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SIERRA MADRE CORRECTION TO SAMPLE BALLOT

Sierra Madre, CA. – March 11, 2016 – The City of Sierra Madre is hereby providing notice to all voters of a correction to the "Impartial Analysis of Measure UUT" on page 6 of the Sample Ballot for the election on Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

The first bullet, under "Measure UUT WILL" should read:

- Increase the existing 8% UUT tax to a maximum of 10% on July 1, 2016.
- The bullet in the Impartial Analysis of Measure UUT in the sample ballots mailed to all voters mistakenly reads 2015; this date is a typo. The actual ordinance, which can be found on pages 9-10 of the sample ballot states that, if approved, "Effective July 1, 2016, the taxes imposed by this Chapter shall be at the rate of ten (10) percent, unless a lesser rate is established by the city council on or before August 1st of any year."

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CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT SIERRA MADRE'S VILLAGE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

As at any joyous holiday season, you can count on Church of the Ascension – Sierra Madre's Village Church - to be the place where you can join with friends and neighbors to remember the events of Holy Week and rejoice at the miracle of Easter. All of the services point to the joy of the Paschal Mystery – the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Services during Holy Week 2016 include:

Palm (Passion) Sunday March 20th at both 8 AM and 10:15 AM Both services include the Blessing of Palms. The 10:15 AM service will begin in the Memorial Garden with a procession into the Church.

There are two distinct services on Good Friday. The first is the Stations of the Cross which begins in the Church and processes around the grounds. The second service is the Good Friday Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross before the Church "goes dark" until Easter Eve. Easter Vigil & 1st Eucharist March 27 6:00 AM The pre-dawn Sunday morning Easter Vigil is both a spiritual and physical awakening

as the sun rises over the outdoor service and the congregation shares the joy of the Resurrection. The service then moves into the sanctuary where we experience the music of Easter, the beautifully decorated church, the Easter sermon, and together celebrate the first Eucharist Mass of Easter. An old tradition at Ascension is for everyone to bring bells to ring as a sign of our joy.

Easter Service March 27 10:15 AM Church Traditional Easter message, Music, and Festival High Mass. The proclamation of Jesus' Resurrection is again accompanied by the bells brought by the congregation. Come for some part or all of this series of reflection. Holy Week and Easter services are great ways to meet new neighbors and check out a wonderful community church.

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Tues:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Thur:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Rain	Hi 80s	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, March 22, 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.

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- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 2016
6:30 pm

The final agenda and staff reports will be available online no later than Friday night. Enter the date "00/00/0000" for the complete agenda packet.

Can't make it to the meeting, but still want to share your thoughts? You can mail or drop off a written statement to City Hall or email city@cityofsierramadre.com before 5:30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

Monday, March 14, 2016, 6:30PM
Community Services Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 7:00PM
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission

Thursday, March 17, 2016, 7:00PM
Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 6:30PM
City Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 7:00PM
Library Board of Trustees Meeting

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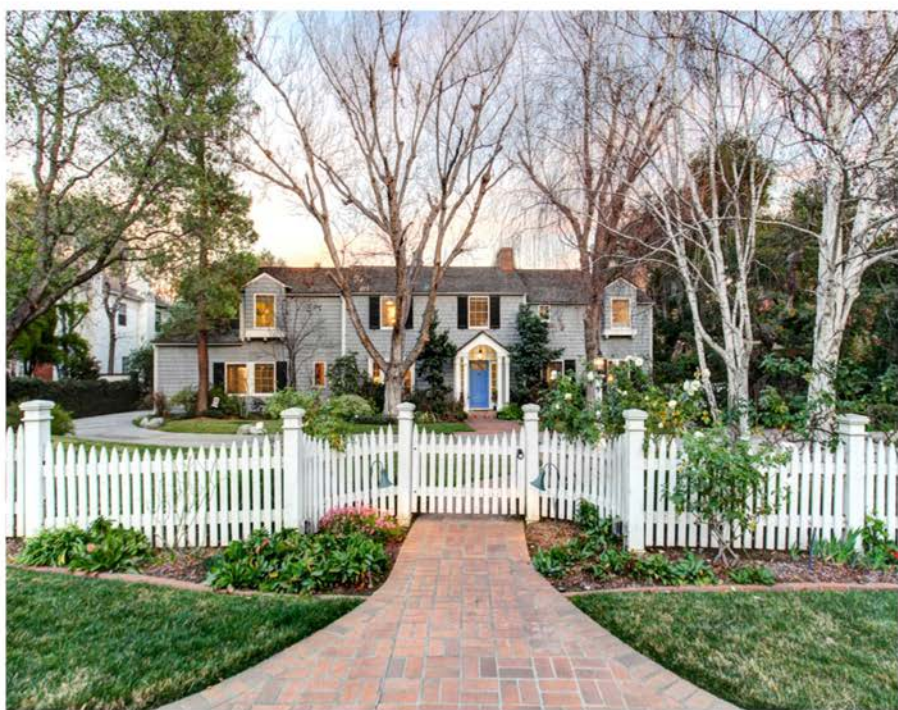
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were or when it happened. Share your good experiences in hope that it might bring a little joy and/or inspire someone.

-Susan Henderson, Editor/Publisher MVNews

Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis



"Spring has returned. The earth is like a child that knows poems."
Rainer Maria Rilke

"Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's Party!'"
Robin Williams

It's definitely Spring! Everywhere we look buds are ready to burst into leaves on all the deciduous trees, daffodils are brightest yellow, purple, white and yellow dutch iris buds are open, ornamental cherry and plum are showing off with pink flowers all over town, the first roses are blooming and Sierra Madre has never looked more beautiful. Enjoy these beautiful spring days when the mountains are so clear and there's always something to be happy about...even gophers! Remember the gopher in Caddyshack?

We are totally ready to party here in town with the Wistaria Festival coming up tomorrow and we've been crossing our fingers all week that it doesn't rain. Wistaria is in bloom in places you never noticed before and our world-famous wistaria vine should be beyond fabulous. If you've never gone to see it, make this the year you go and bring a friend! We were thrilled to see last Monday's rain, which was quite something with lightning, thunder, wind and a cloudburst at 7:00 a.m. that shook the house and rattled all the palm trees.

Trader Joe's has 10 stems of daffodils for \$1.49 and they last about a week. Sitting on the kitchen table, they make you smile every time you walk through there and, let's face it, does walking through the kitchen usually make you smile? Seems like every time one walks in there, somebody wants food! Looking out my kitchen window at all the lemons on the tree made me think of this nice moment in time when the dishes are done and a quiet spring moment is available...

Kitchen Window

Sunlight on the lemon tree,
Old dog sleeps in the corner, dreams of rabbit
hunts, twitches in her sleep.
House is clean enough, if you ignore the shower.
Plants are watered, dishes done.
Rain from last night's storm still drips from the
eaves.
Blue jays perch and sway on the Chinese elm,
Beady eyes searching for foolhardy earthworms
down on the ground.
Fat squirrels drag avocados around,
And fight like six year olds over whose avocado is
whose.
Guys! There are enough for all of you!
There's one cup of coffee left in the pot,
And the phone hasn't rung once.
Can there be anything pleasanter than this?

An excellent time to ignore the paint chipping off
the window sill,
Have that last cup of coffee,
And think about defrosting something for dinner.
Days like this don't come around that often.

The front porch tomato plant has blossoms on it
and we've picked our first naval orange of the year.
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Foundation to Host Officer of the Year Event

The Pasadena Police Foundation will hold the second annual Officer of the Year event on Friday, April 15 at 6 p.m. at the University Club of Pasadena, 175 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena. The evening will feature a no host bar, dinner, auction and dancing.

The Pasadena Police Foundation has renamed this award in memory of the late Myron Yanish. Myron's life was woven into the fabric of the Pasadena community. He served as President of the Foundation and was also active in the Tournament of Roses Association. Myron always had the utmost respect for law enforcement. He was delighted when asked to join the Pasadena Police Foundation in 2013. He became President of the Foundation in 2014 and served in that capacity until he passed away in late 2015. It was his vision to honor an officer of the Pasadena Police Department who exemplified mentorship efforts with the youth of this great city. It is appropriate that this honor would bear his name because it distinguishes the officer that has best served the youth of our community during the past year.

The Pasadena Police Foundation was founded in 1993 to foster involvement of the Pasadena community with its Police Department. Tickets are \$125 each. Funds raised at this event will go towards furthering youth programs sponsored by the Foundation. To purchase tickets visit www.pasadenapolicefoundation.org.

Pet of the Week



Carmen (A390225) is an eight-year-old, female, black and white pit bull mix. Carmen is a lovely senior with a very sweet personality. She has been out on our Mobile Unit where she was friendly with people of all ages. Carmen has earned her Blue Ribbon from our Behavior Staff, which means she knows her "sit," "down" and "stay" training cues. Her Blue Ribbon also reduces her adoption fee to \$100. Carmen is a little overweight and will need a home where she can get plenty of exercise and have her diet monitored. Because of her age, Carmen qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program, which waives the adoption fee for adopters ages 60 and up. The mandatory microchip fee of \$20 still applies. Carmen is already spayed and ready to go home with you today!

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

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

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

Thousands Ride New Gold Line Extension

Officials Announce Foothill Gold Line Pasadena to Azusa Station Parking Guide

By Dean Lee

Metro officials estimated between 20,000 and 30,000 people road the new Gold Line Foothills Extension Saturday, opening day — a \$1 billion, 11.5-mile rail line connecting the cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa. Gold Line trains were free to ride the day of the event.

The day kicked off with a main ribbon cutting ceremony at the Duarte station before dignitaries including the mayors of five cities did their own ribbon cutting events at the individual stations.

"This line has had quite a history going back to the 1990s," said Metro Board Member and longtime Duarte City Council Member. "There were time when the pulse was faint. But we stood together like shaving pulled together by a magnet; while other regions questioned whether they would want rail



The first Gold Line train to Azusa picks up passengers Saturday in Arcadia. Photo D. Lee/MVNews

we always knew the Gold Line would be right for us."

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said the new rail line was about connecting everyone. "This isn't just about providing people from The San Gabriel Valley to come into other parts of the county," he said. "We want to come here and visit our friends here too. We want to come into here [The San Gabriel Valley], we want to use Ontario Airport not just LAX, we want to see a vibrant regain that eases congestion for everybody."

Garcetti also said the Gold Line Foothills Extension marks over 100 miles of rail throughout Los Angeles County. Metro Board Member and L.A. County Supervisor Michael Antonovich also said "We are committed to a regional system."

NASA Targets 2018 Launch Of Mars Insight Mission

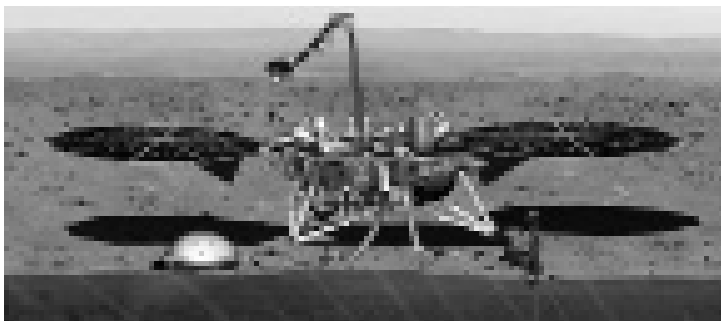


Image credit NASA/JPL-Caltech

Jet Propulsion Laboratory officials announced Wednesday that NASA's Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport (InSight) mission to study the deep interior of Mars is targeting a new launch window that begins May 5, 2018, with a Mars landing scheduled for Nov. 26, 2018.

InSight's primary goal is to help us understand how rocky planets -- including Earth -- formed and evolved. The spacecraft had been on track to launch this month until a vacuum leak in its prime science instrument prompted NASA in December to suspend preparations for launch.

InSight project managers recently briefed officials at NASA and France's space agency, Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES), on a path forward; the proposed plan to redesign the science instrument was accepted in support of a 2018 launch.

JPL will redesign, build and conduct qualifications of the new vacuum enclosure for the Seismic Experiment for Interior Structure (SEIS), a component that failed in December. CNES will lead instrument level integration and test

activities, allowing the InSight Project to take advantage of each organization's proven strengths. The two agencies have worked closely together to establish a project schedule that accommodates these plans, and scheduled interim reviews over the next six months to assess technical progress and continued feasibility.

The cost of the two-year delay is being assessed. An estimate is expected in August, once arrangements with the launch vehicle provider have been made.

The seismometer instrument's main sensors need to operate within a vacuum chamber to provide the exquisite sensitivity needed for measuring ground movements as small as half the radius of a hydrogen atom. The rework of the seismometer's vacuum container will result in a finished, thoroughly tested instrument in 2017 that will maintain a high degree of vacuum around the sensors through rigors of launch, landing, deployment and a two-year prime mission on the surface of Mars.

For addition information about the mission, visit, nasa.gov/insight.

Crime Blotter for Altadena

Sunday, February 28th

1:15 AM – Julius Johnson, 29 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 2100 block of N. Lincoln Avenue for battery. 10:00 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 3300 block of Bellaire Drive. The suspect(s) entered the residence by cutting the window screen. The suspect(s) also vandalized the victim's vehicle by shattering the window. Stolen: black Sentry safe, credit cards, currency.

Monday, February 29th

12:30 PM – A burglary occurred at Healing Arts Center, 1911 N. Lake Avenue. The suspect(s) entered the garage by cutting the padlock. Stolen: teal green Leander chiropractor table bed, duffle bags containing yoga equipment.

Tuesday, March 1st

3:30 AM – An arson occurred in the 2100 block of Marengo Avenue. The suspect(s) threw a Molotov cocktail igniting a flowerbed located to the

front of a residence. No major damage.

11:38 PM – Luis Rebollar, 25 years old of Alhambra was arrested in the 300 block of Acacia Street for ex-felon in possession of a firearm.

4:20 PM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 600 block of Ventura Street. The suspect(s) shattered the driver's side tail light.

Wednesday, March 2nd

No significant incidents.

Thursday, March 3rd

10:30 PM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 400 block of Figueroa Street. The suspect(s) keyed the victim's vehicle.

Friday, March 4th

No significant incidents.

Saturday, March 5th

8:30 PM – An illegal shooting occurred in the 700 block of East Pine Street, Altadena. No one was struck, however a vehicle was struck twice by bullets. It is unsure if this incident was gang related and is currently under investigation.

Supervisor Hilda Solis First District of Los Angeles County and Metro Board Member said there were 225 bike racks and lockers, as well as, over 1500 new parking spaces.

"This is definitely a greener alternative than the 210 freeway," she said. As of Friday, Metro officials said all of the parking spaces at Azusa Downtown and Azusa Citrus have been full. As a result officials have put together a parking guide at iwillride.org.

Fritz Coleman to Host Healthy Aging Conference

Seniors ages 50 and older will learn to fine-tune their lives, health, safety, relationships and more at the free Pasadena Conference on Healthy Aging on Saturday, April 2, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Gilmore Hall at First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Pasadena.

Fritz Coleman, KNBC-TV weathercaster and a standup comedian, will open the conference with a keynote address titled "Laughter Is the Best Medicine."

The popular annual event will feature a full slate of workshops focused on common interests and concerns among people ages 50+ of all backgrounds and abilities.

Workshop topics will cover hearing loss after all those rock concerts, finding work or starting a business after 50, trends in healthy eating, finding romance and love at any age, how to share your stories, how to break into acting, stress management, reverse mortgages, senior housing options, boosting brain power, disaster preparedness, health and fitness, fraud watch, managing clutter, what's new with Social Security and Medicare benefits, making retirement income last and more.

There will be demonstrations of chair pilates, pickleball, tai chi/qi gong, Zumba Gold and yoga.

"The youngest of the Gen X generation began turning 50 last year, and we welcome them to attend and lend their voices to this conference," said Akila Gibbs, executive director of the Pasadena Senior Center. "They will be in good company with The Greatest Generation and Baby Boomers who want to get practical information for getting the most out of life at any age."

While there is no cost to attend the conference, registration is required. Visit www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org or call 877-236-9459. Complimentary lunch will be included with registration. Parking is free.

The conference is presented by the Pasadena Senior Center.

One City, One Story Discussion

To celebrate the 14th year of Pasadena's One City, One Story community reading project, the public is invited to a conversation with Christina Baker Kline, author of this year's selected novel Orphan Train, Thursday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in Central Library's Donald Wright Auditorium, 285 E. Walnut St.

Library Director Jan Sanders will moderate the discussion, which will include questions from the audience. Attendees are encouraged to bring their copies of Orphan Train for the author to sign following the discussion. The event is free and open to the public. Event parking is available in the library parking lot and surrounding parking facilities.

Kaiser Selects Pasadena for a New School of Medicine

Kaiser Permanente, the largest integrated health care system in the nation, announced Thursday that the campus for its School of Medicine will be located in central Pasadena, in part, because of its proximity to affordable housing, public transit and major freeways.

In a statement officials said, the highly livable city of Pasadena is culturally and economically diverse, and is within a few miles of other major Kaiser Permanente facilities where much of the students' education will take place. The School of Medicine campus will be located adjacent to the Kaiser Permanente Department of Research & Evaluation.

"Selection of Pasadena as the future Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine location highlights the qualities that make our city so attractive to residents and employers, and to new businesses considering where to locate," said Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek. "Pasadena is a dynamic place to live, work and play. It's a growing center for innovation in technology, education, science and health, and already a destination for

arts, culture and recreation. We look forward to working with Kaiser Permanente on their plans for this exciting project."

Demographic changes in the U.S. population have created increasingly diverse communities. Physicians in the 21st century require cultural competency and fluency in order to meet the needs of their patients and to best serve their communities.

"Kaiser Permanente provides care and coverage in communities across the United States, and Pasadena offers some important attributes that align with our vision for the Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine," said Bernard J. Tyson, chairman and CEO of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals. "Pasadena is a vibrant and diverse community, and that diversity is essential to the model of medical education we want to establish as we prepare physicians for the practice of medicine in the 21st century."

Groundbreaking is expected in 2017, and the school will welcome its first class of students in the fall of 2019.



Kaiser Permanente Pasadena

Team Formed To Shut Down Marijuana Dispensaries

To enhance the county's enforcement, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion Tuesday by Supervisors Michael Antonovich and Hilda Solis to develop a Medical Marijuana Enforcement Dispensary Team comprised of representatives of the county Department of Regional Planning, County Counsel, Sheriff's Department, the District

Attorney's office and the Treasurer Tax Collector.

"A streamlined Medical Marijuana Dispensary Enforcement Team will speed up our effort to shut down and prosecute illegal marijuana dispensaries," Antonovich said. "These illegal operations have routinely attracted a criminal element that threaten community safety and disrupt neighborhoods."

Free March Events at Pasadena Senior Center

There is something for everyone in March 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.

Parkinson's Education Group – March 15, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The last of a three-week support group will explore diagnosis, treatment, mobility and quality of life. Speakers will include occupational, physical and speech therapists. Registration is encouraged by calling 626-685-6730. Walk-ins will be welcomed. Presented by Huntington Hospital Outpatient Rehabilitation Department.

Weathering Market Volatility – Thursday, March 17, at 10 a.m. Understanding and dealing with stock market fluctuations is vital for seniors who rely on this source of income during retirement. Learn how to assess your situation, stay on course, grow your portfolio and minimize risk. Presented by Wells Fargo.

Stay Connected with Social Media – Tuesdays and Thursdays to March 31, 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. If you have an email address, bring it and your password. Sign up with Edison at the Welcome Desk.

Smart Phones, Tablets and Computers – Any Thursdays? – Tuesdays and Thursdays, to March 31, from 10 to 11

a.m. Get the answers you need about technology devices, whether you own them already or are considering a purchase. Learning how to text, check voicemail, set an alarm, navigate the Internet and download apps is easier than you may think!

Tax Time – Wednesdays and Fridays to April 15, from 9 to 10:45 a.m. Representatives from the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program will assist low- to middle-income seniors ages 50 and older in preparing their federal income tax returns. Appointments are required: 626-795-4331.

Friday Movie Matinees – March 18. Everyone enjoys watching movies and the pleasures they bring. March 18: Grease (1978, PG-13) starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton John. A good girl and a bad boy who fell in love over the summer discover when fall rolls around that they go to the same high school and venture awkwardly to rekindle the romance.

LA Opera: Special Topic – Monday, March 21, at 1 p.m. An LA Opera community educator will discuss the behind-the-scenes world of opera from the delightful to the disastrous.

Diabetes Empowerment Education Program – Thursdays, March 24 to April 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. Whether you are diabetic or pre-diabetic, this six-week program will encourage you to make lifestyle changes while learning more about your diabetes and how it affects your health. Presented by Health Services Advisory Group. Reservations are required: 626-685-6730.

For more information visit www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

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ARCADIA PD'S PROACTIVE STANCE AGAINST INCREASED CRIME: LT. CASTRO EDUCATES WEST AREA



Sami Taylor of the City of Arcadia's Water Conservation Program will speak to the Arcadia Branch of AAUW on April 11.

By Joan Schmidt

THIS MESSAGE IS FOR EVERYONE: FROM ANY CITY, ANY COUNTY AREA-THIS PERTAINS TO YOU!

I consider myself pretty knowledgeable about AB 109, and Proposition 47. (Thanks to Supervisor Antonovich, his staff, LASD, and local Police Agencies for their facts and statistics.)

However last night's Neighborhood Meeting called by Lt. Mike Castro for Arcadia's West Area really shed more light on residential burglaries.

Arcadia PD is a proactive Department. First they divided the city into five areas and assigned a Lieutenant to each area. Because of the increased rate in residential burglaries, Lt. Castro realized the need to educate the public and decided to have a meeting. He asked volunteer Mike Vercillo to get the word out about the meeting, and many attended. There was a lot of good information, so I will use "bullets" in the hope it is easier to understand.

- There has been a great spike in residential burglaries in ALL areas. In Arcadia, the thieves are mostly LA gang members going after CASH and EXPENSIVE JEWELRY.

- The first step is surveillance. They target an area or even just a house. They watch the residents, and learn their schedules. Is the house vacant during the day?
- They even look at the resident's attire. For instance, a woman leaving in jogging clothes. Will she be at the gym for a while?
- High-end vehicles are being rented, windows tinted and plastic dealership tags put over the license plates hiding the numbers. (REPORT ANY UNFAMILIAR VEHICLES!)
- These perpetrators have a "Shot Caller", who is "Running a Business". He sends people out to do the surveillance.
- The driver is usually a female wearing a

"Hoody"- trying to hide her identity. There are usually two males working with her.

- The men get out of the car. One knocks on the door. If there is no, answer, he goes around back.
- Most break-ins occur in the back through windows or sliding-glass doors. Even if you have an alarm system, the response time is nine minutes.
- AB 109 has sent 10,000 state prisoners down into ALREADY overcrowded jails. (These are N3's-non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offenders. Lt. Castro explained that the "N3" ONLY refers to the current charge.)
- AB 109 also shifted supervision of "Low Level" parolees to be supervised by county probation instead of state parole agents.
- WHY THESE BURGLARIES ARE HAPPENING: Proposition 47, the SAFE NEIGHBOODS and SCHOOLS ACT changed crimes from FELONIES to MISDEMEANORS. Many misdemeanors are strictly a ticket and no jail time. No accountability, no reason not to commit a crime.
- MOST IMPORTANT: CALL YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IF ANYTHING SEEMS UNUSUAL or SUSPICIOUS.

Lt. Castro said the only way to stop or lessen this crime is by educating the public and by the public working with their local law enforcement agency. This is the SAME UNIVERSAL MESSAGE TO RESIDENTS ANYWHERE:

know your neighbors and their schedules. Report ANY unusual activity, unfamiliar car or person you don't know. A Mercedes Benz may mean someone is scouting your area. Lastly

CONTACT your local Assembly Member, (Roger Hernandez, Chris Holden or Ed Chau, depending on your residence) and implore them to work on a repeal of Prop 47. Thank you.

DROUGHT SOLUTION FROM CITY OF ARCADIA

California residents are all aware that our state is still in a drought, and they are aware of local restrictions placed on available water use. But who of us in this area has not said, "Why don't we capture more stormwater instead of just letting it flow to the ocean?" That is exactly what the City of Arcadia is planning to do, and Sami Taylor, Management Aide of Water Conservation for the City of Arcadia is just the person to explain the City's "Median Master Plan." According to Taylor, the City is "in the process of updating the Median Master Plan to renovate the City's existing (street) medians with water efficient designs" that help to "harvest stormwater." This is exciting news!

Sami Taylor is well qualified to speak on the subject of water conservation. She holds an MPA and certificate in Sustainability Policy and Planning from USC's Price School. Her B.A. in Environmental Studies and Geology is from Oberlin College. She has the distinction of playing an integral part, along with the USC Office of Sustainability, in transforming the L. A. Memorial Coliseum into a zero-waste venue! Her many credits include being active with the L. A. Food Policy Council and Roots of Change.

Sami Taylor will speak at a meeting of the Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) on Monday, April 11. The group meets in the Church of the Good Shepherd's Jordan Hall, 400 West Duarte Rd., Arcadia (SW corner of Duarte Rd. and Holly Ave.). Members and guests are invited to come at 1:30 pm for socializing and refreshments with



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the program to follow at 2:00 pm. The public is invited to this free meeting.

For information about membership in the American Association of University Women (AAUW), please call Tamara Kato at (626) 375-6756. Membership in AAUW is open to all women and men holding a university or college degree, as well as to those with an Associate of Arts degree or its equivalent.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, February 28th, through Saturday, March 5th, the Police Department responded to 928 calls for service of which 100 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, February 28:

Just before 10:58 a.m., an officer responded to Lucky's Donuts, 160 East Duarte Road, regarding a petty theft report. The officer discovered an unknown Hispanic female picked up the victim's wallet after she dropped it on the floor. The suspect was gone by the time the officer arrived.

Monday, February 29:

At approximately 4:17 p.m., an officer responded Bank of America, 180 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The officer discovered two unknown suspects stole \$1,200.00 from the cash drawer while the cashier was distracted. The suspects fled in an unknown direction. The investigation is ongoing.

Both suspects are described as Middle Eastern males, approximately 18 to 20-years-old, with thin builds.

Tuesday, March 1:

Around 11:01 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2000 block of Canyon Road regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspects smashed a rear sliding glass door, ransacked the residence, and fled without any property. The investigation is ongoing pending review of surveillance footage.

Wednesday, March 2:

At about 2:22 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot of Jim's Burgers, 915 West Duarte Road, regarding a battery report. The officer discovered a physical altercation ensued between an adult daughter and her mother resulting in the daughter hitting her mother multiple times, causing her glasses to break. The 23-year-old female from Duarte was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, March 3:

At approximately 1:04 a.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Santa Rosa Road regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. 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 32-year-old male from Pasadena had the stolen package, property, and tracking device in his possession. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 5:03 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. An Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker activated when a 14-year-old juvenile rode off with the bait bicycle. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, March 4:

At about 6:25 a.m., an officer responded to the 300 block of Longden Avenue regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker.

The officer discovered unknown suspects stole the package, left it inside their vehicle, and abandoned the vehicle before officers arrived. One of the suspects left her California ID in the vehicle and was seen on surveillance footage stealing the package. The suspect is a 29-year-old female from the City of Whittier. The investigation is ongoing.

Just before 11:40 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Don Robles Drive regarding an attempted burglary report. An officer determined unidentified suspect(s) rang the doorbell, and when no one answered, they kicked in the front door, but were scared off once the resident screamed. No other witnesses were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Shortly after 3:32 p.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of North Santa Anita Avenue regarding a suspicious circumstance report. The officer discovered a female subject was yelling for help due to an argument she was having with her boyfriend. An investigation revealed the boyfriend, a 26-year-old male from Hawthorne, was driving a stolen vehicle and did not have a valid license. The girlfriend, a 19-year-old female from Los Angeles, was arrested for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Another occupant in the vehicle, a 25-year-old male from Los Angeles, was in possession of methamphetamine. All three suspects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 4:50 p.m., an officer responded to Citibank, 100 South First Avenue, regarding a robbery that had just occurred. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered the business, presented a demand note, and fled without any property.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his late 20's, approximately 5'10" tall, 180 pounds. The investigation is ongoing.

Shortly after 11:22 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Foothill Boulevard regarding a female victim who had been pushed out of a moving vehicle. The officer discovered an altercation began inside the vehicle between the victim and the 23-year-old male suspect from Pomona when she said she didn't want a relationship with him. The suspect grew angry, pulled a knife on the victim while driving, and as the victim opened the door to flee, the suspect pushed her out of the vehicle. The victim was taken to Huntington Memorial Hospital for treatment. The suspect is outstanding at the time of this report.

Saturday, March 5:

Just after 8:14 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of Camino Grove Avenue regarding a disturbance report. An investigation revealed a fight occurred between a husband and wife resulting in the husband threatening his wife as he retrieved a firearm. The 57-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 9:22 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Party Rentals, 124 Wheeler Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. The officer discovered unknown suspects spray painted graffiti on five box trucks sometime during the previous afternoon. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Around 12:23 p.m., an officer responded to the 2000 block of Carolwood Drive regarding a vehicle burglary report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect broke the driver's window of the vehicle and stole various items. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

ARCADIA RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SPRING DAY CAMP!

The Recreation and Community Services Department is offering a Springtime Kid's Day Camp at Hugo Reid Elementary School, 1000 Hugo Reid Drive, in Arcadia. This camp is open to elementary school children grades 1-5 and provides a safe, supervised, kid friendly camp during spring vacation. The dates are Tuesday, April 5th, Wednesday, April 6th, Thursday, April 7th and Friday, April 8th from 9am to 5pm for a cost of \$20 per day. Sign your child up for one day or all four. The camp is filled with fun group activities including crafts, board games, movies, snacks and more. Children must bring a sack lunch each day. Supervision is generally on a ratio of one Recreation Leader for each group of 10 children. To register go to the city's website at www.Arcadiaca.gov under the Recreation and Community Services Department or come by our office, 375 Campus Drive. Cancellations must be made by Friday, April 1st in order to receive a refund

(which is subject to a \$10 service charge).

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

About the City of Arcadia

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



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MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

Following are the weekend's highlighted issues and events. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to the City of Monrovia website and click on the crime mapping link. Sign up to follow us on Twitter for police notifications.

False Gun Scare March 3 at 12:20 a.m., officers responded to the high school in the 700 block of Colorado regarding a student that possibly had a gun in his backpack. Officers detained the student to determine if there was a gun. The investigation revealed the student had a cigarette lighter that was shaped like a gun. The student received a citation for the lighter.

Critical Missing Adult Located March 3 at 8:00 p.m., the family of an 88-year-old female contacted Monrovia Police Department to report her missing. The subject left her residence in the 200 block of West Evergreen Avenue at 4:00 p.m. in her vehicle and had not returned. The subject has minor dementia, is diabetic and takes medication. The subject does not usually drive at night and becomes disoriented. An area check was made for the subject and local hospitals were checked, but the subject was not located. A Silver Alert was put out on Freeway signs through the California Highway Patrol, all Southern California law enforcement agencies were notified, and the subject was entered into the missing person's database, along with her vehicle information.

On March 4 at approximately 3:00 p.m., the critical missing subject was found in Newport Beach and was reunited with her family.

Mountain Lion Sighting March 3 at 11:09 p.m., officers were dispatched to the report of a mountain lion carrying a domestic cat in the area of Stedman and Scenic. The mountain lion was located north of the reported area. Officers were able to confirm that it was an adult female mountain lion. The mountain lion was persuaded to go north, back into the hills.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol – Suspect Arrested March 4 at 2:25 a.m., an officer was on patrol in the area of Monterey and Bonita when he observed a vehicle commit a vehicle code violation. The officer conducted a traffic stop and contacted the driver. He immediately noticed signs of intoxication. The driver was determined to be driving under the influence and was arrested. The driver was held for sobering.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Suspect Arrested March 5 at 8:28 p.m., an officer observed a suspicious male and female looking into a parked vehicle in the 900 block of Fifth Avenue. Officers contacted the subjects, who were now sitting in a vehicle. Investigation revealed one of the subjects was in possession of smoking paraphernalia; she was arrested and taken into custody. The subject was booked and later released with a citation to appear in court.

Vehicle Fire March 6 at 1:12 a.m., a resident in the

500 block of Diamond called to report his vehicle was on fire in his driveway. Officers responded and located the vehicle, which was fully engulfed in flames and parked near the garage. The intense flames were near the roof of the structure. Officers used two fire extinguishers to hold down the flames until the Monrovia Fire Department arrived. The vehicle was recently purchased and had been parked at the location for several hours prior to catching fire. The quick reactions of the officers kept the home from catching fire. The vehicle was a complete loss; the cause is believed to be an electrical malfunction.

Domestic Violence – Suspect Arrested March 6 at 8:36 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Montana regarding a domestic dispute. When they arrived, they determined a male and female adult were involved in an argument. During the argument, the male struck the female in the face with an open palm. The male subject was arrested for domestic battery.

Petty Theft – Suspect Arrested March 8 at 1:32 p.m., an officer responded to a business in the 500 block of West Huntington regarding a shoplifter in custody. A male adult was detained by loss prevention for stealing merchandise. The subject was arrested and taken into custody.

Petty Theft – Suspect Arrested March 8 at 2:20 p.m., officers were dispatched to a business in the 600 block of West Huntington regarding a shoplifter in custody. A male adult was stopped by the store manager outside of the store after he concealed a Polaroid tablet in his waistband and left the store without paying. The suspect was arrested and taken into custody.

Grand Theft Investigation March 8 at 7:53 p.m., a grand theft incident was reported in the 100 block of Madison. The victim had left their residence and was away for four days. When they returned to the home, they discovered the catalytic converter had been stolen off of their parked vehicle. The investigation is continuing.

Domestic Violence Investigation March 8 at 10:25 p.m., Los Angeles Sheriff's Department deputies called and reported they were in the 400 block East Pamela in Duarte with the female victim of a battery. The victim stated she had been battered by her boyfriend near the corner of Duarte and Myrtle in Monrovia. The boyfriend was not at the scene. Monrovia officers arrived and took over the battery investigation. The investigation is continuing.

Domestic Violence – Suspect Arrested March 9 at 9:06 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Garfield regarding a domestic dispute between a male and female subject. The female victim was in the shower and refused to give the male suspect a ride to work. The male suspect broke the door and pushed the female. He then left the location and went to work. The male was eventually arrested at his place of work and was taken into custody.

DUARTE SETS MARCH 29TH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING TO UPDAT RESIDENTS ON RECENT BURGLARIES AND CRIME PREVENTION EFFORTS

DUARTE, CA, March 10, 2016 – The City of Duarte, like every City in California is experiencing a spike in Part 1 Crimes; particularly in the area of property crimes. This trend is the exact opposite of the rest of the Country that continues to enjoy historically low Part 1 Crimes rates. What is behind this startling trend? Duarte Public Safety and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department have set a community wide Neighborhood Watch meeting to keep the public up-to-date on what the Departments are doing to collectively suppress, intervene and prevent property crimes in our City. The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Oaks School Cafeteria, 2499 Royal Oaks Drive. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Duarte Sheriff's Sgt. Tony Haynes, Director of Public Safety, Brian Villalobos, and City Manager Darrell George will discuss in depth recent property crime activities as well state and nation Part 1 Crime trends. They will also provide an overview of the suppression, intervention, and prevention programs that the City and law enforcement are utilizing to help keep Duarte neighborhoods safe. "Our number one priority is ensuring the safety of our residents," said City Manager George.

The City of Duarte saw an 8.53% spike in Part 1 Crimes during 2015. Although it is still too early to pin this solely on the voter approved Proposition 47, Public Safety professionals are drawing a correlation between allowing non-violent offenders and drug users out of jail without a mandatory, funded treatment and

supervision plan. In order to continue to be proactive in the City's approach to this crime trend, the Public Safety Department is studying the introduction of another patrol unit to the Sheriff's Department contract and has also initiated talks with the City of Bradbury to possibly share the cost of this additional patrol car.

"The importance of the community's role in helping to keep Duarte a safe place to live and work is vital," said Villalobos. "We need the community's help. Every Duarte neighborhood should be involved in Neighborhood Watch. It's a program that works. We also want the public to know that if they have information about a crime, but may be concerned about 'getting involved', Duarte Public Safety has an Anonymous Tip hotline where they can leave a detailed message."

The hotline number is (626) 359-5671, ext. 462. For information about starting a Neighborhood Watch program, call Aida Torres, Duarte Crime Prevention Specialist at (626) 359-5671, ext. 316.

About the City of Duarte

The City of Duarte was incorporated on August 22, 1957. With integrity and transparency, the City provides exemplary public services in a caring and fiscally responsible manner with a commitment to our community's future. For more information visit www.accessduarte.com or call (626) 357-7931. Follow the City of Duarte on Facebook at [facebook.com/duartecommunity](https://www.facebook.com/duartecommunity); Twitter @CityofDuarte; Instagram @city_of_duarte and LinkedIn.

GOVERNOR BROWN SUPPORTS CHECKOFF CA MONTH TO BENEFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

California Governor Jerry Brown urges taxpayers to support leading charitable organizations during Checkoff CA Month. Tax payers "checking off" contribution boxes on their State Income Tax Form can help support organizations like the California Senior Legislature continue fighting on behalf of California Seniors in the years to come.

"As the April 15th tax deadline nears, Californians can have a positive impact on their communities... These donations help fight cancer, protect seniors, prevent child abuse and support a host of other charitable endeavors. The people of our state have contributed over \$20 million in the past five years, and this generosity has made a difference in the lives of our fellow Californians." Stated Governor Brown.

The California Senior Legislature Fund is participating in the tax Checkoff program and you can make a contribution by checking Code 427 on your

State Income Tax forms. "In 2015, more than 390,000 Californians checked off their favorite cause on the state tax form 540, raising over \$4.9 million" Said Governor Brown.

"We at the California Senior Legislature (CSL) have been the most vocal advocates for seniors in our state and we are aware of the challenges facing us in the coming years." John Pointer, Chair Joint Rules Committee of CSL.

CSL has a 35-year history advocating for senior rights. Its track record includes the Silver Alert Program and protections against elder abuse. CSL is California's biggest champion for the elder community. However, CSL is only able to continue its work for the elderly through donations and "checking off" code 427 on State Income Tax Form 540.


For more information on this issue and CSL priorities, please contact Janice Bailey.

ENFORCEMENT TEAM FORMED TO SHUT DOWN ILLEGAL MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – To enhance the county's enforcement, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Hilda Solis to develop a Medical Marijuana Enforcement Dispensary Team comprised of representatives of the county Department of Regional Planning, County Counsel, Sheriff's Department, the District

Attorney's office and the Treasurer Tax Collector.

"A streamlined Medical Marijuana Dispensary Enforcement Team will speed up our effort to shut down and prosecute illegal marijuana dispensaries," Antonovich said. "These illegal operations have routinely attracted a criminal element that threaten community safety and disrupt neighborhoods."



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Sierra Madre Middle School Girls' Basketball team win 3rd consecutive Learns League Title, Defeating Marshall 45-44

Pasadena, CA – Stifling defense, a four-point-play, and a surging comeback leading to a nail-biting finish, capped off the 2016 LEARNS Girls Basketball Championship game held at Pasadena High School on Wednesday, March 9th.

The Marshall Eagles jumped out to an early 1st half lead, only to see that lead dwindle as they went into halftime tied at 21 each. The second half saw the Sierra Madre Hawks jump out to a 10-point lead with strong guard play, anchored by Kamesha Moore and a gritty all-round performance by forward Carrie Fleming. Then it was Marshall's turn to mount a comeback as they erased the 10-point deficit with two minutes left in the contest. Trading free throws down the stretch, the Hawks went ahead 45-44 with 5 seconds remaining in the contest, but the Eagles failed to get a last second shot off. This is the Hawks 3rd consecutive LEARNS program championship.



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2016 SMGSA SOFTBALL IN FULL SWING

On Saturday, March 5, 2016, over 250 girls from Sierra Madre and neighboring cities converged onto Heasley Field to begin the 2016 Girls Softball season. One of the largest recreational softball leagues in San Gabriel Valley, SMGSA goal is to providing quality athletic experiences through which our girls develop positive character-building traits and love for the game. This year's opening ceremonies were dedicated to the memory of Chris Nelson, a SMGSA parent that was struck and killed by a drunk driver on Sunday, February 21st on his way home from work. Two of Chris' daughters are players this season and the opening ceremony moment of silence was especially touching. (for more information on the Chris' memorial fund, visit <http://www.smsgsa.org/>)

The regular season will run through May and with 21 teams in the 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14/16U divisions, this season promises to be very exciting and competitive.

Opening Day Highlights

14U
Angels in the Outfield 8, Code Red 6
After trailing by 6 runs, the Angels in the Outfield stage a dramatic rally (with a little help from the weather) for an impressive win over team Code Red in the opening day finale. With big hits, runs and rbi's from Isabela Nelson(dbl), Sheridan Albright (dbl), Bella Ortega (dbl), Kennedy Lum (single), Hannah gray (single), Julianne rose (single) and runs from Melissa Mendoza, Taylor rose. Pitchers for the Angels in the outfield were Sheridan Albright and Isabella Ortega.

12U
Fillies 8, Blue Devils 7
Maddie Napierala lined a walk-off single to left with the bases loaded in the bottom of the last inning, capping a five-run Fillies rally and



The Blue Sharks 8U, preparing to take the field leading to an 8-7 victory. Jazmin Frias scattered four hits and struck out six for the Fillies.

10U
Xplosion 14, Blue Cannons 4
Xplosion off to a fast start behind solid defense from Jennifer R. and 11 strikes outs from Kayla S.
Lava 12, Blue Cannons 4
Talia Ettinger, struck with no earned runs through 4 innings of work while Chelsea Castillo anchored defense with stellar fielding at first base. Consistent hitting and base running were keys to their victory as Kate Nelson, Clarisa Crabtree and Bella Reisbeck combined for 6 of the team's total runs.

MUSIC IS IN THE AIR FOR RETIRED TEACHERS!

The California Retired Teachers' Association #71 (CalRTA) will be treated to harmonious sounds when the Arroyo H. S. Chamber Singers and the AHS Aeolian Bellingrings Chorus perform at a luncheon meeting on Friday, April 8, at 11:30 a.m. Under the direction of Jennifer Stanley, the AHS Chamber Singers is a highly accomplished group of 33 singers that has received superior ratings at choral festivals, such as the Music in the Parks SeaWorld Festival in 2015. Their repertoire ranges from Renaissance music to pop, and includes a modern rendition of the spiritual "Good News, the Chariot's Comin'." The singers are accompanied by Dr. John Brunn. Miss Stanley also conducts the Aeolian Bellingrings Chorus, a 17-member group with a wide repertoire of many types of music. The bellringers will entertain the Retired Teachers with Mozart's "A Little Night Music." To conclude, the two groups will join together to perform "Sing Gloria!" by modern-day composer Sally Albrecht. Jennifer Stanley has taught for seventeen years at Arroyo H. S. Along

with her teaching duties, she is Executive VP of So. California Vocal Association, and in her position as Co-Chair of the California Music Educators Assoc. Committee on Statewide Festival Adjudication is in demand as a judge at music festivals.
The CalRTA #71 luncheon meeting will take place at the Senior Center Building in Arcadia Park (county park), 405 W. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, next to the Lawn Bowling Greens. Guests are welcome to come enjoy the luncheon and the delightful musical program. The cost of the luncheon for members and guests is \$12. For luncheon reservations, please call John Gera at (626) 286-0714 by the Friday, April 1 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. The local CalRTA #71, San Gabriel Valley Division, now numbers around 500 members. CalRTA's motto is "Your Partner in Pension Protection."

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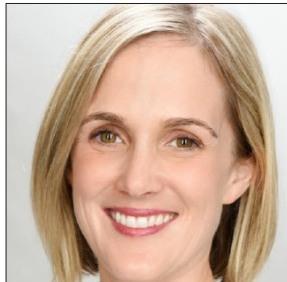
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In a group yoga class, we have a beautiful, skilled teacher leading us in and out of yoga poses. Is the job of the student to perform each pose to textbook form? Is the goal to have the best down dog ever? No way! Teacher Lauren Toolin, made such a wide point on this. She said the job in each pose is not to be on the cover of Yoga Journal, but to be in the Bhavana, or

the feeling and connection. (Oh yes! Ha. That's right.)

Our bodies and minds contain the divine wisdom we crave. It's in that Warrior pose where I can experience strength, determination and clear communication. It's in easy sitting pose, Sukasana, that I experience my internal divine relationship. The entire class, in fact, becomes a venue for connection, development and creation of what I want in my life. The teacher is there to help develop specific Bhavana through poses, breath work and cleansing techniques.

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Cut cooked chicken thighs into small pieces and add chicken and vegetables to skillet.

Note: vegetables are often served as side dishes in Indian meals. But for sake of convenience the vegetables are added to the chicken at this stage.
 Add 2 tablespoons of frozen peas.

Simmer for 30 minutes and serve with basmati rice and mango chutney or allow to marinate covered over night and reheat the next day. Also can be frozen.

Other side dishes that can be picked up at Trader Joes: naan and channa masala

ACUPUNCTURE AND FROZEN SHOULDER

Treatment Plus Exercise Better than Exercise Alone

The term "frozen shoulder" is used to describe a variety of conditions that cause pain and limit the range of motion of the shoulder joint.

Once a person is diagnosed with frozen shoulder, the initial stages of care are aimed at reducing inflammation and increasing range of motion. Toward that end, various treatment methods have been devised, including anti-inflammatory drugs, ultrasound, heat, massage, and stretching and isometric exercises. Steroid injections and nerve blocks have also been employed at times, but the effectiveness of these therapies can vary greatly from patient to patient.

Several studies have reported that acupuncture can successfully treat frozen shoulder, but the majority of these studies have not been of the randomized, controlled trial (RCT) variety. A new study using the RCT format compared the use of acupuncture (along with exercise) to exercise alone in a small group of frozen shoulder patients. The study, published in the Hong Kong Medical Journal, found that patients treated with acupuncture and exercise demonstrated "significantly greater improvement" on shoulder assessment tests than those using just exercise, and suggests that acupuncture could be useful in cases where more conventional therapies have been unsuccessful.

Thirty-five adults diagnosed with frozen shoulder were randomly allocated to an exercise group or an exercise plus acupuncture group and treated for six weeks. Subjects in both groups were assessed using a test called the Constant Shoulder Assessment, which combines patient ratings for pain and activities of

daily living with range of motion measurements for a maximum score of 100 points. Assessments were taken at three intervals: baseline (just prior to the start of the study); at the completion of treatment; and at 20 weeks. CSA scores were relatively equal for both groups at the beginning of the study. Within six weeks, however "significantly higher" scores were reported in patients receiving acupuncture and exercise, with an average improvement rate nearly twice that of the exercise-only group. These improvements were also seen at the 20 week follow-up test (see Table I).

Table I: Constant Shoulder Assessment scores and percentage of improvement following treatment. Group CSA score, baseline CSA score, 6 weeks CSA score, 20 weeks % improvement from baseline, 6 weeks % improvement from baseline, 20 weeks Exercise 42.8 57.6 57.9 39.8% 40.3% Exercise plus acupuncture 41.3 66.8 67.3 76.4% 77.2% Some limitations were noted by the investigators -- for instance, the number of exercise minutes between groups. The exercise-only group performed supervised shoulder exercises for a total of 360 minutes over the treatment period, whereas the acupuncture/exercise group performed supervised exercises for 600 minutes (360 in a group setting, 240 while being treated with acupuncture). Because acupuncture is known to relieve pain, the researchers speculated that patients who had acupuncture before exercise may have shown greater improvements because they experienced less pain during exercise.

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Many of these plans, which are sold through private insurance companies, cover vision as well as dental, hearing and prescription drugs, in addition to all of your hospital and medical insurance. To locate Advantage plans in your area that provides vision coverage, visit Medicare.gov/find-a-plan or call 800-633-4227. But before enrolling in a plan, check the benefit details to ensure the plan's vision coverage includes routine eye exams, eyeglass frames and lenses.

You can switch from original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan each year during the open enrollment period, which is between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7.

If, however, you don't want a Medicare Advantage plan, you can still get coverage by purchasing an inexpensive vision insurance policy – see eHealthInsurance.com. Policy costs vary depending on where you live, but they usually start at around \$6 to \$9 per month for an individual. Before signing up, make sure your savings potential is worth the cost of the premiums and copays.

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You also need to find out if you are eligible for any discounts. Many retailers provide discounts to membership groups like AARP and AAA. AARP members, for example, can get 30 percent off a pair of prescription eyeglasses as well as discounts on eye exams at any LensCrafters, most participating Pearle Vision, Sears Optical, Target Optical, JCPenney Optical and thousands of private optometrist offices.

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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! ...March Birthdays

Clare Marquardt, Karen Blachly, Carla Duplex, Ella Guttman, Viky Tchatlian, Mary Cooper, Georgina "Snooky" Greger, Sun Liu, Helen Wallis, Joan Crow, Nancy Fox, Martha Cassara, Rita Johnson, Mercedes Campos, Dorothy Webster, Terri Elder, Carol Cerrina, Amy Putnam, Sally Contreras and Lori Cooper. * To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required but you must be over 60.



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

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

IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD, AS WE KNOW IT!

I've been guilty again lately of recycling old articles. I chose this one not only because the current state of national and global events puts me in a Doom's Day mood, but also because I particularly like this picture of Vincent Price with rabbit ears! It's about a good old campy flick titled "The Last Man on Earth." This 1964 gem was based on Richard Matheson's novel "I am Legend." Shot in Italy, mostly with Italian-speaking actors, the voices don't quite sync with the lips. But that just makes it all the more deliciously corny. "The Last Man on Earth" is considered to be the precursor to "The Omega Man," (1971) a film with a significantly bigger budget, starring Charlton Heston. Recent moviegoers will recognize its latest rebirth as "I am Legend," (I suppose the name gives it away).

The premise of "The Last Man on Earth" is that an air borne pathogen is spreading across continents, making people sick, killing them, and subsequently turning them into the walking dead. But these night walkers don't exactly conform to our modern zombie stereotype. Although they have the classic zombie dead pan expression and stiff gait, they also possess vampire qualities. They are repelled by garlic and their own reflection in mirrors. Like Bram Stoker's "Dracula," they are most effectively killed when impaled with a wooden stake through the heart. Also, these zombies can speak simple phrases (e.g., "Come out, Morgan! We know you're in there!"). They're too articulate to be true zombies, but too crude to be vampires. Everyone knows that vampires are sexy and well-spoken.

The story begins with Robert Morgan (Vincent Price) exiting his mirrored and garlic-laden home, to drive around and collect bodies of the infected dead. (As with most zombie flicks, there seems to be a period of time between death and zombiehood). His task is made funnier by the fact that the dummies must've weighed about 15 pounds, so Price effortlessly tosses them into his 50's station wagon, not bothering to close the tailgate. "They're not gettin' out!" After he's accumulated a good number of bodies, he heads to "The Pit," a perpetually smoking zombie landfill. He dons a gas mask (left over from "Plan 9 from Outer Space"

or some similarly cheesy production), douses the wrapped, staked bodies with gas, and chucks them in. On the way home, Morgan replenishes his mirrors and checks his garlic garden. At night the zombies gather outside his house to weakly throw stones and beat against his boarded up doors and windows. Morgan plays a record, attempting to drown out their voices, and tries to get some sleep on the couch.

One day, Morgan spots a disheveled, but otherwise normal-looking woman walking through a field. She's frightened, but he convinces her to come home with him. Once subdued, the woman, Ruth, asks how Morgan survived. He explains that years ago he was bitten by a bat infected with the vampire germ. The bat's system strained the germ before it entered his body, thus giving him immunity.

Over coffee, Morgan begins to suspect that his lovely guest is infected. A potent whiff of garlic proves his theory. Ruth flees the room and starts to inject herself, but is interrupted by Morgan. She tells him that she, and her people, are infected, but keep the germ at bay through regular injections of treated blood plus vaccine (I didn't understand that, but then science was never my strong suit. Apparently it wasn't the screenwriter's strength either.). Ruth warns Morgan that her people have plotted to kill him. Overcome by exhaustion, she falls asleep on the couch. While she's knocked out, Morgan hooks up a transfusion of his own blood into hers. In his kitchen laboratory he discovers that the transfusion has cured her! Unfortunately, the "Infected Resistance" captures Morgan after a long chase, and harpoons him in a church as he shouts, "You're freaks! I'm a man --the last man!" Ruth consoles him as he dies in her arms.

Yet we are left with a sense of hope as Ruth leaves the church hugging her freshly injected arm. They killed the last man, but Ruth's blood holds the promise of a cure. The morals of the story are: 1. Eat lots of garlic (seriously, it's anticarcinogenic!), 2. Don't pick up strange women, 3. Don't go home with strange men, and 4. Give blood, but with discretion.



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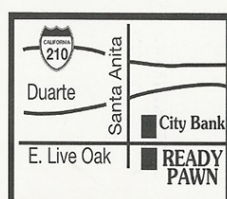
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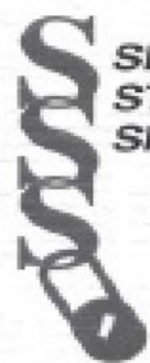
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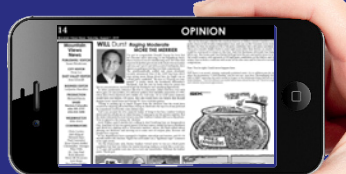


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On the Marquee: Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

SPINNING PLATES AT SMP



By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano

So much going on at the Playhouse – I feel like one of those plate-spinners you used to see on the old Ed Sullivan show breathlessly running from plate to plate just getting to a plate as it starts to wobble! We had our first school-day matinee of Charlotte’s Web on Thursday for a full-house of K-3 and their teachers. They were a wonderful first audience and so now we are underway. Diane Siegel, our Education Coordinator and Emily Hopfauf, her assistant, have done a wonderful job marketing this show to schools – we have close to 3300 students and their chaperones coming to our daytime shows. And Saturday we have our first general audience matinee at 2:30 with a party to follow. NO performance this Sunday during the Wistaria Festival, but we’ll be having shows on both Saturdays and Sundays (including Easter) at 2:30 through April 17. Get your tickets soon because some of the shows have sold-out already.

I’ve cast The Glass Menagerie with 4 remarkable actors – all new to the Playhouse but sure to become your new favorites. I have long wanted to direct this show and I’m so eager to start rehearsals this Thursday. I have assembled a wonderful group of designers and the show is going to look terrific. I’m working with the composer Jonathan Beard on the music. Some of you may remember his beautiful music for Driving Miss Daisy and 4000 Miles.

Music plays a big part in creating the right mood for this show and he has created beautiful themes for each of the characters.

I’ve been teasing you with the name of the Summer Musical for a while now. This has been another learning experience for me. We have been working hard to try to make the numbers work for the show we really want to do, but they are just not coming together. I have the rights to a second show that we will announce this week. There are still a few things to settle before it is solid. I hate that this has worked out this way, but again I chalk this up to my learning how to manage a theater – keeping an eye on pleasing our audience AND being able to balance our budgets.

On top of all of this we have had to juggle the new reading series: Off the Page, the Colburn Series, and next season to finish setting, and some of the physical upgrades to the theater. This really could be my more than full-time job, but as it is I have to work it around my day job and the needs of my family. Not complaining – I love every minute of it. I just worry that I’m not able to make the right decisions fast enough.

Tickets are now on sale for Charlotte’s Web – it is going to be terrific fun – hope to see you there with (or without!) your kids and grandkids. Please visit our website at or call Mary at 626.355.4318 to purchase tickets.



SEAN’S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: DMA’S – “HILLS END”

By Sean Kayden

Australian trio, DMA’S, are preparing for US domination. These 90s revivalists wear their deep influences on their sleeves as the Brit-pop sounding group undeniably show hints of Oasis, which is difficult to ignore. Consisting of vocalist Tommy O’Dell and guitarists Johnny Took and Matt Mason, DMA’s are part of a current wave of rock acts emerging from Down Under. While formed in 2012, “Hills End” marks the debut album for the triad and it’s a collection of 12 catchy songs that more or less linger with you afterward. The record clocks in at 47 minutes, but it’s definitely time well spent as the record explores great depth. There really isn’t much filler here either, which is surprising for a young band just making their debut. “Hills End” is tight yet not restrained. While the band definitely know how to slow things down, most of their material displays much exuberance. It’s not in an obnoxious or brash way either like most bands that fall into this category of music. DMA’S demonstrate a lot of heart and sensitivity as they showcase captivating sounds and lyrics through a series of songs that rarely take a misstep along the way.

The rollercoaster opener “Timeless” kicks off the record with high energy. It’s reminiscent of The Arctic Monkeys. So once again, as far as comparisons go, DMA’S are in good company. “Lay Down” starts off with an infectious drum beat as it intertwines with jangly guitars. As it continues on, it blends into transcendent melodies. “Delete,” one of the group’s latest single is a blissful ballad that blossoms into a lush dreamscape. It’s the highlight off the record and proof that DMA’S is not a carbon copy of their influential idols. “Too Soon” is another vintage sounding 90s alternative track. O’Dell sings with a cavernous poise as if he is already a seasoned pro with much swagger to boot. “In The Moment” reminds me immediately of The Smiths. The melody and lyrics trigger that time period, but time again

DMA’S express an all-encompassing style and range. As you reach the half way mark of the record, it’s easy find yourself falling in love with this band. No matter if you’re listening in your bedroom or car, the mood always feels right when DMA’S are playing.

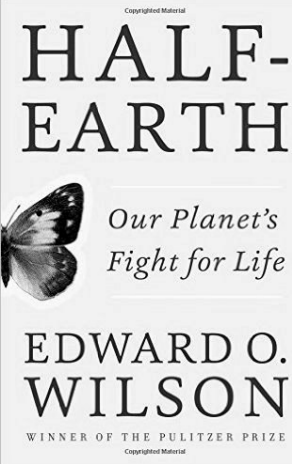
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“Step Up The Morphine” is dreamy and comes off as a little shoegaze-y. Lyrically speaking, it’s the band’s finest effort. It’s a hazy and heavily textured track. While it may never be a single, it’s my dark horse pick for the band’s best song in their small, but effective assortment. “So We Know” is another gorgeous ballad and sinks into your soul. The band’s reflective tune separates itself from its peers once again showcasing their strong abilities both musically and on a lyrically forefront. “The Switch” reaches new heights for DMA’S. It is a swirling, dream-like endeavor that blends ethereal guitars and subtle reverb. DMA’S journey from beginning to end is nearly flawless. The closing track, “Play It Out” comes off as perhaps the weakest of the bunch. Nothing blatantly flawed about it, but seemingly a filler track. Nonetheless, DMA’S display bountiful potential with their wickedly solid debut album. The band may show off their inspirations more than necessary from 80s-90s alternative/brit-pop. However, their craftsmanship and tight sounding material is idyllic. With confidence, I believe “Hills End,” is one of the best records this year will have to offer despite only being in March. If you’re a fan of Oasis, The Arctic Monkeys or indie rock British act, The Crookes, then DMA’S should suit you well. Frankly, even if you’re not a fan of those groups, DMA’S has enough style and zest that may be up your alley after all.

Jeff’s Book Pics By Jeff Brown

Half-Earth: Our Planet’s Fight for Life by Edward O. Wilson

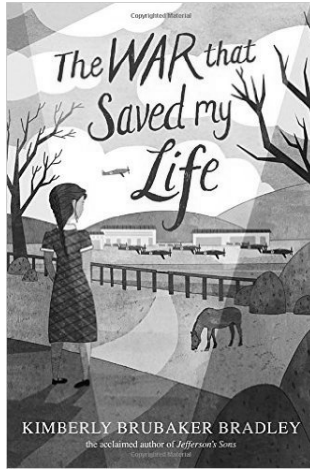
Pulitzer Prize winner Edward Wilson proposes an achievable plan to save our imperiled biosphere: devote half the surface of the Earth to nature. In order to stave off the mass extinction of species, including our own, we must move swiftly to preserve the biodiversity of our planet. Half-Earth argues that the situation facing us is too large to be solved piecemeal and proposes a solution commensurate with the magnitude of the problem: dedicate fully half the surface of the Earth to nature. If we are to undertake such an endeavor, we first must understand just what the biosphere is, why it’s essential to our survival, and the manifold threats now facing it. Half-Earth provides an moving and naturalistic portrait of just what is being lost when we clip “twigs and eventually whole branches of life’s family tree.” Wilson documents the many ongoing extinctions that are imminent, paying tribute to creatures great and small. Uniquely, Half-Earth considers not only the large animals and star species of plants but also the millions of invertebrate animals and microorganisms that form the foundations of Earth’s ecosystems. He states that the biosphere does not belong to us and addresses many fallacious notions such as the idea that ongoing extinctions can be balanced out by the introduction of alien species into new ecosystems or that extinct species might be brought back through cloning. This includes a critique of the “anthropocentrists,” a fashionable collection of revisionist environmentalists who believe that the human species alone can be saved through engineering and technology. Despite the Earth’s parlous condition, Wilson is no doomsayer. He suggests that we still have time to put aside half the Earth and identifies actual spots where Earth’s biodiversity can still be reclaimed. The book offers an attainable goal that we can strive for on behalf of all life.



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Anyone who denies the fact that animals play a very important role in the lives of humans has a heck of a lot to learn about animals, and about humans too, for that matter. I was taught and quickly convinced at a very young age that God created all animal species and placed them on this earth for very specific purposes, not the least of which is to help bring joy to the hearts and wisdom to the minds of humans who need it most. Throughout my life I've heard numerous accounts of animals helping people heal, both emotionally and physically, so while this week's true happy tale is a remarkable heart-warming example of this fantastic phenomenon, it came as absolutely no surprise to me.

James Bowen was a homeless heroin addict trying to eek out a sparse living playing guitar for tourists and passers-by on the streets of London for a decade, when in 2007 he moved into a government-sponsored apartment building where he came across a sickly kitty, equally as desperate as himself. The pitiful but hopeful orange tabby cat he found wandering the hallways of his new dwelling was riddled with fleas, and hungry as could be. It was clear at first glance that the cat he'd just met had no home and probably spent it's days roaming about town, foraging and begging for necessities to sustain it's life. He could so relate to that lonely little guy.

In spite of the dire circumstances that could have caused that poor cat to resist interacting with a human, he chose to humble himself and make it clear to Bowen that he was open to establishing a long term friendship with his new-found two-legged pal. And rather than refusing the furry feline's friendship, considering his own limited resources and personal problems, James Bowen chose to take that little kitty in and do what he could to restore him to good health. Bowen recognized the striking similarities in both of their circumstances, and felt compelled to connect by their common need for two basics in life; love and companionship.

That proved to be an excellent choice on that desperate man's part, because the needy cat that found him that day did indeed get healthy, and became a catalyst for some desperately overdue positive changes in Bowen's own life. You see, when a person is "down on their luck" or having a tough time surmounting the challenges of life they often tend to pull away from others, distancing themselves from successful individuals whose lifestyles might strike a vivid contrast to their own, causing even more discouragement and deeper depression.

We all like to think we are OK, don't we? And we all hope to be accepted by others, whether we admit it or not. But, when we view ourselves as inferior to other people, it is easy to put ourselves down and slip into the chasm of chaos that comes with having a sense of being a misfit in society. Fortunately, cats don't think in terms of comparing

themselves to other people, nor do they judge others the way humans do. So, when Bowen caught up with that furry feline that day, no condescendence or rejection was exchanged between the two, therefore there was no need to retreat from pursuing a closer companionship. They took to each other right away, and Bowen decided to name his new-found friend "Bob".

When Bob got healthy enough to tag along, he began to accompany Bowen on his sidewalk concert trips each day, perching himself on Bowen's shoulders where he could keep up with him, without getting lost in the crowd. As Bowen played guitar in the streets for tourists and other passers-by, Bob entertained them with little tricks and using his easy demeanor and positive vibrations, he drew the crowd in.

It wasn't long before Bowen's street musical act became quite the attraction in the neighborhood, and the tips landing in his hat began to show it. Bowen recognized that his new friend, Bob was the main reason for the increased interest and resulting increased income. Bowen had also been working very hard at cleaning up his own act since he and Bob found each other. After all, when you have someone else besides yourself to take care of, you can't afford to waste money on drugs. It seems we are often more willing to keep ourselves healthy when we know we have a loved one depending on us.

James Bowen has remained clean and sober and he even wrote a book about how Bob saved his life. The book, entitled A Street Cat Named Bob, published in 2012 (Hodder & Stoughton - UK) became a best seller, and Bowen's life is very different now compared to how it was before he met Bob as a homeless addict, barely surviving in the streets.

Now, if you are still not convinced that animals can play a major role for the better in the lives of us humans, I have to say that you may be destined to miss out on the amazing blessings animals can bring to your life. There is a passage in the Bible that is often paraphrased to say: "Pride goes before the fall." Well, I believe that is very true and I also believe that human pride is why God knew we would need the animals to help humble us for our own sakes. Take it with a grain of salt, but with the moment's thought it deserves. Show respect for all species, enjoy life to it's fullest and last but not least, love and let live!



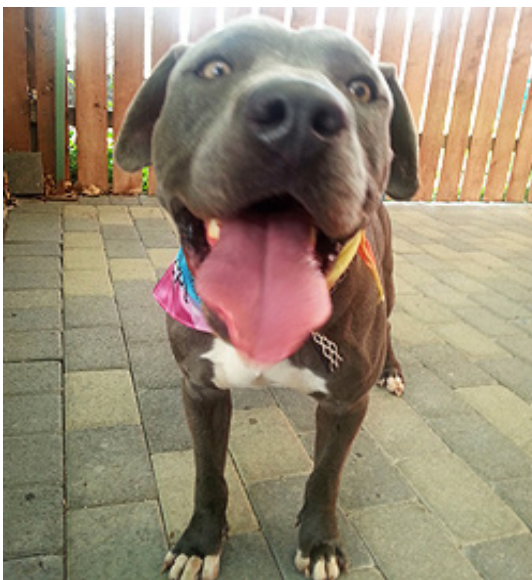
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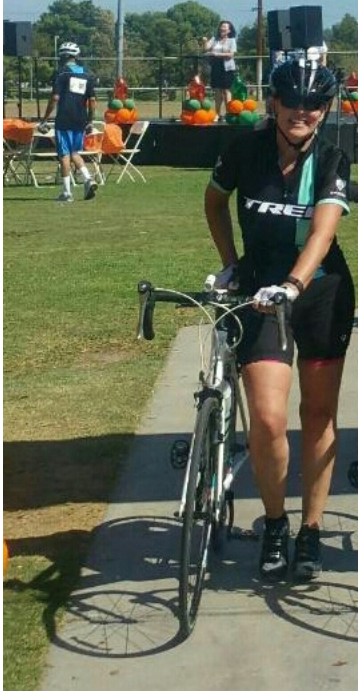
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REAL LOVE IN ACTION

Editors Note: In the last 30 days or so I have come across two amazing acts of kindness directed at man's best friend. Though I'd share them with you and I'm certain after reading each one, you'll know what to do!

WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO DIED



Deputy Costello

building. Falko found the suspect's hiding place and pursued him in that space, rather than surrendering the man shot and killed Falko. The Toledo Police Department said goodbye to Falko on August 21, 2015 in a funeral with full police honors, with over 600 people in attendance and the entire Toledo K9 division.

Because Deputy Costello is an avid lover of dogs and more importantly, because police dogs perform vital services, she rides for Falko. * As the motto of the unity tour states "We Ride For Those Who Died" - had not Falko gone into that crawl space a human officer.

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Riding 300 miles takes a tremendous amount of skill, strength and determination. Its a lot of hard work, but to do so for Officer Falco and others like him, makes it all work while. Thank you Deputy Costello for sharing your story with us.



Officer Falko

we would be mourning

FREE ANIMAL DOCTORS? YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!



Have you ever had to take your beloved pet to the Vet only to require help for yourself after seeing the bill? Yes, sometimes the right kind of treatment for our pets can get a bit pricey. Fortunately, if you're reading this article, you are able to pay for the services and bring your best friend home all fixed up. But what happens to those who cannot afford that surgery when their dog breaks their leg? Or when they discover that their beloved pet has a genetic deficiency that needs to be corrected? The emotional toll on the owner is just as great as it is for those who can whip out a credit card and pay for the treatment. Actually, it has to be worse when they realize there is nothing they can afford to do. Some pets end up abandoned on the streets, others wind up in overcrowded shelters. The poor animals are sick, suddenly without their families and everyone is suffering.



This is Willie. He urgently needs your help!

then the animal goes on the website where people can make donations for their care. Funds raised are used 100% for the diagnosed treatment. Whatever the amount of the Vet's bill will be raised and it goes directly to the health care provider. Nothing to the family or the agency. Donations can be made independently to support Free Animal Doctor.

To date, over 30 animals have been saved! Right now there is a campaign to save Willie. On the website it says, *On New Year's Eve 2015 Holly found a little maltese guy walking around stray. He was in rough shape, so she took him in. Holly was having a hard time herself, being unemployed and struggling to make ends meet... but she couldn't leave this little guy out on his own! She named him Willy and came to find out he was blind. But she fell in love with him and he is just the sweetest little dog, but she knew he needed some serious veterinary help, which she could not afford.*

Holly contacted a everyone she could think of, and fortunately a Maltese rescue was able to get Holly in touch with us! Holly is a great mom for Willy, she takes great care of him, but she just cannot afford the care he needs. That's where we can help!

We took Willy to a well regarded eye-specialist, and the in short he needs on eye removed. He has severe glaucoma which is constantly painful, and is surely causing consistent headaches. Willy is a stoic guy, and he doesn't show it, but the vet is certain he is in pain daily.

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The Vine

Sierra Madre's 122-Year Old Wistaria* Vine By Phyllis Chapman

In 1894, William and Alice Brugman purchased a home on what was then called Piedmont, which is now called W. Carter Ave. The house had been built one year before by builder Amos Trussell for his daughter Winona and son-in-law Edward B. Jones when they married. It was the first wedding celebrated in early Sierra Madre.

The Trussells and the Jones had a change of plans, sold to the Brugmans and moved away. To enhance her new home, Alice Brugman and her neighbor Mrs. W. B. Crisp, drove by horse and buggy to the R. H. Wilson Pioneer Nursery in Monrovia and for \$.75 purchased a gallon can of wistaria. It was the Chinese Wistaria variety (*Wisteria sinensis*). She planted it in a corner of her front porch remarking to her neighbor: "They say Wistaria grows fast." And grow it did.

Mr. Brugman, a mining engineer, was in Mexico when the vine was planted. He died in 1899 and Mrs. Brugman sold the home in 1906. The property changed hands until it was purchased in 1913 by Henry T. and Estelle Fennel. Mr. Fennel, who was a bit of a horticulturist, loved the vine, and gave it devoted care, even building support trellises.

Although the Wistaria is a vigorous grower, the added support of the trellises may have contributed to this vine's phenomenal growth. The arbors prevented the end tendrils from hanging down and causing the tender terminal buds to die from the added weight. Wistaria requires good drainage, certainly provided by this hilly, terraced location. There may also be an underground spring providing water to the tap root.

The vine eventually destroyed the original home, growing into the walls and fireplace and causing the roof to collapse. Mr. Fennel built a new home 200 feet to the north (the present upper home) and trained the vine to grow up to, but not covering the new residence. A portion of the foundation of that original home was saved to continue to provide support for the vine as its branches extended such a distance.

When the vine was in bloom, the Fennels would invite friends to come and enjoy the blossoming plant. Visitors also came from Pasadena's main hotels: The Green, The Huntington, and The Raymond. In 1918, the Fennels opened the vine to the Sierra Madre Chapter of the American Red Cross, which sponsored a very successful fundraiser to help the war effort. 12,000 people attended the event. This was the beginning of many Wistaria festivals that took place year after year. Sierra Madre became known as the Wistaria City. Many local organizations, including the Board of Trade (now the Chamber of Commerce), the Woman's Club, the Masons and Eastern Star, the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Dept., etc. were involved.

Many homemade items, fancy work, ceramics, artwork, gift books, and Wistaria fragrant perfume, hand lotion and bath salts were sold at booths under the vine. Luncheons and teas were served, often with young Japanese women wearing their kimonos.

The hard work and money earned at the vine by the Woman's Club paid off the mortgage of their first clubhouse. One year the Fire Dept. parked 30,000 cars on the parking lot that existed in Floral Canyon. (This is now Sierra Meadow Dr.). Easter sunrise services were among vine activities. People came from all over the world and extra street cars were added to handle the crowds. Among the famous were Fritz Kreisler, Janet Leigh, Mary Pickford, and Norman Rockwell. These two helped select the festival's Wistaria Queen. Packard Automobile Co. used the vine as a backdrop to advertise its automobile.

On December 5, 1936, Carrie Ida Lawless purchases the vine property from Mrs. Fennel, who was now a widow, for \$17,000.00. December 5th was Mrs. Lawless' birthday, and according to one account, she was making a present to herself of the world's largest bouquet. Also a widow, her husband William J (Bill) Lawless was mayor of Sierra Madre during 1928-29. She, herself, was a successful businesswoman having founded the Weaver Jackson Beauty Co. in Los Angeles and was active in the community, serving as president of the Woman's Club and the Garden Club.

Mrs. Lawless spent a small fortune (around \$100,000) enhancing the grounds of her new property and caring for the vine. When the festivals were held they often lasted for the weeks the vine was in bloom, not just for one day. Mrs. Lawless, a patron of the arts, also sponsored vine activities all year long.

She hosted art exhibits, musicales, and poetry readings. Nearby residents objected to the constant



activity and took their complaints to the City Council. Nothing was done as Mrs. Lawless presented the argument that the vine existed before these neighbors purchased their properties.

In recognition for her contributions to the community, the Garden Club planted another Wistaria in the terraced garden on the west side of what is today the Solt's garden. It blooms a bit later than the original vine and the plaque commemorating the occasion is gone.

When Mrs. Lawless died in 1942, she provided for the vine by leaving a legacy to her nephew and heir, Bruce McGill, to continue care of the property with a committee headed by the Garden Club President. In 1944, the property was purchased by Richard and Marian Thayer. Marian is the daughter of M. Penn Phillips, a well-known developer of desert property. In 1944 the vine was overgrown and in poor condition. Richard Thayer planned to chop it up and get rid of it. A protest was raised and an association was formed to protect the vine, with money provided to pay property taxes and provide year-round care for the vine.

In 1961, after Richard Thayer died, the lot was split. Marian married builder Ronald Cook who developed the west side of the property with homes and built the present Solt home for he and Marian in 1962. The upper home was sold to Joseph and Marie Feeney who raised eight children there. In 1972, Ron and Marian sold the lower home to Bob and Nell Solt. In the late 1990s, Joe Feeney died and Maria sold the property. It was purchased in 2003 by the present owners, Dan and Dana Dorrance.

By the 1970's Vine Festival activity had about ended. It started up again in the late 70's when sponsored for one day each year by the Chamber of Commerce. The Sierra Madre Beautification Committee was the yearly sponsor in the 1980's. Approximately 500-600 people attended the festival each year. In the spring of 1989, Huell Howser came to film the vine for his program Videolog, which aired on KCET. The next year, approximately 6,000 people came to view the vine. The festival organizers were unprepared for such a turnout; lines stretched for two blocks. Howser returned in 1992 to film again for his California Gold program. Sierra Madre and the Chamber of Commerce quickly organized and combined the annual Vine viewing with a downtown street fair. A shuttle bus is provided, and people procure tickets to see the vine at a pre-scheduled time.

The Guinness Book of World Records has named the Vine the World's largest flowering plant. It is estimated that at the height of bloom it has 1.5 million blossoms with 40 blossoms per sq. ft., weighs 250 tons and has branches that extend 500 feet. Wistaria is a member of the pea family though its seeds resemble a flat bean. Seed pods burst open in the summer. The plant is deciduous, losing its leaves in the winter. Wistaria seeds were brought from China by Marco Polo in the 13th century.

Today, the vine covers approximately one acre. Over the years, it has shown distress and seemed to be dying. Experts have been brought in from Cal Tech, Occidental, and Cal Poly Pomona. Correct pruning, treatments with hormones, and vitamin B have helped the vine to recover and to flourish. To help maintain the Vine's health, records of vine growth and care are now kept on a computer log. The Vine seems to produce its greatest flowering after a cold winter followed by a sudden hot spell.

What is the correct spelling for wisteria—wisteria or wistaria? In the Sunset Western Garden Book it is spelled wisteria. Sierra Madre has always spelled it wistaria. According to L. A. County Arboretum and Botanic Garden senior biologist Jim Bauml and Librarian Joan De Fato, the plant was named to honor Caspar Wistar (1761-1818), an American physician and teacher, who taught at the University of Pennsylvania. Among his accomplishments, he wrote the first text-book on anatomy. When the name of the genus Wisteria was put into the books, it was incorrectly spelled, says De Fato. So, one could say that all along, Sierra Madre has correctly spelled Wistaria!

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The Festival features tours of the world's largest blossoming plant, certified by the Guinness Book of World Records. Each year, the property owners upon whose land the vine sits open their homes to allow thousands to view the vine. Dozens of Sierra Madre residents volunteer to act as docents at the property, telling the story of the vine, which was originally planted from a 1-gallon pot that was purchased for \$0.75 in 1894.

In addition to the tours of the vine, the two main downtown streets of Sierra Madre are closed to traffic so that crafters and artists can set up booths to display and sell their wares. This year we have added a free Vintage Car Show to the festivities. Downtown village shops are open, and musical acts perform at multiple outdoor venues. Memorial Park is transformed into a combination Kids/Food zone and a hub of information about local non profits.

The shuttle to the vine from downtown avoids a long uphill walk from downtown to the neighborhood in which the vine sits. Tickets for the shuttle are \$8 for ages 6 -75 Seniors 75-89 and children under 6 are \$6 and Super Seniors - 90+ ride for \$1. Children under 2 and under ride for free. Families of 6 or more can ride the shuttle of \$30. (No more than 2 adults).

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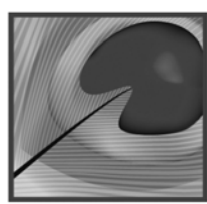
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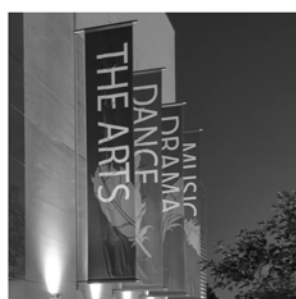
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With wonderful support from their parents, Stephen and Juliana Licata, they regularly perform at local coffeehouses as well as at the nationally-renowned Coffee Gallery Backstage in Altadena.

To contact the Licata Brothers for your next event or view recent performances, check out their web site at www.TheLicataBrothers.com or on Facebook.

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Following a long series of tests, ESA’s LISA Pathfinder has started its science mission to prove key technologies and techniques needed to observe gravitational waves from space.

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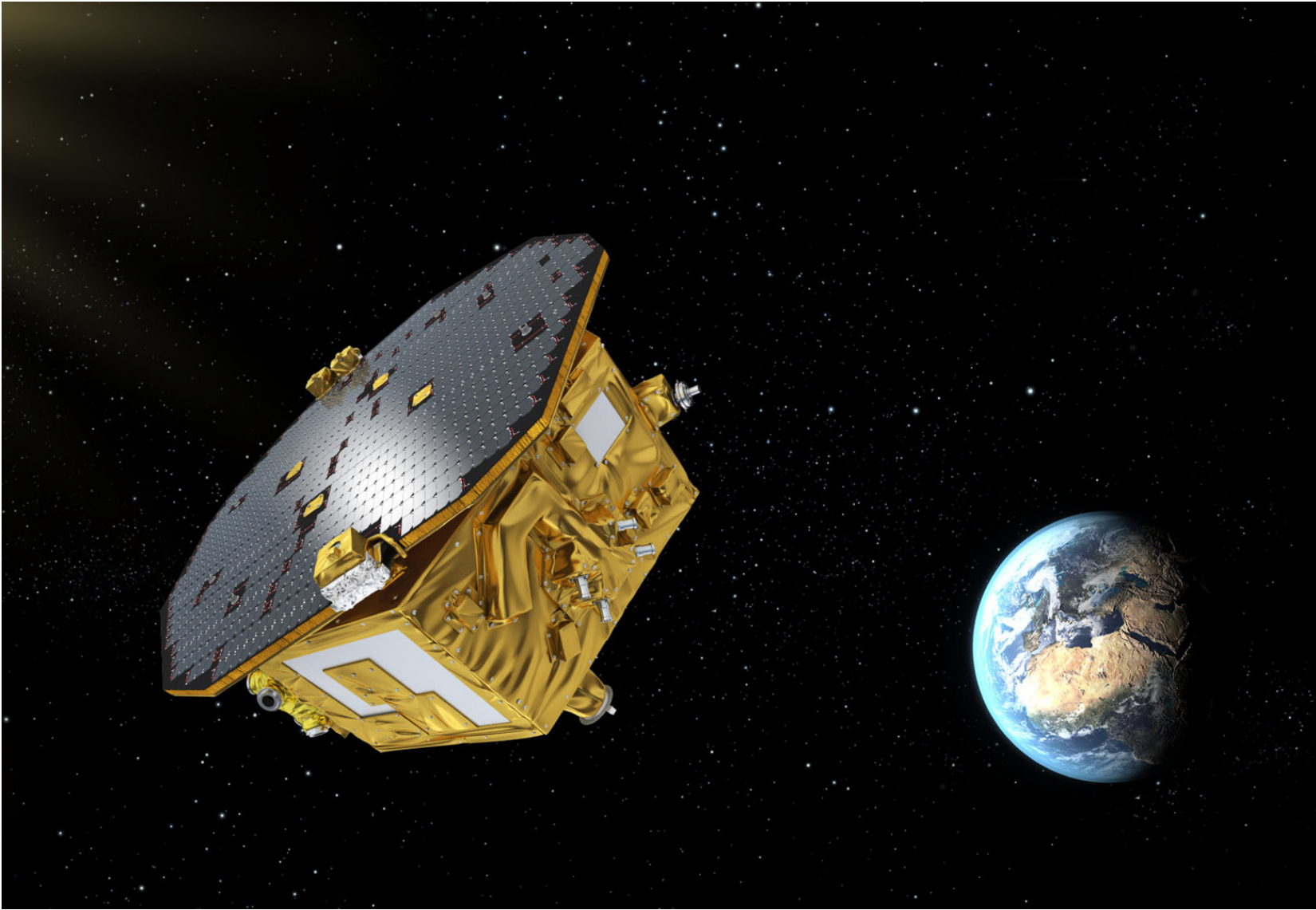
A future observatory in space, sensitive to gravitational waves with longer wavelengths than those detected on the ground, would be an essential tool to exploit this new field of study by probing some of the most massive and powerful objects in the Universe.

The LISA Pathfinder mission was launched in December, 2015, from Europe’s spaceport in French Guiana. This space-borne observatory, now operating at a “Lagrange Point” millions of miles from earth, is designed to achieve the purest-known “freefall,” the extremely challenging condition necessary to build such an observatory. To do so, the team released two test masses—a pair of identical 2 kg gold-platinum cubes measuring 46 mm—inside the spacecraft, and is now verifying that they are truly moving under the effect of gravity alone.

This is by no means trivial: Even in space, there are forces capable of disturbing the cubes—including the radiation and “Solar wind” from the Sun—and the cubes need be isolated from all of these non-gravitational influences. To do so, LISA Pathfinder continually measures their positions and maneuvers around them with micro-thrusters to avoid ever touching them.

“As they fall freely through space, the two test masses should be extraordinarily still, since no other force is perturbing their gravitational motion—only a gravitational wave could jiggle them around,” explains Stefano Vitale of University of Trento and INFN, Italy, Principal Investigator of the LISA Technology Package, the mission’s core payload.

LISA Pathfinder, however, is not capable of detecting gravitational waves itself. For this crucial technology demonstration, the two freefalling cubes are only 38 cm apart—too close to record



the minute wobbles in the fabric of spacetime.

The variation in distance caused by a passing gravitational wave is so small that a full-scale space observatory will need test masses separated by roughly a million kilometers, and be able to detect changes in that separation of about one millionth of a millionth of a meter.

“The precision we need to attain for future observations of gravitational waves from space is so high that it demands an unprecedented understanding of the physical forces at play on the test masses,” says Paul McNamara, ESA’s Project Scientist.

After having released the cubes from their

locking mechanisms and having made sure they are in the most precise freefall ever obtained, the scientists will now spend the next six months running experiments, “poking” the masses to verify how still they really are.

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OPEN LETTER TO DONALD TRUMP

Dear Mr. Trump:

I have been thinking of writing to you for some time, and I’ve finally gotten around to it.

I didn’t know much about you in the past, though your name was occasionally in the news. I watched and like your Apprentice show, because it forced people to quickly make a plan, and quickly implement a plan to get some business going. In general, I liked the show because I saw young entrepreneurs working creatively to make a buck. I kept a lot of my ideas to myself as I watched the show, such as “it seems that it doesn’t really matter HOW you make a buck, as long as you make the most.” I mean, sometimes the “winner” wasn’t really a winner in my eyes, but they always made the most money, which was the tangible and measurable factor by which you gauged “success.” Sometimes I agreed with your reasons for “firing” one of the contestants, especially when you thought they used less than ideal or socially acceptable means to earn their day’s money.

Overall, the show seemed like an aggressive business boot camp where you do or die, make money or go home.

It was very entertaining, and it made me realize that American business and creativity are not dead. (Though, to be honest, I much prefer the recent “Shark Tank,” where existing small business people vy for investment money.)

Somewhere in there, I recall seeing on TV how you sold Merv Griffin an old apartment building. Merv was happy, and you got the price you wanted, but in talking about it, I was a bit perplexed that you had to call Merv Griffin names and belittle his character, because you wanted it known that you won and he lost. I recall wondering, why couldn’t you both have “won”? You got rid of something you didn’t want, and Merv got something he wanted. Win-win. But no, you had to demean Merv, for reasons I never knew. Surely a “big businessman” doesn’t resort to such tactics.

Now we see you more often than during the Apprentice in your bid for the presidency. Let me explain why I am ashamed at what I now see you doing.

Yes, you say you want to make America great again. That’s all fine and dandy.

I was brought up in the world of William Buckley’s Firing Line on Sunday afternoons, where he would debate complex matters with people he disagreed with, always with a smile, always sticking to the issues, never ever stooping to such puerility as calling each other names, as boys do in the bathroom or out on the school yard.

I do not understand why you stoop to 3rd grade bully tactics when talking to and with people who should be, at least on a certain level of abstraction, your colleagues and potential partners. To bring up Carly Fiorone’s face and to suggest that she is not good looking was a low blow, and unnecessary. Come on, Donald, have you ever looked in a mirror lately? Everyone ages and beauty is fleeting. The presidency is not a beauty contest. You have nit-picked every other running mate, in one way or another, in personal attacks that are not worthy of a presidential candidate, and definitely unbecoming and undesirable in an actual president, and nearly always in ways that have nothing at all to do with their ability to run

the country.

I cannot remember another President in my lifetime who ever publicly stooped to such personal attacks. Probably the closest thing was Ronald Reagan saying he was going to whip Jimmy Carter’s ass. But he never again, to my knowledge, stooped to a gutter level in his interactions with, or his speaking about, Carter or others.

The fact that you continue to do so means that this is a very natural state of mind for you. It is also painfully obvious that you have no one in your inner circle (that you listen to) who tells you the great harm you are doing by this continued childish name-calling. You hurt yourself, at least it seems so. You hurt the Republican party, which to date, has been used to a campaign with at least outward civility. And you hurt the office of the presidency.

Believe me, I am no fan of Hillary in this extraordinary campaign year. She has out-Nixoned Nixon already, and amazingly, her supporters are legion, who seem not to care about her deep character.

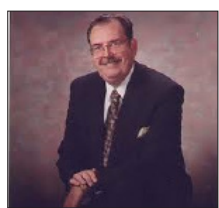
Nevertheless, Mr. Trump, don’t you understand that civility and yes, even politeness and tactfulness, are the hallmarks of a real leader? I fear that all your money is going to your head, and you believe that you have so much money, that you can say whatever you want. Yes, you can, but you bring down our revered institutions each time you belittle another candidate in your childish tirades. Can’t you stick to the real issues upon which a presidency will be involved?

Your quick and ridiculing and belittling comments are unworthy of a chief of state who will also need to interact other world leaders, whose co-operation is better than their anger. You will not be able to “fire” other world leaders who do not see things your way.

Yes, I know there are the frustrated masses who like you because you are not politically-correct and because you “speak your mind.” These are good things, to a point. Being candid and honest is generally a good thing. But your “letting it all hang out” is not a good thing. It is the political version of the Oregon Bhagwan’s free-for-all orgies where anything could and did happen, and eventually the towns organized to eliminate the Bhagwan guru and his followers. Some people like your style now, and I tremble to say that they like the style which has no substance, and they are swayed by the apparent free-style which has gone out of the bounds of presidential decency.

Perhaps someone will arise who can be a real uniter, someone who Democrats and Republicans and Independents can unite behind for the good of the country. Perhaps it is time for the rise of a meaningful third party, since the available options are looking increasingly bleak.

It would be better for the country, and the presidency, Mr. Trump, if you dropped out of the race and went back to your very entertaining Apprentice show, and your many business enterprises which you enjoy so much. You have not demonstrated the ability to negotiate on a political level, and to bring people together in a common win-win agreement. At least if you go back to the Apprentice and to your business enterprises, you will be able to call those under your control whatever you wish without international consequences.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WILL THE FAT LADY PLEASE SING!

We find ourselves once again in another political cycle. I call it a political cycle because everything is going around in circles. Each cycle seems to get bigger and bigger.

For instance. One day a politician will say one thing and the next day he will swing completely around and say something else. I would call it a merry-go-round, but there isn’t anything very merry about it. Rather, it is quite dizzy for me. What they really should call it is the “Dizzy-Go-Round.”

Of course, the politicians are counting upon people getting “dizzy” so they do not really know what is going on and who they are voting for. It is almost like a Ponzi scheme, more goes in than comes out.

The question that I pose is simply, am I voting for the Thursday edition politician or the Friday edition? They carry the same name but you would not know they were the same person or even related.

I am not going to say I am quite frustrated with all of this political nonsense. I am but if I say it, it will make me even angrier. To watch a political “debate” (and I’m really stretching the meaning of that word) feels like you are watching a bunch of grade schoolers having a brawl on the playground.

Actually, I probably would enjoy the playground brawl more than the political brawl. One has class and the other, well, doesn’t.

It all came to a head last Tuesday. I was frustrated. I was mumbling under my breath. I was clenching my fist and roaming through our house.

I finally sat down in my easy chair to calm down and drink a hot cup of coffee. It was then that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage queried me as to what I was all upset about.

I wish she would not have asked me because then I exploded and gave her several leftover pieces of my mind.

“It’s all these idiotic politicians trying to impress me with how idiotic they really are and then wanting me to vote for them.”

I sighed very deeply and concluded my tirade by saying, “When will all of this nonsense be over?”

For a moment, she just stared at me. You know. One of those “wife” stares that wives often give their husbands.

Finally, she stood up, looked at me with both hands on her hips and said, “Well, it ain’t over till the fat lady sings.” Then she walked out of the room into the kitchen.

I have not heard that phrase for, I cannot remember how long. Why it came to her mind at this particular time I am not quite sure. Then it

got me to thinking.

Everything, good or bad, does end sometime. I may not like the end, but that is beside the point.

I am not sure where this phrase, “It ain’t over until the fat lady sings,” comes from and I am not quite sure if it is politically correct today. After all, is it PC to say the words “fat” and “lady” in the same sentence let alone the same phrase?

I just am glad I did not say it.

However, it got me thinking along this line. If it ain’t over until the fat lady sings, where in the world and who in the world is this fat lady? Does she have a name?

I think we need to pool our resources together as a nation, find who this lady really is and then get her to sing. I don’t care what she sings. If it ain’t over until she sings, then for goodness sake, let her sing whatever she wants to sing.

No matter what she sings, everybody ought to come together and not only nominate, but elect her for the next five Grammy awards in a row. She can sing off key if she wants to. She can screw up the lyrics as much as she wants. She can screech and holler for all I care. But if by her singing all of this nonsense comes to an end, it will be well worth it, I assure you.

I wish the phrase went, “It ain’t over until the fat man sings.” Then I would volunteer, for I believe I would fully qualify and even though I can’t carry a tune, I would gladly volunteer my voice for such a patriotic act.

As we were watching some political program on TV, my wife sighed very deeply and sadly said, “These are the people who want to run our country?”

I had to agree with her and the thought that came to me was, let’s not let the fat lady sing until we have somebody that can actually run our country. Let that “fat lady” stand in silence until someone comes along that can actually do something in our country and then have her sing to high heaven.

I am not the first one to think in this direction. Solomon, that wise old man in the Old Testament had some things to say along this line. “Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit” (Ecclesiastes 7:8).

To have what Solomon calls a patient spirit, is an admirable goal, and I work on it as hard as I can but I know that my hope is not in the “political cycle” but in the Lord Jesus Christ alone.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



TALKING WITH YOUR FAMILY ABOUT YOUR ESTATE PLAN

Is it time to have “the talk” with your kids? I’m not talking about a “birds and bees” talk but one that is equally important, perhaps even more so.

Everyone has concerns about what will happen when they die. Some people worry about their homes, cars, or money. Others worry about their children. Rare, however, is the person who actually wants to talk about these things with their families.

Opening these conversations with your family will be difficult, but nowhere near as difficult as it would be on your family in the absence of advanced planning. Fortunately, there are steps you can take before - and during - the conversation to help it go more smoothly.

Preparation Is Paramount

As with many things in life, preparation is a key to success in these types of conversations. First, when you designate key people in your plan, make sure you match the skills of the person to the job. For example, the executor of a will must be able to gather assets, prepare paperwork, handle finances, and deal with potential family disputes. It would be unwise to select an executor who lacks the ability to carry out these tasks.

Too often, people choose executors, trustees, guardians, and powers of attorney based on emotions or arbitrary factors, such as who is the oldest child or who might be offended if not chosen. These are difficult, demanding jobs, and you need to choose people who can handle them. It also helps to talk these issues through with an experienced attorney or confidant in advance of making your selections.

Next, prepare your paperwork before your family meeting. Work with your lawyer to make the best decisions possible, and commit them to writing. This will help reduce any misunderstandings about your wishes.

Before the meeting with your family, consider the questions that may arise. For example, if you are concerned that one child will be upset because you name another child executor, be ready to answer questions about why you made that decision. It may be that the person you chose is an accountant and would be well-suited for the job, or it may be that you’re concerned about overburdening the other child. Whatever the case, be prepared to offer your reasoning. Your explanation will go a long way toward reducing any hard feelings and potential disputes when the plan comes into play.

Come Prepared for Business

Once you have your family together, it is important that you not only let them know what your decisions are, but also that it is important to you that they support you and each other. Have copies of your documents available so your family can ask questions about them.

You should be prepared to answer potential questions. And remember, this may be an uncomfortable topic of discussion for your family members. If someone just can’t get onboard, remember that you are dealing with your life and your assets. The ultimate decisions as to how you handle them are yours, and you can even terminate the meeting if necessary. Also, make sure your family knows that your decisions may change as time goes on.

Finally, remember the goal for this discussion is to provide your family with more than just a set of legal documents outlining your wishes. By talking to them about your intentions you are helping them gain understanding, comfort, and even buy-in with your plan.

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Social Media Tips, Tricks & Ideas



by: MJ Finstrom

A CASE STUDY: WHEN YOU GIVE, YOU GET

We recently helped the Downtown Arcadia Improvement Association with a Give Away campaign at the Gold Line Grand opening event. Instead of having a booth with smiling faces show up for one day and be forgotten, we decided to design a campaign to get real results, exposure for the local small businesses and grow the email list.

The campaign started a month before the event (not the day of the event). Downtown businesses joined forces and donated big prizes (bikes, an electric guitar, a hotel stay, spa certificates, coupons to restaurants and stores etc.) These were promoted all month long with emails, social posts and word of mouth. The campaign continued after the event with pictures of winners and another give away for 5 unclaimed prizes.

Some of the results:

The new owner of Stacked Sandwich saw the value in giving big. He donated 8 certificates for \$25, one certificate for \$50 and a dinner for two (off menu) valued at \$100. We did a simple video on Facebook about him; 5,071 people saw it! During the day of the event, he ran out of hamburgers and tripled his business. When you give, you get!

We grew the email list by 660. We reached over 20,000

people on-line. 5,511 people engaged with our content. On the day of the event, our booth was buzzing with excited people ready to win and aware of the generous small business owners in Downtown Arcadia.

The bottom line:

Leveraging a large event or holiday can help you grow your business. Collaborating with other businesses and working together is good for everyone! Be generous if you do a give away campaign; don’t just give a 10% off coupon. There has to be a good hook to create a good buzz. When you give, you get!

If you want to learn more about digital marketing and campaigns that get results, HUTdogs will be offering a workshop, March 17 & 24 at the SBDC in Pasadena and March 18 at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce. The classes are free to attend. To register, sign up at www.hutdogs.com/workshops/schedule

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HOWARD Hays As I See It



"Mary Lou Bruner is a real peach."
- Rachel Dicker, writing in US News & World Report

I checked out Mary Lou Bruner's picture online; a silver-haired retired teacher and grandmother from East Texas with a pleasant smile.

I checked out her views. She believes President Obama worked as a gay prostitute to support a drug habit. Dinosaurs aren't around today because Noah brought only baby ones aboard the ark and there wasn't enough vegetation to feed on after the flood. School shootings arose from the teaching of evolution in the classroom. JFK was killed by Democrats so they could put socialist Lyndon Johnson in power. The United Nations is set on reducing world population by two-thirds - by famine, disease, WWII, whatever it takes. Islam must be banned to thwart its aim of conquering the United States. Mary Lou Bruner is the odds-on favorite to be elected to the Texas Board of Education this May. She came just two points shy of avoiding the run-off, receiving 48% of the vote on Super Tuesday.

On the Board, she will help determine the curriculum taught in Texas' public schools. She will also help determine the content of textbooks and, with Texas being such a major market for publishers, her views will affect textbooks used throughout the country.

As for allowing personal beliefs to influence her work on the Board, Ms. Bruner makes it clear: "I don't intend to apologize for my opinions because I still believe my statements were accurate."

Her story was picked up by John Oliver on his HBO show, featured in a segment along with fellow Texan Robert Morrow.

To suggest Morrow uses Twitter and Facebook as others use the walls of public restrooms would be unfair; Morrow employs the "n-word", "f-word(s)" and "c-word" with far less restraint - while indulging his obsession with certain components of male and female anatomy. His targets are not just Bill and Hillary but Chelsea, as well; not only does he insist our president is a closet queen but also Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) and members of the Bush family - while former Gov. Rick Perry (R-TX) is a "rampaging bisexual adulterer".

Robert Morrow isn't headed for any run-off. He won his race outright, garnering 54% of the vote to become Republican Chair of Travis County - Texas' fifth largest, home to the (relatively progressive) state capital of Austin.

The Texas Republican establishment is having fits. In case Morrow doesn't withdraw prior to taking his seat come June, they're developing contingency plans to maybe cut funding for the county operation, setting up some parallel structure for "official" party business - or something. Concerning these moves, Morrow told the Austin American-Statesman, "I just don't care".

The establishment line is that Morrow's win is likely due to voters' unfamiliarity with the names on the ballot; but it's not that far-fetched to see them electing someone who, albeit a

potty-mouth, describes himself as "Trump on steroids" (though he himself appears leaning towards Sen. Ted Cruz).

The reaction at the state level to Robert Morrow's becoming the face of the GOP mirrors the national "establishment" reaction to Donald Trump: they seem confounded as to how he got where he is, and now that he's there are desperate to find a way of dealing with it.

As for the rise of Trump, columnist Josh Kraushaar in the National Journal blames Sen. Al Franken (D-MN). You see, when Franken was seated, giving Democrats a super-majority in the Senate, the president no longer had to "negotiate" with (i.e. relinquish control to) minority Republicans - and thus the "polarizing" began.

Writing in the Wall Street Journal, former Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal (who left his state an economic basket case) places blame for Trump squarely on President Obama. It was the president, after all, who brought about this "polarization" by pushing through bills like the 2009 stimulus (which saved us from a full-blown depression) and the Affordable Care Act (which brought healthcare to 20 million Americans) despite knowing full-well that Republicans didn't like them. It was the president who insisted the Environmental Protection Agency do its job, regardless of whether Congressional Republicans wanted it to.

Keith Ablow on Fox News does place some blame for Trump on Republicans, because "we let this guy (Obama) occupy the Oval Office for eight years" - as if it was their decision to make.

To explain a constituency where condemnation of the front-runner by past standard-bearers Mitt Romney and Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) only brings more support to that front-runner, one could look back not seven but nearly fifty years.

In Nixon's day it was the "Southern strategy" to get voters to the polls; bringing them in by stoking fear over LBJ's Civil Rights and Voting Rights legislation. Under Reagan it was the "welfare queen", conjuring images of something other than a white single mother in Appalachia.

Karl Rove took it to another level; increasing turnout by warning of gun confiscation and a "gay agenda". With Barack Obama there was fear over a Kenyan-Marxist-Muslim whose background was somehow "foreign" to the "real America", as Sarah Palin put it.

That fear has caused the average number of firearms held by American gun-owner to double from four to eight over the past twenty years, according to the Washington Post. But at the same time, the percentage of gun-owners among us has dropped to 32% - less than a third of all Americans, the lowest percentage of gun-ownership in forty years.

That 32% might be enough to win a primary or even a presidential nomination, but not a general election. That's what's stoking fear among the GOP "establishment" - especially when they see their constituency hitching their wagons to the likes of a Robert Morrow or Donald Trump.

As for Mary Lou Bruner, she promises to work hard seeing that schoolkids are taught that climate change is nothing but a "hoax". For that effort alone, as far as this Republican "establishment" is concerned, Mary Lou remains "a real peach".

LIBERALS AND THEIR UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

If the law of unintended consequences was actually a law enacted by legislators, it would likely be of no consequence at all. Unfortunately it's a force of nature, not of man.

When the government has exerted force to raise the minimum wage by fiat outside of free markets, the result is immediate higher unemployment among minimum wage earners.

When seat belts went into effect, the number of traffic accidents actually increased. Economist Sam Peltzman discovered that total fatalities were about the same as before the seat belt law. But while the death rate for motorists decreased, there was a higher death rate among pedestrians and cyclists hit by cars. Why? The seat belt gives drivers a false sense of extra security, encouraging them to drive more recklessly.

This brings us to lawmakers who have decided that banning plastic grocery bags or nudging people away from using them by charging five or ten cents per bag will save the occasional sea turtle from eating one, thinking it's a jellyfish.

It's a lovely thought, isn't it?

Supporters of these bills will cite thousands of bags menacing beaches and hyperopic fish. Good-hearted citizens will cheer and feel good about "doing something" to save the environment, then drive home past massive, mostly hidden graveyards of truck and car tires.

La-de-dah.

Depending upon your view, it's either unfortunate or no big deal that there's a direct correlation to banning plastic bags and the deaths of more than five people each year in a city the size of San Francisco.

According to a study by two university professors, it's actually 5.5 people in San Francisco who die each year as a direct result of the grocery plastic bag ban.

For some people, that's a fair trade for potentially, possibly, maybe saving a turtle.

San Francisco has been leading the fight against plastic bags. In 2007, the Environmental Department of the City of San Francisco reported plastics bags distributed by retail stores account for 0.6 percent of litter.

Six tenths of one percent.

A federal EPA study found plastic bags make up four tenths of one percent of our country's municipal waste stream.

Four tenths of one percent.

Back in 2013, Ramesh Ponnuru noted news reports from around the country describing

illnesses caused by reusable grocery bags.

"A reusable grocery bag left in a hotel bathroom caused an outbreak of norovirus-induced diarrhea and nausea that struck nine of 13 members of a girls' soccer team," Ponnuru reported. "Researchers examined reusable bags in California and Arizona and found that 51 percent of them contained coliform bacteria."

The most extensive study seems to be that of University of Pennsylvania Professor Jonathan Klick and George Mason University Professor Joshua Wright.

They found that as soon as the ban went into effect, emergency-room admissions related to E. coli infections increased in San Francisco. It's their study that estimates the ban is directly responsible for a 46 percent increase in deaths from foodborne illnesses.

Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be any study measuring the number of sea turtles saved per human death.

The difference is that human deaths are preventable if humans would just wash and disinfect their reusable bags. 97 percent don't.

Huntington Beach, CA has rescinded their plastic bag ban, realizing it's just "token environmentalism" with no real effect except more grocery store profits.

One city council member said, "Our ordinance has not had any positive, measurable impact on the environment and has only caused headaches for citizens and small businesses alike."

Delaware is considering the ill-conceived notion of forcing grocery stores to charge five cents for every plastic bag distributed.

The danger is in having citizens believe they're doing something positive when the opposite is true, giving them a false sense of accomplishment or security, like gun buy-backs.

Perhaps this is to be presumed in a state run by Democrats who think they're so awesome that they have sponsored legislation extending their terms in the state house and state senate by two years.

Americans who would actually like term limits, not extensions, are obviously not currently living the life of the electoral elite.

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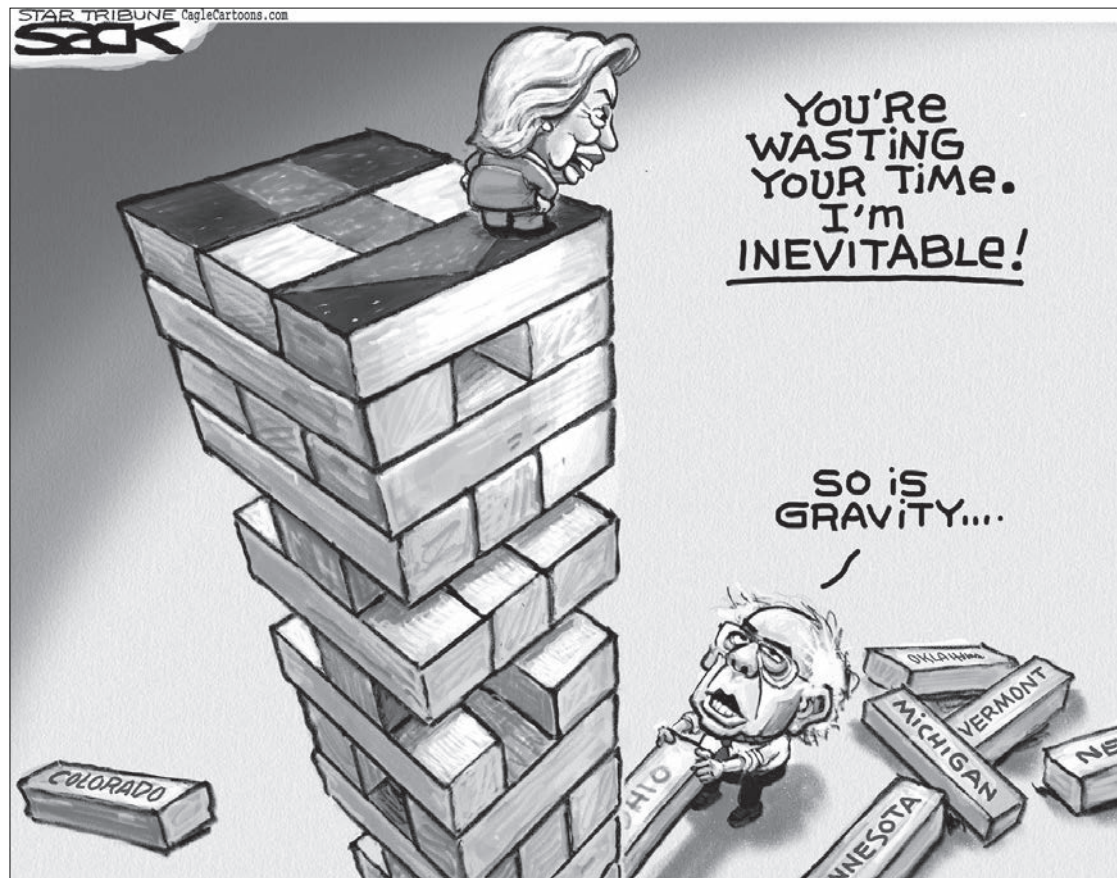
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UUT A MUST!

Dear Editor:

Let me begin by being direct: Measure UUT in the upcoming election MUST pass. If it does not, then the long fought battle to preserve Sierra Madre's small town charm will have finally been lost. Is that what the majority of us want? Of course not. However, there is a relatively small but vocal group of us who would like you to believe otherwise, mainly that the City would have plenty of revenue, even without the UUT, if they only managed the revenue we do have properly. Well, I've taken the time to look into this, going over the numbers, talking to people in a position to know etc. and for what they're worth, these are my conclusions.

All small towns like Sierra Madre wishing to maintain their charm and independence struggle financially and always will. That is the challenge and why few cities like Sierra Madre still exist. Ours is a particularly difficult challenge because we're not large enough to generate sufficient property tax revenue and as much as possible we have always resisted the temptation to outsource our internal operations or to allow the kind of businesses in town that would generate considerable sales tax revenue but bring with them the kind of traffic we'd rather not have. What I think most people in town don't realize is that, in the form of various fees and assessments (that we don't have), residents of other like cities in the area pay nearly twice as much as we do just to live where they do. So in our case, the UUT is not "extra" or an "add-on" tax but rather a mainstay of the revenue required to run our town. So any assertion that Sierra Madre has "plenty of revenue" is absurd.

As to the accusations of mismanagement, let me solve that mystery for you. Yes, occasionally mistakes are made. Yes, sometimes decisions are made by the City Council and Commissions that in hindsight could have been better. Occasional errors are easy fodder for haters but I have never worked for a company nor been part of an organization where the same couldn't be said. The truth is that there is no "US vs THEM" as these Orwellians would have you believe. Sierra Madre

Dear Editor:

In the upcoming April election, we have the opportunity to determine the financial health of our city. At stake is Measure UUT. If passed, it would return our Utility User Tax to the 10% level held until 2015.

The City Council held many town-hall meetings to explain and discuss the financial issues. A revenue commission studied and then recommended a raise in the UUT. After considering a 12% UUT, the City Council opted to propose Measure UUT, which raises it to 10%.

Several important things to know about the UUT: It is an elegant tax—all of it goes directly to the

is self-governed. Members of the City Council and Commissions are all volunteers from among US and most City employees are our friends and neighbors. I have known many of these people for years and can attest to the fact that they all care very much about our community and work hard at their jobs, often working nights and weekends for which they are not compensated. For those who have made it a hobby to be critical of these people and the job they are doing, applications for all of these positions are available at City Hall.

While it might appear that various City employees have some pretty lucrative benefit and retirement packages, I have compared the total compensation for like positions in other similar communities in the area and we are right in line, sometimes a little bit lower, sometimes a little bit higher but no significant difference overall. All of these figures are easily available on-line.

By far the largest expense in the General Fund is for our Police Department. The NO on UUT folks would have everyone believe that by getting rid of our PD and outsourcing our law enforcement to the LA County Sheriff's Department we would save money, in fact enough money that the UUT would be largely unnecessary. There is some truth to this but very little. Two of the three options presented by the Sheriffs actually cost more than having our own PD and the third, while on paper saves us around \$200,000 a year, does so by reducing personnel and operating out of the Temple City Sheriff's station while closing our local facility. What people may not realize is that this concept is not new. I attended a Homeowner's Association meeting in 1992 where the Sheriff's made the same pitch and it's something that comes up every time the City is in financial trouble. Polls show that the vast majority on Sierra Madreans want to keep our police department but can't seem to comprehend that this is a luxury for which we have to pay. If we truly want this, we have to allocate MORE money because right now the problem is we don't pay our officers enough to keep them or attract new ones. As a result, half of them have moved on to better paying jobs and we were recently forced to contract

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Should the City ever need to borrow money, it will help our credit rating, and therefore the interest rate we pay, to be able to show that the City has a steady source of income. Everyone will pay proportionately to their utility usage.

To me, the results of the workshops and meetings, showed that we do not want to sacrifice our quality of place or life here. This is a very small price.

Renee Cossutta

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month, and it's a wonderful opportunity to be grateful for all of the amazing contributions women have made to our world. This year is the 150th anniversary of Mary Baker Eddy's discovery of Christian Science. Because of its profound effect on the lives of many people and her efforts as its founder, Eddy was then one of the most famous women in the United States. The founder of the Red Cross, Clara Barton, said in an interview published in the New York American in 1908 that she looked upon Mary Baker Eddy as "the one person, regardless of sex, living today, who has done the greatest good for her fellow-creatures and that Christian Science itself is the most remarkable as well as potent factor in religious life."

In 1866 Eddy fell on the ice in Lynn, Massachusetts and was thought to be dying by both her physician and pastor. In bed, she asked for her Bible and read one of Jesus' healings. While pondering this healing, she deeply felt God's love and healing power. She then quickly recovered, getting up out of bed and surprising those who had expected her to die. From that point on she was healthier than she had ever been. Instead of being satisfied with her new-found health, she realized that there must be a law behind this healing. Jesus healed consistently. So she spent the next three years studying the Bible to understand the Science behind Christian healing. In doing so she also healed many through what she called scientific prayer, which is an affirmative prayer instead of a prayer of petition. She viewed Jesus as the most scientific man that ever lived, a Christian Scientist, because he had dominion over all the challenges that he faced. He healed the sick, raised the dead, walked on water, and stilled storms, all through spiritual – not material – means.

One doctor, unable to heal his patient, observed Eddy heal his patient through prayer. He urged her to write a book on this healing method, so she spent many years writing and editing Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, which is the full explanation of Christian Science. Many have been healed



Photo courtesy of The Mary Baker Eddy Library, Boston, MA

by reading this book and understanding the prayerful healing method that has been set forth.

If you would like to learn more about this remarkable woman and the healing perspective of Christian Science, come to a free lecture given by Evan Mehlenbacher a practitioner and teacher of Christian Science at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 942 E. Altadena Dr., Altadena, CA on Sunday, April 3rd at 2:30 pm. (626 797-8403) Free parking and childcare is provided. Information on Christian Science and Mary Baker Eddy may also be found at MaryBakerEddyLibrary.org and ChristianScience.com.

out the night shift to the Sheriffs on a temporary basis to the tune of around \$100,000 per month. We can thank all the people who voted NO on the UUT the last time for this debacle. Maybe at some point it would make sense to outsource our law enforcement but that's a decision that should be made on its own merit and specifically approved by the voters, not something we are forced to do because the City is broke.

Of course there are arguments being made on both sides of the upcoming vote on the UUT and how to vote may not be as clear to some as it is to me. For those I would suggest looking at the people in support of the two sides and their motivation for doing so. Among those supporting a Yes vote on Measure UUT are many of Sierra Madre's leading citizens, past elected officials and people who have volunteered countless hours and worked tirelessly over the years to make and keep Sierra Madre the charming community we all cherish, yet they are supporting a measure where they too will have to pay a little more money out of their pocket each month if the Measure passes.

On the No on Measure UUT side you have a few business owners and people who own rental properties in town where any reduction (or elimination) of the UUT will result in a direct increase in their personal income. You also have a lot of people looking for a more credible excuse for voting against the Measure than the fact that they selfishly don't want to pay an average increase per household of \$20 per month. Seriously? By the way, these are all people who can well afford it because there are reductions and exclusions built into the UUT for anyone in our community who can't.

The fact is: Sierra Madre does not bring in enough sales and property tax revenue to operate properly and never will. Therefore, the citizens enjoying this beautiful community need to pay a little more just to maintain the status quo. The original UUT approved by voters was overwhelmingly approved at 10% and included step-downs over time to 8% and then 6% in the hope that the economy and the City's financial situation would improve. Mostly I

think these reductions were added at the time to appease the skeptics because when do costs ever go down? When it dropped from 10% to 8% as scheduled, it created an annual budget deficit, even with the City making some serious cuts across the board. The reduction of the UUT to 6% is scheduled for this coming July 1st and if that happens, there are no more cuts to make and we'll have to start selling off many of the things we love about Sierra Madre that we've always taken for granted. The upcoming YES vote on UUT will prevent that from happening and return the UUT to the original 10%. Still not enough (12% would be better) but without this, our City will be in deep, deep financial trouble. The saddest part is that in most cases were talking about a monthly increase per household that is less than the cost of a large pizza.

To paraphrase Dr. King who so eloquently made the point; the problem is not those for or those against but rather the apathy of those who don't get involved. If Measure UUT doesn't pass it will be a knock-out blow to our community and those of you who voted against it and especially those who didn't bother to vote for it, will have no one but yourselves to blame. As happened last time, I wonder how many of these people will later deny doing either?

While I encourage everyone to vote Yes on Measure UUT, that alone may not be enough. Talk with your neighbors send emails etc., especially to people you know don't usually vote. We are fighting for our community and it is going to take a community effort to win. Please vote on APRIL 12th and if you love Sierra Madre, VOTE YES ON MEASURE UUT.

Jeff Dapper, Sierra Madre

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-0315227 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MEI HUA INSTRUCTIONS, 311 E VALLEY BLVD, STE 112, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JIGEN ZHANG, 2024 S. BRIGHTON ST, APT K, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JIGEN ZHANG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/21/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/20/2016. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-034705 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MOBILE COLLECTIVE, 1049 W. 61ST, L.A., CA 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JESSIE GOMEZ ALVAREZ, 1049 W. 61ST, L.A., CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JESSIE GOMEZ ALVAREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/20/2016. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-036538 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PROGRESSIVE, 5878 S. LOS ANGELES ST., L.A., CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN MORELOS DIMAS, 5878 S. LOS ANGELES ST., L.A., CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUAN MORELOS DIMAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/16/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-037597 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MR. HILLSBRO TOBACCO, 1749 POTRERO GRANDE AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PETER G. TAWADROUS, 19514 E. CIENGA AVE. #B, COVINA, CA 91724. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PETER G. TAWADROUS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/17/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-034975 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NO WAITING PUBLISHING, 1821 CRENSHAW BLVD, UNIT #205, L.A., CA 90019. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JACINTH RAQUEL MOLINA, 1821 CRENSHAW BLVD, UNIT #205, L.A., CA 90019. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JACINTH RAQUEL MOLINA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-035319 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NUNO'S LANDSCAPING INC., 2900 E. CORTEZ ST., WEST COVINA, CA 91791. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NUNO'S LANDSCAPING, INC., 2900 E. CORTEZ ST., WEST COVINA, CA 91791. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: RAMON NUNO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/07/2005. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-037562 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: OROZCO PROTECT, 1171 E. ADAMS BLVD., L.A., CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CRISOFORD OROZCO MANZANARES, 1171 E. ADAMS BLVD., L.A., CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CRISOFORD OROZCO MANZANARES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/17/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/04/16. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-037474 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PAPER MACHINE, 810 S. SPRING ST., UNIT 306, CA 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NATASHIA MIYAZAKI, 810 S. SPRING ST. UNIT 306, L.A., CA 90014. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NATASHIA MIYAZAKI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/17/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-038600 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PARGO WIRELESS, 14515 PIONEER BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HUMBERTO PENA, 14515 PIONEER BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HUMBERTO PENA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-039146 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: QUEENME, 6183 ATLANTIC AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NAEQUANA MO NAE SESSION, 827 E. 109TH ST., L.A., CA 90009. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NAEQUANA MO NAE SESSION. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-034416 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REBEL KIN, 10308 SAN CARLOS AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) APRIL DENISE MACIAS, 10308 SAN CARLOS AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280, DIANA DIAZ, 2700 VAN BUREN PL., L.A., CA 90007. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL

PARTNERSHIP. Signed: APRIL DENISE MACIAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-037245 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RED POID CRAW FISH BOILING CRAB, 9868 GARVEY AVE., EL MONTE, CA 91733. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RED POID CRAWFISH BOILING CRAB, INC., 9868 GARVEY AVE., EL MONTE, CA 91733. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: PHAN LE HUYNH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/17/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-039334 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROGERS TOWING, 6223 S. WESTERN AVE., L.A., CA 90047. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE R. ESCOBAR, 7911 S. HOOVER ST., L.A., CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE R. ESCOBAR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/12/2016. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-038025 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SESAME GRILL, 7840 FIRESTONE BLVD., 101, DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LEBECO, INC., 7840 FIRESTONE BLVD., 101, DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: KIMLED SAH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/17/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-036871 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SULA FREIGHT, 4221 S. RAYMOND AVE., L.A., CA 90037. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE LUIS JIMENEZ TURCIOS, 4221 S. RAYMOND AVE., L.A., CA 90037. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE LUIS JIMENEZ TURCIOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/16/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/15/2016. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-038336 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUPER KING RANCH MARKET, 5911 S. VERMONT AVE., L.A., CA 90044. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OSCAR HERRERA, 5911 S. VERMONT AVE., L.A., CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OSCAR HERRERA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-036766 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE SMALL CLAIMS ATTORNEYS, 525

E. SEASIDE WAY #1007, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SHERIFF ADLY ISSA, 525 E. SEASIDE WAY #1007, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SHERIFF ADLY ISSA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/16/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-039379 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TODAY AUTO GROUP, 10505 VALLEY BLVD., STE 336, EL MONTE, CA 91731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FIVE TWENTY ONE, INC., 256 AMBER RIDGE LN., WALNUT, CA 91789. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: BOSHEN LI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/16/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-035437 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VIA VISTA PASTEROS, 118 E. TOWNE AVE. #3, CLAREMONT, CA 91711. Mailing address: PO BOX 1554, CLAREMONT, CA 91711. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARVIN ROBERTO LOPEZ, 518 N. TOWNE AVE. APT #3, CLAREMONT, CA 91711. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARVIN ROBERTO LOPEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-036588 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VINCCERO CONSTRUCTION GROUP, 1500 W. COWLES ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90813. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SCOTT DAWES, 3016 FIDLER AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90808, MATT VUJOVICH, 1500 W. COWLES ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90813. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: SCOTT DAWES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/16/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2016-035527 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: XINTRUE COMPANY, 1262 LERMA RD., S. EL MONTE, CA 91733. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RICKY VAN SU, 1262 LERMA RD., S. EL MONTE, CA 91733. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICKY VAN SU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

FILE NO. 2016-038335 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) OSCAR HERRERA, 1021 W. 60TH PL., L.A., CA 90044, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: KING OF THE STREET, 5911 S. VERMONT AVE., L.A., CA 90044. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 05/28/2015, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2015141980. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 02/18/2016. 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: OSCAR HERRERA O'WNER Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Feb. 20, 27, March 05, 12, 2016

NOTICE OF PETITION TO

ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

MARY A. FIDDICK Case No. BP169028

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY A. FIDDICK

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Susan D. Gosserand in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Susan D. Gosserand be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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