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SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016

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VOTERS SAY YES TO PRESERVING SIERRA MADRE!

The uncertified results of the April 12, 2016 municipal election are as follows:

City Council 4 Year Term	Vote by Mail	Voting Precinct			Uncertified Total
		Episcopal Church 02A	Methodist Church 06A	Congregational Church 10A	
Capoccia	803	330	273	277	1683
Harabedian	757	280	246	241	1524
Write-In, Gold	147	94	68	53	362
Precinct Turnout		530	415	432	

City Clerk 4 Year Term	Vote by Mail	Voting Precinct			Uncertified Total
		Episcopal Church 02A	Methodist Church 06A	Congregational Church 10A	
Carillo	951	373	301	300	1925

City Treasurer 4 Year Term	Vote by Mail	Voting Precinct			Uncertified Total
		Episcopal Church 02A	Methodist Church 06A	Congregational Church 10A	
Amerio	962	384	294	295	1935

Measure UUT	Yes	No
Vote by Mail	932	372
Episcopal Church 02A	376	142
Methodist Church 06A	307	100
Congregational Church 10A	306	123
Uncertified Total	1921	737



Last updated: 11:01PM on Tuesday, April 12, 2016.



John Capoccia



John Harabedian

“Sierra Madre voters sent a clear message on Tuesday that we love our town and we want to keep city services at least at their current level. Receiving over 72% of the vote is almost unbelievable!” Edward Garcia, Chair-YES on Measure UUT.

Voters in Sierra Madre turned out in significant numbers to show their approval of two things: 1) The job that incumbents John Capoccia and John Harabedian have been doing as councilmembers and 2) the Yes on Measure UUT effort that will bring in sufficient revenues in order to maintain critical services like the Police and Fire Departments.

Also elected were unopposed candidates Michael Amerio as City Treasurer and Melinda Carillo for City Clerk. All will be sworn in at the next council meeting on April 26, 2016. That will also be the last swearing in for current city clerk Nancy Shollenberger who held the position for 32 years.

The victory for the UUT also was the second defeat of Tea Party backed measures on Tuesday. In Arcadia, voters rejected efforts to repeal their Utility Users Tax. (See story on page 7). A measure similar to the Arcadia measure for a full repeal of the UUT is currently scheduled to be on the Sierra Madre ballot in 2018, as reported earlier in this publication.



Michael Amerio



Melinda Carillo

The provisional ballots and vote by mail ballots deposited at the polling places during the April 12, 2016 election will be counted in the City Hall Council Chambers, 232 West Sierra Madre Boulevard, on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 10:00am.

RECEPTION TO HONOR RETIRING CITY CLERK NANCY SCHOLLENBERGER



The community is invited to join the City of Sierra Madre in celebrating outgoing City Clerk Nancy Sue Schollenberger for her 32 years of service from 1984 - 2016. The reception will take place on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 5:30 p.m. at the Hart Park House Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

Nancy Sue Schollenberger was first elected as City Clerk in 1984 and will serve until April 26, 2016. Schollenberger, along with her husband and two children, moved to Sierra Madre in 1968. In 1972, Nancy started her own business, The Sierra Madre Answering and Secretarial Service. After cell phones and computers came into being, Nancy closed down her business in 2000. In 1984, Gary Adams approached Nancy's husband and asked him if he thought Nancy might consider being City Clerk. Nancy was very busy with her business and raising their two children, and never thought about being City Clerk. Of course, Schollenberger was honored that a City Council Member would think about her, so she considered it and decided to run in 1984.

Schollenberger has spent the last 32 years serving as City Clerk and her dedication will be honored at the April 27th reception.

SIERRA MADRE SCHOOLS ALSO WIN BIG!

Impressive achievements have become a hallmark of Sierra Madre's public schools, and this year is noteworthy. As the recently expanded Middle School campus completes its first successful year in May, students at both the elementary and middle schools have posted exceptional proficiency scores.

Statewide awards are also validating Sierra Madre Schools' exceptional faculty and administration. This month alone, Laura Palmer (Fourth Grade) has been named as just one of five Teachers of Excellence, while as a whole Sierra Madre Elementary was decorated as an elite California Gold Ribbon School.

A major contributor to these achievements is the Annual Fund, the Sierra Madre Division of the Pasadena Education Foundation that provides supplemental program funding at both the Elementary and Middle Schools.

Devoted parents continue to shoulder production of Annual Fund events, such as the Holiday Tree and Décor sales drive, Talent Show, Annual Fund Auction, and the upcoming Golf Tournament on May 3rd.

“Some very special families and local businesses are fueling our students' ongoing success. We are so grateful, and hope new community relationships can expand these impacts,” related Gretchen Lee, a past Annual Fund Auction Co-Chair. Other prominent supporters include Ixora Floral Studio, the TIAA

Scholarshare office in Pasadena, Wound Care Advantage, Purple Frog graphics, Zugo's Restaurant, Sierra Fitness & Pilates, and a strong showing of parents from neighboring Field Elementary School whose families will also move on to attend our Middle School.

“Our Parent Teacher Associations have been blazing some outstanding new trails as well. Their first annual STEAM Night was just last week and it was stunning, with hundreds in attendance to celebrate science and experience state-of-the-art technology,” noted Fred Thomas, another extremely active Sierra Madre School Parent. “As our Golf Tournament approaches, I look forward to taking a Tuesday off to spend time with some heroes in Sierra Madre education.” (See page 5 for more information)

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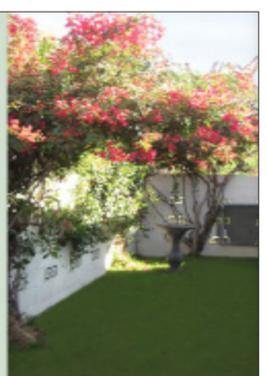
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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, APRIL 26, 2016
6:30 pm

1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO & Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on Sierra Madre Community Information Radio. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

Your event must:

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.



SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, APRIL 26, 2016,
6:30 pm

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

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

Monday, April 18, 2016, 6:30PM
Community Services Commission Meeting

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

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

Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 7:00PM
Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 2016, 3:00PM
Senior Community Commission Meeting

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What it takes to Write & Publish

April 16, 2016
11:00 am

Local Author Panel at the Sierra Madre Public Library



Explore the writing and publishing process for a variety of adult books, including Fiction, Non-Fiction and Graphic Novel.

Book signing and refreshments to follow this lively discussion, moderated by Ken Goldstein.

Additional Local Authors in attendance:

- Lida Bushloper
- B. K. De Paolis
- Judith Freeman
- R. K. Jackson
- Chip Jacobs
- Susan Lendroth
- Karen Maezen Miller
- David Richardson
- Dan Richter
- Gisele Samaan
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4TH OF JULY GRAND MARSHAL NOMINATIONS

The Volunteer Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee is seeking nominations for the 2016 4th of July Parade Grand Marshal. The Parade will be held as always the morning of July 4th.

Parade Grand Marshal Nominees should embody the spirit of Sierra Madre, be an active volunteer in any of the local nonprofit organizations or in some way contributed to the betterment of Sierra Madre. Nominees may be an individual or volunteers or an organization.

Nominations must be submitted in writing by Thursday, April 28th and should be sent to the 4th of July Committee, PO Box 1073 Sierra Madre CA 91025 or emailed to 4thofjulysiemradre@gmail.com. Nominations should be no more than one page but at least a paragraph explaining why the honor should be given including contributions to the Sierra Madre community.

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"The Kindness of Strangers" feature encourages readers to share their stories. I can assure you, they will be uplifting especially in contrast to all the challenges and issues we have to deal with daily. So, if you have something you would like to share, please submit it to: editor@mntviewsnews.com. It doesn't matter where you

were or when it happened. Share your good experiences in hope that it might bring a little joy and/ or inspire someone.
-Susan Henderson, Editor/Publisher MVNews

Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis



Loren Lomboy - Trophy in Hand Courtesy City of Sierra Madre; And with rain comes fun in the mud! Photo by Judy Webb-Martin



spread all our clothes out on the grass...yes, grass...in a campground...as everything in those suitcases was soaked. But we didn't care, we were out of Idaho! There was a little store at the bottom of the hill and we bought bread made by actual human hands, all sorts of cold cuts and had the best sandwiches ever at our picnic table. Warm for the first time in days.

Tents are probably more waterproof now than ours was and it looked like a fun and friendly place to be out there at the Huck Finn Derby camping area. Wandered back over Saturday morning to see what was happening. It was raining. That did not

slow down or deter any of the hardy folks who were out there fishing. As we had left home in a non-rain moment and it was now most definitely a rain moment, we did not linger, but seeing everybody out there enjoying the moment, we were delighted to see that the Pioneer Spirit lives on and a little rain doesn't stop dedicated fisherpeople.

Once again this year there were probably 600 pounds or so of rainbow trout available for our young fisherfolk to catch and if you or your family caught some and stuck them in the freezer for later, you might try this recipe:

- 2 trout, cleaned and head removed
- ¼ cup dry white wine (and now that you've opened that bottle, you might as well have a glass, too.)
- 2 Tb butter, melted
- 1 TB lemon juice
- 2 Tb chopped fresh parsley
- Salt & pepper to taste

It rained most of the day last Friday, but we, my camping buddy, John, and I went by the Huck Finn Fishing Derby Friday night and were astonished to see scores of tents filled with families set up to camp overnight, ready to catch tons of fish on Saturday. I say astonished because we, back in our younger days when we had a tent, a Coleman stove, sleeping bags, no money and children also camped in the rain once in a while. Notably at a beautiful campground somewhere around St. George, Utah, when we had left the house party from hell in Sandpoint, Idaho. It poured all day as our trusty Pontiac station wagon made its way down the highway with small Crissy and brother, John, asleep in the back seat, our luggage strapped to the top of the car. As the mosquitoes in Idaho are about the size of our Pasadena Parrots and lethal in their accuracy, none of us got much sleep the night before and were tired, cold and hungry. The campground my camping companion, John, found was beautiful, it quit raining as soon as we got the tent up. The sun came out and we

WINNERS OF THE 2016 HUCK FINN FISHING DERBY

From the City of Sierra Madre
Ages 3-6
1st Place: Kale'a Buchan
2nd Place: Griffin Buchan
3rd Place: Mathew Monline

Ages 7-9
1st Place: Travis Burkhardt
2nd Place: Zach Daniel
3rd Place: Bailey Keith

Ages 10-12
1st Place: Loren Lomboy
2nd Place: Trevor Anton
3rd Place: Andrew Fasching

Ages 13-15
1st Place: Amanda Jones
2nd Place: Onnie Williams
3rd Place: Alison Krueger

Largest Fish: Kalea Buchanan
Smallest Fish: Kaine Navarro

- Preheat your grill for medium-high heat.
- On a flat surface, lay out two sheets of aluminum foil about 18" long so they overlap to make one long wide sheet. Rinse your trout and pat dry. Lay them in the center of the foil about 2 inches apart. Sprinkle with the white wine, melted butter and lemon juice. Season with parsley, salt and pepper. Fold the foil up loosely around the fish and crimp the seams to seal.
- Place the packet on the grill and cook for 15 to 20 minutes or until fish is cooked through.
- Delicious with a little garlic bread, some salad and maybe a little more of that white wine.

We've got our tickets for "The Glass Menagerie" at our own Sierra Madre Playhouse. Do you have yours? What a treat it has been to see all the little kids lined up outside the playhouse on field trips to see "Charlotte's Web." It's not just for kids, ya know, you can go, too! Our Artistic Director, Christian Lebrano is doing a spectacular job bringing exciting plays and musicals to town. Support the Playhouse! Buy Tickets!

We're sure everybody voted last Tuesday... well, I hope they did. After all, if you don't vote, you can't complain! Hope to see you at the Library today for their annual Open House from 10:00-noon. I'll be there signing "Tablespoon of Love, Tablespoon of Laughter."

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Hit and Run Suspect Wanted By Police

Police on Friday were still looking for a driver involved in a hit and run accident Wednesday night that left several people injured.

According to police, the driver of a 1998 Honda CRV left the scene after crashing into another vehicle near Fair Oaks Avenue and Orange Grove Boulevard around 6:50 p.m.

The Honda was located early Thursday morning although the driver, described as a Hispanic male in his 20's to 30's, was still missing police said. The suspect's vehicle, CA license plate number 4CSJ556, was impounded.

The suspect was last seen traveling northbound on Fair Oaks Avenue.

The condition of the injured was not known at the time. Anyone with information asked to call the police at (626) 744-4620.

Police Identify Suspect in Shooting

Police on Monday identified a man shoot by police April 8 as he ran from officers allegedly shooting at them after a failed traffic stop.

Investigators identified 21 year-old Francisco Javier Flores as the suspect.

According to police Flores jumped from a moving car around 9:15 a.m. holding a gun in the 800 block of North Los Robles Avenue. He was shot in the upper torso by police.

Records show that Flores was out on \$50,000 bail for a similar crime in which he ran from officers in late January near Villa Park. In that instance Flores threw a gun onto the roof of a nearby home. He was arrested for felony possession of a gun and drug possession.

He now faces charges of attempted murder on a police officer.

Pet of the Week



Ramsey (A393710) is an 8-year-old, tan, neutered male, basset hound mix. This fun-loving little guy is very friendly and loves meeting new people. Ramsey is an energetic fella who enjoys long walks in the parks. After he burns off some energy, you'll often find him snoozing in a volunteer's lap. Ramsey would likely prefer to be the only dog in your life. Ramsey is already neutered and up-to-date on vaccines, so he is ready to go home with you today!

The adoption fee for dogs is \$125, which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, and vaccinations. Ramsey qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program, which waives the adoption fee for adopters age 60 and over. The mandatory \$20 microchip fee still applies.

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

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at (626) 792-7151 to ask about A376853, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email. Directions and photos of all pets can be found at pasadenahumane.org.

City Council to Discuss Police Oversight

The city council, along with the Public Safety Committee, is set Monday night to discuss a newly released report on the Analysis of Police Oversight Models, prepared by Change Integration Consulting, LLC. This will be a special meeting held in the council chambers at 7:15 p.m.

According to the city staff report, "the survey, which reached 1,199 Pasadena adult residents, measured responses to a series of subjects related to policing in general and the Pasadena Police Department specifically."

The report, prepared by Kathryn Olson of Change Integration Consulting, recommends that the city consider a blended civilian oversight model, incorporating an Independent Police Auditor and Police Accountability Commission. The Independent Police Auditor would provide the expertise of a professional and independent auditor and extensive experience in examining public safety practices. The Police Accountability Commission

City to Sell Compost Bins Today at Victory Park

Go green and start composting for your landscaping needs by purchasing a backyard compost bin this weekend at the Victory Park Farmers' Market, 8 a.m. to Noon, Saturday, April 16, 2016. The Pasadena Department of Public Works is selling the bins while supplies last at cost, for \$56 each, payable by cash or check only.

Staff will be available to provide information on improving plant growth by using compost from kitchen scraps and lawn cuttings, and by cultivating worms. Composting helps to improve soil structure and water conservation. Composting also reduces the amount of waste that would otherwise go to the landfill.

The Victory Park Farmers' Market, www.pasadenafarmersmarket.org, is held located in the Pasadena

Crime Blotter for Altadena

Sunday, April 3rd

7:30 AM - A vehicle was reported stolen from the 2500 block of Lincoln Avenue. Vehicle: silver 2005 Kia Optima. 6:58 PM - A robbery occurred in the 1500 block of E. Altadena Drive. Suspect is known. Stolen: Vizio 39" flat screen television, LG cellphone, Samsung Galaxy 4 cellphone, brown wallet, currency.

Monday, April 4th

1:18 AM - A petty theft occurred in the 2500 block of El Molino Avenue. Suspect described as a male, Black, 25 - 30 years old. Stolen: blue men's bicycle 3 speed. 6:00 AM - A residential burglary occurred in the 1400 block of N. Altadena Drive. Suspect(s) entered the storage cabinet via unknown means. Stolen: Toms drums, Ludwig snare drum, Yamaha snare drum, various accessories, padlock.

10:00 AM - A residential burglary occurred in the 1700 block of Mar Vista Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the residence via the unlocked rear door. Stolen: costume jewelry. 10:15 AM - Marlinna Estrada, 28 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 3300 block of N. Fair Oaks Avenue for domestic violence.

4:00 PM - A residential burglary occurred in the 2100 block of Lake Avenue. Suspect entered the location by damaging the window screen. Stolen: PlayStation 3.

Tuesday, April 5th

1:38 AM - A shooting at an inhabited dwelling occurred in the 1500 block of N. Altadena Drive. No suspect description. No injuries reported.

8:00 AM - A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 3300 block of Alicia Avenue. Suspect is known.

9:00 PM - A business vandalism occurred in the 1900 block of Lake Avenue. Suspect(s) shattered the front glass door.

Wednesday, April 6th

7:30 AM - A battery occurred in the area of Pine Street and Lake Avenue. Suspect described as a male, Black, 5'10 - 5'11, 180



would bring significant value by acting as a liaison between the police and the community, helping the police department better appreciate community concerns and helping the community better understand the work of the police, the report states.

The report also states that oversight models are not related to any particular police incident



High School parking lot in the 2900 block of E Sierra Madre Blvd, Pasadena.

Can't get to the market this weekend? Compost bins are also available for sale year round, but call the Pasadena Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311 to schedule a time to purchase and pick-up your new compost bin.

For more information about backyard composting go to www.smartgardening.com.

- 190. The suspect struck the victim unprovoked and fled southbound on Lake Avenue in a silver Chrysler Pacifica.

Thursday, April 7th

2:00 PM - A battery occurred in the 2100 block of N. Lake Avenue. Suspects have been identified.

7:00 PM - A residential vandalism occurred in the 2900 block of Santa Rosa Avenue. Suspect(s) damaged the chain link fence.

Friday, April 8th

9:05 AM - A vehicle burglary occurred in the 2100 block of N. Lincoln Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by unknown means. Stolen: red purse, currency.

10:45 PM - A vehicle burglary occurred in the 300 block of E. Altadena Drive. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle through the passenger side window. The window was moved from the window frame. Stolen: currency.

Saturday, April 9th

1:30 AM - A vehicle vandalism occurred in the area of Catalina Avenue and New York Drive. Vehicle damage: dented door.

2:05 AM - A prowling incident occurred in the 1400 block of Coolidge Avenue. A male wearing a dark hooded sweater was observed looking into the victim's residence through a window. The resident walked towards the window and the male ran from the location.

3:00 AM - A vehicle burglary occurred in the 3100 block of N. Marengo Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by shattering the passenger window. Stolen: clothing, books.

11:10 AM - A robbery occurred in the 2200 block of Lincoln Avenue. The suspect entered the business armed with a firearm and demanded money. Fearing for his safety, the victim opened the registered and handed over the money. Suspect described as a male, Hispanic, 20 - 25 years old, thin build, wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, dark bandana covering his face, gray sweatpants and blue sneakers. Stolen: currency.

or individual officers but set to improve police-community relations.

Some residents surveyed expressed concern or made statements against oversight stating that the money for oversight, should instead, go to lowering crime and homeless issues or officer training. Others said untrained people should not have authority over police. "Oversight may be a solution in search of a problem," a number of residents said.

JPL Debuts 'A Ticket to Explore JPL'

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory is taking a different approach to their annual open house by requiring a ticket into the event to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for attendees. Tickets will be available as of April 25 at 9 a.m.

The new version of the public weekend, called "A Ticket to Explore JPL," will take place on June 4-5. Tickets are free but limited, and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum number of tickets per requestor is five. No one will be admitted without a ticket.

"Open House 2015 attracted so many people that we couldn't accommodate everyone, and we knew we needed to try a different way of bringing in visitors. We're excited to improve the guest experience with the new ticketing system," said Kim Lieve, manager of the JPL Public Services Office.

Visitors to JPL during "A Ticket to Explore JPL" must have their tickets in hand, and those of age 18 or older must show a matching ID. Tickets are not transferable.

"A Ticket to Explore JPL" is a journey through the wonders of space. Highlights include a life-size model of the Mars rover Curiosity, a robotics area showcasing various robots that researchers are working on; JPL's machine shop, where spacecraft parts are built; and the Microdevices Lab, where engineers and scientists use tiny technology to revolutionize space

Cinco De Mayo Fiesta At Senior Center

¡Olé! A Cinco de Mayo fiesta will be celebrated on Uno de Mayo - Sunday, May 1 - from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

Festive decorations will fill the Scott Pavilion and Ballet Folklorico Xotziqetzalli will perform traditional dances in colorful costumes.

Participants will dine on chicken and beef tacos, rice, beans, chips, salsa and beverages from Karmen's Katering.

The cost is only \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members of all ages. Prepaid reservations are due at the Welcome Desk by Thursday, April 28.

For more information visit www.pasadenaseniocenter.org or call (626) 795-4331.

Indian Author Vimla Kapoor to Speak At PCC

The Pasadena City College School of Humanities and Social Sciences will be hosting Vimla Kapoor, a teacher, writer, and inspirational speaker who will be discussing her memoir, "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow," on Thursday, April 21 at noon in the PCC Circadian.

Published in 2012, "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" chronicles Kapoor's life in India, first as an ebullient youth growing up under British rule, and into the 21st Century as an immigrant in the United States. The memoir provides deep insight into Indian culture and paints a vivid picture of Kapoor's unbounded love for her family and friends, her struggles and tragedies, and the wisdom gained through her life experiences.

"When I read the book for the first time, what impressed me the most was that Vimla does not only recount an episode or memory, but captures the 'true essence' of the memory by bringing meaning to the memory," said Vanitha Swaminathan, PCC instructor of English.

Thursday's event will mark the

Symphony's Season Finale 'An American in Paris'



Join the festivities at the Pasadena Symphony's season finale with Gershwin's beloved An American in Paris. The French-themed program features the youngest-ever Van Cliburn silver medalist, Joyce Yang as soloist on Ravel's Piano Concerto in G Minor plus works by Offenbach, Fauré and Satie. Don't miss our salute to the City of Lights in this must-see final concert the season.

The concert will feature; Offenbach, Orpheus in the



Vimla Kapoor

sixth time Kapoor has visited the campus to speak about the book. Swaminathan has been teaching "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" in her reading courses for the past six semesters.

"Students love her book because they are able to relate to it," Swaminathan said. "She's also able to reach out to a large number of students because she's an inspirational speaker who is able to relate to them in a meaningful yet humorous way." The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (626) 585-3071.

For more information call

626.793.7172.

Free Lecture: Cubesats, Big Goals, Tiny Package

Dr. Andrew Klesh, Chief Engineer for Interplanetary Small Spacecraft, will host a free lecture at JPL and PCC

Over the last 15 years, a miniature revolution in space science has been underway: CubeSats! First flown as educational tools the size of soup cans, significant capabilities have now been developed to allow these nanospacecraft to travel to the moon, asteroids and even Mars. Hear about how NASA, companies and students are building and flying small

spacecraft, and what types of missions they are achieving. Tiny telescopes, plume fliers and asteroid rovers -- our solar system is open for novel exploration.

Thursday, April 21, 2016, 7pm at the von Kármán Auditorium at JPL 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena.

Friday, April 22, 2016, 7pm at the Vosloh Forum at Pasadena City College 1570 East Colorado Blvd.

For more information or to watch the event live on Ustream visit jpl.nasa.gov/events.

Free April Events at the Pasadena Senior Center

There is something for everyone in April at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. All events listed are free and are presented at the Holly Street location unless otherwise indicated. You do not have to be a member to attend. Some events require advance reservations as noted.

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

Smart Phones, Tablets and Computers - Any Questions? - Tuesdays and Thursdays to April 28, from 10 to 11 a.m. Get the answers you need about technology devices, whether you own them already or are considering a purchase. Learning how to text, check voicemail, set an alarm, navigate the Internet and download apps is easier than you may think!

LA Opera: La Bohème - Monday, April 18, at 1 p.m. An LA Opera community

educator will take participants through Giacomo Puccini's passionate and timeless tale of joy and loss set in the garrets, rooftops and cafés of Paris's Latin Quarter. A poet discovers true love with a beautiful but fragile seamstress while one of his bohemian roommates, an artist, reconnects with his on-again/off-again lover and the others, a philosopher and a musician, make the best of their impoverished situation.

Keep Your Brain Healthy - Thursday, April 21, at 10 a.m. Brain health can be maintained optimally by eating well and staying active. Learn about various research findings related to aging well and strategies you can practice today to keep your brain healthy for tomorrow. Presented by Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles.

Emergency Preparedness - Monday, April 25, at 1 p.m. Learn how to get an emergency kit and make an emergency plan as well as what to do during and after an emergency or disaster. Materials will be provided. Presented by the American Red Cross.

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

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AMUNDSON, VERLATO WIN; TAX REPEAL LOSES

by Scott Hettrick, Arcadia's Best

Apparently Arcadia residents want change in representation on the City Council, fewer big mansions, and to continue paying for the same level of great community services.

In a hotly-contested battle, first-time candidate April Verlatto and former Mayor Peter Amundson narrowly defeated former Mayor Bob Harbicht in today's election (April 12, 2016) to fill two vacant seats on the Arcadia City Council.

And voters soundly defeated a very contentious ballot initiative — Measure A — that would have repealed the current Utility Users Tax and forced the City to cut \$7 million in spending, or 12.5% of the city's budget.

Also, Gene Glasco was re-elected to another term as City Clerk with more votes than any Council candidate — he ran unopposed.

The winners will be official Thursday, April 21, after all the remaining mailed ballots postmarked today, April 12, are received by April 15; and all the provisional votes are verified and counted. The additional delay is mostly due to 37 voters who did not sign their ballot envelopes — the law now requires the City to take eight days after the election to make every effort attempt to get those signed and returned. City officials said Wednesday that about 300 ballots came in to City Hall in the final hours Tuesday evening that have yet to be processed, and another 999 ballots were received in the mail on Wednesday, with even more expected by Friday. With only 438 votes separating the top three candidates (Harbicht won three of the seven precincts over Amundson and Verlatto and only lost a fourth precinct by a few dozen votes), and only 23 votes separating the top two winners, it's possible, though still unlikely, that the final tally could raise Harbicht over either of the two tentative winners.

The ceremonial swearing-in ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26.

Amundson, who was not subjected to any attacks on his positions or his character, had the most votes — 3,634, but that was only 25 more than Verlatto. Verlatto, who has been a lightning rod of controversy over her strong stance and efforts to instigate and support lawsuits against the City and a ballot initiative to create restrictions on the building of mansions, came in a very close second with 3609 votes.

It's unclear, after the Council's 3-2 vote last week to approve a new and more restrictive residential zoning code to reduce the allowable



Peter Amundson

size of newly-built homes, whether Verlatto will continue her support of a far more restrictive pending ballot measure regarding the size of new homes. Two of the three votes in favor of the new code approved last week — Mayor Gary Kovacic and Council Member Mickey Segal — are leaving the Council later this month, although Amundson is known to be supportive of more controls on house sizes as well.

Former Mayors Bob Harbicht and Dr. Sheng Chang were defeated, with Harbicht a much bigger surprise. He was considered the strongest candidate early in the campaign season since he often got the most votes in previous elections. But he was hit late in the campaign by a story and subsequent attacks from competitors that he accepted a very large donation from a developer. Harbicht lost by only 413 votes with a total of 3,196 votes Tuesday. Chang had a somewhat surprising strong showing with 2,260 votes.

The two biggest losers tonight were two candidates who ran and lost in the last election of 2014: Burton Brink, who came in a distant fifth with 1,049 votes, and Paul Van Fleet, who spent almost no money and was barely seen in the community. He garnered only 82 votes. Brink lost the support of the police and fire departments early in the campaign when he signed the petition to get Measure A on the ballot. Although he quickly said that was a mistake, he never recovered.

Measure A was defeated 4,910 to 2,735.



April Verlatto



Bob Harbicht

City of Arcadia - General Municipal Election								
Semi-Official Results								
April 12, 2016								
	Precincts							
Council	1	3	5	11	22	35	48	Total
Harbicht	531	382	408	475	326	480	594	3196
Verlatto	829	542	661	342	371	334	530	3609
Van Fleet	8	11	9	18	12	8	16	82
Brink	179	144	150	127	149	101	199	1049
Chang	284	286	247	417	226	356	444	2260
Amundson	745	481	671	428	369	393	547	3634
Clerk	1	3	5	11	22	35	48	Total
Glasco	871	626	723	592	522	551	788	4673
Measure A	1	3	5	11	22	35	48	Total
Yes	544	363	395	384	255	356	438	2735
No	860	657	764	643	540	591	855	4910

Courtesy City of Arcadia web site April 12, not counting at least 1,300 more ballots received since this tally, and at least a couple hundred more expected to be received and verified before the April 21 final count

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LA COUNTY CONSIDERING TWO TAX MEASURES IN NOVEMBER 2016 (TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX AND PARK TAX), AND ANOTHER TAX MEASURE IN 2017 (STORM WATER / DROUGHT TAX)

By Oliver Chi, Monrovia City Manager

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LA County Metro Transportation Sales Tax Measure

First, as was reported a few weeks ago, Los Angeles County Metro is considering the implementation of a new countywide 1/2 cent sales tax increase that would last for 40 years, while also extending the current Measure R tax measure for an additional 18 years. These tax measures, which would extend until 2057, are being pursued to fund Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which outlines a number of proposed transportation and highway projects throughout Los Angeles County. In total, the LRTP includes \$120 billion of identified transit and highway projects.

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LA County Park Tax Measure

In addition to the Transportation Sales Tax measure, the City was contacted by representatives from the Los Angeles County Regional Park & Open Space District this past week regarding a proposed tax initiative to support the LA County park system. As you may be aware, in 1992, LA County voters approved Proposition A, which generated an estimated \$54 million / year for park, open space, and beach related projects. In 1996, a second smaller park bond measure (also known as Proposition A) was subsequently approved.

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The proposed tax measure will likely be either a flat fee for every parcel in LA County (likely \$25 / parcel / year), or a fee on each square foot of building on a parcel (likely \$0.03 / square foot / year).

The overview flyer included below highlights how LA County anticipates the funding being spent should the tax measure be approved, which indicates that 55% of the funding will be available for cities and communities. However, based on feedback that has been received by staff to this point in time, it appears that the proposed tax measure will not include a substantial guarantee of local return of the funds to every incorporated jurisdiction in LA County. This is a particular point of contention, as the funding not allocated directly on an annual basis to cities equates to less local control of how the monies are spent. Given that roughly 90% of the area within LA County falls within incorporated cities, it is important that should a tax measure of this magnitude be approved, a portion of the funding needs to be guaranteed to return to each incorporated municipality. Otherwise, LA County controls who gets the funding, and experience has shown that the cities in the San Gabriel Valley region are often times left out of process.

Staff will continue monitoring this issue and we will be certain to provide ongoing updates regarding the proposed LA County park tax as it progresses forward.

MONROVIA, CALIF. NATIVE SERVING ABOARD NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINE

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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.

Warrants / Weapon Offenses / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Suspects Arrested April 7 at 2:40 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 1600 block of S. Myrtle. The officer discovered there was an outstanding warrant for the registered owner of the vehicle, who was in the passenger seat. The registered owner was also found to have drug paraphernalia in his possession. A search of the vehicle revealed a loaded shotgun in the driver's area and two firearm replicas. Additional drugs were also found in the vehicle. Both subjects were arrested without incident.

Vehicle Burglary

April 8 at 12:59 p.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 1200 block of N. Canyon. The victim parked her vehicle next to the ranger station. The victim returned from a hike and found her rear window shattered and her purse missing. The victim's credit cards were used immediately at three lo-

cal businesses. The investigation is continuing.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Suspect Arrested

April 8 at 3:08 p.m., officers responded to the 300 block of S. Myrtle regarding a suspicious male, adult subject loitering in the children's section in the library. The librarian pointed out the subject, who was now outside. As the officers exited the library, three young girls, ages 13, 12, and 11 years old, approached the officers and told them the same subject had been inside the girl's bathroom minutes before. The girls reported that they walked into the bathroom, saw the subject standing inside and immediately left. They said the subject followed them outside and then walked away.

April 8 at 4:50 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of E. Lime regarding a male adult who entered a business and asked to use the women's bathroom. An officer saw the subject walking away from the business and recognized him as the same subject from the library incident. The officer approached the subject and saw him toss a methamphetamine pipe into the fountain at the park. He was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and taken into custody and released.

RETIRED TEACHERS CONNECT WITH THEIR LEGISLATORS ON ADVOCACY DAY

At Advocacy Day in Sacramento on March 15, California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA) Division 71 (SGV) members Dorothy Jerneycic, Robin Graney, Joyce McGregor, and Tony Duarte had the opportunity to remind legislators of the critical need to recruit and retain quality teachers in California. Members met with Assemblymember Roger Hernandez and State Senator Carol Liu, as well as the aides of Assemblymember Ed Chau and State Senator Ed Hernandez.

Even though additional state tax revenue has helped schools to reduce class size and restore some programs that were eliminated during the economic downturn, teacher supply has not kept up. According to the Learning Policy Institute report (1-19-16) "Addressing California's Emerging Teacher Shortage," California has hired 7,700 teachers with temporary permits, waivers, or on intern credentials over the past two years. That number accounts for one third of the teachers hired in 2014-2015!

Why the lack of fully credentialed teachers? The teaching field still has the stigma of being a demanding profession that pays lower salaries than college graduates in comparable professions receive. Other factors are large class size in some areas, college debt, housing costs, and pension insecurity, to name only a few. Another problem is increasing teacher retirement in the next ten years. But a major factor is that two thirds of teachers drop out of teaching by five years to look for better jobs.

Five campuses, including CSU-Sacramento, will be part of a pilot program this fall that will identify students who might make good teachers. This is only one solution to help alleviate the teacher shortage problem. More state funds are needed to implement other solutions as well.

Advocacy Day gave Retired Teachers an opportunity to confer with their legislators and to encourage them to act upon the urgent need to recruit and retain quality teachers in California.



At Advocacy Day in Sacramento, members of the California Retired Teachers Association Division 71 (SGV) had an opportunity to confer with their legislators. Pictured here with Assemblymember Roger Hernandez are (l-r) Joyce McGregor, Robin Graney, and Dorothy Jerneycic.

ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC STUDENTS GET PERSONAL VIEW OF THE LOS ANGELES COURTS

Members of Alverno's UC approved Forensics course enjoyed a special day in DTLA

Sierra Madre, CA (April 8, 2016) – On April 5, nine members of Alverno High School's Forensic Science class had the opportunity to visit the Los Angeles County Criminal Courts Building for a tour to learn more about the justice system and the role that forensics plays in the courtroom.

Upon arriving at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center, the students and Forensic Teacher and Science Department Chair, Ms. Suzy Ares '93, were met by a court representative who provided the group with the rules, regulations, and procedures of the day-to-day running of the court house. Following this brief introduction, the students and Ms. Ares were escorted to the Honorable Judge Sergio Tapio III's courtroom where they were able to see him preside over several different arraignments on various cases.

Judge Tapio later invited the students and Ms. Ares to his chambers where he spoke with them about how his own experiences and opportunities allowed him to get to the position of serving on the bench. He shared with the girls that women make up a very small percentage of professionals working in the criminal justice field in Los Angeles County and encouraged the girls to pursue opportunities in this field.

"It was a really wonderful experience to hear from Judge Tapio," said junior Moondera Rabb. "He shared a lot with us about his own background including his time as a public defender and his work with AmeriCorps. He was extremely encouraging to all of us and very considerate to welcome us into his chambers during such a busy day—he oversees over 150 trials and arraignments per day!"

After visiting the courtroom of Judge Tapio, the students had the unique opportunity to be the public observers on the current "Grim Sleeper" trial happening at the court house, which is currently being presided over by the Honorable Kathleen Kennedy, Alverno High School Class of 1970. The trial remains closed to the public but the students were invited in to see the presentation on ballistics. While in the courtroom, the students met the lead detectives on the case as well as the lead defense attorney who is currently



Ms. Suzy Ares '93, Moondera Rabb, Arianna Munoz, Julia Goss, Isabel Diaz, Brianna Gomez, Gillian Cox, Cathy Johnson, Sofia Gonzalez, and Julia Landis pose in front of an exhibit featuring O.J. Simpson's famous glove at the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

representing Lonnie Franklin, Jr.

"Having the opportunity to see a closed trial was very exciting," said senior Julia Goss. "Plus, the fact that it was an Alverno alumna who was presiding over it made it even more interesting. It was nice to see that subjects we have discussed in the classroom, including DNA and ballistics, really have a deep impact on the way a trial is handled in the courtroom."

"This type of experience is so important for our young women," said Ms. Suzy Ares '93, Science Department Chair. "It was a great day for them to see how things that we learn about in the classroom really do correlate to what is being discussed and used as evidence in the courtroom. They got a real insider's view of the justice system and had the wonderful opportunity to see one of our own alumnae in action. We hope that they take this experience and recognize the potential impact that they can have working as empowered women in the criminal justice system."

About Alverno High School

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



Caption One: Cathy Johnson, Julia Landis, Arianna Munoz, Julia Goss, Isabel Diaz, Gillian Cox, Sofia Gonzalez, Brianna Gomez and Moondera Rabb pose near the entrance of the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office.

SIX LA SALLE LANCERS SIGN NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT

Pasadena, CA – Six student-athletes from La Salle High School signed National Letters of Intent on April 12, to their respective universities.

Brandon Jenkins has been on the varsity baseball team for four years, accumulating an Earned Run Average of just over 2.0 with over 75 strikeouts, as well as earning Second Team All Del Rey League Honors his sophomore year. He made his decision this past fall to attend Haverford College in Pennsylvania, an academic decision as much as a baseball decision.

Lauren Rewers is a three-year varsity outside hitter and opposite for the Lancers' volleyball team. She was named 1st team all-league in her junior year and team Captain her senior season. Some of her stats included 47 aces, 143 digs and 211 kills. Lauren will be attending St Olaf University in Minnesota where she is slated to play outside hitter.

Jacqueline Torrez has had a sensational four-year career in the Lancer swimming program. She is a four-time 1st team all-leaguer and three-time varsity captain. She led the Lancers to a top 10 CIF finish last year as well as swimming in the finals of both of her CIF individual events. Jackie will be swimming for Division I George Washington University in Washington DC with an emphasis on the individual medley and breaststroke for the Colonials.

Joel Brown is a two year varsity starter playing right field and as a relief pitcher on the Lancers' baseball team. He received the silver slugger award as a freshman for hitting just under .500 and earned 2nd team All Del Rey league as a junior. Joel has committed to Chapman University for baseball



as their top outfield prospect. His main priority right now is to lead the Lancers to a league championship this season.

Brianna Steger has been the rock of the La Salle girls golf team for four seasons. She is the first ever-female golfer to advance to the CIF finals in school history. She signed with The Matadors of California State University, Northridge (CSUN).

Vanessa Dwyer is a four-year varsity softball player and a three-year starting pitcher and first baseman. Vanessa signed with Vanguard University where she will focus on pitching in college.

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Encouragement is the action of giving someone hope, confidence and inspiration. It's one of the most important tools in personal development. Everyone needs it! In my yoga practice, I literally count on the encouragement from the teacher. Most times it is soft and straight forward, like "hey, great job, keep up the hard work" or "wow, you've come a long way."

Other times, the support, or encouragement comes from different places. Personal and spiritual growth isn't always sparked by doing the easy thing. It takes perseverance, and at times, painstaking effort. I've continuously received hope and confidence, by completing a hard task or some awful tedious job that I never wanted to do in the first place. It's an unlikely

source of accomplishment and development. Sometimes encouragement can come from within. We all need friends and mentors in our life who know us well and can lend support, but I've also found that I don't get to choose from who or where the encouragement comes. Teachers are everywhere! The best kind of support is one that fosters growth. Our yoga practice is a perfect platform for growth in all areas. Some of us may do more asana, others more service or meditation. At each stage, we need to receive and give encouragement. But, don't shy away from embracing the harder lessons, as they may bring the greatest inspiration.

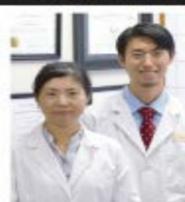
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FOOD AND DRINK

THE MAI TAI

Do you remember when I told the story of Dom Perignon tasting stars and calling for his brother monks to come quickly to taste this wonderful champagne? Many dishes, drinks, and even the Sunday brunch have come in question. Just the other day I asked Paul Little, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Pasadena, if the cheeseburger was really invented in Pasadena. Time has a nice way of making stories better; let's not muddle the truth with the facts or something like that.



The Mai Tai is one of my favorite drinks - done right it is the perfect afternoon drink. It is said to have been invented in the 1940's in Tahiti by trader Victor Bergeron (Trader Vic's Restaurant). Vic's story of its invention is that while his guests were sipping his drink, one of his guests yelled "mai tai!" which loosely translates to "wonderful" in Polynesian, but others have also taken credit for this rum-based drink.

So, where can one get the best Mai Tai in our area? I'm glad you asked. My friend, actor Jesse James Youngblood, swears that Panda Inn restaurant on Foothill in Pasadena makes a good one. Jesse goes one up and orders a Black Tai - I have had one of those, and they aren't for the faint of heart (here's a tip: check out Panda Inn's Sunday Brunch - for \$26.95 you can eat kung poa chicken and other Panda favorites, and drink Mai Tais, to your hearts content). To me, Canoe House in South Pasadena has one that is pretty close to perfect as it can get - crushed ice and a float of Meyers rum, and I feel I'm on island somewhere. They have happy hour on Monday nights, and for \$5 you can't go wrong. Damon's on Brand in Glendale has been serving their "famous" Mai Tai for many years. Like McDonald's french fries they have probably mixed the most servings out of my picks, but like McDonald's french fries, I don't know if they're the best, even though city slicker and Glendale Development guru Dan Bell confirms it to be the "legit" Mai Tai. Islands does make my list with a stand-out Mai Tai, no fancy glass like the Canoe House, but it is right on the mark!

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Ready to Retire



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You're right! Most financial planners agree that waiting to take your Social Security retirement benefits is a smart financial move. Why? Because each month you defer, from your 62nd birthday to your 70th, your monthly benefits grow. That adds up to around 6 to 8 percent higher payments for every year you delay.

Yet despite the financial incentive to wait, most people (58 percent of men and 64 percent of women) claim their benefits before full retirement age, which is currently 66 for those born between 1943 and 1954.

But speeding up the clock isn't always a bad idea. Here are some scenarios where it may make sense for you to collect early.

You need the money: If you're retired and don't have enough savings or a pension to cover your living expenses, you'll probably have to start early. But, if you decide to work, be aware of the earnings test.

If you claim Social Security benefits before full retirement age (and you don't reach 66 this year), you'll forfeit \$1 for every \$2 you earn over the earnings limit of \$15,720 in 2016. It usually doesn't make sense to take benefits early if you're working, unless your income is below the earnings limit.

You have poor health: Having a serious medical problem that is likely to shorten your life is another reason to start your benefits sooner rather than later.

Consider the "breakeven point" – the age you need to reach to come out ahead by waiting to claim Social Security – is 78 for someone who claims at 62 versus waiting to 66. If you don't anticipate making it to 78, go ahead and claim early.

However, if you are married or have other dependents at home that depend on your benefit, you may want to hold off because starting early will reduce their survivor's benefits.

You're a lower-earning spouse: If you're married and

your lifetime earnings are much lower than your spouse's, you could take your benefit early but your higher-earning spouse should delay. This lets you increase your household income now, while the higher-earning spouse's benefit grows, therefore increasing the survivor benefit.

This strategy is best suited when a lower-earning wife is three to six years younger than her husband and her earnings are 30 to 40 percent of his. She should claim at 62 and he should claim at full retirement age, or better yet wait to age 69 or 70. Because the husband is likely to die earlier, the wife's reduced benefit will be temporary and she will then qualify for the higher survivor benefit.

Skeptical of Social Security: Many people take their retirement benefits early because they fear Social Security will go bankrupt, but this not a good reason to start collecting early.

While it is true that the Social Security trust fund will become insolvent around 2033 – 17 years from now – if no changes are made, that doesn't mean there will be no more money for benefits. It means that the fund is no longer taking in enough money to cover all promised benefits. Thus payment checks are likely to end up shrinking by about 25 percent.

But, if the thought of losing out on your benefits keeps you up at night, then it may be better to start claiming early instead of holding off for more later.

To see how much your benefits will be affected by your claiming age, use the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's new Planning for Retirement tool at consumerfinance.gov/retirement/before-you-claim.

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! ...April Birthdays

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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.

MUSICAL LECTURE, FAMOUS FEMALE SINGERS FROM THE PAST

Arcadia Senior Services is presenting a musical history lecture on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 from 1:15 to 2:30pm. It will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. May is the month that honors women. Musical historian Larry Maurer from Timeless Melodies Foundation for Education will discuss famous female singers from the past; Ethel Waters, Rosemary Clooney, Peggy Lee, Alice Faye, and many more. Cost to attend this event is \$3.00 and is for individuals 50 years of age and older. If interested in attending or for additional information please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

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

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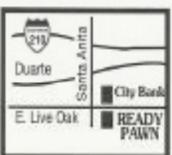
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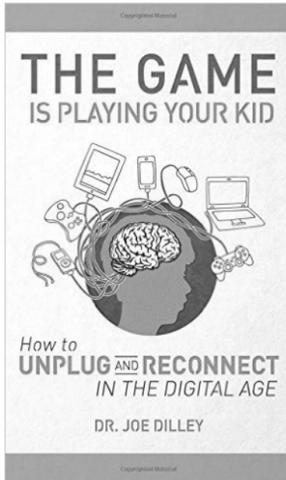
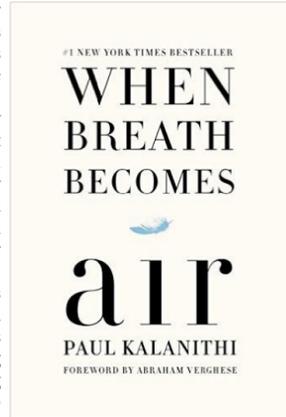
Jeff's Book Pics By Jeff Brown

The Game Is Playing Your Kid: How to Unplug and Reconnect in the Digital Age by Dr. Joe Dille. As technology advances and digital devices infiltrate our homes, it is important to monitor how our kids are using these items. But how can you decrease your kids' overreliance on technology without stifling their freedom or making them "outsiders" amongst their peers? It can seem that there is no satisfactory solution to this dilemma, but do not despair—the assistance you need is here! Dr. Joe Dille shares his profoundly effective three-step process that will facilitate your kids' transition away from overuse of technology and toward more responsible and mindful use, so they unplug from devices and reconnect with your family in organic, lasting ways.

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi. When Breath Becomes Air is an unforgettable, life-affirming reflection on the challenge of facing death and on the relationship between doctor and patient, from a brilliant writer who became both. At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. And just like that, the future he and his wife had imagined evaporated. The book chronicles Kalanithi's transformation from a naïve medical student "possessed," as he wrote, "by the question of what, given that all organisms die, makes a virtuous and meaningful life" into a neurosurgeon at Stanford working in the brain, and finally into a patient and new father confronting his own mortality. What makes life worth living in the face of death? What do you do when the future, no longer a ladder toward your goals in life, flattens out into a perpetual present? What does it mean to have a child, to nurture a new life as another fades away? These are some of the questions he wrestles with in this profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir.

Paul Kalanithi died in March 2015, while working on this book, yet his words live on as a guide and a gift to us all. "I began to realize that coming face to face with my own mortality, in a sense, had changed nothing and everything," he wrote. "Seven words from Samuel Beckett began to repeat in my head: 'I can't go on. I'll go on.'"

The Other Side of Silence (A Bernie Gunther Novel) by Philip Kerr. This is the 11th novel in the wonderful Bernie Gunther series. I'd been a good detective in Kripo, but that was a while ago, before the criminals wore smart gray uniforms and nearly everyone locked up was innocent. Being a Berlin cop in 1942 was a little like putting down mousetraps in a cage full of tigers. The war is over. Bernie Gunther, our sardonic former Berlin homicide detective and unwilling SS officer, is now living on the French Riviera. It is 1956 and Bernie is the go-to guy at the Grand-Hotel du Cap-Ferrat, the man you turn to for touring tips or if you need a fourth for bridge. As it happens, a local writer needs just that, someone to fill the fourth seat in a regular game that is the usual evening diversion at the Villa Mauresque. Not just any writer. Perhaps the richest and most famous living writer in the world: W. Somerset Maugham. And it turns out it is not just a bridge partner that he needs; it's some professional advice. Maugham is being blackmailed—perhaps because of his unorthodox lifestyle. Or perhaps because of something in his past, because once upon a time, Maugham worked for the British secret service, and the people now blackmailing him are spies. As Gunther fans know, all roads lead back to the viper's nest that was Hitler's Third Reich and to the killing fields that spread like a disease across Europe. Even in 1956, peace has not come to the continent: now the Soviets have the H-bomb and spies from every major power feel free to make all of Europe their personal playground.



Jeff's History Corner By Jeff Brown

BEN FRANKLIN DEVELOPED A LIST OF 13 VIRTUES THAT HE LIVED HIS LIFE BY.

Benjamin Franklin came up with a list of 13 main virtues that he felt every person should strive to live their life by. As such, he himself attempted to always live by this code and developed charts with which he charted his progress from day to day, to make sure that he was constantly improving towards this end. He would start with one of the virtues and plot his progress on the chart until he mastered that virtue; then moving on to the next; and so on until he mastered them all. He ordered them specifically as shown below, as some of them naturally lend towards others. Thus by sticking to this order, he felt it made it easier to achieve the whole. This code is as follows:

1. Temperance: Eat not to Dullness, drink not to elevation
2. Silence: Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself. Avoid trifling Conversation
3. Order: Let all your Things have their Places. Let each Part of your Business have its Time

4. Resolution: Resolve to perform what you ought. Perform without fail what you resolve.
5. Frugality: Make no Expense but to do good to others or yourself: i.e. Waste Nothing
6. Industry: Lose no Time. Be always employ'd in something useful. Cut off all unnecessary Actions
7. Sincerity: Use no hurtful Deceit. Think innocently and justly; and, if you speak; speak accordingly.
8. Justice: Wrong none, by doing Injuries or omitting the Benefits that are your Duty.
9. Moderation: Avoid Extremes. Forbear resenting Injuries so much as you think they deserve.
10. Cleanliness: Tolerate no Uncleanliness in Body, Clothes, or Habitation
11. Tranquility: Be not disturbed at Trifles, or at Accidents common or unavoidable.
12. Chastity: Rarely use Venerly but for Health or Offspring; Never to Dullness, Weakness, or the Injury of your own or another's Peace or Reputation.
13. Humility: Imitate Jesus and Socrates.

On the Marquee: Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

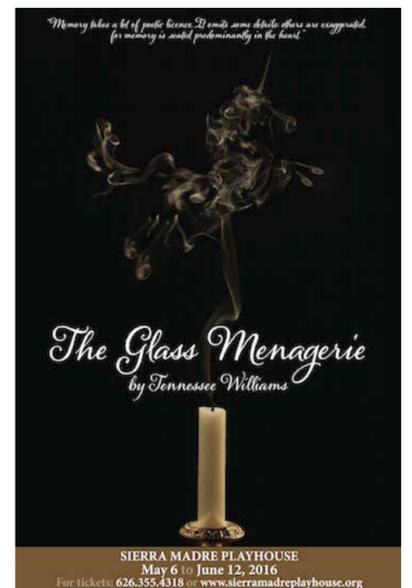
A NEW OPTION AT SMP

By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano

I am so excited to announce a new option for our patrons and PASSport holders. Starting with The Glass Menagerie you will now be able to reserve the exact seat you prefer before you arrive at the theater. Now you don't have to arrive early to get in line so that you get the seat you want. Standing at the door to our theater, I've been asked by so many of you why we don't reserve seats, well from now on we will! Here's how it works:

Anyone who prepays for their ticket through our ticketing agent Vendini will be able to reserve the seat they want for an additional \$3.00 a ticket. This is only available on-line at this point and is NOT available by calling Mary or at the box office window day of performances. There will be a graphic on-line of our seating plan and you will be able to choose the specific seat(s) you want for that performance. We will print out the list and your seat will be marked with your name on it by the ushers before every performance. You can linger over that second glass of wine or order dessert knowing that your seat is waiting for you at the Playhouse. By the way, the newly re-opened Zugo's restaurant across the street from the Playhouse, will be offering a date night promotion of \$98 that includes a pair of tickets and a 3 course meal (watch for their promotion).

For our PASSport patrons this will be a new benefit when buying the pass. You will be able to reserve your seats when you buy your PASSport and those seats (or ones close by) will be reserved for you every time you come to the theater AT NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE! This is a great benefit for being a PASSport holder. Unfortunately, this is a go-forward change. Any current PASSport holders will get the benefit when they renew their PASSports. BUT we will make a change for current holders beginning with The Glass Menagerie – from this show forward, PASSport holders can go through the Will Call line rather than wait in the box office line. This should get you into the theater much more quickly than we've been able to lately as our patronage has increased.



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1917 ASTRONOMICAL PLATE FROM MT. WILSON OBSERVATORY HAS FIRST-EVER EVIDENCE OF AN EXOPLANETARY SYSTEM

You can never predict what treasure might be hiding in your own basement. For example, it turns out that a 1917 image on an astronomical glass plate from the Carnegie Observatories' collection shows the first-ever evidence of a planetary system beyond our own Sun.

Astronomer Jay Farihi of University College London recently contacted Carnegie Observatories' Director, John Mulchaey. He was looking for a plate in the Carnegie archive that contained a spectrum of van Maanen's star, a white dwarf discovered by Dutch-American astronomer Adriaan van Maanen in the very year the Carnegie plate was made.

Stellar spectra are recordings of the light emitted by distant stars. Spectra spread out all of the component colors of light, like a rainbow from a prism, and they can teach astronomers about a star's chemical composition. They can also tell them how the light emitted by a star is affected by the chemistry of the things it passes through before reaching us on Earth.

As requested, the Observatories located the 1917 plate, made by former Observatories Director Walter Adams at Mount Wilson Observatory's 60-inch telescope. Other than a notation on the plate's sleeve indicating that the star looked a bit warmer than our own Sun, everything seemed very ordinary.

However, when Farihi examined the spectrum, he found something quite extraordinary.

The clue was in what's called an "absorption line" on the spectrum. Absorption lines indicate "missing pieces," areas where the light coming from a star passed through something and had a particular color of light absorbed by that substance. These lines indicate the chemical makeup of the interfering object.

Carnegie's 1917 spectrum of van Maanen's star revealed the presence of heavier elements, such as calcium, magnesium, and iron, which should have long since disappeared into the star's interior due to their weight.

Only within the last 12 years has it become clear to astronomers that van Maanen's star and other white dwarfs with heavy elements

in their spectra represent a type of planetary system featuring vast rings of rocky planetary remnants that deposit debris into the stellar atmosphere. These recently discovered systems are called "polluted white dwarfs." They were a surprise to astronomers, because white dwarfs are stars like our own Sun at the end of their lifetimes, so it was not at all expected that they would have leftover planetary material around them at that stage.

"The unexpected realization that this 1917 plate from our archive contains the earliest recorded evidence of a polluted white dwarf system is just incredible," Mulchaey said. "And the fact that it was made by such a prominent astronomer in our history as Walter Adams enhances the excitement."

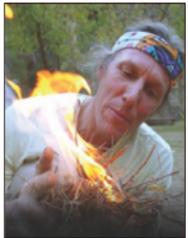
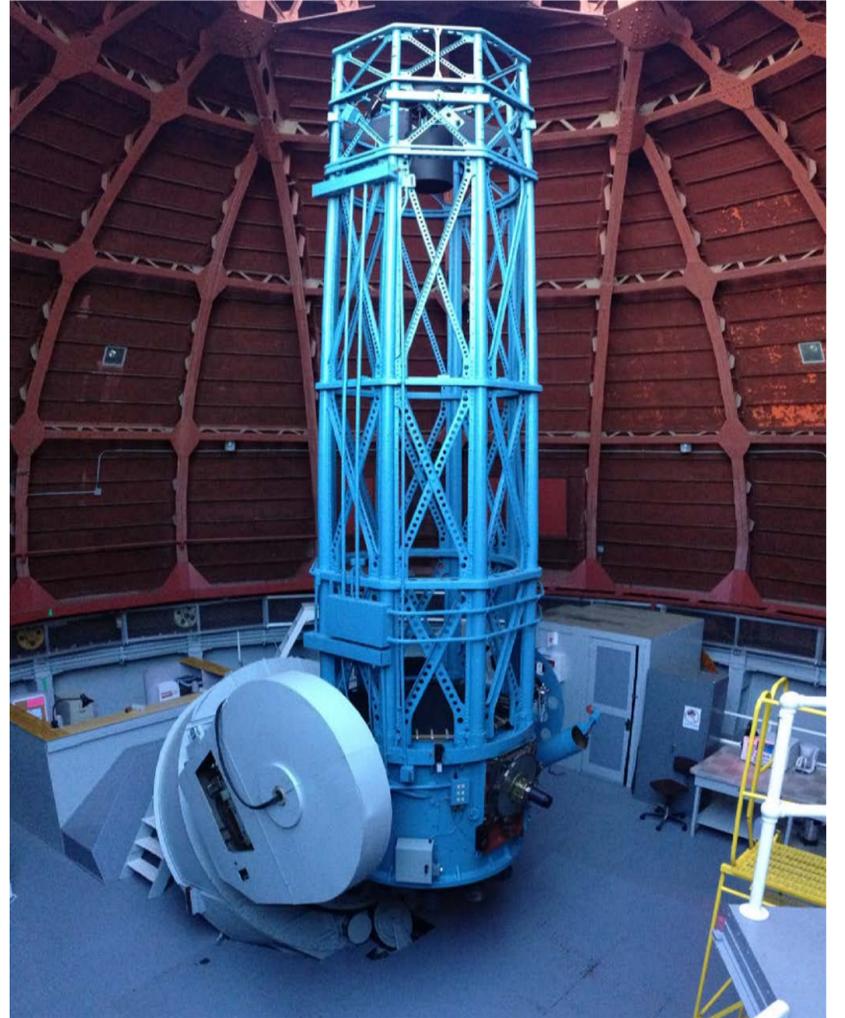
Planets themselves have not yet been detected orbiting van Maanen's star, nor around similar systems, but Farihi is confident it is only a matter of time.

"The mechanism that creates the rings of planetary debris, and the deposition onto the stellar atmosphere, requires the gravitational influence of full-fledged planets," he explained. "The process couldn't occur unless there were planets there."

"Carnegie has one of the world's largest collections of astronomical plates with an archive that includes about 250,000 plates from three different observatories—Mount Wilson, Palomar, and Las Campanas," concluded Mulchaey. "We have a ton of history sitting in our basement and who knows what other finds we might unearth in the future?"

The Mount Wilson 60-inch telescope, where this discovery was made, is now available for public observing. See: <http://www.mtwilson.edu/60in.html>

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

PLANTING TREES IN SIERRA MADRE TO FIGHT DROUGHT

Trees, grey water recycling, and welcoming the rain are all needed Low-tech solutions to Urban Density

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We are not advocates of the "front lawn." Our front area is planted with fruit trees, herbs, and ornamentals. Once, while we were tending this area, a visitor of ours stated that he does not grow anything in his yard. He told us he was so concerned about dry weather conditions, and drought conditions, that he regarded any sort of plant cultivation as "wasting water."

Of course, our visitor was tacitly suggesting that we were wasting water.

We realized that this idea was rather widespread when yet a second person suggested that we forget about planting any more trees, bushes, or vegetables due to what seems to be regular periods of drought and water shortages in Southern California.

This counter-productive idea seems to have gained a foothold in the minds of many residents of our Southland. We've even heard some "garden experts" suggest this idea, that to "save water" we should simply not grow plants.

We are able to grow fruit trees and roses and herbs and other edible plants partly because we direct all of our washing machine water, and most of our dish water, out into the garden areas and not down the city's sewer line. We are using the water twice!

To the visitor who suggested that we stop growing for awhile, we casually asked, as we were showing him our water recycling system, "So where does all your used water go?" He was silent for a moment, and then told us that it all goes into the sewer.

In fact, with careful attention to the type of detergents purchased, we can direct virtually all of our water into our yards. This is done in many possible ways. The dish basin, full of used water, can simply be carried outside and poured manually around your plants. Or you can fill one gallon plastic buckets with your used bath, shower, or dish water, and then carry it outside to where it is needed. With a bit more work, you can disconnect from your sewer line and permanently direct all of your used water into your own yard, as we've done with the washing machine.

There are two major benefits of sending your used household water into your own yards, rather than letting it flow unceremoniously down the sewer.

As more and more people move into this coastal mountain-locked desert plain, we have quickly begun to use the water faster than nature's ability to replenish the supply. Thus, our underground water table has steadily dropped. Directing all our household water into our yards could have at least a minimal positive effect on the water table (as long as we avoid bleaches and dyes in our detergents that could be harmful to the soil and water).

More importantly, one of the best "weapons" to combat desertification and the serious effects of the cycles of drought is the presence of trees! Throughout recorded history, the harvest and non-replenishment of trees has led to weather changes that have resulted in large deserts. All the major deserts on earth were once forests, but the trees were cut down for making boats or other products. Conversely, since the transpira-

tion cycle of trees releases large amounts of water into the environment, the planting of trees on a large scale can reduce the effects of drought, can alter weather and can reverse the downward cycle towards desertification.

We don't want to stop our efforts to plant -- and to nurture -- trees just because there is a period of drought. But we must do so wisely. By using all possible grey water, we're able to keep our necessary trees and plants alive and transpiring. When we read that the average residence of Los Angeles County uses about 400 gallons a day, we were astounded. We're not sure what constitutes an "average" family, but when we average out our water usage, it doesn't come close to 400 gallons on a daily basis. Imagine how astounded we both were to learn that Hugh Hefner's Playboy mansion uses 25,000 gallons of water daily! Or that the Hotel Bel-Air, an 11 acre retreat, uses 98,000 gallons a day!

No wonder we have water troubles. People flock her to the desert and they use water profligately, as if they were living in Canada or the Rockies or some other water-rich environment.

With all this in mind, we wonder:

n Where doesn't every single family residence in Southern California direct all their own gray water into their own yard? This raises the water table, and allows plants to grow with water that was already used and paid for?

n Why isn't the city, or various water agencies, actively promoting not just low-flush toilets but composting toilets, which use NO water at all?

n Why does the average residence pay more for the water they so-carefully use, when the "big users" get to buy their water wholesale?

n Why do we allow any new construction at all, either residential or business? If our water situation is only going to get worse as population increases, shouldn't we take some steps to encourage development elsewhere? Or are we so caught up in the suicidal money-making mindset that "development is always good for business" that we are blind to what we are doing to ourselves?

We know that there are countless other "easy" and practical ways to fight water shortages and to live lightly on the earth.

Another deep-seated idea that all should root out of our thinking is that "Sunny weather is good weather, and rainy weather is bad." Most Southern California weather reporters have interpreted the weather this way for decades (with a few rare exceptions, such as the former television meteorologist Dr. George Fischbeck). Though we are not badmouthing sunny weather, we need to begin to think about rain as a valuable, friendly, needed gift from heaven, without which our home here between the sea and the mountains would quickly revert to a semi-barren desert.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

I DON'T GET HEADACHES, I GIVE THEM

This past week I got myself into some rather unnecessary trouble. I say unnecessary because it was trouble that I could have avoided if I only would have thought before I spoke.

This is one of the greatest crosses that I bear in my married life. I always speak before I think because I do not have that much time to speak. If you know what I mean.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was complaining that she had a headache and did not know how to get rid of it. At first I thought she was referring to the other person who lived in the parsonage with her, but I soon discovered she had a headache and it seemed to be very painful.

As a husband, one of my duties is to try to make my "helpmeet" as comfortable as possible. Although I have been married a lifetime, I still have not acquired much expertise on wifeology.

She was complaining about this headache and so I thought I would step in or step up, whichever the case, and tell her, "Don't worry about your headache. It's all in your head." At the time I did not know what I was saying.

When I did say it, she glared at me with one of "those" glares. Every husband knows exactly what I am talking about.

The thing that hurt the most was she did not say anything, she just glared.

This just shows the compatibility of our household. Every household, every relationship needs glue to hold it together. This is our glue. She gets headaches and I give them.

I am not sure I have had more than a half a dozen headaches in my entire life. But I can assure you, I have given plenty a headache to a variety of people. That's my specialty. Some doctors have a remedy for headaches and others, like me, know how to give them right smartly.

I suppose the reason I do not get very many headaches is because there is nothing up there to ache. If I would clutter my head with all sorts of things I would run the danger and possibility of acquiring a headache.

One of my specialties is that I can think for a long period of time about nothing. I can stare into space and not be thinking about anything whatsoever.

Usually, at one of these empty staring times the wife will ask, "What are you thinking about?"

Perhaps that is what a headache really is. Being asked something you have no idea how to answer. How do you tell someone that you are not thinking about anything when it looks like you are thinking about something? And, what is the difference between "anything" and "something?"

Oh boy. I think I'm getting a headache right now.

When my wife gets a headache she takes

medication, lays down on the couch, puts a heating pad around her neck and before she closes her eyes she looks at me as though daring me to make a noise.

Do not let this out, but sometimes her headache gives me a headache.

Really, the only thing that gives me a headache are things inconveniencing me at the time.

Like two weeks ago I had to take a two hour trip on I-75. Now, the speed limit is 70 mph. Normally I can handle that, I just said my speed control thingamajig and go cruising (or is it trumping?) down the highway.

The headache came when there was an accident which brought the traffic to an amazing 2 mph. I do not mind stopping, but when it is moving 2 mph, it is really a headache.

Then, coming north on the same highway there was another accident, but this time we were going 3 mph.

Talk about a headache.

I know what you are thinking. You are thinking that my headache is not nearly as bad as my wife's headache. All I can say is, how do you know?

One person's headache is very real to them, as real as another person's headache is to them.

The problem with my headache on the highway was, I could not take any medication, lie down and put a heating pad on my neck and go to sleep. I had to stay awake and watch where in the world I was going even though I was not going very fast.

Gladly would I have traded my headache on the highway for her headache on the couch.

Of course, there is always the idea that I cause headaches. And I suppose there's not much I can do about that. Except, maybe, try not to cause a headache. But when you're person like me, you don't know you're causing a headache until you've caused that headache.

What would life be without headaches either getting them or giving them? I suppose that's what life is all about. If you think you can live your life without getting or giving a headache you are in for a truly severe migraine.

As I thought about this I was reminded of a very special verse of Scripture. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

In this life you can't get away from headaches, but I have something to look forward to and that is what God has for me.

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GPS HELPS TRACK YER TRACKER

Some dogs just love to venture beyond the perimeters of their own back yards, and for obvious reasons when they do get out, it causes great concern on the owner's part for their safety and timely return. I, myself have had dogs that liked to roam, and I remember it being a real challenge to keep them in. They seemed bound and determined to go out on their own; watching and waiting for a chance to sneak through a door or gate inadvertently left unlatched, even if for only seconds, by an unwitting child or visitor in my home.

In my experience having dogs with wanderlust, I remember going into "search mode" immediately upon discovery that my dog was missing. I'd put up posters all around town. I'd gather friends and relatives to help me search on foot and by car. We'd canvass the neighborhoods hoping to find my dog before he was hit by a car or otherwise harmed.

These days we have the social media for networking and sharing information instantaneously in an endeavor to bring home a wayward woofer. There are even services available with staff on hand to do the foot work for you. All of these seek techniques are great and can be very effective, but now technological advances are making it even more convenient and efficient for a fretting pet owner to locate a roving runaway.

In our new millennium, GPS (Global Positioning Systems) technology plays a part in just about every aspect of our daily lives, whether it be in a cell phone, automobile, recreational or fitness device, home security system, the list is endless. Long gone are the days when GPS technology was used strictly for boating, air travel, meteorology or military. Micro-mobile GPS is now found in consumer products for just about every need or occasion, including micro-chips and tags designed to help ensure the exact, real time whereabouts of our darling dogs.

The use of GPS devices for the purpose of pet tracking is not necessarily a new concept. The idea has been around for a while, but much like other tech toys we've come to expect to find on the shelf today, the variety of features and selections has broadened to accommodate just about any particularity or preference that may exist among today's pet-pampering purchaser.

Having had a few clients recently ask me about pet tracking devices, I decided to do a little research and share what I found in this week's column. Credit goes to the wiki.evid.com website for this list of Top 8 Pet Trackers, 2016.

#1: Marco Polo - a completely self contained pet tracking, monitoring and location system

designed to work anywhere. It has the ability to track up to 3 animals simultaneously, and is a good choice for the farm or for traveling.

#2: Tractive GPS Pet Tracker - easily clips onto your pet's existing collar and will send alerts to your smartphone as soon as your furry friend leaves a predestinated safe zone. Set it, forget it, and let your pet roam.

#3: Loc8tor Pet Handheld Finder offers a tracking range of up to 400 feet. Its dual directional technology system provides visual and audio clues to guide you to your pet. An alert sounds if an animal leaves preset boundaries.

#4: ElectroFlip PeTrack runs on a rechargeable lithium-polymer battery that lasts up to a full week when GPS is enabled and up to 30 days in standby mode. It's great for keeping tabs when a trip takes you away from your dog.

#5: Tagg Pet GPS Plus delivers on-demand text and/or e-mail notifications complete with maps that will help you find your pet. When you use the precision of a GPS location tracking system, you can find Fido anywhere in the USA.

#6: Cat Caller Pet Tracker is ideal for both felines and smaller dogs. Its wireless frequency transmit a signal through walls, closets and other tight spaces where pets may hide. Any pet that can wear a collar can use this caller.

#7: Pawscout Smart Tag is affordable and reliable. It hooks onto a collar and connects you to your pet within a 200-foot radius via smartphone app. The tag also has a link to a detailed digital profile of your pet, including contact information.

#8: Girafus Pro-Track-Tor pet safety tracker relies on RF, or radio frequency technology to track your cat or dog. When you have a clear line of sight, the device can detect a signal from as far as 1,600 feet away.

I hope this information will be practical and useful in your search for the best way to "track yer tracker", or in other words, seek out your lost pup. Good luck!



by Chris Leclerc



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Caesar arrived at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society from Temple City on March 29, 2016 when his owner reluctantly had to surrender him due to health reasons. As an experienced pet and family member, Caesar would make a great addition to any home where he can continue to share his love and affection, both of which are in no short supply with this cuddly, handsome guy!

Caesar is fond of curling up in cardboard boxes and sprawling across the lap of an adoring human. He's generous with his gentle head butts and loves to be petted as he circles around, rubbing up against volunteers and staff at the shelter who can't help but lavish him with attention. He also seems to get along well with other cats and would be comfortable in a home with both children and adults, as well as another cat or dog.

Caesar is playful, talkative, and laid-back. As an adult,

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PET OF THE WEEK: BAILEY: ANIMAL ID #A4935658

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To meet Bailey in person, please see him at

the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-962-3577). He is currently available now. For any inquiries about Bailey, please reference his animal ID number: A4935658. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Bailey or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at Samantha@hope4animals.org. To learn more about United

Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.



Social Media Tips, Tricks & Ideas



by: MJ Finstrom

WHAT'S NEW IN CONSTANT CONTACT

We like Constant Contact for email marketing because they are always improving their tools to make email marketing easier and more productive. Here are a few features they have recently updated:

- Merge Lists. If you have a lot of lists in your account, you can now easily merge them. For example, if you import your lists monthly and put them in monthly list folders (Jan. sales, Feb. Sales), you could now merge them all into one list for example, 2015 sales.
- Create Images. Editing images has always been a great feature in Constant Contact but now you can actually create an image from scratch with their artwork tool. They offer 4 different image sizes: Logo, Header, Article image and Hero (a large image).
- Import with vCard. They offer several ways

to import your email list including uploading from a file, importing from email clients, Gmail, Salesforce, Quickbooks, Outlook and now from Apple address book.

- Create an email from a PDF. The PDF importer allows you to quickly create an email from a PDF without having to convert it or recreate it! This is a huge time saver!
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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS HIGHS - "Dazzle Camouflage"

By Sean Kayden

Canada's HIGHS show off flair and slick productions on their sweeping alt-pop debut, "Dazzle Camouflage." The band, which consists of Doug Haynes, Karrie Douglas, Joel Harrower, Paul Vroom, and Liam Cole have crafted the first true summer album of 2016. "Dazzle Camouflage" marks the follow-up to the band's 2014 self-titled EP and a new venture into darker overtones. The record is abundantly filled with imagery, bold colors, and paints a vivid landscape. The range of the album touches upon indie-pop, folk-pop, and dream-pop. Yes, the music here essentially has a pop resonance, but it's far more than that. The debut is dazzlingly melodic with a vibrancy that's unrivaled by most albums thus far this year. There's tons of exquisiteness to find and explore as HIGHS have truly constructed something unequivocally memorable. With dual vocalists, Haynes and Douglas' juxtaposition adds much depth and variety. "Dazzle Camouflage" is the path you want to set yourself upon as what you will see and feel is much superior than the roads others have traveled on.

"I Do, Do You?" kicks off the LP beautifully. A mixture Of Monsters and Men and Local Natives, the instantly affable track is completely addictive. The summer vibes, the "ah, ah, ahs" in the chorus, and the lilt vocals from Haynes just come together flawlessly. "Closetalkers" starts with this spacey sound before it turns into something undeniably compelling. The dreamy composition blends numerous sounds and this soothing feeling consumes the listener. HIGHS are perfectionists at creating consoling sounds that are difficult not to be utterly enamored by. This is pitch-perfect indie-pop that can't nor shouldn't be ignored. "Portugal" hits every note as it sinks into your soul. HIGHS have a penchant for performing tropical-pop sounds and it's aggressively addicting to be listening on the other end of it. The quintet's direction here is very straightforward, however, it's much richer

than I anticipated. Generally, bands that fall into this category don't have much to offer that's all that different from their peers. However, HIGHS cut deep with thematic imagery, passionate songwriting, and captivating arrangements.

Artist: HIGHS
Album: Dazzle Camouflage
Label: Indica Records
Release Date: April 8th, 2016
Review By: Sean Kayden

The record has an Interlude track and the second half of the record feels a bit darker than the first half, but in a welcoming way. The sounds off "So Sad, Never Mad" remind me of Foals, which shouldn't surprise as Luke Smith (Foals, Depeche Mode) produced the record. The track has sharp guitar riffs and a persuasive baseline. Haynes' vocals seem heavier and the chorus shows off Douglas' vocal chops that bring lightness to the track. The two together work magically and with each passing song, it feels like this record was heaven sent. Douglas provides lead vocals on "Acting Strange" and at first seems jarring being used to Haynes' style, but then as you settle in, you realize this is one of the best tracks off the album. She demonstrates much strength, boastfulness, and conviction. I wouldn't have mind to hear a few more tracks led by her as well. Haynes does make a vocal appearance here toward the end and it simply adds more delightfulness to the song. The finale comes in the shape of "Gold Teeth." The pensive structure of the song works superbly well as HIGHS once again show off instrumental prowess in the final stretch of the song. It will leave the listener enthusiastically satisfied with not only the end of the track, but as a conclusion to this brilliantly accomplished record. I may be sounding gleeful but "Dazzle Camouflage" is an amazing record that will probably go down as one of the best-hidden gems of 2016.

FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett



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WHAT TO DO WITH A CASH WINDFALL

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The odds are against us, of course, at least as far as the lottery goes. But that doesn't mean - at some point in our lives perhaps - we won't actually come into a major amount of cash, usually in the form of an inheritance, or perhaps through the settlement of a legal claim.

Planning before receiving such a windfall is critical if you want to keep it and have it provide for you the rest of your life and for your loved one's after you are gone.

Most people who receive a windfall lose it almost as quickly as they receive it.

If you see a windfall coming your way, get prepared BEFORE you receive it:

1. Consider putting any large windfall you receive into an asset protection trust, first and foremost. You may even want to consider appointing a co-trustee to govern the trust alongside you so you can honestly tell friends

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RAGING MODERATE by WILL Durst



WILL DURST'S 21ST ANNUAL POLITICAL ANIMAL AWARDS

A major silver lining in this cruelest month of April is a lull between show business awards galas. The lack of gold plated statuettes being flung about mercifully allows many Americans to stand upright for the first time in months. It won't be long, however, before we once again are forced to wrap ourselves in industrial strength Saran wrap to avoid drowning in the leakage of enough weepy insincerity to fill Olympic sized swimming pools with an unending torrent of ego-splooey. Alas, the political realm remains bereft of a similar love fest, except the ultimate extravaganza scheduled for January 21st on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. So let's give our hard working politicians the credit they so richly do or don't deserve with some made up silliness also known as Will Durst's 21st Annual Political Animal Awards.

BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE: Hillary Clinton, for her convincing portrayal of a 69-year-old grandma befuddled by her email. "Where do I put the stamp?"

THE POT, THE KETTLE AND THE COLOR BLACK AWARD: Glenn Beck, for calling Donald Trump unstable.

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL MUZZLE ISN'T WORKING, BRING OUT THE DUCT TAPE AWARD: Former president and prospective First Lady, Bill Clinton. **THE TED CRUZ MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD:** For an unprecedented 45th year in a row, Ted Cruz.

THE OSCAR PISTORIUS MARKSMANSHIP AWARD: Carly Fiorina, for running on her record as CEO of Hewlett-Packard.

THE WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING AWARD: Former Republican nominee Mitt Romney, for a speech exhorting party agitators to fall in line.

THE SHEEP IN WOLVES' CLOTHING AWARD: Utah Senator Mike Lee.

THE UNCLEAR ON THE CONCEPT OF PAYBACK AWARD: Mitch McConnell, for his unilateral decision that a presidential term lasts only three years.

THE WHY WON'T ANYONE RETURN MY CALLS AWARD - DEMOCRATIC DIVISION: Anthony Weiner, John Edwards and Elliot Spitzer. **THE WHY WON'T ANYONE RETURN MY CALLS AWARD - REPUBLICAN DIVISION:** Mark Sanford, David Vitter and the entire Bush Family.

THE KIBITZING AWARD: Pope Francis. **THE AL GORE CHARISMA IMPLANT AWARD:** Ohio Governor John Kasich.

BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN TECHNICALCOLOR: Donald Trump, edging out John Boehner with a darker hue of orangitude.

THE YOUR FIFTEEN MINUTES WERE UP THIRTY MINUTES AGO AWARD: Donald Trump.

THE METHINKS THE LADY DOTH PROTEST TOO MUCH AWARD: Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, for his insistence he is not a candidate.

THE WHATEVER HAPPENED TO... AWARD: Obamacare.

THE LAUREL AND HARDY AWARD: The comedy team of Trump and Sarah Palin.

THE OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES AWARD: Former Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, for urging the GOP to "stop being the stupid party."

THE LEAD BALLOON ENDORSEMENT AWARD: A tie between Rick Santorum trying to help Marco Rubio, and Chris Christie as Donald Trump's bouncer.

THE SO LOW ENERGY IT WAS AN EFFORT TO KEEP HIS RIGHT EYE OPEN AWARD: Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush.

BEST COMING ATTRACTIONS: Marco Rubio and Martin O'Malley.

THE EVERYBODY NEEDS A PONY AWARD: Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders.

THE BEAT A DEAD HORSE UNTIL YOU'RE COVERED IN A FINE RED MIST AWARD: Trey Gowdy and the House Benghazi Committee.

BEST BET TO BE SHORT SHEETED BY A MEXICAN MAID AT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION AWARD: Another tie - Donald Trump and Ted Cruz.

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TOM Purcell

WHY I SNAPPED AT A BERNIE SUPPORTER



I'm crabby this time of year — absolutely miserable, if you want to know the truth.

My taxes are due. Every year at this time, I worry that I'll owe more than I think I will, and I will. No matter what I do, I generally owe our government \$5,000 more than I thought I would.

This is because stupid, corrupt people (members of Congress) designed the unfathomable (our complex tax code) so that powerful special interests (campaign donors) receive tax breaks while a powerful bureaucracy (the IRS) can demand the unimaginable (the amount I owe) from otherwise productive citizens (the self-employed) all in the name of good fun.

I snapped at a Bernie Sanders supporter the other day. The skinny, frumpy 20-something held up a sign that said, "Honk if you support Bernie."

You have to understand I have zero empathy for young, able-bodied people who want the government to give them "free" things — things paid for by self-employed people like me. Sure, I chose my path. But I have no social safety net — I get no unemployment if my clients stop hiring me.

So I work hard. I'm sometimes up all night working to keep up with deadlines that sometimes hit all at once.

This is because I must keep my clients happy if I want to keep receiving the revenue that I need to light my house when it is dark and feed myself when I am hungry.

If I get hurt and cannot work, I get no disability insurance. I canceled it because the high costs were killing me.

I pay for my own health insurance, too, which, thanks to ObamaCare, nearly doubled during the past three years.

I loved that policy, but it became too expensive to keep. I switched to a high-deductible policy that costs \$305 a month — but I must pay the first \$6,000 in costs before any co-pays kick in.

If something happens to me — say I have a heart attack while snapping at a Bernie supporter — I will receive a massive health care bill that will prompt an immediate second heart attack.

So when I saw the young man in the street encouraging drivers to honk in support of Bernie's policies — more free stuff for some, more taxes for all! — I got a little sore.

First off, how did the kid have free time in the middle of a workday to hold up a "honk for Bernie" sign? Even in our sluggish economy there is work for the willing — albeit no "glamour" jobs for those who majored in the Social Structure of Sub-Saharan Cross Dressers.

The kid said he was for Bernie because "the rich" must "contribute" their fair share.

First of all, "contribute" is what individuals do when, say, they are at church and put their hard-earned money in the second collection basket because it will help the needy. "Confiscation" is when a lazy Bernie supporter demands that the government transfer money from someone who earned it so that he can be relieved of the 150 grand he borrowed to major in the Social Structure of Sub-Saharan Cross Dressers.

Second of all, the kid has no idea that "the rich" alone can't possibly cover Bernie's \$15.3 trillion tax hike. According to estimates, his confiscatory policies would extend well beyond the truly wealthy and cost the average taxpayer \$9,000 more per year — an unfathomable sum in addition to the unfathomable sum I already must pay.

If you're a Bernie supporter and see me walking down the street, I advise you to put down your sign and shut your yap about all the free stuff you think you're entitled to.

I'm in no mood this time of the year.

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MAKING SENSE by MICHAEL Reagan

PAUL RYAN'S 20-20 VISION



Paul Ryan can see the future. He can see that Hillary is going to be the next president.

He can see the Republican Party train wreck strewn across the tracks this fall. Ryan's not playing coy or hard to get when he insists he isn't running for president and doesn't want to be drafted by the GOP.

He's not running — not this year. He's seen too much bad stuff happen to Republicans already.

He's seen the party's leading nominee calling for the deportation of 11.5 illegal immigrants, which is impossible.

He's seen a frontrunner saying he'd stop Muslims from coming into the U.S., which is impossible.

He's seen a candidate who mistreats and insults women.

He's seen a guy, a fake Republican from New York City, who thinks he's got a right to get the nomination at the convention even if, according to the party's rules, he doesn't earn enough delegates to win it.

Now Ryan can see two scenarios, both of which are going to be disasters for the present and future of the Republican Party. Trump wins. Hillary wins. Trump loses. Hillary wins.

If Trump gets his 1,237 delegates and becomes the nominee without a contested convention, he and the GOP will get crushed by Hillary this November.

Congress could fall into the hands of the Democrats and Clinton Family Values will be restored to the White House they trashed for eight years.

If Trump loses in Cleveland because he didn't win enough delegates, or because the GOP establishment played by the rules and the author of "The Art of the Deal" didn't know how to, he and his followers will work overtime to sabotage the Republican Party's chances.

Either way, Trump will make sure Hillary wins in November, and both the GOP and the country will lose.

The Party of Lincoln and Reagan,

whether it nominates Trump or Cruz or someone else, is headed for disaster this fall. It's going to get almost no votes from women, Latinos or blacks.

Ryan can already see — and hear and feel -- the Great Republican Train Wreck of 2016 coming around the bend.

He is no dummy. He has no intention of becoming the engineer of his party's inevitable self-derailment.

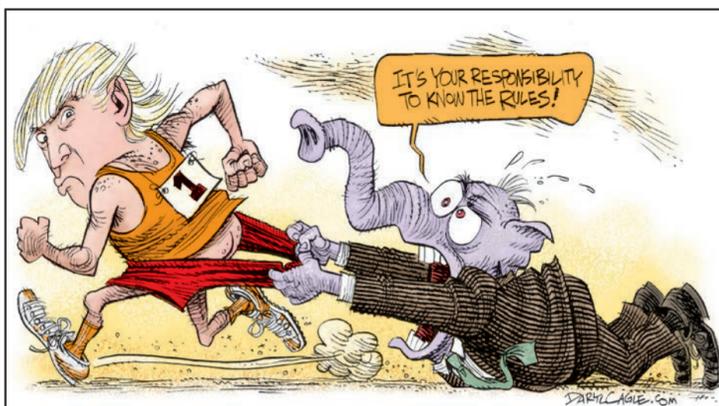
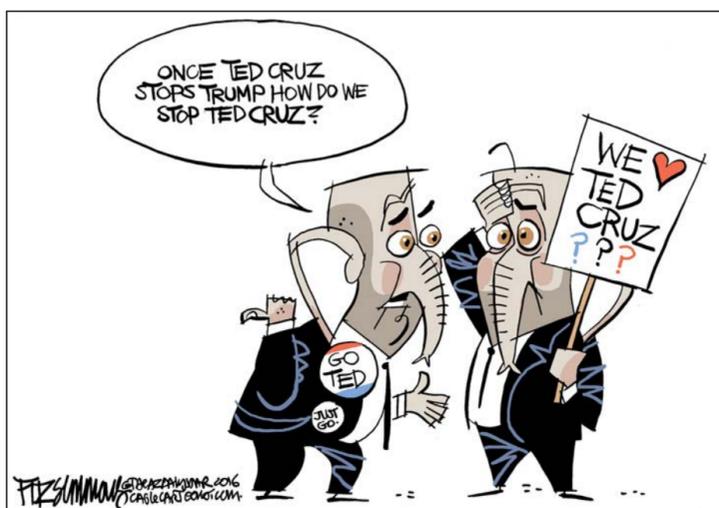
Four years from now, after Hillary is done with us, Ryan wants to become the superhero who puts the GOP train back on its tracks, resets its guidance system to a conservative destination and steers Republicans back into power.

Maybe he'll do that while serving as Speaker of the House — if he still has that position after November. Maybe he'll go home to Wisconsin and try to fix Washington from the outside, not the inside.

Whatever he does, he's seen how this election is going to end and he's already started running for 2020.

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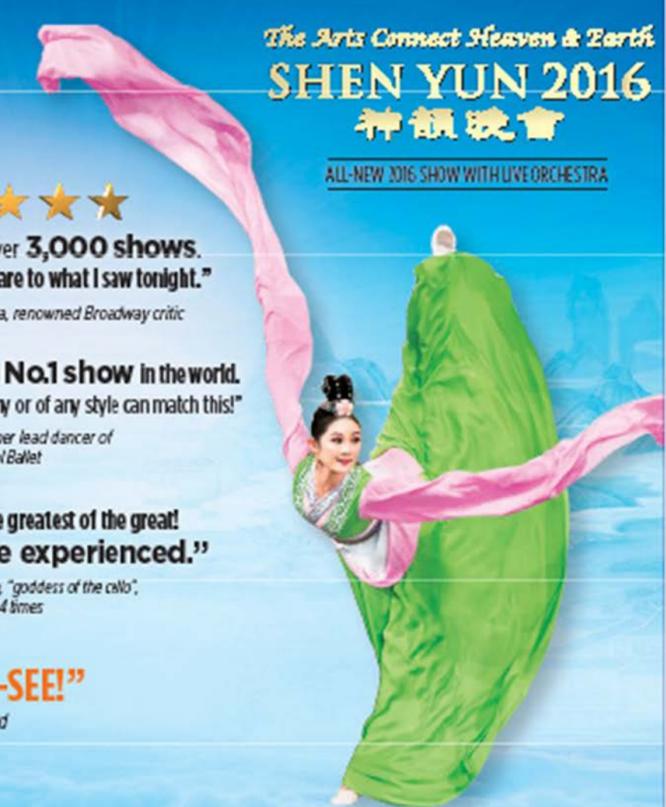
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Gorgeous traditional family home prominently displayed at the top of a private cul-de-sac in the unique and serene Whiting Woods neighborhood of Glendale. Located at the base of the Verdugo Hills just west of Montrose, Whiting Woods is an idyllic wooded hillside community where homes rarely come on the market. Centrally located minutes north of downtown Los Angeles with easy access to Hollywood, the San Fernando Valley and Pasadena. Delightful Open Concept home, offering 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, Formal Dining Room with French Doors leading out to a large Deck, Living Room with stone fireplace, Kitchen opens to a separate eating area and large Family Room. Beautiful craftsmanship, throughout with hardwood flooring and crown moldings. Walls of windows bring the outside in with views to La Crescenta and the surrounding hillside with mature growth trees that give this home a semi-rural feel in a friendly family neighborhood.

Built 1966 | 2492 Sq Ft | 4 Beds, 3 Baths | 17,956 Sq Ft Lot



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