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TEEN BOYS FOUND MURDERED IN ARCADIA; INTERNATIONAL MANHUNT LAUNCHED



DEYUN SHI

Male Asian, black hair, black eyes, 5'06", 155 lbs. Known to frequent Santa Anita Inn 130 W. Huntington Dr. Arcadia. Stays with friend in Alhambra, business in San Gabriel

Two teenage brothers were found dead in their Arcadia home Friday. Now, police are looking for the victims' uncle.

The boys, ages 15 and 16, were murdered Thursday inside their home in the 400 block of Fairview Avenue, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

But their bodies were not discovered until Friday morning by their parents, who thought they were safe asleep in their beds.

The suspect, Deyun Shi, 44, is also wanted for allegedly attacking his wife with an ax Thursday night in La Cañada Flintridge because she wanted a divorce.

According to deputies, the victims' parents were visiting the suspect's wife at a hospital the night their sons were killed.

Deputies say the boys' mother discovered their bodies. They suffered blunt force trauma, according to a press release by the sheriff's department.

Investigators said Shi took a flight to China that was expected to land about 11 p.m. Friday. Authorities found his car at Los Angeles International airport.

Please contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau if you have any information about these crimes.

Photos courtesy LASD

Sources: MVNews, CBS LA and LASD



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COUNCIL TO CONSIDER TEMPORARY CONTRACT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL POLICE SERVICES FOR SIERRA MADRE NIGHTTIME PATROL

At the Tuesday, January 26, 2016, City Council meeting, the City Council will review an agreement for the City of Arcadia to temporarily provide police patrol services, seven days a week between the hours of 6:00PM and 6:00AM beginning Sunday, February 7, 2016. Staffing levels within the Sierra Madre Police Department (SMPD) have reached a level where there are insufficient personnel to provide safe and reliable police services twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Over the course of the last few months, the Sierra Madre Police Department lost nine of its twenty full-time employees, three part-time Community Service Officers, and one part-time Police Officer, and there is the possibility that the Department may lose a few more employees. Employees are resigning for a variety of reasons including retirement, an opportunity to work at higher paying departments, and a perceived lack of job security in light of the scheduled decrease of the Utility Users Tax and the pending revenue measure on the April ballot.

During the term of the temporary contract, Sierra Madre Police Department will continue to staff a dispatcher in the Sierra Madre Police Station during the nighttime hours. This will allow the Dispatcher to greet and assist walk-in lobby traffic, answer routine business calls such as overnight parking permits, and lessen the temporary impact to citizens who call the Police Department. All non-critical reports and calls for service will be handled by SMPD officers during their daytime shift.

The Sierra Madre City Council will review the contract at its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6:30PM in the City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The Arcadia City Council is scheduled to review the contract at its February 2, 2016 meeting. The temporary supplemental policing services for nighttime patrol are anticipated to begin on Sunday, February 7, 2016 and be in effect until June of 2016.

For additional information, the Sierra Madre staff report is available on the City's website at: <http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/>

SIERRA MADRE CANDIDATES WILL RUN UNOPPOSED

When Sierra Madre voters go to the polls on April 12, 2016, they will find that none of the candidates running for office face any opposition. For the first time in decades, and, according to some longtime residents, for the first time in the last 40 years, there is only one candidate for each office.

According to the last press release sent by retiring city clerk Nancy Shollenberger on January 19th, only the following persons filed:

City Council - Two Vacancies:	John Harabedian, Incumbent John Capoccia, Incumbent
City Treasurer	Mike Amerio
City Clerk	Melinda Carrillo

The only other item on the ballot will be the User Utility Tax measure which will seek voter approval of an increase in the tax to 10% with escalation or a sunset.

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GET TRAINING FOR THE 2016 MOUNT WILSON TRAIL RACE

Sierra Madre, CA. - Mount Wilson Trail Race training runs begin January 30th, 2016. The Mt. Wilson Trail Race Committee is again offering a comprehensive 17-week program to get runners ready for the challenging Mt. Wilson Trail Race, scheduled for Saturday, May 28 in Sierra Madre. This program is free and the public is invited to participate.

Simon Cooper's Invictus Running Academy, with assistance from the Foothill Flyers, will lead advanced and beginners groups on a series of weekly runs up the Mt. Wilson Trail or along City of Sierra Madre streets. The instructors will also offer an easy-to-follow training program for runners to follow throughout the week. Two local popular races, the Santa Anita Derby Day 5K (April 9) and Fountain to Falls (May 7) will be part of the training program.

The program gets kicked off with the Bandit Trail Run (5K, 15K 30K and

50K) in Simi Valley on Saturday, January 30, giving Mr. Cooper an assessment of runners' skills. MWTR training program participants get a 20% discount on race registration by going to ultrasignup.com and using the promo code MtWilson (go to www.bandittrailrun.com for more information).

On Saturday, February 6, the group will start meeting in Kersting Court (at the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Sierra Madre Boulevard) at 7:00A. After some stretching and instruction, the runners will be on their way and should be back by 9:00A at the latest. On Saturday, May 21, a week before the Mt. Wilson Trail Race, there will be an expert panel prior to the training session, with past MWTR champions providing race strategy and advice.

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



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Simon Cooper is returning for his second year at the helm of the Mt. Wilson Trail Training Program. He is a USATF-certified coach and has been coaching and training runners for 10 years. In 2008, he founded Invictus Running Academy, a local coached running club that specializes in speed development. A veteran of the Mt. Wilson Trail Race himself, Simon has run the race 11 times and has 10 top-10 performances, with his highest placing being 3rd, 4th and 5th. Most recently he has overall wins at the 2015 Catalina Eco and Paramount Ranch half marathons and is the three-time winner and course record holder of the Bandit Trail Race 6K in Simi Valley. Also on staff is Philip Bachman, who is a USATF-certified coach and former collegiate cross country and track and field athlete; he is fresh off a 2:34 finish at the California International Marathon.

If you have any questions about the program, please call MWTR Chair Pete Siberell (626-574-6373) or Invictus Running Academy Head Coach Simon Cooper (626-485-8992).



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Sierra Madre, Ca.

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Tues:	Cloudy	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
Wed:	Ptly Cloudy	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
Thur:	Ptly Cloudy	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
Fri:	Ptly Cloudy	Hi 70s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, January 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

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

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

Friday, February 1, 2016, 3:00 pm
Senior Master Plan Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 4, 2016, 7:00 pm
Planning Commission Meeting

Thursday, February 4, 2016, 3:00 pm
Senior Commission Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 6:30 pm
City Council Meeting

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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
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TOR President Ratliff announced "Echoes of Success" as the theme for the 128th Rose Parade. "Echoes of Success" celebrates those people, organizations and institutions that play a part in the stories of the success of others," shared Ratliff. "Success cannot be achieved alone. It takes the support, dedication, compassion and love of many others to help in finding that satisfaction of success. Family, friends and teachers contribute selflessly and tirelessly to the success of many. These influences in our lives, these people of selfless commitment, these Echoes of Success make us who we are."

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.

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Your daughter's first piano recital.

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A wounded warrior's first steps.

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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. Americas 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.



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Saturday, January 30, 2016

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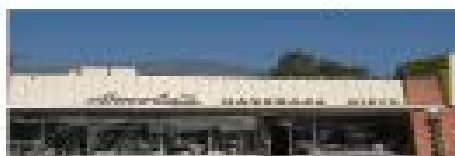
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Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, Wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating, There is really no such thing as bad weather, Only different kinds of good weather." John Ruskin

"Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine." Anthony J. D'Angelo

"A great deal has been said about the weather, but very little has been done about it." This quote has been attributed to Mark Twain, Charles Dudley Warner and several other people, but whoever said it was right on the money. Here we are, well into January, and the threat or promise – however you want to look at it – of El Nino has been hanging over us for weeks. Almost nightly on the news we see Dallas Raines forecasting

impresses them at all.

Just in case you hadn't noticed, Valentine's Day is three weeks away. You don't have to panic yet, but you can start thinking about getting a nice card for your sweetie and maybe a couple for small family members who love getting mail. Tucking a few bucks in there for the small people is nice, too. Speaking of small people, saw the cutest little bike in the front window at Centric Bikes, on Sierra Madre Blvd. It was called First Bike and was about the size of a two-year old. Now I don't know many two-year olds who can ride a two-wheeler, but I suspect Centric can make it work for you as they're in the custom bike business and can create the perfect machine for just about anybody. I have vivid memories of Crissy, our Texas girl, when she was about four racing up and down the sidewalk on her purple tricycle, and Patti, our South Pasadena daughter



torrential rains any minute now. But nothing happens. Vera in the evening and Henry in the morning on KTLA point toward their weather maps showing storms out in the ocean, heading right for us. Get ready! Gear up! Don't leave home without your umbrella! And nothing. The current rumor heralding El Nino is that the end of January is going to be rainy, and not just in Northern California where they've gotten way more rain and snow than they deserve and we're all down here trying to decide whether or not to turn the sprinklers on again, until Tuesday when we had that nice little rain...right after we turned ours back on.

The sunsets and sunrises have been fabulous and the sun came out long enough for me to plant three of the leftover Christmas poinsettias, all cute little \$2.99, 3" pot guys from Trader Joe's, in a big pot. I don't know what it is about Christmas poinsettias, but I've had great success with them the last few years. We had an enormous white one and an equally enormous red one out on our front terrace a couple of years back but then an invasion of white flies found them and, friends and fellow gardeners, when the white flies show up you might as well dump your plant and move on with your life as nothing you spray on them

whose first bike was bought at a yard sale for \$2.00 when we were all very young and very poor. What we didn't realize was that it had no brakes. Patti was about seven and conquered riding a two-wheeler in about five minutes and frequently stopped herself by running into a tree. Ah... good times!

How are you doing with your New Year's resolutions? We've been walking more. My best walking buddy, John, and Sierra Madre daughter, Leah, hiked up to First Water on the Mt. Wilson Trail yesterday and said the sound of water rushing through the stream was wonderful to hear after so long of hearing nothing down there. Trying to turn a blind eye to all the goodies, except a very dear friend gave us a big container of those very thin waffle cookies that are beyond delicious and we are trying to ration ourselves to one each after dinner. To quote Mark Twain, "Abstinence is so important I abstain from abstinence." Go ahead, have one cookie!

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

SIERRA MADRE POLICE DEPT.

During the week of Sunday, January 10th, to Sunday, January 17th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 284 calls for service.

Sunday, January 10th At 12:16 am, Sierra Madre Police were patrolling the area of Auburn and Highland when they witnessed a vehicle come to a four-way stop and stop in the intersection. As Officers followed, the vehicle failed to make several complete stops at posted intersections. Officers initiated a traffic stop and upon making contact they immediately noticed the driver's blood shot eyes and slurred speech. A strong odor of alcohol was present and the woman informed Officers that she had several drinks that night. The woman agreed to a Field Sobriety Test and ultimately failed. The woman complied with a breath test and it was determined that her blood alcohol level was twice the legal limit. The woman was taken into custody and cited for driving under the influence and driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level exceeding the legal limit.

Wednesday, January 13th At 6:30 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 1000 block of Arno Drive regarding a burglary report. Upon arrival Officers were informed by the victim that earlier that day he left for work but failed to set his house alarm because his maid was scheduled to stop by during the day. The maid arrived and left by 4:30 and informed the victim that the house has okay when she left. Around 6:20 the victim arrived home and discovered his rear bedroom sliding glass door was shattered. The victim's bedroom and office were ransacked. This

case was forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Friday, January 15th At 9:33 pm, Sierra Madre Police were patrolling the area of Baldwin and Grandview when they observed 3 males standing on the sidewalk in front of a local church. As Officers drove by they asked the men if they were doing alright and one man responded by yelling at Officers that his grandmother had passed away. The other two men informed Officers that their friend had been drinking, was upset and that they were attempting to help him get back home. Officers left the man with his friends and as they were driving away they witnessed the upset man aggressively pull away from one of his friends and jump into the street causing an oncoming car to slam on their brakes. Officers turned around and attempted to make contact with the man who was now walking away from the area. When Officers blocked the man's path with the patrol car, he went around the car and jumped into the street. Officers attempted to grab the man to get him out of the street but the man spun free and got into a "fighting stance." Officers repeatedly instructed the man to get down on his knees or he would get tased. The man's friends pleaded with the man to listen to Officers as he continued to yell at Officers. After several attempts, the man complied but as Officers were placing him in handcuffs he pulled away and began resisting. After a small struggle between him and the Officer, the man was ultimately tased. Paramedics were called to the scene to treat the man and transport to the hospital. After treatment he was booked for public intoxication and resisting arrest.

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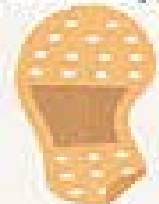


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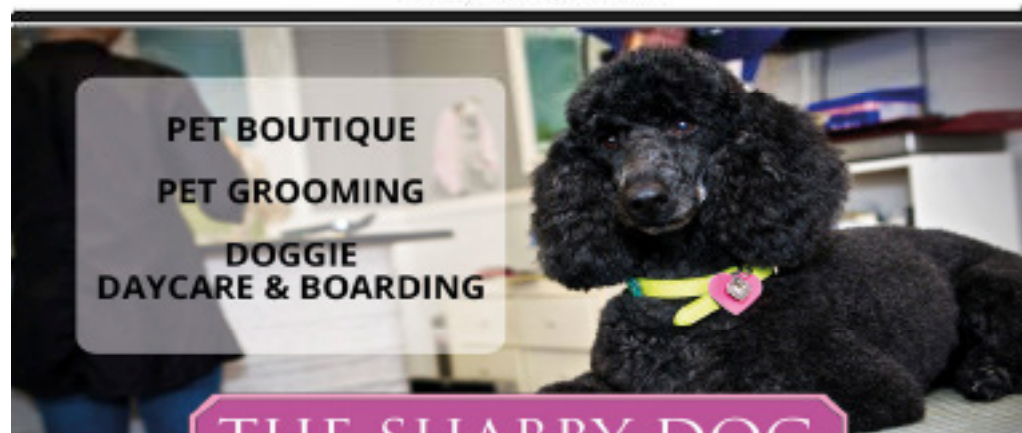


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LUCY NICOLORO SWORN IN ON THE TOWN COUNCIL; CAROL WONG QUAN FROM LA COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE SPEAKS

By Joan Schmidt

Last night at the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council Meeting, Lucy Nicoloro was sworn in by Kathryn Barger to fill-in the position vacated when Lucy's late husband John passed away.

Kathryn, Supervisor Mike Antonovich's Chief of Staff for twenty-five years, has been endorsed to fill in his seat when he leaves office next year. Kathryn was an intern, and the health and children's services deputy, before becoming Chief of Staff. The big plus is all her knowledge and experience from those twenty-five years. She'd enter office with no need of on-job training. I was a founding member of the Town Council and was on it ten years. I have two huge binders of correspondence with the Supervisor and the county agencies that addressed various issues. All this knowledge Kathryn already has and she's dealt with all the various agencies during her twenty-five years under Antonovich.

After Lucy was sworn in by Kathryn, it was "business" as usual. First the two County Deputies introduced themselves and spoke of the various problems. There has been a spike in burglaries and larcenies. People were advised to LOCK THEIR CARS and report ANYTHING UNUSUAL/UNFAMILIAR! This is OUTRAGEOUS! These perpetrators actually RENT high end cars like Porsches to fool people when they stake out the neighborhoods. They knock on the doors and pretend to be selling something. If no one answers, one goes around back and breaks in through sliding doors!

Deputy Art Valenzuela gave an update of the wonderful youth activities at Pamela Park. We also got reports from both the Live Oak and Duarte Libraries on upcoming events/programs. (Please visit their websites for more info.) Field Deputy Brian Mejia reminded us of the upcoming meeting at Pamela Park Wed, Feb 17, 7:00-8:30 pm to discuss hat programs, etc. you would like. This is fantastic and is being done for ALL LA COUNTY PARKS! (Visit www.LAcountyParkNeeds.org for more info.)

Special Thanks to Carol Wong Quan from the LA County Assessor's Office for a most informative presentation. Our Assessor is Jeffrey Prang, (213) 974-3211 or 1-888-807-2111. His four primary



responsibilities include: Locate all taxable property and establish ownership; Establish a taxable value for all property subject to property taxation; Complete assessment roll showing the assessed values of all property; and Apply all legal exemptions.

Did you know that County Assessor Jeffrey Prang and the LA County Board of Supervisors proclaimed January as Homeowners Exemption Awareness Month? There ARE property tax savings available for homeowners. It's estimated that nearly 400,000 homeowners have yet to take advantage of the Homeowners' Exemption. For the Homeowners' Exemption application form, click <http://assessor.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/BOE-266-ASSR-515-ASSR-517-Rev.PS-8-14-ws.pdf>

I may sound like a broken record, but I am URGING more residents of the unincorporated county areas to attend these council meetings. There is SO MUCH information given out Next meeting- Pamela Park, February 17, 7pm.

LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS TO SPEAK AT RETIRED TEACHERS' MEETING

At the invitation of the California Retired Teachers' Association-SGV Div. #71 (CalRTA), four superintendents from school districts in the CalRTA #71 division will be guest speakers at the retirees' luncheon meeting. This will be an informal, cordial event at which the administrators can share their school districts' highlights, tell of any long-range facilities projects, describe their goals for student success, and much more. To show their appreciation for the administrators' dedication to education, CalRTA #71 will give memberships to them.

The superintendents in attendance will be Dr. Irella S. Perez, El Monte Union High School District; Kathy Perini, Temple City USD; and Dr. Mary Labrucherie, Valle Lindo (South El Monte) SD. Dr. Mary Labrucherie has already been a CalRTA #71 member for several years. Asst. Supt. Gary Gonzales of Alhambra USD will also be present.

The superintendents will be seated at different tables (look for their signs!) to enable them to visit with members during the lunch, particularly those who had taught in their districts.

The CalRTA #71 luncheon meeting will take place on Friday, February 12, at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center Building in Arcadia Park (county park), 405 W. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, next to the Lawn Bowling Greens. Guests are welcome to come enjoy the luncheon and to hear from the superintendents. The cost of the luncheon for members and guests is \$12. For luncheon reservations, please call John Gera at (626) 286-0714 by the February 5 deadline.

Membership in the California Retired Teachers' Association is open to all retired educators, as well as to current educators, and to any others interested in joining this active group. CalRTA's motto remains "Your Partner in Pension Protection."

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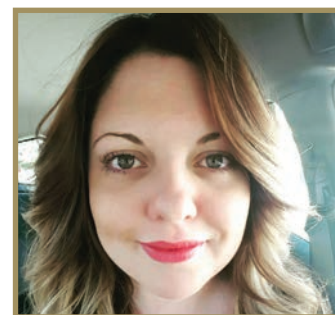
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Public Input Sought For City Manager Replacement



The public is invited to provide input at the city council's regularly scheduled meeting Monday about what qualities they would like to see in a new city manager. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the council chamber at city hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., on the second floor.

In November, City Manager Michael J. Beck announced his plans to accept a new position as Administrative Vice Chancellor at UCLA. His last day at the City of Pasadena is Feb. 14.

Mayor Terry Tornek recently appointed a City Council Ad Hoc Search Committee to begin the process of finding a new city manager. The committee includes the mayor and Councilmembers Margaret McAustin, Victor Gordo and Tyron Hampton. There has been no announcement yet for an interim city manager.

The city manager is charged with supervising, coordinating, and administering the various functions of the City. Beck was appointed to the position in 2008.

Pet of the Week



Jedi (A389928) is a seven-year-old, male, white and brindle American Bulldog mix. This friendly and gentle boy is truly a breed ambassador! He has been out on our Mobile Unit, and was affectionate and sweet to everyone he met, including other dogs. He enjoyed belly rubs and petting from everyone from toddlers to seniors. He just loves attention and will lean into you for Jedi qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program which waives the adoption fee for adopters age 60 and up. The \$20 mandatory microchip fee still applies. Come say hello to Jedi and make a forever friend!

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.

710 FREEWAY EXTENSION ON THE COUNTRY'S WORST PROJECTS LIST

The Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) released a report Wednesday detailing the "12 biggest highway boondoggles" in the country that included the embattled I-710 Tunnel Project that would, if built, connect Alhambra and Pasadena by way of a proposed tunnel at a cost of up to \$5.6 billion.

"California is considering prioritizing the most expensive, most polluting, and least effective option for addressing the area's transportation problems, a single or double bore tunnel," said Emily Rusch, Executive Director at the California Public Interest Research Group. "This project would cause more pollution than any of the alternative projects by increasing car and truck traffic in the area – and would actually make congestion worse."

The study recommends that the state;

Adopt fix-it-first policies that reorient transportation funding away from highway expansion and toward repair of existing roads and bridges;

Invest in transportation solutions that reduce the need



for costly and disruptive highway expansion projects by improving and expanding public transit, biking, and walking options;

Give priority to funding transportation projects that reduce the number of vehicle-miles people travel each year, thereby also reducing air pollution, carbon emissions, and future road repair and maintenance needs;

Include future maintenance costs, a range of potential future housing and transportation trends, and the availability of new transportation options such as car-sharing, bike-sharing, ride-sharing, and transit in transportation project selection decisions;

Invest in research and data collection to better track, and more aptly react, to ongoing shifts in how people travel.

The report also cites Congressman Adam Schiff: "I do not believe that the 710 freeway tunnel alternatives proposed by

Caltrans and Metro make sense for our region or taxpayers. For the same cost as the \$5.6 billion tunnel, we could likely complete all of the alternatives -- light rail, bus, surface street improvements, bike and pedestrian walkways, cargo movement, and other traffic flow solutions – combined."

District 1 Community Meeting



Pasadena Museum of History and Pasadena City Council representative Tyron Hampton will hold a District 1 residents and businesses "Neighborhood Night and Community Meeting" at the Museum on Friday, January 29, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The free event includes remarks and a reception with Councilmember Hampton and Museum staff, viewing the popular exhibition Fabulous Fashion – Decades of Change: 1890s, 1920s, & 1950s, door prizes, and Pasadena paper doll coloring pages for children.

"The Pasadena Museum of History is a jewel in our city that we are lucky to have within our council district," Hampton said. "I am excited about the opportunity to have our community come together for this event. I look forward to seeing everyone in their fabulous First District fashions on this special night."

"We are delighted to welcome our District 1 neighbors and hope it encourages attendees to return often to take advantage of PMH's many resources" says PMH Executive Director Jeannette O'Malley.

Fabulous Fashion – Decades of Change: 1890s, 1920s, & 1950s

From the uncomfortable corsets and ornate bodices of the 1890s to the deconstructed freedom of the 1920s to the full skirts and bullet bras of the 1950s, fashion trends in Pasadena followed the rest of the country.

This exhibition highlights women's clothing worn from morning to night, comparing these three memorable decades. Over 40 exquisite garments from Pasadena Museum of History's extensive Costume and Textile Collection, plus period accessories and household objects, will be featured.

Pasadena Museum of History 470 W. Walnut Street. RSVP to Cushon Bell/Cheyenne Chong

African American Firefighters in Los Angeles

In celebration of Black History Month, David Spence, LAFD Battalion Chief and Interim President of the African American Firefighter Museum, will present a program about the history of African American firefighters in the Los Angeles area. The talk will take place February 9, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Pasadena Museum of History.

Chief Spence will take attendees back to the late 1800s and cover the days when fire stations were segregated through their transformation into the desegregated fire departments of today. Cost: \$20 General; \$15 Museum Members, to purchase tickets go to firefighter.bpt.me Pasadena Museum of History 470 W. Walnut Street.

City Received \$5 Million Insurance for Embezzlement



Pasadena officials announced last week that the City has received a \$5 million payment from its insurance carrier to settle a claim filed by the City regarding the theft of public money from the Utility Underground Program fund.

"While it is important to recover the funds that were lost, it is equally important to ensure that the City makes the necessary changes to prevent another embezzlement from happening in the future and to also recover the public's trust," Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek said.

According to a statement, In addition to the insurance claim, the City has undergone a comprehensive internal financial and personnel audit; changed or increased oversight for many of its financial processes and initiated most of the recommendations announced last year by a citizen advisory task force on financial administration and internal controls, posted online at www.cityofpasadena.net/invoiceinvestigation.

The payment represents the maximum amount of money that could be paid on the insurance claim. It is also about 85 percent of the nearly \$6 million allegedly embezzled by a former City employee who is now currently facing both criminal charges and a civil lawsuit in connection to the theft.

City Manager Michael Beck said "we are pleased that our insurance carrier has paid the maximum amount on the claim, but in no way does this minimize the importance of our internal efforts to strengthen our financial administration and internal controls."

A portion of the settlement money will be deposited into the City's General Fund to offset the cost of investigating the embezzlement and the rest will be deposited into the Utility Underground fund that was impacted by the theft, Beck said.

"The City will continue to pursue legal means necessary to obtain a full recovery of the monies stolen," City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris said.

A City audit completed in November 2014 documented that a former employee used fraudulent invoices to steal money from the fund that pays for moving overhead power and communications lines underground.

The former employee, Danny Wooten, was arrested in December 2014 and is due in Superior Court March 9 for a preliminary hearing in the criminal case against him. A civil suit filed against him by the City is set for a jury trial in October.

Earthquake Expert Lucy Jones to Speak At Community Forum

Vice Mayor Gene Masuda invites the public to hear from one of the world's preeminent earthquake scientists, Lucy Jones, Ph.D., about earthquake preparedness at a Council District 4 Community Forum, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, at the Victory Park Community Center, 2575 Paloma St. Parking is free.

The theme for the event is "Are We Earthquake Ready?" Jones is one of the world's leading seismologists and a public voice for earthquake science and earthquake safety. For years, Jones has been the "go-to" on-camera expert interviewed by the news media to explain earthquake activity. Among her many accomplishments, academic degrees, and dozens of published research papers, Jones also has a doctorate in geophysics from MIT.

She has been a seismologist with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and a Visiting Research Associate at the Seismological Laboratory of Caltech in Pasadena since 1983. She is also a science advisor for seismic safety to the City of Los Angeles.

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.

Monday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m. Titanic expert and local author Bill Blowers will discuss the



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Events at the Senior Center

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.

Cardmaking Workshop – Monday, Feb. 1, from noon to 2 p.m. Surprise a special someone with a personalized, handmade greeting card. Whether it's a happy birthday, happy holidays, thank you, thinking of you or other sentiment, you'll create a decorative card in your own unique style and have fun discovering your creativity while workshop leaders help you bring your ideas to life. All materials will be provided.

Founded in 1960, the Pasadena Senior Center is an independent nonprofit agency that offers recreational, educational, wellness and social services to people ages 50 and older.

Pasadena Cheeseburger Challenge Results Released



Pasadena celebrated all things cheeseburger during Cheeseburger Week the last seven days. Visitors enjoyed food created especially for the event, took advantage of great deals and meals, followed cheeseburger crawls and voted in the 2016 Cheeseburger Challenge. In all, 1246 votes were cast in the challenge to determine favorites in 14 categories ranging from Favorite Burger to favorite Dessert after a Burger.

Cheeseburger Challenge results include Dog Haus/ Dog Haus Biergarten as the favorite place for a cheeseburger Umami Burger came in second with The Counter as third.

Crime blotter for Altadena

Sunday, January 10th

6:09 AM – A vehicle burglary occurred at 740 W. Woodbury Road. Suspects entered the vehicle by using a lock pick. Suspect #1 described as a male, 38 – 40 years old, thin build, unshaven, wearing a black beanie and dark clothing. Suspect #2 was observed wearing a green or grey hooded sweatshirt. Property Stolen: unknown. On-going investigation.

8:00 PM – Shyjuan Prudhomme, 20 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 500 block of W. Terrace Street for battery on a peace officer.

9:30 PM – An assault with a deadly weapon (hands/feet) occurred in the 100 block of W. Woodbury Road. Suspect described as a male, (no further details).

Monday, January 11th

8:00 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 2800 block of Maiden Lane. Suspect(s) entered the residence via unknown means. Property Stolen: burgundy jewelry tray containing miscellaneous jewelry. On-going investigation.

Tuesday, January 12th

2:30 PM – Issac Brooks, 20 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the area of Montana Street and Raymond Avenue for felon in possession of a firearm.

Wednesday, January 13th

1:24 AM – Porfirio Guerrero, 24 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 400 block of



Favorite Lunch Counter Burger in the area is The Counter, second Pie 'n Burger and third was a tie between Clearman's Galley in San Gabriel and Twohey's in Alhambra

Favorite Traditional Cheeseburger in Pasadena is Pie 'n Burger, second the Dog Haus and third The Counter.

Cheeseburger Week is a Pasadena Restaurant Week and California Restaurant Month event presented by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. Cheeseburger Week sponsored by the City of Pasadena. For a complete list of winners, or other information, visit pasadenarestaurantweek.com.

Alameda Street for possession of a controlled substance.

10:00 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 700 block of E. Sacramento Street. Suspect entered the residence by shattering a window. Suspect possibly a previous tenant. On-going investigation.

4:15 PM – Allan Nixon, 26 years old of Altadena was arrested in the area of Mountain View Street and Olive Avenue for possession of marijuana for sale.

Thursday, January 14th

1:45 AM – A petty theft occurred in the 100 block of Pine Street. Property Stolen: surveillance camera.

Friday, January 15th

8:00 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 2400 block of Fair Oaks Avenue. Suspects entered the residence through the unlocked garage. Property Stolen: (2) mantel clocks, (2) table lamps.

3:01 PM – Fabian Friese, 31 years old of Pasadena was cited at Walmart, 2408 Lincoln Avenue for petty theft.

7:20 PM – Joshua Jacob, 31 years old of La Crescenta was arrested in the area of Washington Boulevard and Mentor Avenue for felon in possession of a firearm.

Saturday, January 16th

2:06 PM – A petty theft occurred at Walmart, 2408 Lincoln Avenue. Suspect described as a female, 5'05, 160 lbs. Property Stolen: hair products.

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INCIDENT: RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY ARREST

On Saturday January 16, 2016, at approximately 1:07 a.m., Arcadia police officers were dispatched to the 00 block of E. Longden Avenue on report of a residential burglary that just occurred. The victim advised that he was awakened by a male suspect inside of his house. The suspect fled the location when the victim woke up. Responding units located and detained a subject walking in the area. The subject had property belonging to the victim on his person.

Arrested was Arellano Gabino, male 19

years old who resides in Los Angeles. Gabino is being housed at the Arcadia Police Department jail and his bail is set at \$50,000.00.

This case is currently under investigation by the Arcadia Police Department Detective Bureau. Anyone with information related to this case is asked to call the Arcadia Police Department at (626)574-5150. You can also submit crime tips and information via text, phone or web to LA Regional Crime Stoppers, (800)222-TIPS (8477).

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Children and their families are invited to a Lunar New Year Celebration at the Arcadia Public Library on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. to celebrate the year of the Monkey. Come hear exciting stories, participate in lively activities, and make a fun craft to take home. There will also be a special traditional dance performance by Arcadia's very own dance troupe of the Arcadia Chinese Association, a Lion Dance, and a Martial Arts presentation. A fun time for the whole family that you won't want to miss!

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

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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GROWING A HEALTHY CHILD PARENT WORKSHOP

As parents, every day you are faced with making choices about your child's well-being, and that includes decisions about food and beverages. Join a presentation led by Julie Tang, MS, RDN a dietician and local community advisor with the Dairy Council of California to get answers and understand more of the most common child nutrition topics.

This informative workshop is free and will take place on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Arcadia Public Library.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, January 10th, through Saturday, January 16th, the Police Department responded to 1,045 calls for service of which 138 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 10:

Just after 1:23 a.m., officers responded to the Entrance Bar and Lounge, 80 West Live Oak Avenue, regarding a fight between numerous subjects. The officer discovered the victim was stabbed in the back with a knife by a 22-year-old male from Rosemead during the altercation. The victim was transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for treatment. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 8:42 a.m., an officer responded to the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Longden Avenue 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 24-year-old male from El Monte had the stolen package, property, and tracking device in his vehicle. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, January 11:

At about 7:51 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1100 block of Highland Oaks Drive regarding a domestic dispute. An investigation revealed a physical altercation occurred between a husband and wife resulting in the wife punching her husband. The 40-year-old female from Arcadia was gone upon the officer's arrival. The suspect is outstanding at the time of this report.

At approximately 7:42 p.m., an officer responded to the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect pried open the rear window and stole the third row seat. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Tuesday, January 12:

Around 2:50 a.m., an officer responded to The Original Peppers Mexican Grill, 181 Colorado Place, regarding a commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) pried open an exterior door, ransacked the office, and fled undetected with an empty cash box and an unknown amount of cash. The investigation is ongoing.

Just after 5:21 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 000 block of Fano Street regarding a burglary report. The officer discovered the suspect illegally rented out the victim's residence while they were out of town. Property was also taken from the residence. The investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, January 13:

Shortly after 12:25 p.m., an officer responded to Arcadia High School, 180 Campus Drive, regarding a petty theft report. The officer determined an unknown suspect tampered with the door lock and stole the victim's laptop from the locked classroom sometime during winter break. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At about 4:51 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The officer discovered unknown suspect(s) used the victim's business information to fraudulently order nearly \$633,000 worth of merchandise. The victim does not know how the suspect(s) obtained the business's information. The investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, January 14:

At approximately 10:25 a.m., an officer initiated consensual contact with three subjects in the alley behind Denny's Restaurant, 7 East Huntington Drive. During a consensual search of the subjects, the officer located a notepad with victim's social security numbers, account numbers, and other identifiable information. The 46-year-old female from San Bernardino was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 12:05 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Winnie Way and Santa Anita Avenue for having a broken tail light. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 35-year-old male from Bell Gardens was driving with a suspended license. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

Friday, January 15:

At about 1:21 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Golding Road and Kardashian Avenue for having expired registration. A records check of the driver and passenger revealed both had outstanding misdemeanor warrants. During a consensual search of the suspects' purses, the officer located cocaine. The 29-year-old female from Oceanside and the 25-year-old female from Whittier were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just after 9:16 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Second Avenue and Bonita Street regarding a vandalism report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) spray painted graffiti on the sidewalk. Two other reports were taken for similar incidents in the vicinity. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Saturday, January 16:

Just after 1:26 a.m., officers responded to the 2800 block of Holly Avenue regarding a non-injury traffic collision between a moving vehicle and a parked car. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver's breath. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 26-year-old female from Hacienda Heights was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 1:13 p.m., an officer responded to JCPenney at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a petty theft report. A loss prevention specialist witnessed the suspect conceal numerous items in her purse before exiting the store, failing to make payment. The suspect was also in possession of stolen property from Forever 21 and Victoria's Secret. The 17-year-old female from Glendora was cited and released in the field to her adult brother.

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MAYOR PRO TEM SPICER'S MOTHER PASSES AWAY, SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016, AT 1:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, January 12, 2016, Geneva Monroe Spicer, mother to Mayor Pro Tem Larry Spicer, passed away. Born April 26, 1931, Mrs. Spicer was a 62 year resident of Monrovia, having moved to our community in 1954. Having been bestowed the title of Mother Spicer by Second Baptist Church of Monrovia, Mrs. Spicer was an active member of the community and also served faithfully as a foster care parent for Los Angeles County.

Services for Mrs. Spicer are scheduled to be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016, at Second Baptist Church (925 South Shamrock Avenue, Monrovia) at 1:00 p.m., and our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Spicer family during this difficult time.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT STANDARD ADJUSTMENTS PURSUANT TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD STUDY SET TO BEGIN STARTING JANUARY 25, 2016

Based on concerns about the potential impact of new development on the character of Monrovia's neighborhoods, the City has been engaged in an extensive review of our current development regulations. Over the past year, numerous community meetings, commission deliberations, and City Council assessments have been coordinated to discuss concerns related to new development.

With the input received, City staff has developed an outline of proposed modifications to our development standards. However, prior to presenting the proposed adjustments to the Planning Commission and City Council for formal review and consideration, a series of community meetings have been scheduled to review the proposed adjustments.

The first meeting we have coordinated is targeted to receive feedback from interested realtors, brokers, and developers. That meeting has been scheduled to take place on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Monrovia City Hall (415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia).

Additional outreach meetings are being coordinated pursuant to the following tentative schedule:

- Thursday, January 28, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. – MOHPG Meeting at the Monrovia Public Library in the Community Room
- Monday, February 1, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. – General

Community Meeting / MAP at the Monrovia Public Library in the Community Room

Following those outreach meeting sessions, staff will be presenting the feedback received on our proposed development standard modifications to the City Council and the Planning Commission at the following Study Session meetings:

- Tuesday, February 2, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m. – City Council Study Session at Monrovia City Hall
 - Wednesday, February 10, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m. – Planning Commission Study Session at Monrovia City Hall
- Finally, after obtaining additional feedback from the City Council and the Planning Commission in a Study Session format, we plan on coordinating formal consideration and public hearings regarding the proposed development standard adjustments pursuant to the following schedule:
- Formal Planning Commission Review – March 9, 2016
 - City Council, First Reading – April 5, 2016
 - City Council, Second Reading – April 19, 2016
 - Effective date of new development standards – May 19, 2016 (Construction Moratorium Repeal Date)

We will continue to refine the outreach plan and will be sure to share additional meeting times / locations as soon as those details are finalized. Also, additional information about the process, the issues, and the moratoria are available on the City's website at the following address:

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/communitydevelopment/page/moratoria-demolition-and-construction>

MONROVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW ON NEXTDOOR.COM

Last week, the Monrovia Police Department established a presence on Nextdoor.com. We engaged this new communication mechanism after receiving an increasing number of public safety related questions through the social media medium. We plan on using Nextdoor.com to share information on crime prevention, safety, public events, and emergency notifications. It is important to note, however, that we established our presence on Nextdoor.com in such a way that the Monrovia Police Department staff will not be able to see any of the content posted on neighborhood sites, except for the direct replies to City posts. Furthermore, we would like to note that Nextdoor.com is not the appropriate way to request emergency services, police services, report criminal / suspicious activity, or file a report. Rather, we established the presence on Nextdoor.com in an effort to build stronger, safer neighborhoods throughout Monrovia.

Additional information on this overall initiative can be found online at:
<https://nextdoor.com/agency/ca/monrovia/monrovia-police-department/>

ALVERNO JAGUARS VARSITY SOCCER DEFEATS HOLY FAMILY GAELS 14-0



Sierra Madre, CA – The Alverno High School Jaguars defeated the Holy Family Gaels 14-0, their largest margin of victory this season. Sophomore goalkeeper Ayanna Melin (1) recorded her fifth shut-out. Eleven different Jaguars players scored with starters and reserves contributing to the offensive attack.

Freshman midfielder Beatriz Rivas (16) scored the Jaguars' first goal in the 3rd minute of the game. Senior forward Emma Cavender (19) scored in the 7th minute. Junior midfielder Larissa Hernandez (21) scored in the 9th minute. Rivas scored again in the 10th minute off a pass from Hernandez. Junior defender Nicole Lianto (6) scored in the 21st minute off a corner kick from sophomore midfielder Subrina Hamdan (4). Hamdan was credited with an assist in the 25th minute when her shot was deflected into the goal by a Gaels defender. Co-captain and senior defender Dina Der Vartanian (8) scored in the 40th minute off a Hernandez corner kick. The Jaguars led 7-0 at half-time.

Co-captain and senior midfielder Isabel Diaz (9) scored in the 42nd minute off a pass from senior forward Maria Luchetta (10). Sophomore defender Nicole Oberhammer scored in the 46th minute. Hamdan was involved in her third scoring play when she landed a goal in the 55th minute off a pass from Lianto. Luchetta scored in the 59th minute. Freshman forward Megan Cavender

(7) scored back-to-back goals in the 75th and 76th minutes. Co-captain and senior midfielder Caitlyn Delgadillo (5) finished the rout with a goal in the 80th minute.

The Jaguars' next game will be on Friday, January 22, 2016 against the Bishop Conaty- Our Lady of Loretto Wildcats at the Glendale Sports Complex.

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 [HYPERLINK "http://www.alverno-hs.org"](http://www.alverno-hs.org) www.alverno-hs.org.

ST. RITA CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sierra Madre, CA – Students at St. Rita School will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week, January 31-February 5, 2016, with a daily line-up of fun activities on campus and community outreach projects designed to honor the Sierra Madre organizations that make our town so unique and special.

The week kicks off with students and their families "packing the church" at the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday, January 31, followed by a school-wide open house from 11:00 am-1:00 pm in which current and prospective families can tour the classrooms, view student artwork on display and have coffee and donuts while marveling at exhibits in the students' Science Fair.

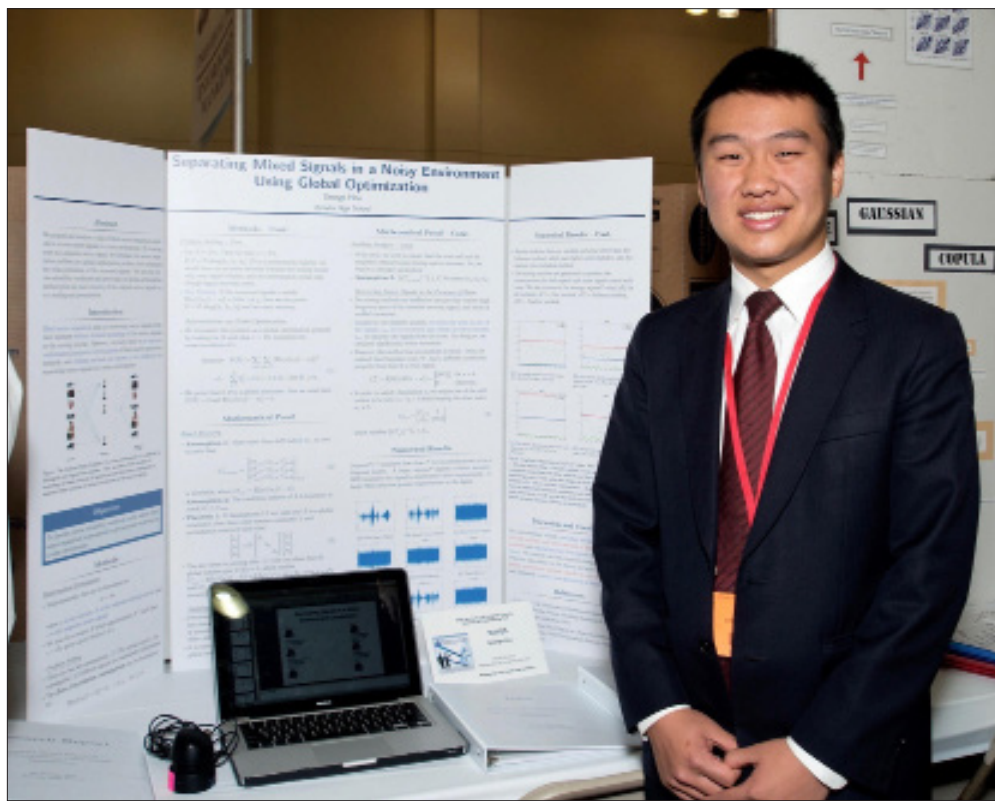
In the school week following, students will enjoy a kickball tournament, a pep rally to celebrate school spirit, and participate in a "souper bowl" where students bring a can of soup to be donated and wear their favorite team jersey. Classes also compete in a "Penny Crusade" to raise funds for the thousands of homeless men, women and children in the San Gabriel Valley served by Catholic Charities.

The Transitional Kindergarten through 8th Grade classrooms will work on a community "thank-you" project to recognize those at the Fire Department, Library, Post Office, Parks and Recreation Department, CLIMB, the Chamber, Women's Club, Senior Center and City Hall.

The week's highlight will be a mass celebrated by Bishop O'Connell on Tuesday, February 2nd at 8:00am. The Most Reverend David G. O'Connell is the Episcopal Vicar of the San Gabriel Pastoral Region, one of the five Pastoral Regions in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. In his pastoral ministry, Bishop O'Connell has always been very active in serving those in need. St. Rita invites the parish and community to attend.

St. Rita is a top-ranked Catholic parish school, located at 322 N. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre, which focuses on faith, stewardship and academic excellence. Visit www.st-ritaschool.org for more information. Applications are currently being accepted, and school tours are available by appointment.

AHS SENIOR TO COMPETE IN THE 'NOBEL PRIZE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS'



Arcadia High senior George Hou was named one of 300 semifinalist in the country, and now he is one of just 40 finalists nationally for the prestigious 75th annual Intel Science Talent Search.

Each of the finalists receives \$7,500. Ten of the finalists were from California, which in recent years has emerged as a science powerhouse, competing with longer-established competitive schools on the East Coast.

The competition selects students based on their scientific research and on the potential they show as future scientific leaders. In March they will undergo final judging in Washington, D.C., where they will publicly display their work and meet with notable scientists. Three first-place prizes, worth \$150,000 each, will be awarded, along with second- and third-place prizes.

Hou's project involves Separating Mixed Signals in Noise-Polluted Environments Using Global Optimization

This competition is acclaimed as the nation's most prestigious pre-college science

competition, and what some call the "Nobel Prize for high school students."

The contest is run by the Society for Science & the Public for its sponsor, the Intel Corporation.

CIVIC CLUB OFFERS EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

Each year the Sierra Madre Civic Club grants thousands of dollars in educational awards. High school seniors who live or work in Sierra Madre or who are related to a member of Civic Club are eligible to apply. Application forms are available in your school's guidance office or they may be picked up at the Sierra Madre Library or the Sierra Madre Town Office. Completed forms and recommendations are due by March 15, 2016. Meeting the scholarship recipients is one of our favorite activities so we look forward to hearing from you.

The Sierra Madre Civic Club is a civic and philanthropic organization. We meet the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Hart Park House.

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SMILE FOR THE CANINE

I spend a lot of time hanging out with animals. I've always enjoyed (perhaps even preferred) the company of my furry and feathered friends, and I kind of like to think they enjoy spending time with me. While I do appreciate the presence of all animals, I have to admit the dog has become my favorite. Dogs make such great friends. They can make me laugh out loud, and at times they can make me cry, but regardless of what the mood of the moment may be, they are always there for me emotionally.

I used to have a dog named Lady. She was unique in that she would smile when you looked at her. I don't mean the kind of smile that only shows through the eyes from inside, I mean she smiled the same way we humans smile. Well, maybe her smile looked a little different because of her long snout and pointy teeth, but as far as the way our lips curve back and curl upward, and our eyes get squinty during a smile, Lady actually smiled, like people do. I had to explain it to the folks we'd meet along the way, that she was just happy to see them, not baring her teeth as a warning that she may bite. No, that girl was sporting a big grin - she was happy!

I smile at dogs all the time. I'm pretty sure I have always smiled at dogs I've met along the way, but I guess it's possible that it could be a relatively new habit for me. One that I've developed over the years from spending so much time with canines. Lately I often find myself smiling at dogs I don't even know, like ones riding in the back seats of cars looking out at me through the window. I smile and wave, as if I'm trying to engage a small child to smile and wave back. I don't even care if people see me doing it. It just seems like the natural thing to do. Other than Lady, I have yet to see a dog smile back at me, but I'll keep trying.

Now I have a dog named Molly. She's a very attentive and somewhat sensitive pup. She uses facial expressions all the time, to tell me what she's thinking. I'm sure of this, because she is consistent in repeating the same expressions in response to what is going on at the time. For example, if I reach for my keys and head for the front door, she follows me, plops down on the floor in front of the door and stares at me with her hopeful look...the one that says, "You're taking me with you, right?". It's the same look she gives me when I am sitting eating a meal, only the latter look is one of hope for a nibble of what's on my plate, versus a walk around the block. Still, it's the same facial expression.

It wasn't until recently that I realized how much attention Molly pays to my facial expressions. I don't have to say a word. I can be sitting across the room from her. I suddenly give her a real silly look. I open my eyes wide, lift my eyebrows into tall arches, twist my mouth sideways and look up at the ceiling. That's when she jumps up, runs to her basket and picks out a toy for us to play with. She knows I am teasing her, inciting her to play. If I frown and look down, she walks slowly and tentatively towards me, with a somewhat anxious look on her own face. A look that asks, "Are you okay?". How in the world does that dog know something's up just from looking at my face?

Over the past 10+ years, much focus has been placed on studying the canine's capacity to recognize human emotion

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



through facial expression, in the scientific research field. The results of a 2014 study conducted by researchers at the Messerli Research Institute of the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna in Austria indicate that dogs are indeed able to discriminate emotional expressions in human faces. Meaning, not only can a canine tell the difference between a sad or happy human face, a dog can also interpret the inner emotions that human facial expressions represent...sadness or happiness. (Source: HYPERLINK "http://www.cell.com/current-biology" www.cell.com/current-biology)

What made the 2014 Messerli study and it's results unique to several others before it, is that there were no ulterior cues used to encourage the dogs' responses, as had been typically used in other studies. "Here, we show that dogs use the emotion of a heterospecific (organism of another species - in this case a human face) as a discriminative cue."

In this study, the scientists used only picture pairs showing parts of human faces (some only the mouth, some only the eyes, and some only a half-face) with either an angry or happy expression, as cues for the canines' responses. Interestingly enough, all of the subject dogs in the study were more than willing to approach and touch the pictures showing happy expressions,

while consistently resisting the images showing angry or sad expressions. Smart dogs! The researchers involved attribute their results mainly to the amount of time people now spend with their canines, which makes total sense to me.

Regardless of how or why dogs "get" our moods just from looking at our faces, I think it is awesome that my Molly can tell by looking at me, how I am feeling. I know some humans who would rather run the other way than stay, if they see a sad look on my face. I know Molly doesn't necessarily like to see me sad either, but I have yet to see her turn around and run the other way when I've expressed myself in a sad way. My experience has been quite the opposite. She'll approach, perhaps slower than if I were happy, but approach she will, and the give me a little lick on the cheek, or a pat with her paw as if to say, "I love you, cheer up!"



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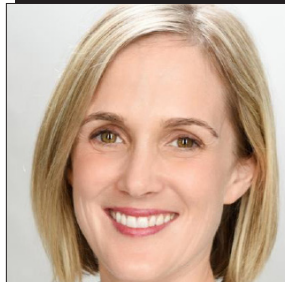


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Everybody needs an opportunity to unwind from day-to-day stresses. There are many ways to do that; exercise, time with friends, a vacation, even a few drinks. But what about the accumulated stresses that we can't unwind from? Usually a result of shouldering responsibility, or having a full busy life.

These tensions remain even when we go on vacation or take a day off. We stay tight and irritated just under the surface. Yoga can help in this situation.

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Emotional and energetic body are also addressed during practice. We have an opportunity to find balance, and check in on our inner space. Often, the great feeling after class is a change in our Prana, or life force energy. The mind body is certainly given a break with concentration and focus on our breath and the practice at hand.

Little by little, we unwind. We unwind from day-to-day stress and from more long standing accumulations too. This makes room for fun, love, and joy, taking the place of the wasted energy our worries were causing us.

Cultivating the awareness of what we need, and what worries we can do without begins in the stillness experienced during practice. Even coming to the realization that we need to spend more time decompressing can happen on the mat. Cheers to unwinding on a grander scale! See you in class.

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STUDY: ACUPUNCTURE FOR ACUTE LOW BACK PAIN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN DRUGS

Study suggests that acupuncture works effectively for pain relief, draws international attention

New research by Korean doctors of Oriental Medicine suggested that an acupuncture method could reduce acute lower back pain faster and more effectively than conventional drug injections. It is the first study of Oriental Medicine for pain relief that has received international recognition through the PAIN journal.

In a joint study conducted by doctors of Jaseng Hospital of Korean Medicine and researchers of the Korea Institute for Oriental Medicine, pain was reduced significantly more among patients who received a nontraditional acupuncture treatment called motion style acupuncture (MSAT) compared with another group who had an injection of diclofenac sodium, a drug widely used for immediate pain relief.

"Our study has shown that MSAT was more effective for pain and function in acute low back pain patients with severe disability in the short term and up to four weeks (longer) than conventional non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug injection," the report said.

"This is the first study that shows objective evidence that acupuncture works better as pain relief than drugs. We are glad to get such international attention and recognition," said Ha In-Hyuk, a doctor at Jaseng Hospital of Korean Medicine.

The study assessed the pain level on a scale of 0 to 10 as well as the functional level in activities of patients from the two groups. A group of 28 patients who received the motion style acupuncture said the pain level reduced 46 percent on average in 30 minutes while the other 28 patients who had the drug injection had their pain level drop 8.7 percent in the same amount of time. The level of

physical disability of patients who were treated with the acupuncture method dropped 39 percent on average in the first 30 minutes while others said their disability merely improved.

The treatment method, developed by Jaseng Hospital, is similar to traditional acupuncture in that it places needles in specific meridian acupuncture points and uses manual stimulation of the needles. It requires a patient to exercise while having acupuncture needles inserted. MSAT differs in that it keeps that patient engaged in active or passive action of related body parts for a certain amount of time during acupuncture. In less than 20 minutes, patients were able to walk on their own and the level of pain was reduced, the hospital said.

Of the 28 patients in the injection group, 27 were hospitalized for nearly 18 days on average. A total of 19 patients in the acupuncture group admitted themselves to hospitals and stayed 12.5 days on average.

"The strong stimulation of distal acupuncture points in motion style acupuncture treatment may enhance the effects of pain relief by triggering 'diffuse noxious inhibitory controls' and increasing the secretion of endorphins by stimulating internal activity of the central nervous system," Shin Joon-shik, coauthor of the study, said in the paper.

Joon-Shik Shin, a Korean Eastern Medicine doctor, developed the MSAT- a non-traditional acupuncture treatment around 1990. "The technique is highly effective in reducing musculoskeletal pain and increasing limited mobility, and provides almost immediate relief in acute cases with severe pain and restricted motion," Dr. Shin said.

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FOOD AND DRINK

NO CHEESEBURGER CHEESEBURGER BUT GREAT MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD

Writing reviews on restaurants is subjective, as is drinking and wine. I love mom-and-pop restaurants that you've probably driven past 100 times. I always go to the restaurant at least three times before ink hits paper in the form of a review (I do take recommendations). I love Parkway Grill, Panda Inn and Houston's, but you know those already!

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

Sahara Restaurant in central Pasadena is one of my go-to spots for both takeout and sit-down dining. I probably eat at Sahara at least three times a month. I was born in Athens, Greece, and though Sahara leans towards Lebanese cuisine, Middle Eastern foods are universal in menu selections. They don't have Lebanese beer (the owner's son said they don't have their home brew because they'd drink it all!), so I have my meals with Heineken. The interior is somewhat plain with pictures of Lebanon, and the tables and chairs could be from any diner in

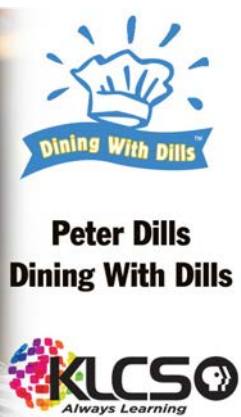


beef (\$11.25), and for those of you who can't decide, get the combination (\$14.75) which has a little of everything. For you vegetarians the falafel is a crowd pleaser (\$8.25). Order a side of babagha-

nouj (eggplant) (\$4.50) - they tell me it's the real deal. My buddy Mike Bingley from the tv show Straight off the Menu swears by the by the chicken kebab. I like it but others seem to be juicier. All dishes come with feta cheese, a remarkable starter of pita bread, cucumber and your choice of lentil or cabbage salad. The cabbage is salad is great, and often I'll put it aside for my next days lunch. Two enthusiastic thumbs up for Sahara! Get here early - it's posted close time 8:30, but many times Sebastain says bro "we

were busy we sold out on the food, just like a BBQ joint in Texas" - when it's gone, it's gone. If you were a fan of Burger Continental 20 years ago, you will love Sahara.

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the area. But, the food is the highlight of this show. The kitchen is open so you can watch your food being cooking on mesquite, and it's ably run by two brothers and their sons - it's a family affair.

They offer plenty of standard Middle Eastern dishes like kebabs, shawerma, and falafels. I love the lulu kebabs (ground seasoned lamb and

CHEESEBURGER CHALLENGE RESULTS RELEASED

1246 voters chose their favorites in 14 categories during 2016 Cheeseburger Week in Pasadena

PASADENA, CA- Pasadena celebrated all things cheeseburger during Cheeseburger Week January 10th to 15th. Visitors enjoyed food created especially for the event, took advantage of great deals and meals, followed cheeseburger crawls and voted in the 2016 Cheeseburger Challenge. In all, 1246 votes were cast in the challenge to determine favorites in 14 categories ranging from Favorite Burger to favorite Dessert after a Burger.

Here are the results of the 2016 Cheeseburger Challenge. Thank you to all the restaurant participants and everyone who voted in this year's Challenge.

Congratulations to those named Favorites in these categories.

Cheeseburger Challenge results:

Favorite Place for a Cheeseburger

1. Dog Haus/Dog Haus Biergarten 15.73%
2. Umami Burger 13.64%
3. The Counter 12.4%

Favorite Lunch Counter Burger

1. The Counter 37.5%
2. Pie 'n Burger 27.08%
3. Tie: Clearman's Galley / Twohey's 12.92%

Favorite Traditional Cheeseburger

1. Pie 'n Burger 24.76%
2. Dog Haus 24.21%
3. The Counter 23.44%

Favorite Sliders

1. Tie: Dog Haus / Ruth's Chris Steak House 16.62%
2. The Counter 14.67%
3. POP Champagne and Dessert Bar 9.25%

Favorite Gourmet Burger

1. Kings Row Gastropub 31.84%
2. La Grande Orange Café 26.12%
3. Tie: Alondra Hot Wings/Del Frisco's Grille 22.86%

Favorite Alternative Burger

1. Umami Burger Ahi Tuna Burger 33.79%
2. a/k/a Bistro Portobello Mushroom and Brie 22.83%
3. Lucky Baldwin's Pub Salmon Burger 15.98%

Favorite Turkey Burger

1. Umami Burger 32.88%
2. Green Street Restaurant 22.07%
3. Tie: Pie 'n Burger/ Rounds Burgers 16.67%

Favorite Sit Down/White Tablecloth Burger

1. Green Street Restaurant 27.36%
2. a/k/a Bistro 20.28%
3. Central Park Restaurant 17.45%

Favorite New Restaurant For a Burger

1. Lucky Baldwin's Trappiste Pub 35.21%
2. Magnolia House 27.23%
3. Alondra Hot Wings 18.31%

Favorite Bar Burger

1. Dog Haus Biergarten 8.14%
2. Kings Row Gastropub 5.42%
3. Lucky Baldwin's 4.75%

Favorite Veggie/Vegan Burger

1. Umami Burger 30.2%

2. The Counter 22.77%

3. Pie 'n Burger 11.39%

Favorite Draught Beer with a Burger

1. Dog Haus Biergarten 8.29%
2. King's Row Gastropub 5.8%
3. Lucky Baldwin's 5.46%

Favorite Dessert after a Cheeseburger

1. Pie 'n Burger 48.66%
2. POP Champagne and Dessert Bar 16.96%
3. Twohey's 15.63%

Favorite Cocktail with/before/after a Burger

1. Ruth's Chris Steak House 30.94%
2. La Grande Orange Café 24.22%
3. POP Champagne and Dessert Bar 12.11%

Here are our participants for the 2016 Cheeseburger Week in Pasadena:

- a/k/a Bistro
- Alondra Hot Wings
- Bacchus' Kitchen
- Big Daddy's Fire Grill
- Brookside Golf Club (lunch only)
- Cameron's Seafood
- Central Park Restaurant
- Clearman's Galley
- The Counter
- Del Frisco's Grille
- Dog Haus
- Dog Haus Biergarten
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- The Eatery
- El Portal Restaurant
- Gale's (lunch only)
- Green Street Restaurant
- Grill 168 at the Hilton Pasadena
- Kings Row Gastropub
- La Grande Orange Cafe
- Lucky Baldwin's Delirium Pub and Cafe
- Lucky Baldwin's Pub
- Lucky Baldwin's Trappiste Pub and Cafe
- Magnolia House
- Meat District Company
- Pie 'n Burger
- POP Champagne & Dessert Bar
- Real Food Daily
- Robin's Wood Fire BBQ
- Rounds Premium Burgers
- Ruth's Chris Steak House - Happy Hour menu
- Slater's 50/50
- Twohey's Restaurant
- Umami Burger
- Vertical Wine Bistro
- Yahaira's Cafe
- The Walrus and the Hedgehog

Cheeseburger Week is over for 2016, but you can still enjoy a great burger at any of the participating restaurants. For address, menu and other information visit www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com.

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COULD YOU HAVE COPD?

Dear Savvy Senior,

I have struggled with some shortness of breath for the past five years or so. I just thought I was getting older and out of shape, but a friend recently mentioned I may have COPD. What can you tell me about this?

Breathless Bob

Dear Bob,

COPD, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is a serious lung disease that, over time, makes it hard to breathe. What's more, an estimated 24 million people have COPD today, but about half of them don't know it.

Many people mistake shortness of breath as a normal part of aging, or a result of being out of shape, but that's not necessarily the case. COPD – a term used to describe a variety of lung diseases including emphysema and chronic bronchitis – develops slowly, so symptoms may not be obvious until damage has occurred.

Common symptoms include: an ongoing cough or a cough that produces a lot of mucus; shortness of breath, especially during physical activity; wheezing; and chest tightness.

Those most at risk are smokers or former smokers over age 40, and people who have had long-term exposure to other lung irritants like secondhand smoke, air pollution, chemical fumes and dust. There is also a rare genetic condition known as alpha-1-antitrypsin, or AAT deficiency that can increase the risks.

If you're experiencing any of the aforementioned symptoms, you need to get tested by your doctor. A simple breathing test called spirometry can tell if you have COPD, and if so, how severe it is. Early screening can also identify COPD before major loss of lung function occurs.

If you do indeed have COPD, you need to know that while there's no cure, there are things you can do to help manage symptoms and protect your lungs from further damage, including:

Quit smoking: If you smoke, the best thing you



can do to prevent more damage to your lungs is to quit. To get help, the National Cancer Institute offers a number of smoking cessation resources at smokefree.gov or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW. Or ask your doctor about prescription antismoking drugs that can help reduce your nicotine craving.

Avoid air pollutants: Stay away from things that could irritate your lungs like dust, allergens and strong fumes. Also, to help improve your air quality at home, remove dust-collecting clutter and keep carpets clean; run the exhaust fan when using smelly cleaning products, bug sprays or paint; ban smoking indoors; and keep windows closed when outdoor air pollution is high (see airnow.gov for daily air-quality reports).

Guard against flu: The flu can cause serious problems for people who have COPD, so get a flu shot every fall and wash and sanitize your hands frequently to avoid getting sick. Also ask your doctor about getting the pneumococcal immunizations for protection against pneumonia.

Take prescribed medications: Bronchodilators (taken with an inhaler) are commonly used for COPD. They help relax the airway muscles to make breathing easier. Depending on how severe your condition, you may need a short-acting version only for when symptoms occur, or a long-acting prescription for daily use. Inhaled steroids may also help reduce inflammation and mucus and prevent flare-ups.

For more information, visit the COPD Foundation at copdfoundation.org or call the COPD information line at 866-316-2673.

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...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.

KATIE Tse.....This and That
“GREEN MANSIONS!”

Adults tend to idealize childhood things, only later to realize that they are not as impressive as they originally seemed. Your cavernous

kindergarten classroom feels smaller, now that your own youngster has started school. Similarly, old pictures of people from your childhood can prompt exclamations like, “Wow, I thought Miss Humphrey was ancient at 37, but she looks pretty hot, now that I’m 45!” An amusement park you visited as a kid was full of excitement and adventure. But 20 years later, it seems a little corny. My glamorized childhood memory was the (minor) motion picture “Green Mansions.”

Growing up, my family never had TV in the usual sense. We had a TV set, but we were too cheap to get cable. So, I grew up watching a lot of videos of old movies. At school, I had no clue about the shows my classmates liked. However, I didn’t lust after the toys they saw advertised either. (My parents must’ve saved a lot of money this way!) While some films became as familiar as bedtime stories (“The Road” movies and “The Honeymooners”), others recorded from TV by my grandparents were only watched once or twice. This was either due to the bad quality of the recording or the bad quality of the movie in general. “Green Mansions” was one of those movies.

Produced in 1959, “Green Mansions” starred Anthony Perkins and Audrey Hepburn. The story is set in Venezuela around the turn of the last century. Perkins is a disgruntled army defector in search of gold in the uncharted jungle. He eventually happens upon a tribe of South American natives (played by actors of different races, many sporting what looked like a bad tan).

The chief, Sessue Hayakawa, looks just as Japanese as he did in “Bridge on the River Kwai.” But with a loin cloth, feathered arm bands, and a lot of imagination, he fits right in. After Perkins impresses Hayakawa with magical fire (a cigarette lighter) Hayakawa takes a liking to him, much to the dismay of his younger son, Henry Silva. This Silva tells Perkins that his older brother (the man who would be king) was killed by a mysterious woman in the jungle bordering their camp, and that is why Perkins is forbidden from searching for gold there. Ignoring these warnings, Perkins takes off into the brush at first light.

“Jungle” is a loose term for the “Alice In Wonderland”-meets-“Wizard of Oz” type of set created for this film. Perkins walks along an unusually smooth path through massive, waxy leaves and flowers. He hears the sound of a woman laughing as a fawn darts by. (You’ve heard of jungle fawns, haven’t you?) And suddenly –there’s Audrey Hepburn!

She’s wearing a gossamer dress, clearly constructed

of forest fibers. She introduces herself and they talk about a special flower that only blooms for one day, and then dies. But she assures him there’s no reason to be sad about its dying. When the flower dies, another one is getting ready to bloom somewhere else in the jungle.

Hepburn brings Perkins back to meet her “grandfather,” Lee J. Cobb, with white hair and a mustache-and-beard stolen from a mall Santa. Cobb has raised Hepburn since infancy. He sounds like a regular American, but somewhere in the jungle she picked up a British accent. Perkins leaves for the village, but promises to return.

Back at the ranch, Silva is angry at Perkins because, by Perkins coming out of the jungle in one piece, Hayakawa believes him to be an even greater warrior than his late son. Silva warns Perkins not to get too comfortable as Hayakawa’s new favorite, because the village will be hosting the right of passage ceremony for all the young men that night.

As I recalled this scene, it took place on a dark beach, thick with palm trees and roaring surf lapping at the villagers’ feet. The men wore exotic costumes as they danced around a raging bonfire. To prove their manhood, they had to endure a large wooden board covered with bees being pressed against their chest. The last one standing won.

In reality, the set had barely any sand, dirt, or stones to suggest the outdoors. Harsh lighting didn’t help either. The boards had bees, but only half a dozen at most. Three very old-looking women hobbled over to Silva and two other youths. They pressed the boards against the men’s chests with all the mighty force you’d expect from a frail old lady. The two other guys quickly screamed and crumpled to the ground, but Silva maintained an icy stare ‘till the end. (You get the impression that he bribed or threatened the other two to give up quickly so that he would win.)

Perkins watches all this from a stake to which he was bound. (At some earlier point Silva persuaded Hayakawa that Perkins was no good.) Silva swaggers over to Perkins and informs him that his trial by bees has proven his supremacy as the ultimate warrior; and now he’s Hayakawa’s favorite again. Perkins better enjoy himself, Silva warns, because he’s going to kill him and the evil jungle woman the next morning. (It’s so helpful for the victim to have a schedule beforehand.)

Several hours later the party has dissipated, and only one of the old bee ladies is left snoozing near Perkins. He wakes her up and gets her to give him something sharp, with which he frees himself. I forget how he persuaded her to do this, but what do minor details matter? Perkins rushes into the jungle to warn Hepburn and Cobb of Silva’s plot.

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On the Marquee: Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

A BOUNTY OF CHOICES

By Artistic Director, Christian Lezano

A couple of years ago I was inspired to reach out to the Colburn Conservatory to see if they would be interested in collaborating on a series of concerts featuring musicians from their school. To my great pleasure they thought the idea was good and after seeing the Playhouse and appreciating just how good the acoustics are signed on. Since then we've had a wonderful succession of pre-professional musicians create truly magical evenings of music. We've had pianists, string quartets, brass quintets, vocalists, and small ensembles playing music as varied as Mozart, Ravel, and Piazzolla. I have said about the series "see them at the Phil!" and I haven't been too far off as several of the musicians have already gone on to much bigger venues.

On Sunday, January 31 at 7pm we will host our first concert of the year (we have 3 more planned through the spring including February 14 and May 8 with another to be scheduled in March/April) featuring Regulo Martinez-Anton in a piano concert dedicated to the music of Enrique Granados a Spanish composer who drowned while attempting to rescue his wife after their ship was torpedoed by a German u-boat. Granados' music is well known in Spain but not often played here. This is the 100th anniversary of his birth and Mr. Martinez-Anton has crafted a lovely concert which will introduce him to many for the first time. Tickets for the concert are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. A few essays back I talked about making the Playhouse your drop-in living room. How wonderful to amble down and hear this beautiful music just blocks from your home. I think for those of you who haven't attended one, a single visit will make you a fan.

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 Martinez-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, Martinez-Antón has a special affinity for the works of Granados. The concert will feature

On Monday, January 25 at 7pm we are launching a new Initiative at the Playhouse – a once-a-month FREE 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). Arthur Hanket (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

Deathtrap is selling briskly, it runs through February 20. This one is great fun – opening night audience were shocked by all the surprises - don't miss it. Reviews have been glowing! Please visit our website at SierraMadrePlayhouse.org or call Mary at 626.355.4318 to arrange your purchase.

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

The program:
Robert Schumann (1810-1856) Arabeske in C major, Op. 18
Frederic 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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Jeff's Book Pics By Jeff Brown

Joni Mitchell: In Her Own Words by Malka Marom

When singer, musician, and broadcast journalist Malka Marom had the opportunity to interview Joni Mitchell in 1973, she was eager to reconnect with the performer she'd first met late one night in 1966 at a Yorkville coffeehouse. More conversations followed over the next four decades of friendship, and it was only after Joni and Malka completed their last recorded interview, in 2012, that Malka discovered the heart of their discussions: the creative process. In Joni Mitchell: In Her Own Words, Joni and Malka follow this thread through seven decades of life and art, discussing the influence of Joni's childhood, love and loss, playing dives and huge festivals, acclaim and criticism, poverty and affluence, glamorous triumphs and tragic mistakes. This riveting narrative, told in interviews, lyrics, paintings, and photographs, is shared in the hope of illuminating a timeless body of work and inspiring others.

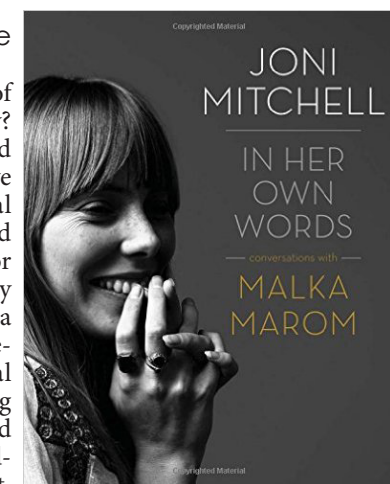
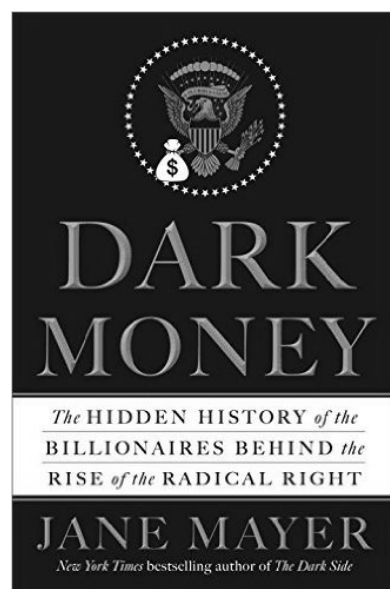
Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right by Jane Mayer

Why is America living in an age of profound economic inequality? Why, despite the desperate need to address climate change, have even modest environmental efforts been defeated again and again? Why have protections for employees been decimated? Why do hedge-fund billionaires pay a far lower tax rate than middle-class workers? The conventional answer is that a popular uprising against "big government" led to the ascendancy of a broad-based conservative movement. But as Jane Mayer shows in this powerful, meticulously reported history, a network of exceedingly wealthy people with extreme libertarian views bankrolled a systematic, step-by-step plan to fundamentally alter the American political system. Jane Mayer spent five years conducting hundreds of interviews—including with several sources within the network—and scoured public records, private papers, and court proceedings in reporting this

book. In a taut and utterly convincing narrative, she traces the byzantine trail of the billions of dollars spent by the network and provides vivid portraits of the colorful figures behind the new American oligarchy.

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

This book is a profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir by a young neurosurgeon faced with a terminal cancer diagnosis who attempts to answer the question What makes a life worth living? At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. And just like that, the future he and his wife had imagined evaporated. The book chronicles Kalanithi's transformation from a naïve medical student "possessed," as he wrote, "by the question of what, given that all organisms die, makes a virtuous and meaningful life" into a neurosurgeon at Stanford working in the brain, the most critical place for human identity, and finally into a patient and new father confronting his own mortality. What makes life worth living in the face of death? What do you do when the future, no longer a ladder toward your goals in life, flattens out into a perpetual present? What does it mean to have a child, to nurture a new life as another fades away? These are some of the questions Kalanithi wrestles with in this profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir. Paul died in March 2015, while working on this book, yet his words live on as a guide and a gift to us all. "I began to realize that coming face to face with my own mortality, in a sense, had changed nothing and everything," he wrote. "Seven words from Samuel Beckett began to repeat in my head: 'I can't go on. I'll go on.'" When Breath Becomes Air is an unforgettable, life-affirming reflection on the challenge of facing death and on the relationship between doctor and patient, from a brilliant writer who became both.



Jeff's History Corner By Jeff Brown

1. The History and development of canning. During the first years of the Napoleonic Wars, the French government offered a hefty cash award of 12,000 francs to any inventor who could devise a cheap and effective method of preserving large amounts of food. The larger armies of the period required increased and regular supplies of quality food. Limited food availability was among the factors limiting military campaigns to the summer and autumn months. In 1809, Nicolas Appert, a French confectioner and brewer, observed that food cooked inside a jar did not spoil unless the seals leaked, and developed a method of sealing food in glass jars. Appert was awarded the prize in 1810 by Count Montelivert, a French minister of the interior. The reason for lack of spoilage was unknown at the time, since it would be another 50 years before Louis Pasteur demonstrated the role of microbes in food spoilage.

2. Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. was born in San Francisco, the only son of four children born to District Attorney of San Francisco and later Governor of California, Edmund Gerald "Pat" Brown Sr., and his spouse, Bernice Layne Brown. His father was of half Irish and half German descent. Brown's great grandfather August Schuckman, a German immigrant, settled in California in 1852 during the California Gold Rush. Brown was a member of the California Cadet Corps at St. Ignatius High School, where he graduated in 1955. In 1955, Brown entered Santa Clara University for a year, and left to attend Sacred Heart Novitiate, a Jesuit novice house, intent on becoming a Catholic priest. Brown left

the novitiate after three years, enrolling at the UC Berkeley in 1960, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Classics in 1961. Brown went on to Yale Law School and graduated with a Juris Doctor in 1964.

After law school, Brown worked as a law clerk for California Supreme Court Justice Mathew Tobriner. Brown served as the 34th Governor from 1975 to 1983. Prior to and following his first governorship, Brown served in numerous state, local and party positions, including three times a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States. After six years out of politics, Brown returned to public life, serving as Mayor of Oakland (1999–2007) and Attorney General of California (2007–2011). He then decided to run for another term as governor. He was able to do so due to a grandfather clause in a term-limit law passed in 1990 for state office. The law limited a governor to two terms, but the four living governors when the law was passed (which consisted of himself, Brown's father Pat, his predecessor Ronald Reagan, and his successor George Deukmejian, who was in office when the law was enacted) were still eligible for election. Running against Meg Whitman in 2010, Brown became the 39th Governor in 2011; on October 7, 2013, he became the longest-serving governor in California history, surpassing Earl Warren. He was re-elected in 2014 with sixty percent of the vote. As a consequence of the 28-year gap between his second and third terms, Brown has been both the sixth-youngest California governor (the youngest since 1863), and the oldest California governor in history.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



WATCH OUT FOR PREDATORY TAX LIENS ON YOUR FAMILY HOME

As our parents and other loved ones age, they may need a little more attention from us. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, or even neighbors who are aging may want to be seen as strong and independent. Often, however, their abilities to take care of household and financial affairs begin to erode as they get older.

What's at Risk?

One such example which can have catastrophic consequences is the failure to pay property taxes. A lot of retired people are struggle to make ends meet and may not be able to pay their taxes as they come due. This puts their home at risk because unfortunately, governments have processes in place to collect back taxes by placing liens against the property.

Worst Case Scenario

Different locales have different approaches to filing liens against property, but one of the worst is Washington, D.C. There, the city made a policy change in 2001 that has had devastating effects on homeowners. Prior to that time, the city would sell a lien at auction to individuals who could then charge interest on the amount due until it was paid. If it was not paid, the city could move to foreclose on the property.

The change in 2001 allowed the purchasers of the liens to go directly to court to foreclose on the property they purchased. This attracted predatory lenders from other states that became very aggressive in pursuing the foreclosures. In many cases, people who owned their homes free and clear lost them over unpaid taxes of less than \$500. Once investors buy the liens, they can begin charging interest and legal costs, which makes it more expensive for the homeowner to pay off the lien.

While it is true that homeowners have ample time and notice to pay the taxes, even after the liens are sold, Washington's story is replete with cases of owners with dementia or other serious illnesses. Because of these types of conditions, many owners were not aware of or did not understand what was happening. And without family or friends looking out for them, the predators can have a field day.

What Can be Done?

Thankfully, Washington is in the minority of governments that allow this predatory approach to tax collection. But it points out the need for those of us with elderly family members and friends to pay attention. Respect their pride, but make sure they get the help they need so they are not taken advantage of.

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Social Media Tips, Tricks & Ideas



by: MJ Finstrom

5 STEPS TO ORGANIZE YOUR ONLINE MARKETING

With all the tools available to promote your business online and stay in touch with your target market, it can become overwhelming.

There are dozens of Social Media sites - Instagram, Snapchat, Periscope, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Tumblr, YouTube, Flickr, Vine, Vimeo, MeetUp just to name a few. Plus there is always a flavor of the month/day that catches fire and then burns out.

How in the world can a small business keep up?

Have a goal. What do you want them to do? What is the purpose of this campaign? If you don't direct your audience to the destination you want them to reach, how will you be able to measure your success?

Have a plan.

- What is your call to action,
- who needs to receive the message,
- when should it be delivered,
- how often will you email and post and
- what is your budget?

Gather your content.

Find or create content that supports your goal and delivers the message both visually and creatively. Select your media. We like to make sure email marketing is the cornerstone for online marketing. Email is the most accessed "app" on a smart phone. Nearly everyone checks email daily. A campaign that originates from an email can then be easily shared/repurposed to multiple social media sites.

Did you know you can create a campaign in Constant Contact, schedule it to go to your email audience and also post it multiple times to selected Social Media? Our mantra is -build it once, post it many.

Deliver and measure.

Get the message out there. If you are waiting for the perfect layout, the perfect content, the perfect time, the perfect... you are perfectly wasting your time. Progress over perfection will win every time.

Send it.

After you send your campaign, monitor the results and adjust. Did your audience do what you wanted them to do? These results need to be reviewed and you need to adjust your tactics, strategy and goals as you move forward.

Keep in mind, that staying top-of-mind and building relationships is an important function of online marketing. Simply staying in touch with your customers, prospects and fans has tremendous value. If you are not in front of your audience, you can bet the competition will be.

About MJ: MJ and her brother David own HUTdogs, a creative services and digital marketing business. "Like" them on Facebook for trending news in social media, internet marketing and other helpful tips, www.facebook.com/hutdogs. Sign up for their upcoming workshops at: www.hutdogs.com/workshops/schedule

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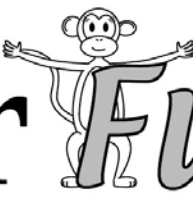


I hope the groundhog sees the sun...



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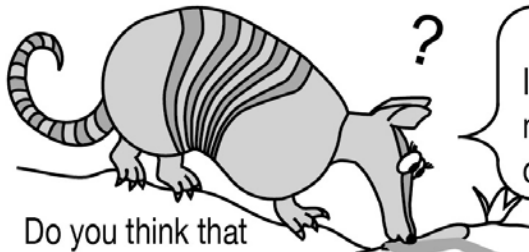


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...so we can keep having winter fun.



Kids: color stuff in!



Do you think that a groundhog can predict the weather? On February 2, some people will get up very early to watch the groundhog come out of its home. They will stand around the groundhog's hole in the ground and study the sky. As soon as they see the groundhog poke out of its hole they will snap pictures. Who do you think will see the funnier sight...the people or the groundhog?

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- a long winter's nap
- a warm-blooded creature
- another name for the groundhog
- curls into this to sleep
- something people believe in or think will happen without facts or proof
- the groundhog's _____ pumps more slowly when it hibernates
- the groundhog is part of this family
- young are born in this month
- males are about two feet long and weigh about twelve pounds; females are _____
- to tell about an event before it happens
- it is said that when the groundhog pokes out of his hole and sees the sun there will be six more weeks of winter, but when he sees clouds, _____ is near
- where the groundhog lives

Are you awake, Mr. Groundhog? I don't mean to hound you, but maybe you can predict the winner of the Super Bowl, too? Hello!

Time to Rhyme!

Find and circle the ten words that rhyme with "ground."

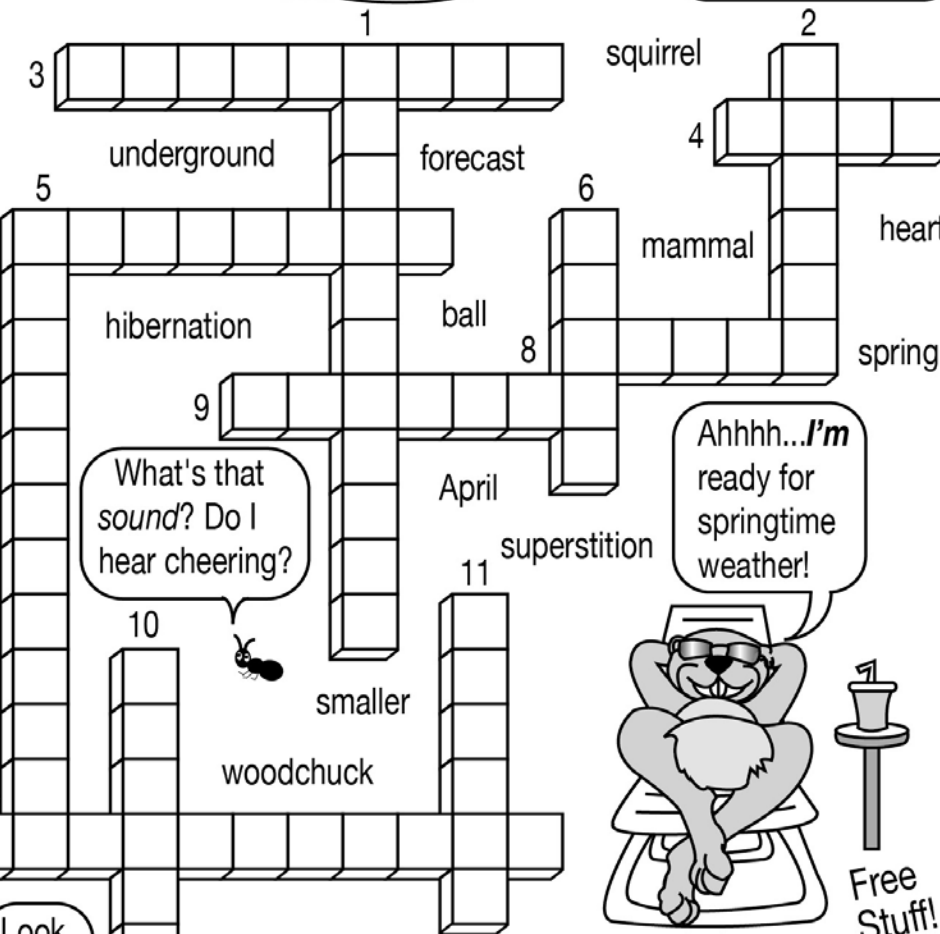
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Our whole family doesn't weigh a pound!



Groundhog Weather Forecaster?

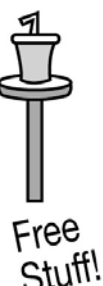
Hey, let me shine!



What's that sound? Do I hear cheering?

April superstition

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Looking Up with Bob Eklund



CALTECH RESEARCHERS FIND EVIDENCE OF A REAL NINTH PLANET

Caltech researchers have found evidence of a giant planet tracing a bizarre, highly elongated orbit in the distant solar system. The object, which the researchers have nicknamed Planet Nine, has a mass about 10 times that of Earth and orbits about 20 times farther from the Sun on average than does Neptune (which orbits the Sun at an average distance of 2.8 billion miles). In fact, it would take this new planet between 10,000 and 20,000 years to make just one full orbit around the Sun.

The researchers, Konstantin Batygin and Mike Brown, discovered the planet’s existence through mathematical modeling and computer simulations but have not yet observed the object directly.

“This would be a real ninth planet,” says Brown, Caltech’s Richard and Barbara Rosenberg Professor of Planetary Astronomy. “There have only been two true planets discovered since ancient times, and this would be a third. It’s a pretty substantial chunk of our solar system that’s still out there to be found, which is pretty exciting.”

Brown notes that the putative ninth planet—at 5,000 times the mass of Pluto—is sufficiently large that there should be no debate about whether it is a true planet. Unlike the class of smaller objects now known as dwarf planets, Planet Nine gravitationally dominates its neighborhood of the solar system. In fact, it dominates a region larger than any of the other known planets -- a fact that Brown says makes it “the most planet-y of the planets in the whole solar system.”

Batygin and Brown describe their work in the current issue of the Astronomical Journal and show how Planet Nine helps explain a number of mysterious features of the field of icy objects and debris beyond Neptune known as the Kuiper Belt.

“Although we were initially quite skeptical that this planet could exist, as we continued to investigate its orbit and what it would mean for the outer solar system, we become increasingly convinced that it is out there,” says Batygin, an assistant professor of planetary science. “For the first time in over 150 years, there is solid evidence that the solar system’s planetary census is incomplete.”

The road to the theoretical discovery was not straightforward. In 2014, a former postdoc of



Brown’s, Chad Trujillo, and his colleague Scott Shepherd published a paper noting that 13 of the most distant objects in the Kuiper Belt are similar with respect to an obscure orbital feature. To explain that similarity, they suggested the possible presence of a small planet. Brown thought the planet solution was unlikely, but his interest was piqued.

He took the problem down the hall to Batygin, and the two started what became a year-and-a-

half-long collaboration to investigate the distant objects. As an observer and a theorist, respectively, the researchers approached the work from very different perspectives—Brown as someone who looks at the sky and tries to anchor everything in the context of what can be seen, and Batygin as someone who puts himself within the context of dynamics, considering how things might work from a physics standpoint. Those differences allowed the researchers to challenge each other’s

ideas and to consider new possibilities.

“I would bring in some of these observational aspects; he would come back with arguments from theory, and we would push each other. I don’t think the discovery would have happened without that back-and-forth,” says Brown. “It was perhaps the most fun year of working on a problem in the solar system that I’ve ever had.”

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

DYLAN VS. BEETHOVEN: A LESSON IN FAMILY COMMUNICATION

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One Saturday, with no warning, Paul Martinez engaged my father in the relative value of pop vs. classical music. This was probably around 1964 when Bob Dylan was the king of pop, and seemed to be the messenger of the “secret messages” to the younger generation. All my older brothers could fairly accurately be called Dylan fans, if not Dylan worshippers. We all seemed to regard listening to Dylan as a more meaningful spiritual experience than sitting through Mass at Saint Elizabeth’s.

No one remembers how it began, but it was a legendary conversation that lasted for hours. My father’s argument was that the music and lyrics of Bob Dylan were of no lasting value and the young people were simply too ignorant to realize it yet. Frank, my father, said that Dylan would be forgotten in a few years. He compared Dylan to Beethoven and Bach, and other classical musicians, and explained that Dylan was not in any way at the level of the classical composers. Paul wholeheartedly disagreed.

Their conversation began in the living room where Frank would sit in his easy reclining chair and watch TV. Paul sat near him on the couch. Everyone in the household only became aware of their conversation wAhen we realized they were still at it after about an hour. As the conversation’s volume level would rise from time to time, we could all hear what they were saying: “Of course you can put Dylan in Beethoven’s category,” said Paul in his deep and sincere voice. “Have you actually ever listened to what he’s saying in his songs?”

“He just cackles,” said Frank, “and you really can’t even make out his words most of the time. And I’m not even talking about the words. And it’s only important, as you call it, if you take an hour to explain it all to me. I don’t need any explanation to know that Bach’s music really is good,” said Frank as Paul patiently waited his turn in this lively exchange.

Well, I’m not saying that Dylan and Bach and the other classics can be compared directly. Obviously, they can’t,” said Paul, giving some ground to Frank. “But there is obviously something that millions of people are responding to that you aren’t seeing – or hearing. Dylan is not just music; he is also the message. So we’ve got to examine some of the words and see what he’s really saying.”

This went on, back and forth, quiet and loud, for another hour. They opened up the record player and began playing select songs for the other to listen to.

We prepared the usual Saturday night dinner – something like hotdogs and baked beans and salad and some other vegetables. We took a plate into Frank and Paul, and we didn’t expect them to come into the kitchen as their debate entered the third hour.

We heard silence and then the lyrics of Dylan. Sad Eyed Lady of the Low lands. Hey Mr. Tambourine

Man. Blowing in the Wind. The Times They Are A Changing. After each short selection, there would be a brief silence, presumably as Paul removed the needle, and then they would talk about it. We couldn’t hear all the details. Then there would be a round of some of the classical musicians’ work, a silence, and commentary by Frank.

We cleared the table and washed the dishes, and I set up the chess board and began a game with a neighbor who dropped by. Our game lasted nearly an hour, and Robert won. The Dylan-Classical debate continued.

And then, all of a sudden, Frank and Paul were standing in the kitchen doorway, shaking hands as Paul had to depart. My brother David hadn’t said much the whole night, but he never did.

It was late and Paul had to go home and so it was over. A stalemate, we presumed. No clear winner, each side having done their best to promote their own arguments to win over the other. But both Paul and Frank were unbudgeable and they each stuck to their guns.For the rest of us, the conversation about the conversation had just begun.

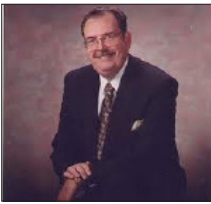
“Why doesn’t he ever have meaningful conversations with us,” David asked to no one in particular. “He engaged with Paul when Paul challenged, but shouldn’t he take it upon himself to engage us,” asked David. No one really cared, but it was clear in the conversation about the conversation that David didn’t really care about whose music was best. To David, the conversation was an example of a father that didn’t take adequate interest in his own children, but would take extra time and supreme effort in a very engaging discussion – but not with David.

I inwardly agreed with David, but I didn’t say anything. In some very primal way, I am sure that I longed to have a father who took an interest in me, who talked to me, who taught me things, who engaged me in his activities for our mutual benefit. I am sure that David had a good point that Frank should do these sorts of things, but I was not bitter about the fact that he did not do so.

The rest of us had probably long ago accepted Frank for what and who he was. To me, Frank was neither good nor bad, right nor wrong – he simply was my father, doing what he did in his patterns of somewhat predictable behavior. But to David, Frank’s conversation was like a slap in the face, saying that he can take the time with a friend of the family, but would not take the time with his own children. At least that’s how I took David’s reaction.

Depending on who you asked during the various conversations about the conversation in the weeks and months that followed, the entire event was amusing, meaningless, interesting, a waste of time, insightful, and/or demonstrated that Frank was capable of in-depth abstract thought and could maintain an intellectual conversation and hold his own for hours.

Though I generally disagreed with Frank’s premise, his performance definitely boosted my image of him. And likewise my image of Paul was greatly enlarged. Here was a peer of my brother who could debate with intensity and authority, and try to convince my father of a point of view which I held, but felt totally unable to communicate in any meaningful way.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO COUNT SHEEP

All my life, sleep has been a most trusted companion. I never leave home without it. It does not matter where I am or what I am doing, I can sleep at the drop of a hat.

For years, I have heard of people who had problems sleeping at night. I have never been one of those people. I can sit down in a chair and in a few winks, the snoring machine begins. I can never understand people who could not sleep. I always thought they were kind of joking about the whole scenario.

Then it happened to me this week.

Whatever led up to this occasion, I am not sure, but all of a sudden, I found myself in bed at night and my eyes would not close. Every time I closed my eyes, they snapped open almost violently.

I tossed. I turned. I did everything I could think of but nothing seemed to help me go to sleep. This is the first time something like this has ever happened to me. No matter what I did, I could not go to sleep.

I lay quietly staring up at the ceiling. Nothing seemed to work.

Thinking if I got up and walked around a little bit, maybe get a drink of water, it would help me relax and I could lie down and go to sleep. It did not help. I was just as wide-awake when I got back to my bed, as I was when I left it.

When I got into bed, a thought struck me. Out in the kitchen were some fresh chocolate chip cookies that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had baked that day. Of course, she gave me the usual warning that I was not allowed to touch them. This, however, was an emergency. What if eating one of those chocolate chip cookies made me relax enough to fall asleep? I think the proof is in the eating.

Slowly I extricated myself from bed and my wife muttered, “You’re not getting up are you?” “I forgot something out in the kitchen that I need to go get now.” “Remember,” she said in somewhat of a stupor, “do not touch those cookies.” Thinking to myself as I shuffled off into the kitchen, “What if eating one of those chocolate chip cookies made me fall asleep?”

I must confess that I have a curiosity streak in me. I like to explore things and find out if something is true or not. Moreover, this cookie-sleeping solution was intriguing me so much that I really did not hear what she was mumbling. Tiptoeing out into the kitchen, I turned on the light as carefully as possible and walked over to where the cookies were. They looked so delicious. They looked so inviting. In fact, I think one of them winked at me.

“She won’t miss one cookie,” I thought to myself. After all, there were dozens of cookies there on the cookie sheet.

Very carefully, I lifted one from the cookie sheet and took one luxurious sniff. Wow! I have not smelled anything like this for a long time. Nothing quite compares to the smell of a freshly baked chocolate chip cookie.

Before I knew it, that cookie was in my mouth and quickly melted into a delicious sauce of warm delight and it was gone. It tasted so good. In fact, it tasted like another one.

I am not sure how many cookies I ate that night, but they were delicious. After this eating frenzy, I thought it was about time to slip back into the bedroom and go to sleep. I should be ready to sleep now.

I laid myself down and tucked myself in hoping that sleep would invade my body. Unfortunately, sleep was nowhere to be found for me.

I once heard somebody say that if you cannot sleep at night, start counting sheep and within no time you would fall fast asleep. At this point in my sleepless night, I would try just about anything.

So, I started counting sheep. One, two, three, four and I kept counting until I hit 197. At this point, I could not fall asleep because all of the bleating of the sheep in my room kept me awake. They simply would not quiet down.

I laid there quietly waiting for the sheep to leave and for the dawn to arrive.

I heard my clock click on the hour every hour. Then a light began to glow through my window. It was the sun. The night was over and the day had begun.

About this time, I fell asleep.

“Wake up,” someone was saying as they were violently shaking me. “You’re not going to sleep all day are you?”

I got up, drug myself to the bathroom, then went out to the kitchen to sit down for my morning coffee.

The night is over and another day has come. I was reminded of a special verse in the Bible that says, “It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep” (Psalms 127:2).

As I meditated upon this verse, the thought came to me; the more I try to do something, like sleep, the less successful I am. What I need to learn to do is to give everything over to God and trust Him.

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pummeled the cognitive intellect and reduced one's brain to the consistency 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 socially 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).

TED CRUZ MADE DONALD TRUMP LOOK GOOD

There's no point in parsing all the verbal volleys in the latest Republican debate, which one again was the equivalent of a Michael Bay action flick, a blustering bludgeoning macho entertainment that

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 stiff 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 watched, 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.

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NEW YORKIE VALUES WILL



To taunt his rival and sow seeds of evangelical doubt, Rafael Edward "Ted" Cruz informed Donald Trump that the rest of the country was concerned about his alarming New York Values, totally ignoring the greater danger of the real estate developer's aerodynamic coif toppling over and knocking innocent supporters unconscious with its hard candy shell.

The jibe was designed as a sly, wink-wink, nudge-nudge attack resurrecting deeply buried stereotypes about urban areas that also managed to carry a faint whiff of racism and anti-Semitism. It's a dog-whistle the size of the Louisiana Purchase on steroids.

This geographic schism has been celebrated in literature for centuries and elevated to a hoary trope by politicians in order to highlight their imagined connection to real rural folk. But if Cruz is the country mouse and Trump the city mouse, a lot of people are rooting for large herds of feral cats to make a speedy entrance.

It's an age-old rivalry. The difference between paths and sidewalks. Simplicity and glamor. Open spaces or 24-hour supermarkets. Porches versus high-rises. Red and blue. Mosquitoes and muggers. Meadows and low-fat caramel macchiatos.

But is it fair to make sweeping generalizations solely based on longitude and latitude? Well, yes, it is. So, besides New York, what other clichés and prejudices do our little minds instantly make when presented with specific locales? Glad you asked.

New Yorkie Values involve a lot of yipping and the sound of toenails scratching on linoleum.

New Jersey Values are almost exactly like New Yorkie Values but with bigger hair.

New Mexico Values boil every question down to whether it goes better with red or green chilies.

New Orleans Values mean partying like there's no tomorrow and encourages yesterday to bleed into tomorrow and the next day. New Hampshire Values believe in not just the electric chair, but electric bleachers.

New England Patriots Values mean doing anything and everything to win, including the blurring of boundaries that lesser competitors might consider "the rules."

New Balance Values take into account sneakers and sneaker accessories.

New Zealand Values revolve around sheep and sheep accessories including effluvium.

New Caledonia Values indicate the matrix that occurs when French culture meets the remote South Pacific. Think Tahiti without all the hustle and bustle.

New Delhi Values include not just the hustle and bustle but also cows and cow effluvium where you least expect them.

Washington DC Values are a mix of New Yorkie Values, New England Patriots Values and New Delhi Values.

Hollywood Values are reduced to, "Me. Me. Me. Me. Me. Me. Me." Florida Values are indicative of folks who think just plain crazy is not giving it your all.

Texas Values mostly have to do with barbecue, guns and executing people, not necessarily in that order.

Wisconsin Values are totally measured by how the Green Bay Packers are doing. And cheese.

Arkansas Values are more family oriented, and totally understand that fathers can be uncles at the same time.

San Francisco Values are indicative of a tolerance for almost anything, except the intolerant. That we cannot abide.

Berkeley Values are not as restrictive as San Francisco Values.

Madison Values are similar to Berkeley Values but mitigated by snow and cheese and the Packers.

Maine Values are none of your business.

LEFT TURN/ RIGHT TURN

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"I think the coffee in the morning tastes different."

- General Motors retiree Dale Radford of Flint, Michigan – January 2015

One of my more dumb moments came fifteen years ago when I asked myself, "What's the worst that could happen?" I'd voted with the majority of Americans for Al Gore, was dismayed as the Supreme Court reversed our decision and handed the office to George W. Bush, but consoled myself with, "What's the worst that could happen?" ("Nuf said.) Some might have asked themselves that question ten years later, when tea-baggers swept into office at the mid-first-term of the Obama presidency.

Among those elected was Republican Gov. Rick Snyder of Michigan. He spent \$11.6 million appealing to voters wanting to rid government of those "career politicians"; who'd prefer to see government fall to a hostile takeover by a multi-millionaire CEO of a venture capital firm.

Snyder started off by cutting taxes on corporations and raising them on pensioners. He was into union-busting "right-to-work" laws (which President Obama termed "right-to-work-for-less-pay"), and extending visas for thousands of skilled foreigners happy to undercut the wages of Michigan workers.

He was especially into Emergency Managers. It was originally a way for outsiders to come and straighten things out in financially strapped municipalities and school boards. But under this new administration, power was given the governor's office to toss local elected leaders and send in his own people to take over.

Under "financial martial law", those outsiders could fire elected members of local boards and councils, void union contracts, sell public assets and impose taxes on residents. All the while, state funding for municipal services was slashed – ensuring there'd be more hard-hit places where the governor could come in and take over. Eventually, the majority of blacks in Michigan was under this "financial martial law", rather than governed by elected leaders.

A couple years ago there was Gov. Snyder's appointment of Kevin Orr as Emergency Manager for Detroit. Pensions were slashed, as well as funding for schools, hospitals and public safety, and there were threats to sell off priceless artworks from Detroit museums. Meanwhile, Snyder and Orr were having Detroit taxpayers chip in \$400 million to help the billionaire owner of Little Caesar's build a new \$650 million arena for his NHL Red Wings.

Then there was Flint, and an example of what's the worst that could happen. Gov. Snyder's Emergency Managers in Detroit and Flint dealt with clean water not as a government responsibility, but as a business deal. Flint's EM thought Detroit's water was too expensive, so decided to move ahead with plans to get its own water from Lake Huron. But that project wouldn't be ready for a couple of years, so rather than continuing to pay Detroit's price in the meantime, the EM decided to switch

over to water from the Flint River in order to save \$5 million. The switch was made in April 2014.

Within days, residents were complaining about the color, smell and taste of the water. "Boil First" warnings went out with evidence of E-coli and other bacteria, which led to pumping in more disinfectants. The following October, General Motors announced it could no longer use the water because it was corroding engine parts.

Maybe too corrosive for GM, but Flint residents were assured they had nothing to worry about - as long as there were no infants, elderly or anyone with bad immune systems in the household. There might be liver, kidney, nervous system and cancer risks, but that would be over a period of years – so nothing to worry about now.

But that wasn't the worst that could happen. Last January, Dr. Joan Rose of MSU told a citizen's meeting the cause of the murky water was stuff flaking off from inside the city's old pipes. There was talk of hooking back up with Detroit's water, but Gov. Snyder's Emergency Manager decided the \$12 million cost to do so was too high.

Last August, researchers confirmed that flaking was a sign of dangerous amounts of lead in the water. Flint pediatrician Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha explained this lead is "a neurotoxin, it affects your brain, it affects your development, it drops your IQ. It also causes problems with behavior - increases the incidence or likelihood of violent offenses, aggressive behavior." And, it's irreversible. At the time this finding was made, kids in Flint had already been drinking and bathing in this water for over a year.

A study in September found lead levels in kids 2-3 times higher than they were before the water source was switched. A Virginia Tech researcher found the water 19 times more corrosive than before. It later came out that state officials had been made aware of concerns at least since July, but Gov. Snyder's office continued insisting changes were "seasonal" and Emergency Managers determined it would be too expensive to switch back to Detroit water, anyway. And who wants to pay higher water rates?

State officials charged with protecting the public instead were determined to protect their administration by stonewalling researchers' requests for the state's own data and spinning whatever results were out there, assuring communities it was safe to drink the water that was poisoning their kids – poisoning one in ten of them, in some areas.

Finally, last October Gov. Snyder signed the measure switching Flint's water source back to Detroit – though the contamination in the pipes would remain for another six months. He deemed the water unsafe for Flint's children fully a year after GM deemed it unsafe for their engine parts.

Earlier this month, President Obama signed an emergency declaration to help Flint. It wasn't the disaster declaration Gov. Snyder wanted, because those are reserved for natural catastrophes. This one was man-made.

In deciding who to vote for, or whether just to stay home on Election Day, we might ask, "What's the worst that could happen?" If the irreversible neurological poisoning of thousands of our kids isn't the answer, then what is?



City of Sierra Madre**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MAP AMENDMENT – PARCEL MAP 15-01 (73420)
Applicant: HHP Highland, LLC
Project Location: 186 W. Highland Avenue, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider a Map Amendment to modify Public Works conditions of approval of Parcel Map 15-01 (73420) for a three-unit subdivision for condominium purposes.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council
Tuesday, February 9, 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for Class 15 Categorical Exemption Minor Land Division, pursuant to Section 15315 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TERRAZAS CARPENTRY, 193 E. WOODBURY RD., ALTADENA, CA 91001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDNA TORRES TERRAZAS, 193 E. WOODBURY RD., ALTADENA, CA 91001. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDNA TORRES TERRAZAS. 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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-001684
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TL DESIGNS: TRADITIONAL GRAPHICS LETTERING & DESIGN, TRADITIONAL GRAPHICS AND LETTERING DESIGNS, 3030 FLORENCE AVE., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OCTAVIO RANGEL AZPITARTE, 2457 PALMS PL., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OCTAVIO RANGEL AZPITARTE. 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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016-001938
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE FRAYED KNOT, 2122 S. ATLANTIC BLVD., COMMERCE, CA 90040. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) 2122 SOUTH ATLANTIC, LLC, 2122 S. ATLANTIC BLVD., COMMERCE, CA 90040. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: CHRISTOPHER MORELLI. 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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.

2016-002381
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE PRIMETIME NETWORK; GRUB & GROOVE, 909 W. TEMPLE ST., L.A., CA 90012. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ORLANDO VALLES DIAZ JR., 909 W. TEMPLE ST., L.A., CA 90012. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ORLANDO VALLES DIAZ JR. 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
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FILE NO. 2016-001101
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) GUSTAVO NAVARRO, 13023 LOS NIETOS ROAD BLDG F, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670, CHRISTOPHER DOMINGUEZ, 13023 LOS NIETOS RD. BLDG. F, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670, has/have abandoned use of the fictitious business name: IKA FURNITURE, 13023 LOS NIETOS RD. BLDG F, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 02/23/2015, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2015048605. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/04/2016. 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: GUSTAVO NAVARRO/GEN PARTNER.
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FILE NO. 2016-001392
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) SARA AGUILAR ENAMORADO, 4033 GRIFFIN AVE., L.A., CA 90031, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: NOEL'S HAIR SALON, 2928 N. BROADWAY, L.A., CA 90031. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 05/24/2012, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2012101359. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/05/2016. 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: SARA AGUILAR ENAMORADO/OWNER.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2015-307393
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GAINES FAMILY BARBERSHOP 2449 E. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA. 90221 Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VICTOR CLEVELAND ROBBINS 1510 N. SANTA FE AVE., COMPTON, CA. 90221. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VICTOR CLEVELAND ROBBINS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News
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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
395 MARIPOSA HOMEOWNERS VS GHANEM, NAJWA H**

CASE NO: BC535039 R

Under a writ of Sale issued on 09/22/15, Out of the L.A. SUPERIOR COURT STANLEY MOSK, of the CENTRAL DISTRICT, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on a judgment entered on 04/14/15.

The described property is sold subject to the right of redemption. The amount of the secured indebtedness with interest and costs is \$45,420.44 (Amount subject to revision)

In favor of 395 MARIPOSA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION and against GHANEM, NAJWA H. AN INDIVIDUAL AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE AMERIPRISE SOLUTION TRUST AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE NEXUS POINTE TRUST; VELASQUEZ, CARLOS AN INDIVIDUAL AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE AMERIPRISE SOLUTION TRUST AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE NEXUS POINTE TRUST.

I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of said judgment debtor(s) in the property in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows:

A CONDOMINIUM COMPOSED OF:

A) AN UNDIVIDED 1/7TH INTEREST IN AND TO LOT 1 OF TRACT NO. 40262, IN THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 991 PAGES 89 AND 90 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. EXCEPT UNITS 1 THROUGH 7 INCLUSIVE AS DEFINED AND DELINEATED ON THE CONDOMINIUM PLAN RECORDED MARCH 8, 1982 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 82-246483 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.

B) UNIT 3 AS DEFINED AND DELINEATED ON THE ABOVE REFERRED TO CONDOMINIUM PLAN.

Commonly known as: 395 MARIPOSA, UNIT C, SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024

Public notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States all the right, title and interest of the debtor(s) in the above described property or so much as will be sufficient to satisfy said writ or warrant with interest and all costs on 01/27/16, 10:00 AM at the following location.

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This sale is subject to a minimum bid in the amount of \$0.00. (Subject to revision)

Prospective bidders should refer to sections 701.510 to 701.680, inclusive, of the Code of Civil Procedure for provisions governing the terms, conditions and effect of the sale and the liability of defaulting bidders.

Creditor's Attorney
MATTHEW A GARDNER
RICHARDSON HARMAN OBER PC
234 E COLORADO BLVD #800
PASADENA CA 91101

Dated: 12/15/15
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By: MISTY DOUGLAS, Deputy
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NOTE: IT IS A MISDEMEANOR TO TAKE DOWN OR DEFACE A POSTED NOTICE BEFORE THE DATE OF SALE. (Penal Code section 616)

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARIO ANTHONY LALLI aka MARIO A. LALLI aka MARIO LALLI aka MARIO LALLI SR.
Case No. BP169686**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARIO ANTHONY LALLI aka MARIO A. LALLI aka MARIO LALLI aka MARIO LALLI SR.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Mario E. Lalli in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Mario E. Lalli be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 2, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

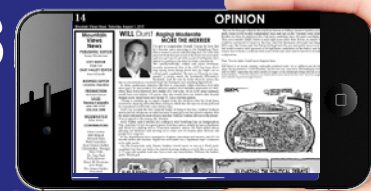
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

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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!

- 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
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