John must clear his name. Armed with a list of people who own the most expensive jewels currently in the area, John begins following the first owner, young Francie (Grace Kelly). When her jewels are stolen, Francie suspects John, destroying their tentative romance. John goes on the lam to catch the thief and clear his own name.

Rated PG. Start time 1:00pm (run time 1h 46m)

January 20 - St. Vincent (2014)

Maggie (Melissa McCarthy), a struggling single woman, moves to Brooklyn with her 12-year-old son, Oliver (Jaeden Lieberher). Having to work very long hours, she has no choice but to leave Oliver in the care of Vincent (Bill Murray), a bawdy misanthrope next door. Vincent takes Oliver along on his trips to the race track, strip club and dive bar, and an unlikely friendship is born. Oliver sees the good in Vincent that no one else can.

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On the Marquee: *Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse***THE MISSING INGREDIENT**

By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano

You all know by now about my love of theater and for this theater in particular, but what may not be so common knowledge is that my other great passion is cooking. Among my friends I'm known as quite a good one. I'm an intuitive cook – I learned that from my mother – and can make a meal out of almost anything in the pantry and fridge. I have a knack for finding just the right spice or ingredient for making a dish sing. Well last night at our invited dress rehearsal I was reminded of the final ingredient in any performance – YOU! We had a group of 18 theater students from the American Academy in the audience and the show took flight. I will say that Deathtrap was as ready to be seen as any show I have ever worked on. These last few rehearsals have been just about fine-tuning the technical elements and how the actors interact with them. I think we were all itching to put it in front of people. I often say to actors that I'm working with when asked about how to play a moment that “the audience will tell us what it needs.” And I really believe this – that's why a play is always better a few weeks into the run than it is at opening. It needs to simmer in front of an audience.

Last night the students laughed and gasped and a few shrieked at all the right moments. I could see the relish in the cast's eyes – no one knows them better than I do at this point. It gave them confidence to trust the work we had done in preparation for tonight's opening.

I hope you'll see this one. I'm very proud of it. You are just the spice I'm looking for!

Deathtrap is selling briskly – we have our highest presale in our history! – it opened January 15 and runs through February 20. This one is going to be great fun – don't miss it. Please visit our website at SierraMadrePlayhouse.org or call Mary at 626.355.4318 to arrange your purchase.



David Tolemy is Clifford Anderson in Deathtrap. Photo by John Dlugolecki

I'm excited to announce a new Initiative at the Playhouse – a once-a-month reading series of plays I am interested in producing in the future. These plays will generally be the last Monday of the month and will be directed and star many actors you've enjoyed over the last few years. D.J. Harner (who played Mother and General Cutter in Battledrum) will work with me to produce this Series (we haven't settled on a name yet). The Reading Series will be free to attend. We launch our first one Monday, January 25 at 7pm. Arthur Hankett (who was in The Twentieth Century) will direct and perform in Eric Overmyer's On the Verge a wonderful play I can't wait to hear out loud. Do come, we'll have refreshments and it should be great fun. I have a wonderful list of plays coming up: Bus Stop, The Skin of Our Teeth, The Octoroon and many more. The complete schedule and list of plays is on our website: SierraMadrePlayhouse.org

SPECIAL MUSIC EVENT CELEBRATING GRANADOS AT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE ON JANUARY 31

Sierra Madre Playhouse and Colburn Conservatory of Music continue their collaboration of presenting superior evenings of traditional and contemporary classical music for a third season. Our first such event this year is Celebrating Granados: His Life, His Influences, His Music.

Enrique Granados (1867-1916), revered in his native Spain, is less well-known by American audiences. Our January concert commemorates the centennial of his death. In 1916, following the New York premiere of his opera Goyescas (based on his earlier piano pieces inspired by the paintings of Francisco Goya) and a special piano recital for President Woodrow Wilson, Granados and his wife set sail for the return voyage to Europe. They perished when their vessel was sunk by a German U-Boat. They were survived by six children, one of them a musician.

Prize-winning pianist, recording artist, and former Fulbright scholar Régulo Martínez-Antón, the recipient of the Professional Studies Certificate from the Colburn Conservatory of Music and currently a piano faculty member at the Colburn School of Performing Arts and the Montecito International Music Festival, has assembled the program for the January 31 concert. A native of Madrid, Martínez-Antón has a special affinity for the works of Granados. The concert will feature

not only works by Granados, but also by his influences.

The program:
Robert Schumann (1810-1856) Arabesque in C major, Op. 18
Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849) Nocturne op. 62 in B major

Franz Liszt (1811-1886) Sonetto 47 del Petrarca
Sonetto 104 del Petrarca
Sonetto 123 del Petrarca

Intermission

Enrique Granados (1867-1916) from Danzas españolas, op. 37 Andaluza
Oriental from Goyescas Los requiebros (The Compliments)
Quejas o la maja y el ruiseñor (Complaints or the Maiden and the Nightingale)
El pelele

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: LISTEN UP: SONGS OF THE WEEK

By Sean Kayden

School of Seven Bells – “Open Your Eyes” – The new self-titled record from School of Seven Bells will be the final album for Alejandra Deheza under this moniker. The sad reason is because of her friend/lover/bandmate Benjamin Curtis passed away in 2013 of T-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma. The first single “Open Your Eyes” is comforting and luminous. It's heartbreaking to hear since this song as well the entire nine-track album was written prior to Curtis' untimely death. The deeply layered synths and heartfelt lyrics revolving around the band members' relationship are emotional to say the least. Overall, it's just a really terrific tune. The record could be the finest effort that School of Seven Bells has ever delivered, but sadly it will be their last.

Grizfolk – “Troublemaker” – Grizfolk has finally released their debut record this past week and one of the better tracks off the album is, “Troublemaker”. It shows the band pushing their boundaries with a darker vibe going on here. Grizfolk attempts to balance the line of anthemic rock and indie-pop. The quintet shows much promise on their debut offer despite the notable comparisons to bands before them. Grizfolk were a buzz band in late 2013 into 2014 so this first LP is long overdue, but it delivers the vibes that were not only wanted, but also needed. Let loose this winter with a fun, sprightly sound from a group that's aesthetic falls between the indie-folk expanses and indie-pop regions.

Ra Ra Riot – “Water” – For fans of Vampire

Weekend, the new single “Water” from Ra Ra Riot is a must hear. It fact, the song was produced by Rostam Batmanglij of Vampire Weekend so no wonder the vibes are present. This isn't the first time collaboration between Ra Ra Riot and Batmanglij had been crafted. Vocalist Wes Miles previously teamed up with him when they released their album in 2009 under the name Discovery. As for the brand new track “Water,” which will be off the new record, “Need Your Light” next month is a bubbly cut that just feels right no matter how you examine it. Miles vocals resemble those of the band Passion Pit, however he clearly displays his own distinctive approach. While this may be the band's fourth album within a decade, there's a huge sense of rejuvenation. The expansive soundscape of the first single should get fans super amped up for what's in store on the full length. And with a Vampire Weekend album still to be determined, fingers crossed Ra Ra Riot's “Need Your Light” holds you over until then.

DMA'S – “Delete” – The debut LP, “Hills End” from the Sydney trio may be the breakthrough record of 2016. Their single, “Delete” crosses the same territory as Oasis (when they were something special) and a little bit of The Arctic Monkeys. “Delete” starts off as ballad before it explodes late into the song into something magnificent. The harmonies sink in, the guitars get louder and touch greatness. I can't speak for how the rest of the album will shape up to be, but if you have a penchant for Britpop, let me introduce you to your new favorite band, DMA'S.

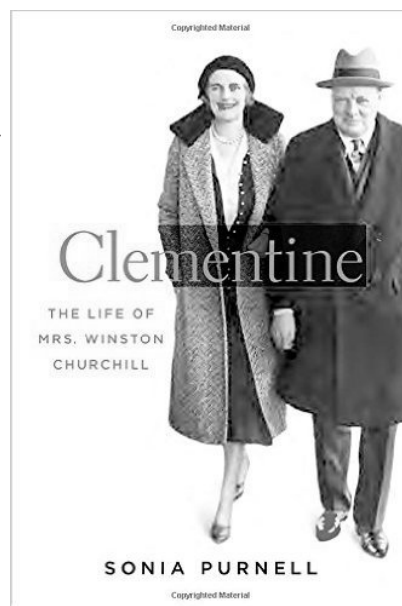
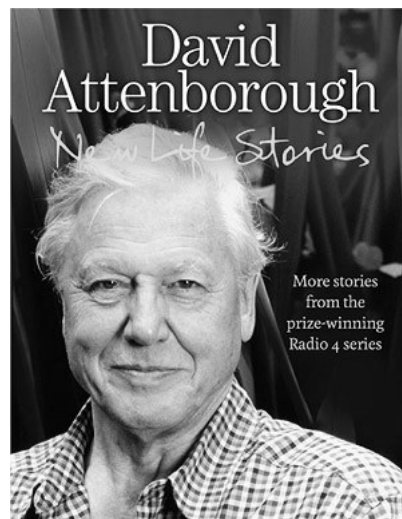
Jeff's Book Pics By Jeff Brown

Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill by Sonia Purnell

“Sonia Purnell has at long last given Clementine Churchill the biography she deserves. Sensitive yet clear-eyed, Clementine tells the fascinating story of a complex woman struggling to maintain her own identity while serving as the conscience and principal adviser to one of the most important figures in history.” –Lynn Olson, bestselling author of Citizens of London A long-overdue tribute to the extraordinary woman behind Winston Churchill. By Winston Churchill's own admission, victory in the Second World War would have been “impossible without her.” Until now, however, the only existing biography of Churchill's wife, Clementine, was written by her daughter. Sonia Purnell finally gives Clementine her due with a deeply researched account that tells her life story, revealing how she was instrumental in softening FDR's initial dislike of her husband and paving the way for Britain's close relationship with America. It also provides a surprising account of her relationship with Eleanor Roosevelt and their differing approaches to the war effort. Born into impecunious aristocracy, the young Clementine was the target of cruel snobbery. Many wondered why Winston married her, but their marriage proved to be an exceptional partnership. Beautiful and intelligent, but driven by her own insecurities, she made his career her mission. Any real consideration of Winston Churchill is incomplete without an understanding of their relationship, and Clementine is both the first real biography of this remarkable woman and a fascinating look inside their private world.

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The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing by Marie Kondo

This #1 New York Times best-selling guide to decluttering your home from Japanese cleaning consultant Marie Kondo takes readers step-by-step through her revolutionary KonMari Method for simplifying, organizing, and storing. Despite constant efforts to declutter your home, do papers still accumulate like snowdrifts and clothes pile up like a tangled mess of noodles? Japanese cleaning consultant Marie Kondo takes tidying to a whole new level, promising that if you properly simplify and organize your home once, you'll never have to do it again. Most methods advocate a room-by-room or little-by-little approach, which doom you to pick away at your piles of stuff forever. The KonMari Method, with its revolutionary category-by-category system, leads to lasting results. In fact, none of Kondo's clients have lapsed (and she still has a three-month waiting list). With detailed guidance for determining which items in your house “spark joy” (and which don't), this international bestseller featuring Tokyo's newest lifestyle phenomenon will help you clear your clutter and enjoy the unique magic of a tidy home—and the calm, motivated mindset it can inspire.

Jeff's History Corner By Jeff Brown

- 1.The Founding Fathers penned the first couple of drafts of the Declaration of Independence on hemp paper, since at the time at least 75 percent of all the world's paper was made from cannabis hemp fiber. The democratic delegates eked out the document's first and second drafts—completed on June 28th and July 2nd 1776, respectively—on Dutch hemp paper. The final document had a more official air, though, as it was printed on parchment.
- 2.The American flag was the brainchild of a high schooler. Robert Heft was 17 years old when he submitted his design for a new American flag for a school project in 1958. After receiving a B- for his work, Heft contested his grade with his teacher and an agreement was made that he would receive an A if it was accepted by the US Congress. In the following year, which saw Alaska and Hawaii join the union, Heft's flag was adopted by the nation and his grade was changed accordingly.
- 3.FDR escaped an assassination attempt before he was famous. Franklin D Roosevelt was diagnosed with polio in 1921, yet led a somewhat charmed life. In February 1932, just three weeks prior to his inauguration, a revolver bullet meant for him was directed off target as it was fired, fatally wounding the Mayor of Chicago instead. An American submarine mistakenly fired a torpedo at the battleship Iowa, missing it by a fraction, as he held a secret meeting on it in November 1943. These brushes with death were preceded, however, by a close escape in 1919 when he gave Mitchell Palmer, the notorious Attorney General, a lift home from a boozy party. FDR politely

refused the offer of a nightcap, driving off and leaving Palmer to retire upstairs before the front portion of his house then exploded as part of an attempt on his life. Had FDR accepted Palmer's hospitality, both men would have been killed.

4.Cross-dressing women served in the Civil War. Hundreds of women are thought to have disguised themselves as men in order to participate in the Civil War. Most famous is Sarah Emma Edmonds, who felt compelled to play her part for the Union Army and enlisted in the 2nd Michigan Infantry with the alias “Franklin Flint Thompson”. She served between 1861 and 1863, with Malaria curtailing her involvement. She wrote a memoir of her time in the army, selling almost 200,000 copies.

5.Months before World War Two ended, the Japanese found themselves in a bit of a pinch. Making the most of the strong air current across the Pacific Ocean, the Japanese crafted what was likely the first intercontinental weapon system and attached bombs to hydrogen balloons, in what was known as the Fu-Go campaign. Depending on weather conditions, it would take each balloon anywhere from 30 to 60 hours to reach the United States. Researchers estimate that the Japanese said sayonara to around 9,000 bombs—which were approximately 33 feet in diameter— to the United States, with 342 known to have reached the United States. Many of them landed and exploded, with one even killing a whole family in Oregon in 1944. Rumor has it that there may still be dozens – potentially still active – lying around.

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



THE BEST GIFT YOU CAN LEAVE TO YOUR LOVED ONES

A Wisconsin woman, whose story was widely reported in media nationwide, has died. Heather McManamy, who was diagnosed with cancer in 2013, was told her condition was terminal in 2014. She began reflecting on what the future lives of her friends and family would be like, after she passed away, and gained national popularity as the dying mother who had written cards for many of her daughter's future milestones.

She particularly wanted to communicate life lessons and advice to her daughter, Brianna, who was only a toddler. So McManamy decided to write greeting cards for big events in her daughter's life, to be opened as each occasion took place.

The Wisconsin mom left over 40 different cards for events in her daughter's life, including formal events such as birthdays and her wedding, as well as informal ones, such as advice for bad days and her first breakup.

McManamy also prepared a note for her husband

to post on her Facebook page, which he did after her death in December. Her note showed her love of life and for her friends and family.

McManamy's announcement of her death, like her greeting card notes to her daughter, left wise advice for its readers:

"From the bottom of my heart, I wish all my friends long, healthy lives and I hope you can experience the same appreciation for the gift of each day that I did. . . . Please do me a favor and take a few minutes each day to acknowledge the fragile adventure that is this crazy life. Don't ever forget: every day matters."

McManamy's memoirs will be published in book form in April 2016, "Cards for Brianna: A Lifetime of Lessons and Love from a Dying Mother to Her Daughter."

McManamy's positive attitude and writings also serve as sage advice of something we too often forget. Preparing for and facing death openly and honestly is a gift to our loved ones because it allows us to leave behind what really matters, not just what we've accumulated financially, but our wisdom, our love and our leadership.

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Social Media
Tips, Tricks & Ideas



by: MJ Finstrom

THE FIRST TWO WORDS COUNT

Composing a good subject line for your email campaign is important. According to a study done by Constant Contact, the first two words in an email's subject line determine if the recipient will read the rest of the subject line. Here are a few ideas:

Use humor and pronouns: Your dog stinks. We can help.

Use problem solving lingo: Your dog stinks. Our groomer can help.

Use pronouns: we, you, your, our, you're etc.

Ask a question: Did you know our shoes have wings?

Try a single word: BOGO

Be positive: Good News. Our slippers come in pink now!

Be informative and straightforward: Update: The event has been cancelled

Use numbers: 5 tips to help you win the power ball

Make it personal: You requested more information. Here it is.

Be Inclusive: Your invitation to the VIP event. Announce: Introducing our new groomer.

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BUSINESS TODAY

The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

By La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA



THE ART OF WAR: A Guidebook For Business Success

Initial apologies are in order to those who take offense to the use of war as a teaching tool for entrepreneurs, but the lessons found in the study of military strategy are too numerous and too valuable to bypass. On a positive note we can glean important lessons to apply to business from any situation, including The Art of War, an ancient military treatise that has influenced war strategy for more than 2,000 years.

Attributed to Sun Tzu (pronounced "Sun Wu" or "Sunzi"), a high-ranking general, strategist and tactician, The Art of War is composed of 13 chapters, each devoted to a specific aspect of warfare. Sun Tzu is thought to have lived at some time between 771-476 B.C., the time period recognized by some historians as China's Spring and Autumn Period. Some historians have questioned Sun Tzu's authenticity, wondering if he was a real person or simply a created legendary persona, but some facts are unquestionable.

The year 1772 marked the beginning of the book's importance on an international scale when it was translation into French. The first completed English version was published in 1905. Although intended as a guidebook for the most debased of mankind's activities of destruction, The Art of War continues to have a profound impact on planning, strategy and tactics for military, business and legal applications. We can approach a study of this document with the goal of identifying the silver linings that can be applied for productive enterprise toward economic stimulus and job creation.

A treatise is defined as a formal and systematic written discourse on a subject, generally longer and more indepth than an essay, with a focus on investigating or exposing the underlying principle that pertain to the subject.

The following list includes the area of focus detailed in each of the 13 chapters in The Art of War. The Chinese-to-English translation may have varying nuances regarding the meaning of specific words, but the principles are ready-made to apply to business.

1. Assessment – take a look at everything and layout your plans
2. Economize – proceed in a manner that won't exhaust all of your efforts and resources in one single engagement
3. Maximize – work smarter, not harder by outsmarting and outwitting your opponent
4. Formidability – establish yourself in the best position possible, then be flexible as to when you need to attack (proceed aggressively) and when you need to defend (protect your turf)
5. Intangibility – fight head-on when needed and indirectly when it is to your advantage
6. Imperceptibility – operate under the illusion of what you want your enemy (competitor) to know about you, while being tactical with the implementation of your real plan
7. Out-Maneuver – be clever and perhaps fire the first shot (be the first to do something new, but do it with excellence), even if silently; don't put yourself into a position that will force you to be reactive
8. Strategy – use your knowledge of your opponents, allies and terrain to your advantage in every situation
9. Vigilance – keep moving and maneuvering your team toward your ultimate goal
10. Situational Positioning – pick the best strategy and use the tactics most appropriate to the terrain on which you operate
11. The Nine Terrains* – become a master at knowing the nine types of environments in which you will operate so that you will appropriately apply the principle above (*dispersive, facile, contentious, open, in midst of intersecting highways, serious, difficult, hemmed-in and desperate)
12. Use Fire – attack with fervor and passion; move fast like the wind, but apply the passion only to the areas that will result in strategic advantage
13. Intelligence – study your opponents and learn from their strengths and weaknesses

The Art of War was written for one purpose – to serve as a training manual to win on the battlefields. Today, entrepreneurs can use it for a constructive purpose, developing strategies and tactics to start, operate and build successful, profitable businesses.

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Looking Up
with Bob EklundCHINESE ROVER ANALYZES MOON ROCKS: *First New 'Ground Truth' in 40 Years*

In 2013, Chang'e-3, an unmanned lunar mission from China, touched down on the northern part of the Moon's Imbrium Basin, one of the most prominent of the lava-filled impact basins visible from Earth.

It was a beautiful landing site, said Bradley L. Jolliff, PhD, the Scott Rudolph Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis, who is a participant in an educational collaboration that helped analyze Chang'e-3 mission data. The lander touched down on a smooth flood basalt plain next to a relatively fresh impact crater (now officially named the Zi Wei crater) that had conveniently excavated bedrock from below the regolith (the ground-up surface layer of fragmented rock) for the Yutu rover to study.

Since the Apollo program ended, American lunar exploration has been conducted mainly from orbit. But orbital sensors mostly detect the regolith that blankets the Moon, and the regolith is typically mixed and difficult to interpret.

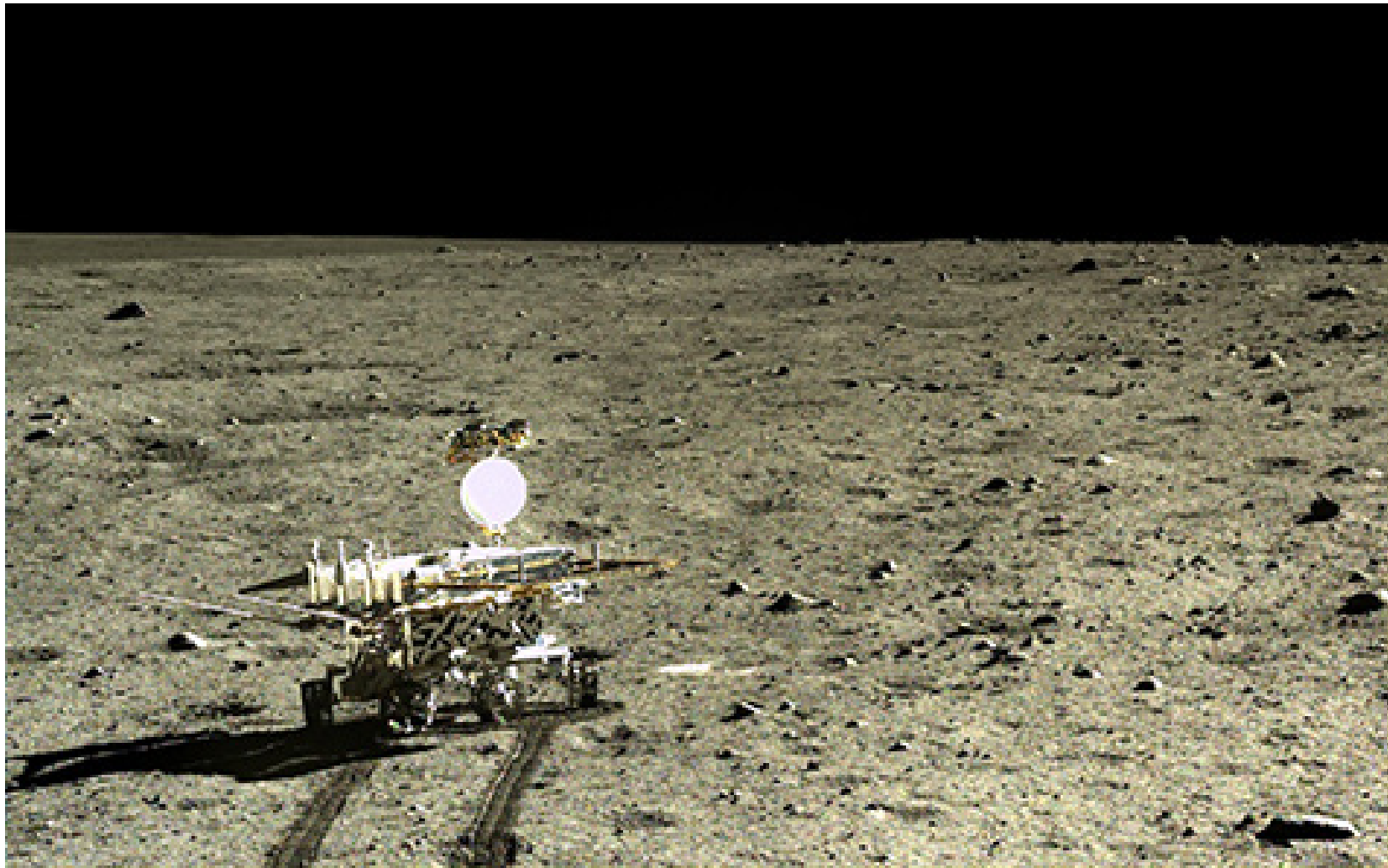
Because Chang'e-3 landed on a comparatively young lava flow, the regolith layer was thin and not mixed with debris from elsewhere. Thus it closely resembled the composition of the underlying volcanic bedrock. This characteristic made the landing site an ideal location to compare in situ analysis with compositional information detected by orbiting satellites.

"We now have 'ground truth' for our remote sensing, a well-characterized sample in a key location," Jolliff said. "We see the same signal from orbit in other places, so we now know that those other places probably have similar basalts."

The basalts at the Chang'e-3 landing site also turned out to be unlike any returned by the Apollo and Luna sample return missions.

"The diversity tells us that the Moon's upper mantle is much less uniform in composition than Earth's," Jolliff said. "And correlating chemistry with age, we can see how the Moon's volcanism changed over time."

Two partnerships were involved in the collection and analysis of this data, published in the journal Nature Communications [http://www.nature.com/ncomms/index.html] Dec. 22. Scientists from a number of Chinese institutions involved with the Chang'e-3 mission formed one partnership; the other was a long-standing educational partnership between Shandong University in Weihai, China, and Washington



University in St. Louis.

The Moon, thought to have been created by the collision of a Mars-sized body with the Earth, began as a molten or partially molten body that separated as it cooled into a crust, mantle and core. But the buildup of heat from the decay of radioactive elements in the interior then remelted parts of the mantle, which began to erupt onto the surface some 500 million years after the Moon's formation, pooling in impact craters and basins to form the maria, most of which are on the side of the Moon facing the Earth.

The American Apollo (1969-1972) and Russian Luna (1970-1976) missions sampled basalts from the period of peak volcanism that occurred

between 3 and 4 billion years ago. But the Imbrium basin, where Chang'e-3 landed, contains some of the younger flows—3 billion years old or slightly less.

The basalts returned by the Apollo and Luna missions had either a high titanium content or low to very low titanium; intermediate values were missing. But measurements made by an alpha-particle X-ray spectrometer and a near-infrared hyperspectral imager aboard the Yutu rover indicated that the basalts at the Chang'e-3 landing site are intermediate in titanium, as well as rich in iron, said Zongcheng Ling, PhD, associate professor in the School of Space Science and Physics at Shandong University in Weihai,

and first author of the paper.

Titanium is especially useful in mapping and understanding volcanism on the Moon because it varies so much in concentration, from less than 1 weight-percent TiO₂ to over 15 percent. This variation reflects significant differences in the mantle source regions that derive from the time when the early magma ocean first solidified.

"The variable titanium distribution on the lunar surface suggests that the Moon's interior was not homogenized," Jolliff said. "We're still trying to figure out exactly how this happened."

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Despina Arzouman practices the art of Reflexology here in Sierra Madre.

What is "reflexology"? It is the art and science based on the theory that there is a map of the human body reflected on the feet, hands, and ears, and that by touching spots on the feet, hands and ears, the nerve endings send impulse messages to the brain, and the brain sends messages to the body parts. Reflexology, somewhat related to acupressure, dates back to ancient Egypt, according to what can be seen in hieroglyphics. The Chinese have proven (via acupuncture) that "points" reflected in the ear effect and balance one's health, and so reflexologists have adopted the use of the Ear acupuncture chart for reflexology.

The Ear acupuncture chart has been accepted by western Medicine.

Though she began her Sierra Madre FootSmarts practice in 2002, her interest in the healing art goes back to her early 20s.

She discovered reflexology when she was a dancer. "I started dancing at age 19," says Arzouman. "From ages 23 to 30, I used a reflexology chart as a guide to direct energy through the areas in my feet up into the corresponding areas in my body. I discovered new levels of energy with this practice."

At the same time that she discovered dance, about age 19, she was diagnosed with cystic mastitis, which is a fibrous type of matter in the breast. "I attributed it to taking birth control pills when I was 17," explains Arzouman, who also read news reports claiming that many breast problems were, or were not, related to birth control pills.

"I started working as a legal secretary at that time," says Arzouman, "and my first job was typing a chronology of events for a client who had radical mastectomy. That these events coincided it alerted (and scared me) out of my wits. So I went to all the top physicians in New York for answers. One charged me \$350 for the initial visit -- that was 35 years ago! -- and I felt he treated me like I was nothing, like a piece of meat; but then, some conscious aspect of my mind told me that he has no clue who I am and no idea what's wrong with me, nor what to do."

Arzouman started to take care of herself. She began by reading Prevention magazine, and health-related magazines. She studied diet, exercise, supplements, and started making her own whole wheat bread, took dance lessons, and that set a new tone for her life. "I never took the pill again," adds Arzouman. "I stopped eating beef. I stopped eating all sandwich meats -- which are full of nitrates. I began to monitor my own body and mind. And I truly believe that if I listened to doctors and did not take action my own, I'd probably have had breast cancer by now."

According to Arzouman, everyone should be educated on how to care for their body and take some personal responsibility. The biology of the body should begin being taught at kindergarten level.



HOW SHE BEGAN HER BUSINESS

At around age 44-46, says Arzouman, "my personal life underwent several dramatic shifts, which forced me to reassess my life and reinvent it; and I knew I wouldn't go back to being a legal secretary." She saw an ad from the American Academy of Reflexology (located in Burbank) and because was already intimate with the subject, decided to take their course in order to get certified as a reflexologist. She scored 98 on the written and "hands on" test, and then started her Sierra Madre practice in January of 2002.

"I learned by doing. Even though I intuitively knew the reflexology map by doing it myself,

I had to shift my focus when I was working on others," explains Arzouman. "I had to shift how I was feeling energy through my hands. I had to approach each session as a blank slate to feel and monitor what was going on with this other person. This enabled me to develop a feeling of empathy."

Arzouman adds that she has had successful treatments where shoulder and knee pain have been greatly relieved. Plus reflexology has been successful in relieving stress and migraine headaches. "Reflexology is a great way to relieve normal aches and pains, and to reduce stress and prevent illnesses," says Arzouman.

In terms of how reflexology fits in to an overall integral self-health regimen, Arzouman figures that it accounts for almost 10% of the total. The rest of the health regimen should include diet, exercise, self-esteem, emotional care, general mind-set -- which is all rooted in practicing self discipline. For example, she points out that we need to learn to feel into the ramifications of all our actions, so that we might begin to supersede the impulses of nature. Instead of a snacking on greasy fast food and drinking soda, we could eat an apple, or drink good water.

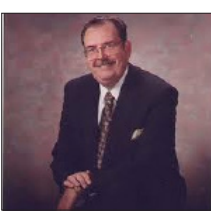
Arzouman quickly points out that she doesn't have any sort of "health care plan" except her own. "I'm against mandatory health care because I have been monitoring and taking care of myself the past 20 years," she explains. "I work to eat right, to watch my weight, and meditate and monitor my actions, and to then watch for signs following. I consciously observe my internal processes and try to be familiar with all my internal organs. I watch how my body digests, how I think, my need for water, etc."

She adds that each one of us should take far more time to educate ourselves in how our bodies work, and should self discipline to live in accord with healthy principles. "You can't have bad habits and expect good health, and you can't take a pill to make bad choices go away," she explains. "Personally, I can't imagine how pharmaceutical chemicals running through my blood stream could make me feel better. As far as I'm concerned, drugs dull the senses as well as the mind, which is even worse than whatever the drug is supposed to be remedying!" "Remember that the body is not going to live forever," explains Arzouman, "and life is supposed to be about personal struggle -- wrought with feeling, thinking, doing -- in order to grow mentally and otherwise. And struggle ought not be confused with misery."

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

THERE IS NO KNOWN
CURE FOR HAPPY-ITIS

Now that the pressure of the Old Year is off and the New Year has just begun, I can chill out a little and rest for a while.

Towards the end of the Old Year, there is a lot of pressure to get caught up on all of those stupid New Year's resolutions I made for the year. Every year I am pressured into making some silly New Year's resolution. I would think that after a while this would get old.

For some people, this is simply a way of life and addressing the New Year.

"Have you got your New Year's resolution list made up," my wife always badgers me.

I used to be able to get away with saying, "Yes, I sure do."

That worked until one year she said, "Can I see your list of New Year's resolutions?"

I dodged that for as long as I could and then had to confess that I really did not have any New Year's resolutions.

That was a major mistake on my part because the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage volunteered to help me make up a list of New Year's resolutions. That list was so long that, if taken seriously, it would take me the rest of my life just to put a little dent in it.

From then on, I made up my own little list of New Year's resolutions.

Usually on my list is one resolution dealing with losing weight. I cannot tell you how many times I have lost a pound only to find it and its friend the next day. I cannot help it, I guess I am so pleasant to be around this weight cannot stay away from me. Maybe I should try to be a little grumpier this year. (That would make a great New Year's resolution!)

Somebody in our house is very serious about New Year's resolutions.

The year starts out with, "You got your New Year's resolutions all ready?"

It then evolves into, "Have you started on your New Year's resolutions yet?"

The next evolutionary point is, "What New Year's resolution have you completed?"

The evolution ends with, "Have you completed your New Year's resolutions yet?"

This is one reason why I do not believe in the theory of evolution.

At each evolutionary stage, my stress level increases appropriately. By the time December comes around my life has evolved to a point of absolute nervous recklessness and major stress because I know not one of those New Year's resolutions were met.

That is why I like January. Yes, I have that list of New Year's resolutions, but I have not really started thinking about them yet. That is the beauty of January. Nobody is thinking about working on

those resolutions nor is anybody, especially in my happy domicile, questioning about where we are along with our New Year's resolutions.

For the most part, January finds me in a state of sheer happiness. I call it, happy-itis and as far as I know, there is absolutely no cure for it. I just love being happy and on occasion my face joins in the celebration.

"Why," my wife demands, "are you so happy?"

This is where a husband has to carefully think about his next response. Should I tell her the truth or should I tell her what she really wants to hear? Sometimes these two do not hold hands.

I compromise and say, "I'm just happy about starting a new year and what it has for us." Then I smile broadly, which usually throws her off her game.

Being happy is one of the great benefits of life that not many people have discovered. I know there are many times when happiness does not really fit the occasion, but I am concentrating on those times when it does fit. I love being happy.

Not only that, but I love trying to make other people happy as well. Wherever you go these days all you find are people under stress and discouraged without much motivation to go forward. I think everybody needs a dose of happiness every now and again.

I am hoping that somehow I could be infected with the happy-itis virus and infect as many people as I can. Of course, I know there is absolutely no cure for this disease and if I ever find anybody looking for a cure, I am going to go after them with everything I got. (That would make a great New Year's resolution!)

Often when facing a serious problem, my wife will look at me and say, "Wipe that smile off your face right now. Let's get serious for a change."

That has been my problem. It is very difficult, especially during the month of January, for me to get serious about anything. Everything I see brings a smile to my face. Every person I meet causes me to giggle and when I giggle, it is hard to hide it from my face.

James understood this when he wrote, "Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy" (James 5:11).

There is more to life than being happy, but not much more. Happiness comes from deep inside and flows to the outside so everybody can see it and benefit from it.

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TED CRUZ MADE DONALD TRUMP LOOK GOOD



tency of mixed nuts.

So I'll simply focus on the Ted Cruz's hypocrisy-laced outburst about the alleged evils of "New York values." It was so egregiously mindless, and so stereotypically insulting, that it wound up making Donald Trump look good. Which tells you plenty about Cruz.

Cruz birthed this riff on Tuesday, when he said, in radio and later on Fox News, that Trump "comes from New York and embodies New York values The rest of the country knows exactly what New York values are, and, I gotta say, they're not Iowa values and they're not New Hampshire values."

I get that Cruz is trying to supplant Trump at the top of the heap, but come on, what he said in Thursday night's debate just reeks.

"I think most people know exactly what New York values are," Cruz said. "Everyone understands that the values in New York City are so-cially liberal or pro-abortion or pro-gay-marriage, and focus around money and the media."

First of all, San Francisco is surely happy to be off the hook. A generation ago, the typical GOP tactic was to tar-brush the opposition as "San Francisco Democrats," to thus insinuate that all Dems were amoral hedonists with no ties to the stars n' stripes. Now we have Cruz taking the game eastward. Perhaps he's irked that Saturday Night Live described him as having "a punchable face," but, clearly, he just thinks that his blanket smear will resonate, at Trump's expense, with parochial denizens of the Republican base.

However, there's a big reason why Cruz is hated by so many in his own party. It's his brazen hypocrisy.

On the one hand, he condemns what he calls New York's "focus around money." On the other hand, he happily pockets New York money. One of his biggest benefactors is New York hedge fund mogul Robert Mercer, who has reportedly pumped \$11 million into Cruzworld. Another is the New York-based Sullivan & Cromwell law firm. Another is New York-based Goldman Sachs, which loaned a million bucks to his

successful '12 Senate bid (this is the money that Cruz failed to disclose because of a so-called paperwork error).

And the next time he cruises New York to shill for money, perhaps he should roll down the window of his limo and soak in the obvious info that refutes his stereotypical insult. Yeah, there are people in New York who support the constitutional right to an abortion (as elsewhere in the country), as well as those who support gay marriage (a stance that's now American mainstream). But New York is also the cops who live on Staten Island, the working stiffs in Queens, the firefighters who couldn't care less about politics but who would risk their lives to save his.

Cruz's yammering pejoratives about "New York values" prompted Trump to say this:

"When the World Trade Center came down, I saw something that no place on Earth could have handled more beautifully, more humanely than New York You had two 110-story buildings come crashing down. I saw them come down. Thousands of people killed, and the cleanup started the next day, and it was the most horrific cleanup, probably in the history of doing this, and in construction. I was down there, and I've never seen anything like it.

"And the people in New York fought and fought and fought, and we saw more death, and even the smell of death — nobody understood it. And it was with us for months, the smell, the air. And we rebuilt downtown Manhattan, and everybody in the world loved New York and loved New Yorkers. And I have to tell you, that was a very insulting statement that Ted made."

By that point, even Cruz was compelled to clap. This guy is supposedly so bright, yet he couldn't see that he was walking into the 9/11 buzz saw? It takes a lot to put Trump on the high road, to make him sound like Cicero, but somehow Cruz pulled it off. And by the end of the 150-minute marathon, Trump stood taller as a candidate. Thanks a lot, Ted.

But hey, no worries. Because when Ted Cruz is president, he'll use any international incident — like the American sailors' encounter with Iran, a crisis that was snuffed within 10 hours — to unleash the dogs of war: "Any nation that captures our fighting men will feel the full force and fury of the United States of America!" Yeah, baby. Carpet-bomb that water, make it glow.

Welcome to "Ted Cruz values." I'll take his New York stereotype any day.

TOM Purcell

MASTERING THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION



The smart car is upon us and self-driving automobiles soon will be commonplace — which will be the buzz at this week's 2016 Detroit Auto Show.

In the past two or three years, you see, computer processing capacity has become powerful enough to rapidly manage and analyze massive amounts of complex data sets or "big data."

What does this mean for automobiles?

By installing incredibly intricate roadside sensor networks and additional sensors in "smart" automobiles — both of which feed continuous data, via the Internet, to a powerful collection engine — automobiles will be in constant communication with road conditions and each other.

Smart cars can be programmed to avoid crashing into roadside obstacles and each other, auto-correct if a driver strays from the road or sound an alarm if a driver shows signs he's falling asleep.

In the U.S. alone, according to Entrepreneur.com, "self-driving cars could eliminate the more than 33,000 motor-vehicle traffic deaths a year, 2.3 million injuries and billions in car damage."

Traffic jams will be significantly reduced or eliminated.

Imagine if every car sitting on the Parkway in front of the Squirrel Hill Tunnel could be safely guided through at a coordinated speed that eliminates stop-and-go driving.

How about energy savings?

"Street lamps could automatically switch off in areas with no nighttime traffic, and turn on only when road sensors detect a vehicle getting closer," reports Information Week.

It's hard for a car buff like me to imagine — I love to drive — but driverless automobiles will soon be everywhere.

"A separate study released last month by Britain's Juniper Research anticipates 25 million self-driving cars will be on the road around the world a decade from now," reports The Detroit News.

According to a Rand Corp. report, that means people who are unable to drive — the blind, disabled or people too young to get a license — will enjoy "independence, reduction in social isolation and access to essential services."

Self-driving cars have the opportunity to save the average erstwhile car owner a bundle. According to The Wall Street Journal, the average utilization rate for a typical car owner is only about 5 percent — that means your car sits idle 95 percent of the time, a waste of money.

When you include insurance costs, fuel, wear and tear and car payments, the average person is spending thousands a year to own a car — but would spend significantly less than that if he or she paid by the mile utilizing a self-driving car fleet.

Ravi Shanker, a Morgan Stanley U.S. auto analyst, says self-driving cars could "contribute \$1.3 trillion in annual savings to the U.S. economy alone," reports The Journal — which will dramatically disrupt the auto manufacturing industry.

What is happening to the automobile — as our technology is able to analyze and manage big data — is happening across every industry.

We are at the cusp of another industrial revolution, also referred to as Industry 4.0 or the fourth industrial revolution, whereby interconnections between machines, systems, assets and people will enable massive improvements in efficiency and performance.

Its scale, scope and complexity will be unlike anything humankind has yet experienced, according to Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum (which will meet this month in Switzerland to discuss "Mastering the Fourth Industrial Revolution").

Hey, America, we may be sitting on a pile of debt, but if we make some smart decisions — if we press our political class to unleash, rather than inhibit, the collective genius of our most industrious people — great times are still ahead for our country and the world.

LEFT TURN/ RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"Happy to see dialog and respect, not threats and impetuoussness, swiftly resolved the sailors episode. Let's learn from this latest example."

- Mohammad Javad Zarif, Foreign Minister of Iran

I was going to write a column on a major speech, but instead it's on a minor incident.

The news on Tuesday was all about President Obama's upcoming State of the Union address, but then another story broke in: Two US Navy vessels had been captured in the Persian Gulf and were being held, along with their ten crewmembers, by Iran.

There were recollections of the USS Pueblo, the spy ship captured off North Korea in 1968, whose crew of 82 (an 83rd was killed in the attack) was imprisoned for eleven months. More recently, there was the Iranian seizure of HMS Cornwall in 2007 and detention of its 15 Royal Navy crewmembers, which became a multinational incident. Thirteen days later, Iranian President Ahmadinejad allowed the release of the ship and its crew as a "gift", though not the return of all the sensitive equipment that had been taken off the ship.

There was talk of how President Obama might have to toss whatever speech he'd prepared for Tuesday, and instead try to meekly offer some defense of his policies as the crisis would inevitably escalate - amidst a rising chorus of gleeful, rightwing "I told you so's".

Rupert Murdoch tweeted a prediction that the president's speech "proclaims great virtue of Iran nuclear deal. Tomorrow's headline: 'Iran grabs ten U.S. sailors!'" Charles Krauthammer told Fox News it showed "the United States . . . being treated with contempt." MSNBC's Joe Scarborough had his own message to send: "Hey Iran, you have exactly 300 days left to push a US president around . . . after that, there will be hell to pay."

It turned out to be not much of an "incident". A couple U.S. patrol boats were heading up to Bahrain from Kuwait, one had mechanical failure and they drifted into Iranian waters. The Iranians came to check them out (a Revolutionary Guards base was nearby) and bring them in. Secretary of State John Kerry got on the phone to Tehran to make sure everything was cool. According to official Iranian media, the U.S. sailors explained the incursion was unintentional, offered their apologies, explanation and apologies were accepted, and within 24 hours they and their ship were taken back to international waters to be on their way.

Others had their own views of a connection to the nuclear deal. On CNN, retired Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling speculated, "I think there potentially is a new age coming about with Iran. This is going to improve military-military relationships . . . It could be part of the Iranian deal. It could be because of new engagements, the fact that we've been talking with the Iranians for the last year plus." NBC News' Tehran Bureau Chief Ali Arousi explained that "Iran and America have been talking to each other

extensively during the course of this deal, and because of that Secretary Kerry could talk to Foreign Minister Zarif about this issue and try and sort things out diplomatically. This would have been unheard of before the negotiations between the two countries."

Iranian journalist Nader Karimi told the New York Times, "During Ahmadinejad, our whole system sought tension. Now, things have changed. Both sides, America and Iran, are in direct contact and they seek détente. Currently there is no need for anti-Americanism."

During the build-up to the Iranian nuclear deal, we were reminded that, for the foreseeable future, there will be problems between Iran and the international community; they will no doubt continue engaging in conduct we object to. It was emphasized, though, that being able to clamp down on their nuclear program was justification enough for the talks — with or without any side benefits or issues being resolved.

Iran is now ahead of schedule in downsizing and dismantling components of its nuclear program, with IAEA inspectors due within the next few days to verify compliance prior to lifting of sanctions. But those side benefits are already becoming apparent.

In one of the earlier Republican debates, it was noted that, with candidates trying to outdo each other in anxiousness for war, one word never uttered during the nearly three-hours was the word "diplomacy". Now with evidence of how diplomacy can work, Republicans can't stand it.

"Obama's humiliatingly weak Iran policy is exposed again", tweeted candidate Jeb Bush. Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR) insists the explanation of mechanical failure on one of the boats was a ruse; that in fact it was all an Iranian plot to "humiliate the president".

The incident was a fitting backdrop to the president's speech. I'm old enough (barely) to remember JFK. The words were magnificent, but as kids we'd make fun of the Bostonian accent. I never personally experienced the Rev. Martin Luther King, but I recall TV news of him stepping behind microphones after stepping off a plane at the airport before being driven off. It would be for a few moments, but a few moments of grandeur. President Obama remains the most inspiring orator of my own experience — with maybe former New York Governor Mario Cuomo coming in second.

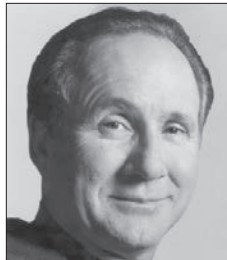
In his speech, President Obama reflected on major accomplishments and major transformations, both here at home and in our standing among other nations, and major efforts "to form a more perfect Union". There were major promises of what's to come — both in the final year of his presidency and beyond.

Two of our naval vessels, and their crews, were held by forces of a country with which we've had hostile relations for over thirty years. That this turned out to be nothing more than a minor incident is in itself a major testament to what this president has accomplished.

As for the USS Pueblo, we still haven't gotten it back. It's now a major tourist attraction in North Korea.

MICHAEL Reagan

THE STATE OF THE UNION - AS USUAL



If you missed the president's final State of the Union message Tuesday night, don't worry. It might have been billed as historic, but you didn't miss much. There were no surprises. No shocks. No awe. Nothing historic or memorable.

It was the usual Obama setup -- "We have to find a way to come together, end the government gridlock and make America better and stronger" -- followed by the implication that Washington isn't working the way it should because Republicans in Congress are mean, stubborn or stupid.

In seven years Obama hasn't changed the country, not for the better anyway. He hasn't changed his leadership style, either. Remember back in 2009, three days after he was sworn in, when Barack Obama, his egocentric advisers and the congressional leaders of both parties met to discuss how to frame a gigantic stimulus bill working its way through Congress? That's when Obama famously said to Republican Whip Eric Cantor, "Elections have consequences, and at the end of the day, I won." We didn't know it then, but that snippy quip betrayed a lot about the way the hope-and-change president plays ball. It's my football, damn it, and if you're not going to play the way I want, I'm going to take my ball and go home.

Obama has run his administration for seven years with that "I won, you lost and I get what I want" game plan. He's right. There is a great divide between the two parties in Washington. He ought to know, because he's as much to blame for it as anyone. It's hard to find an example where he was willing to sit down and come to terms with conservatives and Republicans in Congress. And how many times did he go home after he didn't get what he wanted from Congress and sign an executive action that got him what he wanted?

My father looked at politics like a football game, too. But he understood throwing Hail Marys all the time wasn't a winning strategy. He knew you actually had to move down the field slowly and if you got 10 yards each play, eventually you'd reach the end zone.

The great liberal-conservative political divide that supposedly harms our country is not going to be closed between now and November. It'll have to start with whoever the new leader is in January of 2017.

Whoever it is, the next president will have to act a lot more like Ronald Reagan and a lot less like Barack Obama. My father disagreed greatly with Tip O'Neill and Ted Kennedy, but he always looked at the big picture. He was always asking, "How can we work together to get this done?" If Ronald Reagan doesn't sit down with Tip, we don't get the tax break of 1981. If Bill Clinton doesn't sit down with Newt Gingrich and a Republican Congress in 1994, we don't get welfare reform and a balanced budget. Early next year, President Trump, President Sanders or President X will be all fired up about fixing immigration.

Whoever it is, when he meets with Congress he should not take the "all-or-nothing" Obama approach but do what Ronald Reagan or even Bill Clinton would do. He should bring everybody in and find areas in the immigration bill where there is bipartisan agreement. Then Congress should write a new bill covering those areas of agreement, pass it, have the president sign it and immediately begin the process of a writing a better, more comprehensive immigration bill.

Everyone likes to see a long Hail Mary thrown into the end zone. But as QB Obama should have learned after seven seasons — but didn't — they almost never win the game.

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In America, we are lucky to have folktales from around the world. As people come here to live, they bring stories they have heard and shared before. These stories tell about life and nature. African Americans have a wealth of folklore from Africa to share with their families and others. Some also share stories from their history as slaves and free people in America. As most slaves could not read or write, they told tales of Africa as well as new stories of life as experienced here.

Many of these stories have been collected and written down. The tales in children's story books are beautifully illustrated for all to enjoy. Ask a librarian for help in finding some of these folktales... you'll be glad you did!

Many parents and grandparents tell folktales to the children in their family. Storytellers spin them for listeners of all ages. **A folktale may have:**

1. _____ solved
2. _____ of things that are hard to understand
3. _____ for an unkind person
4. _____ learned
5. a _____ for a good person
6. _____ who can overcome anything
7. _____ spells
8. _____ animals

Folktales often use animals to make a point. The animals are used to show what people are like or how they behave.

A cat may be sneaky.
A dog may be too trusting and get tricked.

Which animals may be used to stand for these traits?

1. stubborn, fearful
2. misleading, gets others to do what he wants
3. timid, loyal
4. playful, clever
5. wise, brave
6. tricky, greedy, lazy
7. proud, cruel
8. sneaky, clever
9. honorable, swift
10. patient, plotting

What is your favorite folktale? Did you hear it from your parents or grandparents?

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ZERIMAR DEPOT KITCHEN & BATH, 1170%ATLANTIC AVE., LYNNWOOD, CA 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARMEN M. KNOTT, 1916 UTAH AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARMEN M. KNOTT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/30/2015. 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 Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FILE NO. 2015-326285
STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has/have withdrawn as a general partner(s) from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of 88 LUCKY HEALTH SPA, 14614 CRENSHAW BL., GARDENA, CA 90249. The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on September 15, 2015, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2015238292. The full name and residence of the person(s) withdrawing as a partner(s): DANNIA XIONG, 8588 WALKER ST., CYPRESS, CA 90630. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 12/30/2015. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: DANNIA XIONG.
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FILE NO. 2015-325008
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) DAVID ALAN QUEZADA, 5930 E. WARDLOW RD., LONG BEACH, CA 90808. JOSE ALBERTO PLASCENCIA-ESQUEVEL, 2372 LIME AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: BURR CLOTHING, 5930 E. WARDLOW RD., LONG BEACH, CA 90808. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 09/12/2014, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2014258041. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 12/29/2015. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: JOSE ALBERTO PLASCENCIA-GEN PARTNER.
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FILE NO. 2015-325876
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) JUDAHY, CA 90201, 13236 CRENSHAW BLVD., GARDENA, CA 90249, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: CALIFORNIA BATTERY CO., 13236 CRENSHAW BLVD., GARDENA, CA 90249. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 10/28/2015, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2015275769. The business was conducted by: A CORPORATION. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 12/30/2015. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: PRES.
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FILE NO. 2015-324701
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) HUMBERTO CHAVEZ, 4802 SANTA ANA ST., SANTA ANA, CA 92701, GAMALIEL SEPULVEDA, 4802 SANTA ANA ST., CUDAHY, CA 90201, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: LOS ORDOS, DISTRICT 14802 SANTA ANA ST., CUDAHY, CA 90201. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 05/22/2012, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2012099913. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 12/29/2015. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: GAMALIEL SEPULVEDA/GEN PARTNER.
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FILE NO. 2015-324721
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) ERNESTO CHAVEZ RAMOS, 7606 23rd ST. APT D, WESTMINSTER, CA 92683. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 03/27/2015, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2015083192. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 12/29/2015. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: ERNESTO CHAVEZ RAMOS/OWNER.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-002650
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AKAVITS, 6341 PROVENCE RD., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91765. The registrant(s) is (are) STEPHEN SOW, 6341 PROVENCE RD., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91775. BING MOELJAD, 11651 BUFORD ST., CERRITOS, CA 90703. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: STEPHEN SOW. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/06/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-002501
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ARTS LANDSCAPE SERVICE, 1205 CLAREMONT PL., POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS DELGADILLO, 1205 CLAREMONT PL., POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ARTURO DELGADILLO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/06/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-002288
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BOTTOMLESS APPAREL CO., 7516 MADISON ST., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PEDRO REINA RAMOS, 7516 MADISON ST., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. JUAN CARLOS MORENO, 7080 BOXLEAF RD., PALMDALE, CA 93550. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: PEDRO REINA RAMOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/06/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

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

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 of the City of Sierra Madre introduced for first reading Ordinance 1371 amending Chapter 17.10 of the Municipal Code, establish local control measures prohibiting the growing of live plants, cultivation, processing, testing, transporting, and distribution of marijuana as a business in all zones. The purpose of Municipal Code Text Amendment 15-04 is to further an objective of the City of Sierra Madre's 2007 Ordinance No. 1266, prohibiting in all zones 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 243 and 266, and Senate Bill 643, each containing key provisions of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act. The City Council will conduct a second reading of Ordinance 1371at the January 26, 2016 City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM, in the City Council Chambers at 232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard.

The Ordinance was approved upon specified Health and Safety Code finding 11362.777(b)(3) and pursuant to Government Code Section 36937. This summary is published pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(c)(1) and a full and complete certified copy of the text of Ordinance 1371 is available at the Sierra Madre City Manager's Office located at City of Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 15-05 (MCTA 15-05)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 17.20 ("R-1 One Family Residential") Section 17.20.053 ("Angle Plane"), Subsection 17.20.050.A.2 ("Front Yard Setbacks Greater Than 25 Feet"), and adding Section 17.20.115 ("Flag Lots and Exclusive Access Easements Prohibited"); amending Chapter 17.48 ("Development Standards") Section 17.48.020 ("Height of Penthouses and Roof Structures") and repealing Section 17.48.080 ("Modified Front Yard Cul-de-Sac"); amending Chapter 17.60 ("Variances and Conditional Use Permits") Section 17.60.040 ("Conditional Use Permits—Burden of Proof"), Section 17.60.041 ("Additional Burden of Proof for Permits for Certain Noted Projects") and Subsection 17.60.055.B ("Public Notice"). At the meeting on January 7, 2016, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed text amendments to the City Council.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2016
(Hearing begins at 6:30 p.m.)

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the

PLACE OF HEARING

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

City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act review pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, because it will impose greater limitations on development in the City and protect the aesthetic character of Sierra Madre, thereby serving to reduce potential significant adverse environmental impacts.

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.

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rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-002580
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DANNY'S HIGH CLASS CLEANING, 1642 W. DUDLEY AVE. #A, ANAHEIM, CA 92802. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YESSENER OLIVARES GODINEZ, 1642 W. DUDLEY AVE. #A, ANAHEIM, CA 92802. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YESSENER OLIVARES GODINEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/06/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-003310
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EL PASO INN, 3220 W. FLORENCE AVE., L.A., CA 90043. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SAA'Y HOSPITALITY, LLC, 3220 W. FLORENCE AVE., L.A., CA 90043. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: PRAKASH PATEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/04/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-003649
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EXPRESS TOWING, 10025 KLINGMAN AVE., SO. EL MONTE, CA 91733. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FERNANDO LUGO VELARDE, 2416 STROSIER AVE., SO. EL MONTE, CA 91733. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FERNANDO LUGO VELARDE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/07/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-000296
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FULL SERVICE TELECOMM, 2723 LOOMIS ST., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JONATHAN MICHAEL PRATTE, 2723 LOOMIS ST., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JONATHAN MICHAEL PRATTE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/04/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-001102
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: I&A UPHOLSTERY, 13023 LOS NIETOS RD. UNIT F, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GUSTAVO NAVARRO, 13023 NIETOS RD. UNIT F, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GUSTAVO NAVARRO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/04/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-000622
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: I&A UPHOLSTERY, 13023 LOS NIETOS RD. UNIT F, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GUSTAVO NAVARRO, 13023 NIETOS RD. UNIT F, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GUSTAVO NAVARRO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/04/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-001170
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JAVILA TRUCKING, 15056 BECKNER ST., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN ANTONIO AVILA, 15056 BECKNER ST., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUAN ANTONIO AVILA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/07/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-004115
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JUAN KITCHEN, 5435 CHERRY AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RYNA MEAN, 5449 CHERRY AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RYNA MEAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/07/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-000899
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MOBILE AUTO TINT, 915 GRATAN ST. #304, L.A., CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDWIN OTONIEL PEREZ LOPEZ, 915 GRATAN ST. #304, L.A., CA 90015. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDWIN OTONIEL PEREZ LOPEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/04/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-001656
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NEW STAR AUTO BODY REPAIR, 11024 HULME AVE., LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RICARDO CUEVAS MORAN, 11024 HULME AVE., LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICARDO CUEVAS MORAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/05/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-004016
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RICO FIESTA MEXICANA, 1225 E. WASHINGTON BLVD., L.A., CA 90021. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JENARO MUNOZ, 1822 E. 109th ST., L.A., CA 90059. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JENARO MUNOZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/07/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-001439
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PACIFIC FISH GRILL, 17490 COLUMA RD. ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PSARIS, INC., 12336 DROKFORD CIRCLE, CERRITOS, CA 90703. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: GUS A. MAKRIDIS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/05/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-003711

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PERFECT SOLES, 11711 MITLA AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARCELA MUNOZ, 11711 MITLA AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARCELA MUNOZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/07/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-002111
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PICMYCASE, WWW.PICMYCASE.COM, 11455 EXCELSIOR DR., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NICOLAS ACOSTA, 11455 EXCELSIOR DR., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NICOLAS ACOSTA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/07/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-000803
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PEBLOS UNIDOS SALON, 330 W. ROSECRANS BLVD., COMPTON, CA 90222. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSEFINA REYNAGA, 609 W. GREENLEAF BLVD., COMPTON, CA 90220. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSEFINA REYNAGA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/04/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-001712
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CUSTOM STONE WORKS, 574 FAIRGROVE, LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PHILLIP JEFFREY BERDIN, 540 PERTH AVE., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PHILLIP JEFFREY BERDIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/05/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-004016
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RICO FIESTA MEXICANA, 1225 E. WASHINGTON BLVD., L.A., CA 90021. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JENARO MUNOZ, 1822 E. 109th ST., L.A., CA 90059. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JENARO MUNOZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/07/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-002067
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: S&S DFD CLEANING, 2424 W. BEVERLY BLVD., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Mailing address: 12444 PARAMOUNT BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90242. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDUARDO ARREOLA, 12444 PARAMOUNT BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90242. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDUARDO ARREOLA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/06/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Jan. 09, 16, 23, 30, 2016

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File No. 2016-004242
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SMART ENERGY USA, 2490 CEDAR ST., LA VERNE, CA 91750. Full name of registrant(s)

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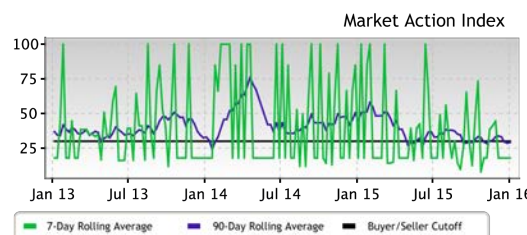
This Week

The median list price in SIERRA MADRE, CA this week is \$825,500.

Inventory and days-on-market are climbing, while the Market Action Index has been flat recently. The trends point to a weakening market.

Supply and Demand

In terms of supply and demand, the market is getting cooler - more supply is coming on the market relative to the sales demand. However, in recent weeks prices have been moving higher. Since it is technically a Buyer's market, this price trend may be a result of improved quality (newer, larger homes) of the homes being listed. Look at the descriptive statistics where you may notice the homes being listed are larger and younger than they have been in the past.



The Market Action Index answers the question "How's the Market?" by measuring the current rate of sale versus the amount of the inventory. Index above 30 implies Seller's Market conditions. Below 30, conditions favor the buyer.

Quartiles

Quartile	Median Price	Square Feet	Beds	Baths	Age	Inventory	New	Absorbed	DOM	
Top/First	\$ 1,097,000	2175	3.0	2.8	1	2	0	0	147	Most expensive 25% of properties
Upper/Second	\$ 909,000	1766	3.0	1.5	1	2	0	0	147	Upper-middle 25% of properties
Lower/Third	\$ 679,000	1439	3.0	2.8	22	2	0	0	147	Lower-middle 25% of properties
Bottom/Fourth	\$ 483,250	1166	2.0	2.5	40	2	0	0	80	Least expensive 25% of properties

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Real-Time Market Profile			Trend
Median List Price	\$ 825,500		↕↕
Asking Price Per Square Foot	\$ 504		↕↕↕
Average Days on Market (DOM)	130		↕↕
Percent of Properties with Price Decrease	38 %		
Percent Relisted (reset DOM)	0 %		
Percent Flip (price increased)	0 %		
Median House Size (sq ft)	1588		
Median Number of Bedrooms	3.0		
Median Number of Bathrooms	2.2		
Market Action Index	Buyer's Advantage	29.0	↕↕

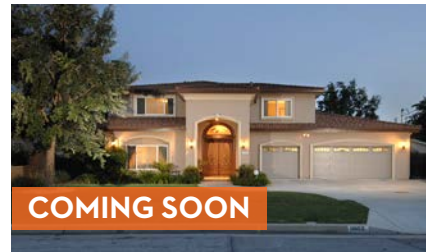
↕↕ No change ↕↕↕ Strong upward trend ↕↕↕ Strong downward trend
↕ Slight upward trend ↕ Slight downward trend

Price

Price trends continued their recent uptrend this week. While still below the market's price high-point, we've seen a nice run recently.



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



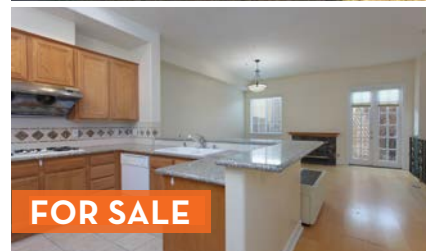
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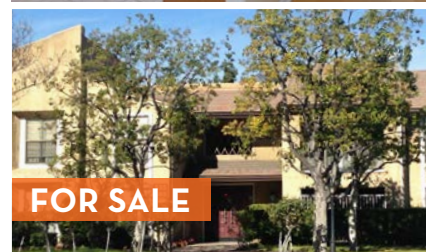
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EL NIÑO // BE PREPARED!



While none of us can actually predict the weather, many indicators point to an 'El Niño' rainy season for California this winter. November usually marks the beginning of the rainy season, but a storm season could begin as early as October or even sooner. This means that October is a critical month for El Niño Storm Disaster Preparedness!

BASIC STEPS TO TAKE TO BE PREPARED:

- 1 MAINTAIN** minimum allowable watering practices to keep current vegetation anchored and healthy.
- 2 REMOVE** all dead/decaying trees and plants to prevent collapse onto cars & buildings during severe wind storms.
- 3 CLEAN** and keep clean all building roofs, gutters, and downspouts by removing leaves, branches and other debris that may impede water movement.
- 4 INSTALL** rain barrels, water capture cisterns and bioswales that can help retain water on site for re-use or to replenish local groundwater.
- 5 ANCHOR** current dirt/soil surfaces with mulch and screening to prevent soil erosion, mudslides and dramatic land movement.
- 6 PURCHASE** sand bags & tarps to prevent flooding into buildings & carports especially ones situated below street grade level.

SUPPLY KIT - BE READY! INSPECT YOUR HOME NOW!

- Battery powered radio
- Flashlight & batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Water
- Canned food & can opener
- Cell phone with external or solar powered chargers
- Prescription medications
- Eye glasses
- Formula & diapers for babies
- Pet food & water for animals
- Sandbags
- Candles & matches
- Whistle

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Know your local CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) representatives and be on their text alert radar in order to receive important storm condition messages. CERT-LA.com

Information sourced from Meredith McKenzie, Lecturer, Environmental Planning - Cal Poly Pomona & Broker Associate, Podley Properties

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