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BANK ROBBERS REMAIN AT LARGE



On Wednesday at approximately 1:00 pm, a person dressed in an all-white jumpsuit with a painters-style mask and a black wide-brimmed hat, walked into the Bank Of The West on Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre and orchestrated a take-over style robbery. According to Sierra Madre Police Chief and Public Safety Director Larry Gianonne, the suspect pulled out a gun and demanded \$100,000 from one of the tellers. He then pepper sprayed the employees.

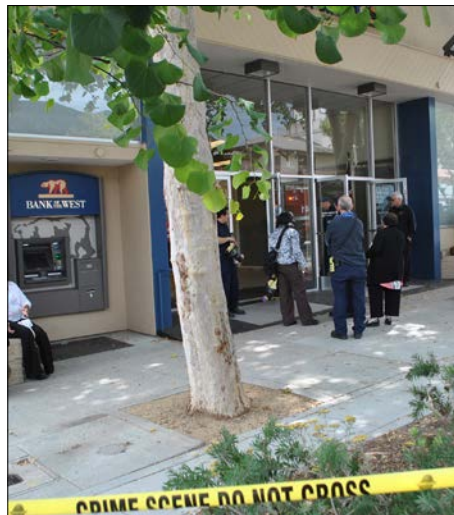
The Sierra Madre Police Department, the FBI and Los Angeles County Hazmat responded to the event immediately.

At the scene was FBI Agent Laura Eimille who identified the weapon as a semi-auto handgun. The amount of money taken has not been disclosed.

The suspect fled the scene in what witnesses described as a silver colored sedan, driven by another unknown suspect.

This is the first bank robbery in Sierra Madre in many years. One resident remembered an incident where thieves entered what is now Chase Bank through the roof many years ago. Another resident, a retired bank teller now deceased, often recounted being robbed in the same building (before it was Bank of the West), by an armed gunman who was never caught.

There may be a connection between this robbery and a string of robberies in LA County recently. Anyone who has any information is asked to contact the Sierra Madre Police Department 626- 355-1414 immediately. MVNews



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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, May 15, to Sunday, May 22, 2016, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 120 calls for service.

Monday, May 16

A resident reported a bear walking southbound in the 2000 block of Vista Ave. The bear left the location prior to officer's arriving on scene. At 8:50pm a resident reported seeing a large bear going through the trash in the 1200 block of Arno Dr. Deputies responded as the bear climbed into the backyard and left the immediate area.

Tuesday, May 17

Officer dispatched to the 500 block of E. Grandview regarding a mail theft report. The investigation revealed that an unknown suspect drove up in an unknown vehicle and approached the victim's mailbox. The suspect removed the outgoing mail and drove away westbound on Grandview. The case was forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

At 5:30pm., officers met with a resident in the lobby of the station regarding a late reported residential burglary. The resident stated that earlier this morning he left his secured residence in the 100 block of N. Lima Ave with his dog inside his home. Upon arriving home that evening, he discovered his dog was missing. The victim checked the house and the general area outside his home before meeting with the officers. Investigation is ongoing.

SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT PARAMEDIC SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

Sierra Madre City Council approved a \$272.86 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Dispatch Fee for all non-transport EMS calls. This charge goes in effect July 1, 2016 and will only apply to medical incidents where a patient is not transported to the hospital, and will not affect other 911 calls.

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Saturday, May 21

An officer responded to the 700 block of Brookside Lane regarding a report of an injured female. Officers arrived and soon learned that a woman had fallen into the wash behind her home, possibly attempting to retrieve her injured dog. Along with the Police Department, Sierra Madre Fire and Sierra Madre Search and Rescue responded to the location. The victim was transported to a local hospital by paramedics for treatment of unknown injuries.

Sunday, May 22

Officers were dispatched to a non-injury traffic collision at Orange Grove and Rancho Rd. at approximately 9:25am. The collision involved two vehicles that sustained major damage. At 11:50am. officers responded to the 400 block of Foothill Ave. on a late reported hit and run traffic collision. The victim noticed the damage the following day and reported the incident to police. The victim stated that no one contacted her or left a note regarding the damage to her car.

A resident reported seeing a larger bear in the yard of their home located in the 800 block of Woodland Dr. The resident said he has seen this particular bear in the neighborhood before. When officers arrived they were unable to locate the bear.

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

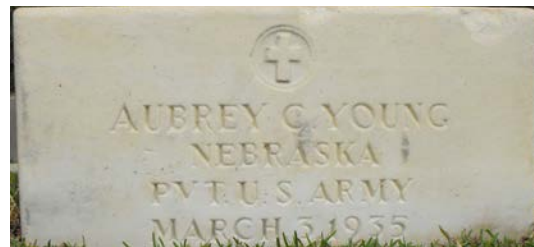
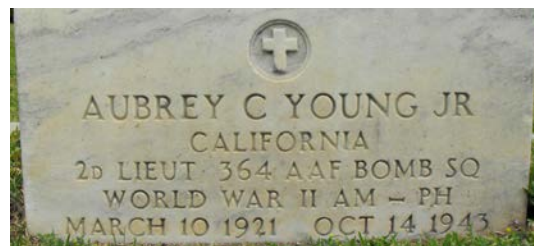
By John Bergeron

Two United States War Department provided while marble headstones for two local veterans of the last century's world war stand here in a family plot at Pioneer Cemetery. One marks the grave of Aubrey C. Young, Sr. who served as a private in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in France during World War I and his son's, 2nd Lieut. Aubrey C. Young, Jr., who copiled a B-17 over Germany in World War II.

Aubrey, Sr. was assigned to the Third Balloon Company and saw action in the major American-Allied offensives of 1918 - the St. Mihiel Salient and the Meuse-Argonne. The Meuse-Argonne Offensive was the largest in United States military history, involving 1.2 million American soldiers, and brought the war to an end. The battle also cost 26,277 lives, and 95,786 wounded, making it the largest and bloodiest operation of the war for the American Expeditionary Forces and the deadliest in U.S. history.

In 1923 Aubrey, Sr., known as Cy, moved his wife Grace and infant son Aubrey, Jr. from his birth and parent's home in Alliance, NE to here. He became the proprietor of Young's Meat Market in town. In 1935, at the age of 36, Cy succumbed after a month's struggle with complications of peritonitis and pneumonia after a ruptured appendix. He left behind his widow, sons Aubrey, Jr. age 14 and John Bradley age 11, and daughter Margaret age 8.

Aubrey, Jr. graduated from Sierra Madre High School and attended Pasadena Junior College. At 21 years of age and 3 months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He took his training at Santa Ana, Oxnard, Bakersfield and in Texas. He was sent to Iceland and then to Chelveston, England where he was attached to the 364th Bomb Squadron, 305th Bombardment Group, flying missions over Nazi Germany as the copilot of a B-17



Flying Fortress dubbed "The Uncouth Bastard".

On October 14, 1943, the 10-man crew of "The Uncouth Bastard" accompanied 290 other B-17s and 2,900 airmen on the Second Schweinfurt Raid with its aim to destroy the ball bearing plants located there. They were met all along the route to and the return from Schweinfurt by the German Luftwaffe's fighter arm, the Jagdwaaffe, whose fighters were lethally equipped with BR-21 unguided rockets. Over the Netherlands the 305th Bomb Group lost 13 of its 16 B-17s in minutes.

The mission's loss of men and planes was staggeringly high. Sixty bombers never returned to England and 17 were so badly damaged they had to be scrapped. 650 aircrew men did not come home alive. The losses had

been so heavy that the USAAF would not return to the target for four months and the raid would become known as "The Black Thursday Mission".

Twelve days later in the late evening a telegram from the War Department arrived at Young's mother's Ramona Avenue home informing her that her son was Missing In Action.

Four of "The Uncouth Bastard" crew members were taken prisoner and spent the rest of the war in Stalag 17B. Aubrey and five others perished when their fully bomb-loaded plane hit the ground at Immendorf, Germany. There is still and indentation in the ground where it exploded and visitors to the site report some plane parts remain visible.



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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 MAY 24, 2016
6:30 pm

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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, MAY 24., 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.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016, 7:00pm
Library Board of Trustees

Thursday, June 2, 2016, 3:00pm
Senior Community Commission

Thursday, June 2, 2016, 7:00pm
Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, June 6, 2016, 3:00pm
Senior Master Plan Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 2016, 6:00pm
Public Safety Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 6:30pm
City Council Meeting

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The City of Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission is hosting the 6th Annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Sierra Vista Park (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd). Community members and organizations are invited to clean out their garages, attics, storage sheds and closets sell them at this great event.

The fee for a selling space is \$35.00 and a yard sale permit does not need to be purchased; proceeds will benefit senior programs and activities. If you would like to participate in the Community Yard Sale, you must register in person at City Hall, located at 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. The deadline to register is Thursday, May 27 or until spaces are filled. Spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Participants must provide their own tables, chairs, canopies (12'x12' maximum) and cash boxes if needed. No electricity will be provided. Live animals, large canopies, and selling of food or drinks are prohibited. All business must be conducted within your space. Event may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

A limited number of spaces are available. For more information please call the Community Services Department at 626.355.7135.

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Sign up now for your spot on the L. A. Dodger Stadium Tour and Box Lunch on July 16. Board a bus at 9:00 am in front of the Sierra Madre Public Library for a short ride to Dodger Stadium and take part in an exclusive hour-and-a-half-long tour behind the scenes, followed by a box lunch with Dodger dogs.

The tour is part of One Book One City, a popular annual community reading program sponsored by the Sierra Madre Public Library. The deadline to reserve your spot is July 1. Ticket prices are: \$45 adults, and \$35 seniors and youth under 18.

The Natural, by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Bernard Malamud, is this year's OBOC choice. The witty and biting novel is thought by many to be the best baseball book ever written. OBOC invites everyone in the area to read and discuss the same book during a month of exciting programs. The goals are to build a sense of community, promote literacy, and have fun.

The Dodger Stadium Tour is only one of a series of baseball related activities during July. Reservation forms are available at the Library and online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/services/library.



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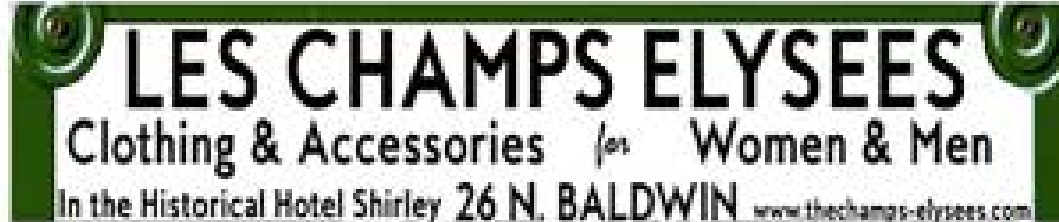
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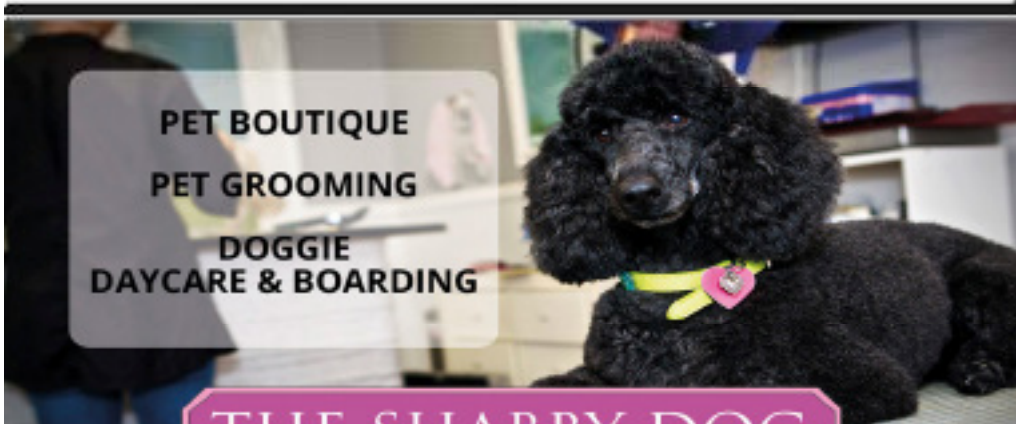
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Memorial Day Closures, Reminders

Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that City Hall and many city services' and administrative business offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

The City Council will not meet on Monday. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting is at 6:30 p.m., June 6.

Pasadena Transit bus service and Dial-A-Ride transportation will not operate on Memorial Day, but will resume regular service May 31. All parking meters not posted as a "No Parking" zone will be free on May 30 and time limits will not be enforced. Violations for overnight parking, red curb parking, No Parking zones and blocking fire hydrants will be enforced.

The City's Municipal Services Payment Center at City Hall will be closed, as will the Parking Office, for citation payments, at 221 E. Walnut St.

The Pasadena Public Health Department's Travel and Immunization Clinic will be closed. Go to www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicHealth for more information.

The Citizen Service Center, (626) 744-7311, www.cityofpasadena.net/Citizen-Service-Center, will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All branches of the Pasadena Library will be closed May 30, with normal hours resuming May 31

Pasadena residents and businesses with any power emergencies should call the Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) Department at (626) 744-4673 and for water-related emergencies call (626) 744-4138.

For any life-threatening emergencies, always remember to call 9-1-1. "If You See Something, Say Something" by calling police at (626) 744-4241 to help keep us all safe.

Pet of the Week



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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.

Chief Gives Update on Police Use of Body Cameras

By Dean Lee

Although the city's police department has already been testing the use of body worn cameras, Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez updated the public during a community meeting Wednesday night on some of the issues that needed to be addressed before they can become standard use. Sanchez also noted crime statistics during the meeting held by Councilmember John Kennedy.

"Some of you may have heard about some beta testing that we were doing on our own with respect to body worn cameras," he said. "The real truth is that Pasadena police officers were using their own body worn cameras in advance of the city starting its earnest effort to locate [a vender for] body worn cameras."

Sanchez said they were working



with the city's technology department on a project schedule.

"We developed what is called a Gantt chart," he said. "The Gantt chart is really an implementation program about how the cameras will be implemented, what kind of storage we will need and all of the kind of intricate technology."

Sanchez said he could not comment on what the department's policies for the cameras will be. "In part, because we are in discussions with the labor union that protects the officers, he said."

At issue, he said, is that the unions believe the cameras are a change in work environment.

The Pasadena Pops Extends Michael Feinstein Contract



Pasadena Symphony and POPS Board Chair Kay Kochenderfer Toomey and Chief Executive Officer Lora Unger announced Wednesday they extended Michael Feinstein contract through the 2019 season. His original contract as Principal Pops Conductor commenced in June 2013 for a one-year term and was immediately extended in July 2013 to run through the 2016 season after his critically acclaimed conducting debut with the Pasadena POPS.

"Under Michael Feinstein's direction, the Pasadena POPS is now the preeminent symphonic voice of the Great American Songbook," commented Chief Executive Officer Lora Unger. "The orchestra is performing to audiences who treasure this unique concert experience that can't be found anywhere else – the music is universally popular to every generation. We are all so thrilled and proud to have such a wonderful artistic partner in Michael Feinstein."

Feinstein said, "As I look to the future of the Pasadena POPS, I am so deeply proud and honored to build something truly important here and to see

the enthusiastic response from this community. The joy our music brings to audiences of all ages makes me so excited for the future of symphony orchestras and the Great American Songbook."

The 2016 Sierra Auto Summer Concert Series is jam-packed with vibrant talent spanning the ages, from the red-hot season opener on June 18 with First Ladies of Song, paying tribute to the music of Judy Garland, Rosemary Clooney and Peggy Lee among others, to a night of sing-along favorites with the Music of Billy Joel on July 9. Michael returns to sing the best of Ol' Blue Eyes for the Sinatra Project Vol. 2 on July 30, and gives you a backstage pass into the world of one of the greats with Cole Porter Night on August 20. In typical Feinstein fashion, he's planned a spectacular season closer on September 10 with a salute to the movie magic of Warner Bros. Don't miss the best outdoor dinner party in town with these five concerts sure to make your summer sizzle. For more information, please visit pasadenasympphony-pops.org and MichaelFeinstein.com.

Crime Blotter for Altadena

Sunday, May 15th
12:30 PM – A petty theft occurred in the 2800 block of Lincoln Avenue. Stolen: tan Coach cross body bag, credit cards, phone charger, vehicle remote key and currency.

Monday, May 16th
4:13 PM – A vehicle was reported stolen from the 2200 block of Casitas Avenue. Vehicle described as a blue 1971 Chevrolet pick-up.

8:00 PM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 300 block of W. Woodbury Road. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle via unknown means. Stolen: unknown.

Tuesday, May 17th
9:48 AM – A package theft occurred in the 1800 block of E. Altadena Drive. Possible suspect described as a male Hispanic wearing a blue Dodgers hat in a silver vehicle. Stolen: package containing glucose monitor.

11:14 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 1300 block of New York Drive. Suspect Ivan Cortes-Ortega, 18 years old of Pasadena and a juvenile, 16 years old of Pasadena were taken into custody. The following day a third suspect, a juvenile, 17 years old was taken into custody. The suspects entered the residence by shattering a window. Stolen: jewelry, pillowcase and currency. All items were recovered the following day and returned to the owner.

10:00 PM – Mauro Allen, 23 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 800 block of Morada Place for domestic

battery.

Wednesday, May 18th
11:00 AM – A telephone scam was reported from the 500 block of W. Terrace Street. The victim received a phone call from an unknown person who claimed that the victim's grandson was in jail and needed money to be released. The victim was instructed to wire money via a Western Union account in the amount of \$1,700.00. The victim wired the money and later discovered her grandson was safe and not jailed in Mexico.

10:30 PM – Andrew Leal, 22 years old was of Pasadena was arrested in the area of Altadena Drive and Fair Oaks Avenue for possession of narcotics.

Thursday, May 19th
1:30 AM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 1600 block of Grand Oaks Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by shattering the window. Stolen: unknown.

4:36 PM – Carlos Hoyos, 19 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the area of Hill Street and Washington Boulevard for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Friday, May 19th
5:37 PM – Carlton Carpenter, 62 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the area of Hammond Street and Sunset Avenue for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Saturday, May 21st
2:45 PM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the area of Stonehurst Street and Canyada Avenue. Suspect has been identified as the victim's ex-boyfriend.

Head Librarian Jan Sanders Announces Retirement

By Dean Lee

Jan Sanders, Director of Libraries and Information Services, will retire this summer according to Pasadena library staff. Sanders made the announcement at the Pasadena Library Commission meeting May 18.

"If you have a chance to stop by Central Library and just let her know how much we appreciate the services she has provided or overseen..." Pasadena Public Library Commissioner Sharon Calkin said at a public meeting Wednesday night. "I know that she would appreciate that."

Calkin said they have received many requests, by local civic groups and dignitaries, wishing to honor Sanders over the next few months.

Sanders became well known to many through the city and library's popular One City, One Story program. In March, Sanders sat down for a public interview with author Christina Baker Kline after her book, "Orphan Train," was chosen as this year's selection. Sanders has been director,



overseeing all of the services at Pasadena public libraries, since 2005. The city's 10 libraries provide a wide variety of services, programs, and collections according to staff. In addition to circulating a wide range of books in a variety of formats, the Library sponsors an array of programs for adults and children, service to the homebound, preschool story hours and the Summer Reading Program.

For more information about the libraries visit: ci.pasadena.ca.us/library.

City Joins Nationwide Gun Violence Awareness Day

City officials say don't be surprised if you see many City officials and employees proudly "Wear Orange" on Thursday, in support of the City Council's recent proclamation to promote and support Gun Violence Awareness Day.

A city council proclamation read by Mayor Terry Tornek at the May 16, Council meeting, in part, states, "Gun violence touches every segment of our society and impacts people of all ages; it increases the probability of death in incidents of domestic violence; raises the likelihood of fatalities by those who intend to injure others, and among those who attempt

suicide; it places children and young people at increased risk of physical harm and injury; and disproportionately affects communities of color; Gun Violence Awareness Day was created to honor the many lives that have been cut short by gun violence in our country and to support efforts to reduce gun-related crimes in the United States... The City supports continued statewide efforts to strengthen gun safety laws and educate the community on safe gun storage."

More information about the #WearOrange social media campaign is online at <http://wearorange.org>.

Tournament Foundation Elects New Board Members

The Tournament of Roses Foundation members announced Wednesday they elected Philip V. Orozco and Amy Wainscott to the Foundation Board. These new members replace outgoing board members Laura V. Farber and Karen Palmersheim who provided a combined five years of outstanding service and leadership.

The Foundation Board also elected officers: Maxine Harris, vice president; Norma Garcia Kachigian, treasurer; and Jerri Price-Gaines, secretary. Members continuing to serve on the Foundation Board are Katherine Martinez Kleine, president, Shannon Boalt,

Nancy Neal Davis, Mitchell Ing, Rick Jackson, Charlie Martinson, Robert B. Miller and Libby Evans Wright.

The Tournament of Roses is a volunteer organization that annually hosts America's New Year Celebration with the Rose Parade presented by Honda, the Rose Bowl Game presented by Northwestern Mutual and a variety of accompanying events. The Association's 935 volunteer members will drive the success of 128th Rose Parade themed "Echoes of Success," on Monday, January 2, 2017, followed by the 103rd Rose Bowl Game. For more information visit tournamentofroses.com.

Free June Events at the Pasadena Senior Center

There is something for everyone in June at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. You do not have to be a member to attend. Some events require advance reservations as noted.

What Happens Next? Paintings by Joan Pounds – Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 7 to 30, 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, June 7 to 30, 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.

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

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 in a friendly environment. Services are also provided for frail, low-income and homebound seniors.

Boys & Girls Club to Hold Annual Meeting

The public is invited to join the board of directors for a special evening at the Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena's Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting celebrates those who contributed to the Boys & Girls Club and make an incredible impact in the futures of our members in the past year. Join them for this celebration, Wednesday June 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Annandale Golf Club 1 North San Rafael Ave.

The Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena promotes the health, educational, social, vocational, and character development of boys and girls ages 6 to 18.

RSVP to Brian Davis at rsvp@bgcpasadena.org or call (626) 449-9100 ext 205. Or visit bgcpasadena.org.

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CITY OF ARCADIA - SUMMER CONCERT & MOVIES IN THE PARK SERIES!

The Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department proudly announces the Summer Concert and Movie Series for 2016!

Mark your calendar! The City of Arcadia's FREE summer concert series is approaching fast, so make sure you don't miss out on the fun in the sun! The summer concerts are held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm on the lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). Bring the kids out to participate in the FREE fun zone, featuring games, crafts, and activities each week. In addition, the City is pleased to announce The Surfer Taco Truck at all of the 2016 Summer Concerts! The Surfer Taco truck has served the Los Angeles area for several years. Their menu includes a large variety of delicious items which are sure to satisfy your needs and have you coming back for more. A portion of the proceeds will be given to the Recreation and Community Services Department! For more information, please call 626.574.5113. Listed below is the line-up for this summer.

The Answer (Classic Rock) – July 7, 2016

Since 1964, The Answer has been supplying its renditions of top 40 classic rock hits. The Answer's uncanny reproduction of all that's good in classic rock today sets them far above their competition. With stage energy, witty antics, and FREE giveaways, The Answer delivers a knockout show which is enjoyed by all ages! This is simply a show you cannot miss!

Surfs Up (Beach Boys Tribute) – July 14, 2016

Surfs Up is one of the first true Beach Boys tribute bands in the world. They have been perfecting & recreating the Beach Boys sound for 25 years, literally since they were kids. Keeping it in the family - the band consists of 2 brothers Donny & Danny Goldberg, their father Don Goldberg Sr. who founded the group and close cousin Denny Hardwick. Surfs Up also goes beyond Beach Boys, they have a huge variety of music to play for all ages and genres such as Classic Rock, 60's 70's and 80's Pop Rock - Top 40.

Cobras (Oldies to Current) – July 21, 2016

The Cobras bring the sound, swing and swagger of the 50's and early 60's! From Dodger Stadium to Japan, The Cobras have thrilled audiences with their rockin' revue of classic Oldies hits. Not just a trip down "Memory Lane"...an exciting celebration of the greatest music of our time. Rockin' oldies for a new millennium!

Neon Nation (80s) – July 28, 2016

NeOn NaTiOn - The Ultimate Live 80's experience, is Los Angeles, San Diego, & Orange County's most versatile, premier 80's tribute band. NeOn NaTiOn features both male and female lead vocals, and offers the best in entertainment and production, rocking 80s hits just like you remember them. With a reputation for professionalism, non-stop rocking and absolute fun, NeOn NaTiOn is one to be remembered.

The 1st Marine Division Band – August 4, 2016

National Night Out & Arcadia's 113th Birthday! National Night Out promotes crime prevention and awareness through police community partnerships. Arcadia's Police and Fire Department will be joining us for this very special occasion. Free fingerprinting for the kids, crime prevention materials and other information will be available. Stop by and show your support for Arcadia's finest. But wait...that is not it! Help Arcadia celebrate our 113th birthday by enjoying birthday cake (while supplies last).

The 1st Marine Division Band, based out of Camp Pendleton, California, consists of 50 Marine musicians. While the primary mission of the 1st Marine Division Band is to provide musical support for military parades and ceremonies, they remain versatile to accommodate other needs. In addition to the Ceremonial Band and Concert

Band, the band forms smaller ensembles such as Big Band, Jazz Combo, Brass Quintet, and Party Band. They perform at over 300 commitments a year, with highlights including the State Funeral of President Ford, the Tournament of Roses Parades, Disneyland's Independence Day Concerts, and annual concerts at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. In 2007, the 1st Marine Division Band was awarded the "Colonel George S. Howard Citation of Musical Excellence for Military Concert Bands" administered by the John Philip Sousa Foundation.

Cold Duck (70s top 40) – August 11, 2016

Back by popular demand! Join us once again for this special celebration... Since its inception over two decades ago, Cold Duck's philosophy has been directly responsible for their continued success: "Give the people what they want to hear and have a good time delivering it!" With this solid experienced musicianship, it should come as no surprise that Cold Duck is renowned for being one of the most versatile bands in existence. Cold Duck continues its tradition of excellent musicianship and groovin' rhythms. So let's have a good time dancing the night away!

Doo-Wah Riders (Country) – August 18, 2016

There is no one else like the Doo-Wah Riders. For over 25 years they have been riding their own patch of the musical range throughout the west. They possess the rare combination of many years of experience and youthful energy, fired by a love for what they do. The Doo-Wahs are country, with a unique, original sound. They define their sound as "high energy country with a cajun twist". Their tight musicianship and powerful arrangements of classic, contemporary, and original songs have made them favorites everywhere they go.

Movies in the Park

The Movies in the Park are held on Friday evenings with activities starting at 6:30pm and movies starting at dusk on the lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). Movies in the Park provided in partnership with CHOICESS Arcadia.

Minions (PG) – July 8, 2016

Minions Stuart, Kevin and Bob are recruited by Scarlet Overkill, a super-villain who, alongside her inventor husband Herb, hatches a plot to take over the world.

The Good Dinosaur (PG) – July 15, 2016

In a world where dinosaurs and humans live side-by-side, an Apatosaurus named Arlo makes an unlikely human friend.

Frozen (G) – July 22, 2016

When the newly crowned Queen Elsa accidentally uses her power to turn things into ice to curse her home in infinite winter, her sister, Anna, teams up with a mountain man, his playful reindeer, and a snowman to change the weather condition.

Zootopia (PG) – July 29, 2016

Join a rookie bunny cop and a cynical con artist fox as they work together to uncover a conspiracy.

Star Wars: Episode VII – The Force Awakens (PG13) – August 5, 2016

Three decades after the defeat of the Galactic Empire, a new threat arises. The First Order attempts to rule the galaxy and only a ragtag group of heroes can stop them, along with the help of the Resistance.

Inside Out (PG) – August 12, 2016

After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school.

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) – August 19, 2016

A troubled child summons the courage to help a friendly alien escape Earth and return to his home-world.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, May 15th, through Saturday, May 21st, the Police Department responded to 889 calls for service of which 145 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 15:

At approximately 6:24 a.m., an officer responded to Peacock Liquor, 419 South First Avenue, regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy bicycles containing tracking devices to combat the increase in bicycle thefts around the city. An investigation revealed a 41-year-old male from Arcadia took the bicycle and fled the scene. He was located with the bicycle, arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 9:46 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Huntington Drive and Centennial Way regarding a two car traffic collision. Upon contacting Party 1, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 20-year-old male from Montebello was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, May 16:

At approximately 3:49 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the area of First Avenue and Duarte Road regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS bicycle tracker. An investigation revealed a 39-year-old male from Arcadia took the bicycle and fled the scene. He was located with the bicycle inside his vehicle, arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At about 7:17 a.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Newman Avenue for false display of registration. An investigation confirmed the registration was in fact expired despite the 2016 tag displayed on the rear license plate. The driver, a 28-year-old male from Covina, also failed to provide proof of insurance. He was cited and released in the field and his vehicle was impounded.

Tuesday, May 17:

5. At about 6:57 a.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Newman Avenue for speeding. An investigation revealed the driver lied to the officer about his identity and was driving with a suspended license. He also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The 27-year-old male from Los Angeles was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

6. Around 9:37 p.m., an officer responded to Westfield Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect smashed the rear driver side window of the victim's vehicle and stole a laptop, backpack and purse. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Wednesday, May 18:

7. At approximately 3:43 a.m., an officer responded to First Avenue Middle School, 301 South First Avenue, regarding the report of three suspicious subjects trespassing. An investigation revealed three male juveniles climbed a wall to gain entry to the school. They then climbed to the roof and drank an alcoholic beverage. The two 16-year-old

males and one 17-year old male from Arcadia were issued citations and released to their parents.

8. Just after 9:24 a.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of West Longden Avenue regarding a package theft. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect stole a package containing \$100 worth of women's clothing from the front porch of the residence.

The suspect is described as male, 40 to 50-years-old, thin to medium build wearing glasses.

Thursday, May 19:

9. Just after 5:51 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Arcadia High School, 180 Campus Drive, regarding a vandalism report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect(s) used a hammer type tool to smash two windows. The damage is estimated at \$1950. The investigation is ongoing.

10. Around 10:09 a.m., an officer initiated a consensual contact with a subject in the parking lot of Motel 6, 225 Colorado Place. An investigation revealed the subject had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The 34-year-old male from Los Angeles was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, May 20:

11. At approximately 12:42 a.m., an officer responded to the underground parking garage at 411 East Huntington Drive regarding a suspicious occupied vehicle. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 51-year-old male from Monrovia was under the influence of methamphetamine and driving with a suspended license. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

12. At about 12:54 p.m., an officer responded to the 1100 block of Volante Drive regarding the report of a residential burglary. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an open bathroom window, ransacked the bedrooms and master bathroom before fleeing. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, May 21:

13. At about 7:48 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Embassy Suites, 211 East Huntington Drive, regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed the victim was at a table in the dining area having breakfast with his wife. The victim briefly left his wife at the table with his bag placed in an empty seat. One suspect impersonating a hotel guest distracted the victim's wife while another suspect used his jacket to conceal the bag. Both suspects fled the scene before the victim realized his bag was missing. The investigation is ongoing.

Both suspects are described as male approximately 50 to 55-years-old, 5'9" with a heavy build.

14. Just after 7:04 p.m., an officer responded to Sport Chalet, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a male detained by loss prevention for shoplifting. An investigation revealed the suspect selected golf clubs then exited the store, failing to make payment. The same subject returned to the store a short time later and attempted to steal a second set of golf clubs. Additional stolen property was located in the suspect's vehicle totaling \$2,374. The 27-year-old male from San Diego was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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DIRECTLY ELECTED MAYOR ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Last Monday, May 16, 2016, the Directly Elected Mayor Advisory Review Committee (Committee) met again to discuss next steps in our overall assessment regarding the proposed transition to a rotating Mayor system of governance. As you may recall, the City is working to assess if it makes sense to rotate the position of Mayor amongst City Council members, as opposed to having a Mayor directly elected by the community.

Ultimately, the voters of Monrovia will have to decide if such a change makes sense, and to help assist with analyzing the issue, the City created the Committee, whose members includes Don Hopper, Steve Baker, Karen MacNair, Joanne Montgomery, and Brian Ulm.

Based on the discussion at the meeting, the Committee has asked staff to coordinate a series of outreach meetings with the community to solicit community feedback regarding the proposed change in how we select the Mayor. Staff will be coordinating those meetings, and in the next week or two, we will be publishing an outreach meeting schedule.

In addition, for your reference, attached below is a document which outlines the results of a survey that staff conducted regarding how cities in the SGV select their Mayor. Of particular note, the survey outlined that for those cities with a population of under 100,000 people, 78% of those communities (21 out of 27 cities) do not directly elect their Mayor, and instead, rotate the appointment between members of the City Council.

Moving forward, we will be certain to keep everyone apprised of any updates regarding this process, and as soon as we refine the outreach meeting schedule with the Committee, we will be certain to share with everyone what those meeting dates are!

Directly Elected Mayor vs. Rotational Mayor In The San Gabriel Valley				
City	Directly Elected Mayor?	Rotation Process (Rotation vs. Council Selection)	If Rotation, Outline of Specific Selection Process	Population
City of Industry	No	Council Selection		200
Bradbury	No	Council Selection		1,100
Irwindale	No	Council Selection		1,422
Sierra Madre	No	Council Selection		10,570
San Marino	No	Council Selection		13,420
La Canada Flintridge	No	Council Selection		29,602
South El Monte	Yes	N/A		21,144
Duarte	No	Council Selection		22,006
South Pasadena	No	Council Selection		25,619
Upland	No	Council Selection		29,947
La Verne	Yes	N/A		31,003
Claremont	No	Council Selection		34,926
Temple City	No	Council Selection		35,550
Monrovia	Yes	N/A		36,920
San Gabriel	No	Council Selection		39,004
La Puente	No	Council Selection		39,816
Azusa	Yes	N/A		44,712
Covina	No	Council Selection		49,002
Glendora	No	Council Selection		51,290
Rosemead	No	Council Selection		53,890
Diamond Bar	No	Council Selection		54,704
Arcadia	No	Council Selection		56,364
Monterey Park	No	Rotation	Every 9-10 months, Mayor Pro Tem moves to Mayor, depending on order (number of times for each candidate)	60,051
Baldwin Park	Yes	N/A		75,390
San Dimas	Yes	N/A		78,911
Altadena	No	Rotation	Every 9 months, council members rotate into the position of Mayor, pursuant to City Charter	83,089
Chittler	No	Council Selection		87,310
West Covina	No	Council Selection		106,090
El Monte	Yes	N/A		110,435
Pasadena	Yes	N/A		137,316
Romana	Yes	N/A		140,451
Total SGV cities with a population of under 100k that DO NOT have a directly elected mayor:				21
Total SGV cities with a population of under 100k that DO have a directly elected mayor:				6
Percentage of SGV cities with a population of under 100k that DO NOT have a directly elected mayor:				78%

MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

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

Stolen Vehicle Recovered May 19 at 7:59 a.m., an abandoned vehicle was reported in the 800 block of W. Walnut. An officer arrived to check on the vehicle and found the driver side door handle was damaged, there were no license plates, and the vehicle identification number was covered. A tow service was requested to store the vehicle. They gained entry into the vehicle, allowing the officer to check the vehicle identification number. A computer check revealed the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Hollywood a one week prior. The vehicle was stored and the owner was notified.

Road Rage / Criminal Threats / Warrants – Suspect Arrested May 19 at 3:09 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Foothill and Magnolia regarding an incident of road rage and criminal threats that just occurred. The female victim reported that the female suspect was driving a silver Honda and cut in front of her on Foothill at Magnolia, as they both were driving east in heavy traffic. The suspect then abruptly stopped her vehicle, causing the victim to stop, as well. The suspect exited her vehicle in the middle of the road, ran up to the victim's vehicle, and began pounding her fists on the window, yelling profanities and threatening the victim. The victim called police on her cellphone.

When the suspect saw the victim calling on her phone, she punched the victim's side mirror, breaking it, and then fled in her vehicle. She was detained by police. A computer check revealed the suspect had four outstanding warrants for her arrest and a suspended driver's license. The victim positively identified the suspect and she was arrested and taken into custody for the charges and warrants.

Grand Theft Auto Recovery – Suspect Arrested May 19 at 4:01 p.m., officers were alerted to a possible stolen vehicle in the 1800 block of S. Peck. The vehicle, a blue Honda Civic, was traveling north on Myrtle. An officer in the area saw the vehicle stopped for a red light at Duarte Road. A computer check confirmed the vehicle was reported stolen the day before to the Los Angeles Police Department. The officer followed the vehicle until assisting officers could arrive and then the vehicle was stopped. The driver and passenger, both male adults, were arrested and taken into custody for questioning. The passenger was later released.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol / Traffic Collision with Injuries May 19 at 4:40 p.m., a three car collision was reported in the area of Foothill and Magnolia. A small red vehicle was traveling west on Foothill and ran a red light at Magnolia, colliding into a white compact traveling north on Magnolia. The white vehicle was pushed into a small postal carrier truck. Both the driver of the red vehicle and white compact sustained minor injuries and were taken to a hospital for treatment. The driver of the red vehicle appeared to be intoxicated and there were empty alcohol containers in his vehicle. A blood sample was taken and the investigation is continuing.

Fraud Report May 19 at 7:40 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a business in the 600 block of W. Huntington on the report of a fraud scam. The suspect claimed to be a representative of the electric company and told the victim he was late with this month's payment. The victim did not know it was a scam and sent a Money Gram to the suspect. The investigation is continuing.

Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance – Suspect Arrested May 20 at 12:58 a.m., officers responded to the 900 block of W. Duarte Road regarding two male subjects

climbing into a clothing donation bin. Officers arrived and contacted a subject near the bin. Although no theft was substantiated, the investigation revealed one of the suspects was under the influence of a controlled substance and in possession of drug paraphernalia. The suspect was arrested and held for a sobering period. He was later released with a citation to appear in court.

Vehicle Burglary May 21 at 9:05 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 700 block of E. Huntington. The victim parked her vehicle in a business parking lot and went into a business. When she returned, she found a window smashed and her purse missing from inside the vehicle. The investigation is continuing.

Weapon Offense / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Suspect Arrested May 21 at 1:49 p.m., an officer was on patrol in the area of Mountain and Royal Oaks when the officer saw a subject acting suspicious and attempting to hide behind a dumpster at a closed business. He stopped and contacted the subject. The subject admitted to having drug paraphernalia. During a pat-down search, a weapon and drug paraphernalia were found on his person. The subject was arrested and taken into custody.

Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance – Suspect Arrested May 21 at 10:35 p.m., a suspicious male subject was reported to the rear of a business in the 500 block of W. Huntington. Officers responded and contacted the subject, who was determined to be under the influence of a controlled substance. He was arrested and held for sobering period. He was later released with a citation to appear in court.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol – Suspect Arrested May 22 at 12:32 a.m., a possible traffic accident was reported in a business parking lot in the 100 block of W. Foothill. Officers arrived and saw one of the involved vehicles leaving the scene and conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of S. Canyon. During the investigation, it was determined that no traffic accident had occurred, but the driver was determined to be driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and held for a sobering period. He was later released with a citation to appear in court.

Felony Vandalism May 22 at 7:55 a.m., an officer responded to a business in the 1100 block of E. Huntington on the report of vandalism to a customer's vehicle. It appears the suspect used some type of paint thinner or a corrosive substance on the victim's vehicle, causing damage. The investigation is continuing.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested May 22 at 7:18 p.m., a suspicious subject was reported near a dumpster in an alley behind an apartment complex in the 100 block of W. Cypress. Officers arrived and located a subject matching the description given. A computer check revealed the subject had an outstanding parole warrant for his arrest. The suspect was arrested and taken into custody for the warrant.

Public Intoxication – Suspect Arrested May 22 at 7:23 p.m., officers responded to a business in the 600 block of S. Myrtle regarding a subject who was trying to grab one of the employees. Officers arrived and determined the subject was intoxicated and was trying to talk to his girlfriend, who works at the location. Although no crime occurred, the subject was too intoxicated to care for himself and was arrested and held for a sobering period.

Vandalism May 23 at 2:48 a.m., an officer on patrol in the 1900 block of S. Myrtle noticed what appeared to be fresh graffiti on the walls of the businesses between the 1900 and 2000 blocks of S. Myrtle. Red spray paint was used to damage the property. The investigation is continuing.

ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS CELEBRATE NATIONAL COLLEGE DECISION DAY

Members of the Class of 2016 Display Their Future Plans

Sierra Madre, CA (May 26, 2016) – This month members of Alverno High School's Class of 2016 joined in the celebrations for National College Decision Day by sporting their college sweatshirts. As in years past, Alverno High School is excited and proud that 100 percent of graduates will be going to college next year! To date, these young women have received over \$2.5 million in scholarships and grants with awards still rolling in.

Alverno graduates will be attending the University of California campuses in Davis, Irvine, and Los Angeles. Private, out of state, and international universities being attended by members of the Class of 2016 include Chapman University, Creighton University, DePaul University, McPherson College, Mount St. Mary's University, Newcastle University, New York University, Northern Arizona University, Oregon State University, St. Mary's College of California, Santa Clara University, Stanford University, University of Arizona, University of La Verne, University of San Francisco, Western New England University, Whittier College. Additionally, members of the class of 2016 have chosen the California State Universities in Fullerton, Northridge, Pomona, San Diego, and Sonoma as their home for the next four years. Finally, Alverno will have graduates at College of the Canyons, El Camino College, Mt. San Antonio College, and Pasadena City College.

Alverno High School's Baccalaureate will be held on Thursday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Rita's Church at 318 North Baldwin in Sierra Madre. Alverno's Commencement will be held on Saturday, June 4 at

6:30 p.m. on the Alverno terrace. Tickets are required for Graduation.

"Over the course of four years, these young women have worked incredibly hard to get to this exciting moment," said Julia V. Fanara, Head of School. "We are extremely proud of their accomplishments and although they will be missed, we wish them well on this next big adventure in their lives. They are joining more than 3,600 Alverno alumnae who have all gone on and made a lasting impact in this world and we cannot wait to see what contributions these graduates make."

About Alverno High School

Alverno High School is an independent, progressive Catholic, 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 3,600 women to meet that goal. For more information about Alverno High School, please call 626-355-3463 or visit www.alverno-hs.org.

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(StatePoint) Great weather and reading go hand in hand. Whether poolside or on a family picnic, don't forget to bring books for the kids to enjoy.

"It can be tempting to plop kids down in front of the television during downtime, but books are just as engaging and can be a lot more rewarding when shared together," says Nancy Ellwood, Editorial Director at DK, a publisher of children's and adult books.

For preschoolers, consider these titles:

Make Noise

Babies love reading with parents. And infants especially love books that encourage them to make noise.

Guide babies in making fun, silly sounds with "Baby Cheep! Cheep!" Colorful pictures of favorite animals and rhyming text keep babies engaged and help them learn about the world around them.

Fluffy Bunny

With padded covers, simple images and a range of textures, "Baby Touch and Feel: Bunny" is a great choice. Part of the classic "Touch and Feel" series designed to capture the attention of budding readers and t; the book's textured format promotes sensory learning. Simple visuals and labels encourage recognition and naming of objects.

Hands-On Learning

Help preschoolers develop fine motor skills with "Follow the Trail: Farm." The book encourages little ones to use their fingers to follow the shiny trails. DK's new "Follow the Trail" series includes colorful photography and activities that teach children about shapes, sorting, and matching, as well as developing hand-eye coordination and pre-writing skills.

With trails that let toddlers circle the wheel of a tractor, explore around the farm, and connect farm animals and the products they give us, this title provides hands-on learning.

Educational Firsts

Packed with information and eye-catching images, "My First Tractor" is part of the relaunch of the iconic "My First" series. This revamp includes updated photography, contemporary design, and a modern approach to engaging preschoolers – excellent for reading alone or with an adult.

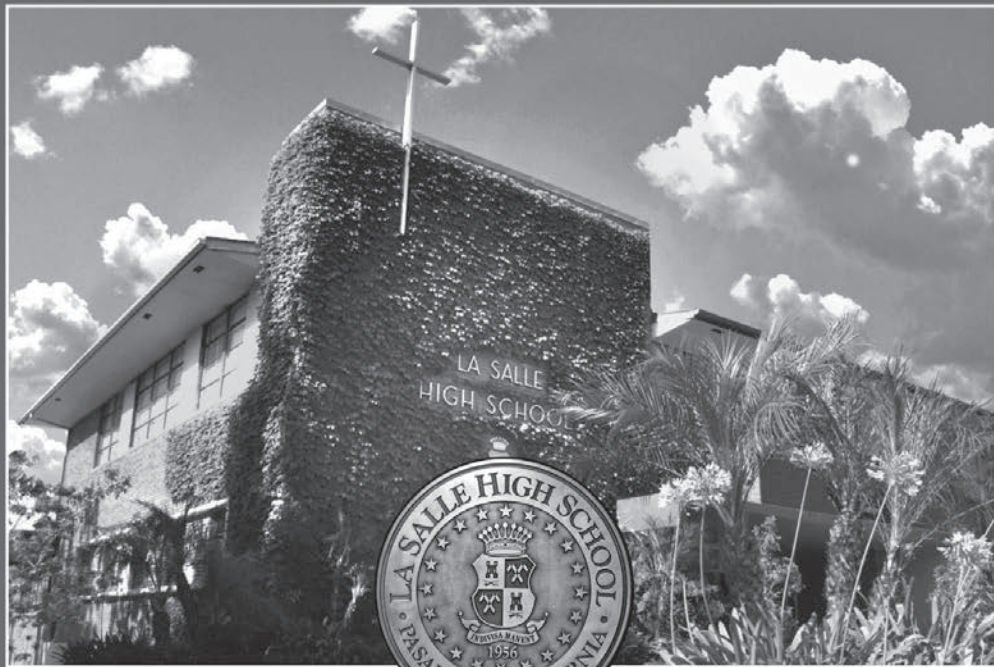
With clear labels and 16 spreads of tractor images, the book builds vocabulary and language skills. Kids also learn about different types of tractors and their uses. The book includes counting and color-matching activities.

More kids' book ideas can be found at www.dk.com.

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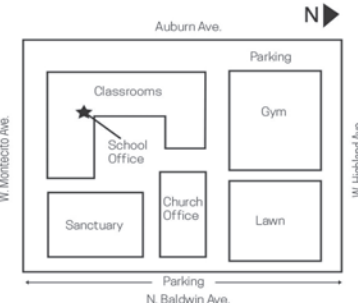
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LOCAL VOCALS

Sometimes I think my job title should include “detective”, as in “Peter Dills: Wine Detective”. I guess, for that matter, most of us who carry a pen could fall in that category. Something that I assume is common knowledge might be unknown to those of you who just have a glass or two of wine now and then.

Think about it - where does your wine come from? There is a simple way to know by looking at the label if the wine is estate grown. Where does the label say it is from? A general rule I go by is that they put on the label is that they put on the label the percentage of that grape. Example: “Estate grown” simply means that 100 % the grapes come from the winery. The winery could own vineyards in two different regions, say Paso Robles and or Lodi. And, what region are the grapes from? Do they come from a small section of Sonoma or Napa, AVA or it can be pinpointed to Alexander Valley, a region on the edge of Sonoma then it has to be at least 85%?

Many larger wineries produce grapes for themselves and for other wineries in a very common practice called “sourcing”. If a winery doesn’t have a vineyard of their own can they still be called a winery? Yes and no. I have heard terms such as “virtual”, and even though I’d call them more of a marketing company, don’t discount their ability to produce great wines, this is how many new wineries make a name for themselves. They get the luxury of picking and choosing what grapes/juice they want to buy. If there was a bad crop or a bad year, said winery can wait until better grapes are available.

In Pasadena, there is the Old Oak Winery on Foothill Blvd. Obviously there haven’t been any vineyards in Pasadena for many years, so they source the juice

from Sonoma County. From what I’ve tasted of their offerings, I think they do a great job on their cabernets and chardonnays. Son Antonio Winery in Downtown

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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LA produces their award-winning wines in Los Angeles, even though they do have the luxury of owning their own vineyards. Winemaker Anthony Riboli explains it this way: “We own estate Chardonnay vineyards in Monterey, but we ferment the juice from those vineyards in downtown LA. It’s a tradition of many decades.



However, it shows that very high quality wines can be made in many places, even downtown LA. The urban winery trend is also very strong throughout the US.”

So don’t be swayed by the “where “ so much - stay focused on the taste and the value. Tune into Dining W/ Dills on the Radio AM 830 KLAA. Plus on Charter Cable Channel 188 weekends at 3 PM

Julie’s Favorite Family Recipes

BAREFOOT CONTESSA POTATO SALAD

Ingredients

3 pounds small white potatoes

Kosher salt

1 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup buttermilk

2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

2 tablespoons whole-grain mustard

1/2 cup chopped fresh dill

Freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup chopped celery

1/2 cup chopped red onion

DirectionsPlace the potatoes and 2 tablespoons of salt in a large pot of water. Bring the water to a boil, then lower the heat and simmer for 10 to 15 minutes, until the potatoes are barely tender when pierced with a knife. Drain the potatoes in a colander, then place the colander with the potatoes over the empty pot and cover with a clean, dry kitchen towel. Allow the potatoes to steam for 15 to 20 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, buttermilk, Dijon mustard, whole grain mustard, dill, 1 teaspoon of salt, and 1 teaspoon of pepper. Set aside. When the potatoes are cool enough to handle, cut them in quarters or in half, depending on their size. Place the cut potatoes in a large bowl. While the potatoes are still warm, pour enough dressing over them to moisten. Add the celery and red onion, 2 teaspoons of salt and 1 teaspoon of pepper. Toss well, cover, and refrigerate for a few hours to allow the flavors to blend. Serve cold or at room temperature. Yield: 6 to 8 servings

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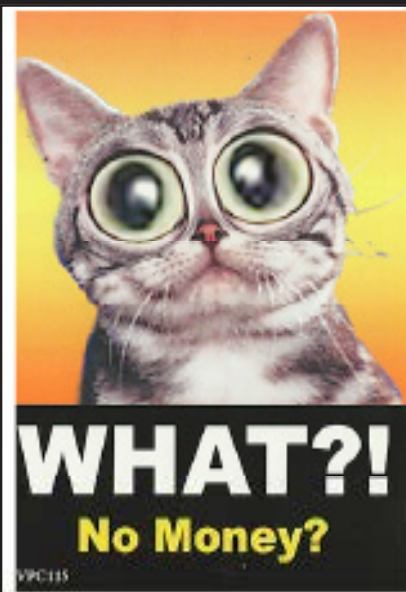


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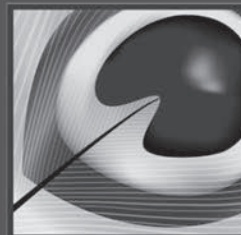
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Dear Savvy Senior,
Does skin cancer run in families? My 63-year-old brother died of melanoma last year, and I'm wondering about my risks of getting this. What can you tell me?
Younger Sibling

Dear Sibling,
While long-term sun exposure and sunburns are the biggest risk factors for melanoma – the deadliest form of skin cancer – having a sibling or parent with melanoma does indeed increase your risk of getting it two to three times.

Each year, about 75,000 Americans are diagnosed with melanoma, and around 10,000 people will die from it. While anyone can get it, those most often diagnosed are Caucasians, age 50 and older. And those with the highest risk are people with red or blond hair, blue or green eyes, fair skin, freckles, moles, a family history of skin cancer and those who had blistering sunburns in their youth.

Skin Exams

The best way you can guard against melanoma and other skin cancers (basal and squamous cell carcinomas) is to protect yourself from the sun, and if you're over age 50, get a full-body skin exam done by a dermatologist every year, especially if you're high risk.

Self-examinations done every month or so is also a smart way to detect early problems. Using mirrors, check the front and backside of your entire body, including the tops and undersides of your arms and hands, between your toes and the soles of your feet, your neck, scalp and buttocks. Be on the lookout for new growths, moles that have changed, or sores that don't heal. Follow the ABCDE rule when examining suspicious moles.

- Asymmetry: One half of a mole doesn't match the other.
- Border: The border is blurred or ragged.
- Color: The mole has uneven colors, often shades of brown, tan or black, with patches of pink, red, white or blue.
- Diameter: The lesion is new or at least a quarter-inch in diameter.
- Evolving: The mole is changing in size, shape or color.

For more self-examination tips and actual pictures of what to look for, see SkinCancer.org or Melanoma.org.

In the spring and summer, there are a variety of



places that offer free skin cancer screenings. Check with the American Academy of Dermatology (888-462-3376, aad.org/public/spot-skin-cancer), which offers screenings done by hundreds of volunteer dermatologists across the U.S., and the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (asds.net/skincancerscreening.aspx).

Sun Protection

Even though you can't change your skin or family history, there are some proven strategies that can help you protect yourself.

For starters, avoid tanning beds, and when you go outside, slather on broad-spectrum SPF 30, water-resistant sunscreen on both sunny and cloudy days. If you don't like the rub-on lotions, try the continuous spray-on sunscreens which are easier to apply and re-apply and less messy. Also, seek the shade when rays are most intense – between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

You can also protect your skin by wearing a wide-brimmed hat, and long sleeves and pants when possible. The best clothing options are tightly-woven fabric that help prevent the sun's rays from reaching your skin, or you can wash-in an invisible shield sun protection into your cloths with SunGuard laundry additive ([see sunguardsunprotection.com](http://sunguardsunprotection.com)). You can even buy a variety of lightweight clothing and hats that offer maximum UV protection in their fabric. Coolibar.com and SunPrecautions.com are two sites that offer these products.

Treatments

If melanoma is caught and treated early, it's nearly 100 percent curable. But if it's not, the cancer can advance and spread to other parts of the body, where it becomes hard to treat and can be fatal. Standard treatment for melanoma is surgical removal. In advanced cases however, chemotherapy or radiation may also be used, along with a variety of new drug treatments.

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



KATIE Tse.....This and That

THE ROOM OF DOOM

Well, I'm guilty yet again of recycling an old article. This one was originally about my de-junking of the "closet of doom" in my office at work. I've updated it to encompass not only the closet of doom, but my entire "room/office of doom!" And after reading it you'll see why I didn't get around to writing a new story for this week.

Organization has never come naturally to me. I remember helplessly stuffing school papers into my desk or backpack during elementary school. My parents would question my "filing system" as I retrieved months-old crumpled papers. "Well, at least I didn't lose them," I reasoned. I grew up hearing the adage, "A place for everything and everything in its place."

The problem was that I kept changing the places for things, and then forgot where those places were.

You'd hope that surviving higher education and nine years of work in public schools would instill greater organizational skills in me. Nope! I don't think my problem is that I can't categorize things, it's that many things can fit into more than one category. This puts me at a loss as to how I should categorize them. Every so often I feel compelled to devote serious time to organizing my things. However, after half an hour of shuffling through papers, I'm no farther along than I was when I started. Eventually I give up and stuff everything back where I had it (hoping that I'd remember where that was). Often "where I had it" is either an overflowing file cabinet, a burgeoning supply closet, or cram-packed cupboards in my office at work.

You've heard of "safe spaces," well, these are more like disaster zones. In my own defense, I wasn't totally at fault because they were already stuffed beyond capacity when I inherited my job. Public school classrooms aren't the sort of places where people pack all their belongings into a tidy little box when they leave. No, more often than not they leave all their materials for the next person. Of course I was extremely grateful for the surplus of supplies when I started out. However, even then it was hard walking into another person's organization system and trying to make sense of it. There were many things I never used, but felt unable to toss, since they were district property, and by extension, paid for by your tax dollars. And since I assumed that

the lady before me found them useful, who was I to get rid of them? These were inevitably stuffed into disaster zones in the office of doom.

One particularly harrowing place was my door-less supply closet that remained dormant for years, like a brooding dragon waiting to devour any people or materials that passed by. Occasionally its contents piled up around the entrance, blocking access to the shelves. It was an avalanche waiting to happen, and I shuddered every time I placed anything in there. A few years ago, I asked my mom to sew me a curtain to hide the mess, which she did (thanks, Mom!). That didn't fix the problem, but it hid it and made it look prettier.

It would've kept on growing had not my then-new boss asked me to store some things for a coworker a few years ago. This meant that I had to deal with the closet of doom. There for a while after this initial cleanse it stayed less scary than before, but the clutter soon bloated right back. Then a couple weeks ago I was told that I will be relocating to a new campus. Moving time! My excitement is only tempered by the embarrassment that creeps up when I imagine someone moving into my office of doom, so I've been on a cleaning campaign to try to get a handle on the junk. It is an eye-opening experience! Like an archeological dig, I'm wiping decades of dust off

books, cards, and other materials from the 70's and even earlier. I've found caustic batteries, mimeographed copies of worksheets, and other relics from the past. You'd be surprised to see what happens to Play Dough after 40 years. Among my other discoveries was a giant dead cockroach in the bottom of a cardboard box. I'm just glad I discovered him before putting the box in the lounge for other unsuspecting teachers to pick through!

Although my room is not perfect even after days of de-junking, it's better than when I started and it's not worse than it was when I moved in nine years ago. I'm hoping my successor is not a neat freak and that she has a good sense of humor. At least I don't think there are any other dead -or live- cockroaches waiting to scare her! Hoping to get you a brand new story for next week, unless, of course, I decide to de-junk my house. In that case you may never hear from me again!



SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...May Birthdays

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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.

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Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



MARS AT CLOSEST APPROACH TO EARTH IN LAST TEN YEARS

During May 2016 the Earth and Mars get closer to each other than at any time in the last ten years. The NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope has exploited this special configuration to catch a new image of our red neighbor, showing some of its famous surface features. This image supplements previous Hubble observations of Mars and allows astronomers to study large-scale changes on its surface.

On May 22, Mars will be at opposition, the point at which the planet is located directly opposite the Sun in the sky. This means that the Sun, Earth and Mars are all lined up, with Earth sitting in between the Sun and the red planet.

Opposition also marks the planet's closest approach to Earth, so that Mars appears bigger and brighter in the sky than at any other time. This allows astronomers using telescopes in space and on the ground to see more details on the Martian surface. For observers using ground-based instruments the opposing planet is visible throughout the night and is also fully illuminated, making it a great opportunity for detailed studies.

On May 12, the Hubble telescope took advantage of this favorable alignment and turned its gaze towards Mars to take an image of our rusty-hued neighbor, adding it to the collection of previous images. From this distance the telescope could see Martian features as small as 20 miles across.

WATCH MARS LIVE ONLINE ON MEMORIAL DAY. On Monday, May 30th, at 6:00 p.m. PDT, the international astronomy-outreach organization Slooh will share brilliant live views of Mars at closest approach with the public, looking through a telescope at the Canary Island Observatory.

Due to their respective orbits, Mars and Earth are locked in a dance that makes Mars' apparent size and brightness change dramatically over 26-months. Mars' distance from the Earth can vary between between 33.5 million and 249 million miles, meaning that its apparent size varies by sevenfold from Earth's viewpoint. During the live show, Slooh Astronomers Paul Cox and Bob Berman will be on hand to take viewers on a live tour of the Red Planet, discussing everything from scientific study of the planet to its cultural significance in antiquity through to sci-fi movies, and even the possibility that it may have once harbored life.

"The size of Mars varies more than any other planet,

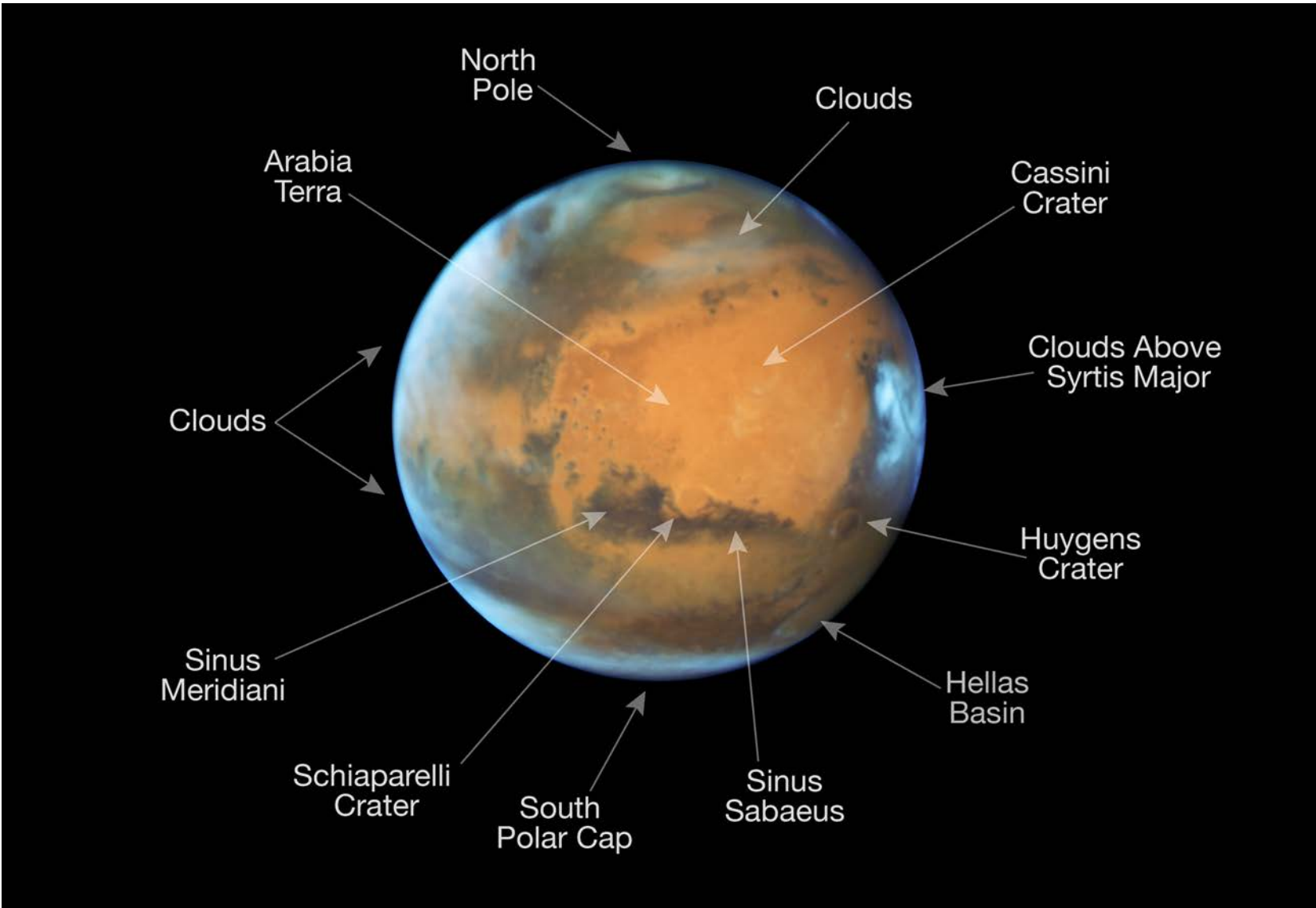


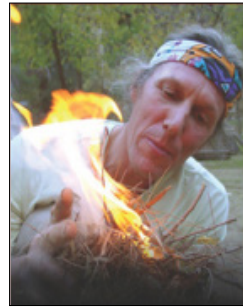
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and we've waited a full decade for it to come this close and appear this large," says Bob Berman.

Viewers are encouraged to make themselves a part of the show by sending their questions to @Slooh on Twitter, or by joining in on the live chat on Slooh.com.

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges ENJOYMENT OF COINS

[Nyerges is the author of "How to Survive Anywhere," "Extreme Simplicity," and other books. He has led outdoor classes since 1974. He can

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Not everyone will get this, but I have always enjoyed coins. Not necessarily collecting, but learning about them, admiring them, learning their history, taking time with them, getting to know them, cleaning them, caressing them, putting them into their right place in your collector's book.

Coins have rich intrinsic stories, and learning each clue excites real collectors.

Yes, perhaps some people make money with coins, and that was part of my early interest in coin collecting as a hobby. You aren't collecting buttons or bottle caps, but something that has a universally-acknowledged value. At the very least, coins are never worth nothing, and do not fall below their face value.

Like most collectors, I started with pennies, because pennies were cheap and you could buy rolls for 50 cents, and search through them for ones to fill the spaces in your book. You learned real quick which ones were hard to get and rare: 1909SVDB, 1914D, 1931S, and perhaps a few others. Zinc pennies from the war were always interesting, and it reminded you that wars affect the availability of metals.

Coins are great conversation pieces, domestic or foreign. Everyone deals with coins all the time, so everyone is interested in at least a few coins. Buffalo nickels are universally admired, and have long been used to adorn hat bands and belts.

Everyone likes the real silver dollars that were so long a part of American coinage, and visitors to Las Vegas back in the day would bring home silver dollars to give away or to collect. Today, though only 90% silver, they are still highly prized and only go up in value as silver rises.

Some years ago, I operated a farmers market and would get change for the farmers each week at the bank. One farmer would consistently ask me to purchase rolls of half-dollar coins for him. More often than not, the bank didn't have them, even though they are still produced. Because they are not commonly used, most banks simply don't stock them.

I asked the farmer why he wanted an "odd" size coin. He told me that the main reason is that people remember him from spending 50 cent pieces because they are not common. He told me that people would often smile seeing them, and somehow that exchange of a half-dollar cemented friendships. He also said that occasionally he still finds silver coins.

I found that amazing, so I began to try it. When receiving a half-dollar coin, people will feel it, hold it, look at it, and often smile, even laugh. "I haven't seen one of those for awhile," they'd laugh.

I have had an occasion where someone thought they had received a dollar coin, and tried to give

me change as if I'd paid double. In another case, as a joke, I told asked the person behind the counter if they would accept "Hawaiian money" as I placed the half-dollars on the counter. "Oh, no, we can't accept that," said the worried clerk. I didn't think I'd have to explain that Hawaii was part of the U.S., and that I'd just made a joke, but the clerk was a new immigrant to the U.S. who had never seen a half-dollar, and didn't know that Hawaii was part of the U.S. To my amazement, I had to take back the half-dollars and pay with other money.

There was a coffee shop that I used to frequent, and I had begun paying with half-dollars.

After a few days, I came again to the shop and the proprietor asked me, "You were here two nights ago, right?" "Yes," I said, "how did you know?" "Because I found half-dollars in the cash register," the proprietor told me.

But another aspect that I found even more interesting is that because half-dollars are not commonly circulated, you occasionally may find silver coins in the rolls you get from the bank. One Christmas, I actually got several Franklin halves and 1964 Kennedy halves, which are 90% silver. I assumed that some boy stole his father's coin collection and spent the money, and the merchant who received it just took it to the bank with all the other change.

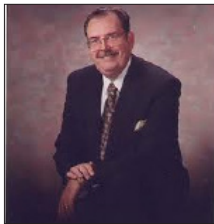
Though 1964 was the last year that there was a 90% silver Kennedy half, there was 40% silver in the halves from 1965 through 1969. This meant they were worth more than face value. If you know the spot price of silver, you can simply do the math to see how much just the silver is worth in, say, a 1966 Kennedy half.

Certainly more than 50 cents. But I'd collected so many of these 40% silver coins that when I needed money to pay for a trip to Mexico a few years ago, I sold them all for over 10 times what I paid for them, and paid for the trip. That wasn't a bad investment.

Coins (and paper currency too) tell the history of a country, its politics, its ebb and flow of culture. I once had a Nazi silver coin that I'd purchased at a coin show, but I found its "atmosphere" unpleasant and quickly got rid of it. I am still a bit amazed that Chinese currency retains the face of Mao, who was responsible for the deaths of perhaps 100 million Chinese. But he retains a bit of a mixed reputation among Chinese.

Old Roman coins, ancient Greek coins, and others from the past are fascinating tangible objects that you can hold in your hand as you bring history alive. It's no wonder they have continued to fascinate so many.

Sure, you can say it's only pieces of metal, but they are so much more. They are living pieces of history, bringing the past alive, and giving you great conversation pieces. And, equally important, if you're ever broke, you can just sell your coins!



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

IT WAS LIGHTS OUT AT THE OLD PARSONAGE

As long as I can remember, and at my age that does not go back very far, I have always been an early riser. I do not like to stay in bed any longer than I have to. So much I want to do and so little time I need an early start every day.

I have always used Benjamin Franklin's motto for myself, "Early to bed and early to rise makes one healthy, wealthy and wise." Unfortunately, my early to bed and early to rise maybe has made me healthy, but certainly not wealthy or wise.

This past week an event happened that challenged my "early to rise" regimen.

As usual, I rose early and headed for the kitchen for my cup of coffee. There is no way I can start a day without first indulging in my early morning cup of Joe. Nothing starts the day off better than a hot cup of coffee.

I am not sure who invented coffee, but I sure would like to buy them a cup of coffee and shake their hand. People, who do not really know any better, complain that coffee is bad for your health. Believe me when I say the absence of my coffee is bad for everybody's health around me.

I go to bed early dreaming of that first cup of coffee when I rise.

Stumbling to the kitchen, I stubbed my toe twice walking down the hallway and then tried to turn on the kitchen lights. I am very careful to be quiet so as to not awaken the other resident in the house. She is the sort of person that needs her rest. I am the kind of person that wants her to have all the rest she can get. Therefore, I tried to quietly go to the kitchen and turn on the coffee pot.

When I flipped the light switch, nothing happened. I mumbled to myself that the light bulb probably burnt out. Have you ever noticed that that happens when you need the light the most? How many times does a light bulb go out during the day?

I tried several light switches in the kitchen and the dining room and none worked. "Well," I thought to myself, "I will start the coffee." I fumbled my way to where the coffee pot was and turned the switch on. Nothing happened.

I then went to turn on the TV to catch some early news and nothing happened.

There was no electricity at all in the house. My challenge was to make sure the electricity works before my wife got up. I could not let her know that we had no electricity.

Nothing I did restored any kind of electricity in our house.

Then it happened.

My wife came stumbling down the hallway and the first thing out of her mouth was, "Turn the lights on."

I explained to her that there was no electricity and nothing was working in the house.

The next thing out of her mouth was, "Did you pay the electric bill?"

That did occur to me and there was a good probability that I had not paid the electric bill.

Fortunately, I had my cell phone and was able to call the electric company only to find out that the electricity in our neighborhood was out and the restoration in our neighborhood was estimated to be at around 10 o'clock.

How in the world can I survive without my cup of coffee until 10 o'clock in the morning? The whole world is in danger!

I never realized how important electricity was. I just took it for granted, paid the bill every month and just enjoyed the appliances and the lights and most important of all, the coffee pot.

As much as I love my coffee pot, it does not work without the electricity. I had a few words with the coffee pot, but it did not do any good. It wanted electricity and would not work until it had electricity. How legalistic!

Standing around in the darkness of the early morning my wife and I stared at each other, at least I think we were staring at each other, and wondering what in the world we could do. I was so afraid she would come up with a solution. She always does, you know. No matter what I break, she can fix. Now we had this problem before us.

Then she said those terrible anticipated words, "Why don't we go out for breakfast this morning?"

Being married as long as I have been, I realized this was not a question requiring an answer, but rather it was something she wanted us to do. And so, off to the restaurant we went for our early morning coffee.

What I want to know is, will the electric company reimburse me for my early morning breakfast? After all, it is their fault that we had to go out. If I ever miss paying my bill, they always charge me late fees. Turnabout, I believe, is fair play.

I appreciate what David said, "For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly" (Psalms 84:11).

Many times, we never miss something until it is no longer available. I do not want that to happen to me concerning God's grace and mercy in my life.

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THAT BEACH IS FOR THE BIRDS

Every now and then, we dog lovers are forced to forfeit one of the many privileges we enjoy with our precious pampered pets, for the greater good of the wildlife we share our space with. No better example comes to mind than that which recently occurred at an Orange County off-leash, dog-friendly beach some of us have been known to frequent on the weekends with our furry four-legged friends.

At the mouth of the Santa Ana river, where Huntington Beach and Newport Beach meet, there is a stretch of sand that has come to double as a seaside play park for those who bark, but how long it will stay that way is currently unknown.

This came as a result of an inherent threat posed by our unwitting canine companions, to two at-risk species of birds that rely on the unique conditions created by the mixture of fresh and salt water at that particular location. Although the location has been unofficially utilized by dog owners as an off-leash beach for some time, county supervisors made it legal by a unanimous vote back in April.

Soon after the beach was voted in as a legal off-leash area, the Sea & Sage Audubon Society out of Irvine, along with the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy collectively wrote letters to the county supervisors asking them to reconsider their decision, in order to protect the site as a nesting place for the endangered California least turn and a winter roosting spot for the threatened western snowy plover.

It is a dog's nature to chase after birds, and with so many birds to be chased and harassed at this particular location, it becomes quite a frenzied game for the playful pups. Unfortunately, however, the birds do not see the fun in the game and have taken it upon themselves to disperse from the safe haven of a habitat they so depend upon. There are limited such areas in Southern California, and to be chased away by dogs at play only serves to put the birds at further risk of extinction.

While the two groups advocating protection of the birds acknowledge that dogs have been present at the beach for a good amount of time, they hold fast to their concern that the risks are greater than their desire to allow off-leash activities to continue. Numerous local citizens of Huntington Beach and Newport Beach have come forward to state their strong opinions that the presence of their beloved pets have yet to cause a problem for the birds, therefore they should continue to be allowed to visit the beach in the future.

The Newport Beach city council was expected to meet last week to discuss their stance as to whether the beach should continue to be made available as a sea side dog park and it remains unclear as to when Orange County supervisors will again consider the issue of reversing the ordinance.

This situation is one of several that have emerged from the up-rise of dog ownership in Southern California. Another example is a constant conflict we deal with right here in our foothill village. Just last year a small dog was attacked and killed by a big wild cat in the canyon. As sad as it was to hear, I couldn't help thinking the tragedy may have been avoided if the owner of the small dog had been more cautious and not allowed their pet to be out alone knowing they live in an area where wildlife can pose dangers to small domestic pets.

In the case of the O.C. dog beach, a similar thought comes to mind for me. Dogs will be dogs, there is no doubt about it. Regardless of how much training or structure they may be exposed to in their domestic settings, they will react with their God-given instincts and behave like a dog.

In this scenario that means taking chase after flitting feathered creatures that will suffer or die as a result of the dog's playful behavior. It is never the fault of the animal involved. Indeed, we humans must be the responsible ones when it comes to a potential confrontation between our pets and the wildlife we live with.

I love dogs, I really do and I certainly want the best for every one of them, but my feeling about the situation in Orange County is that the birds need that beach area where the river meets the sea in order to survive. The dogs enjoy the area as an added pleasurable experience in their lives.

Common sense says we must allow the threatened birds to thrive in the unique environment they require, and if that means we have to sacrifice one of the many privileges we enjoy with our canine companions, then so be it. Love and let live!



FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



DONATE EMPTY PILL BOTTLES TO HELP OTHERS

When we pick up our prescriptions, we take the containers for granted. By contrast, in many countries medicine containers are very difficult to come by. Simply put, qualified medical care is scarce and expensive in impoverished communities. In developing countries, medicines when actually obtainable are often dispensed into hands, pockets, leaves or any other available container.

Charitable organizations have started collection efforts to help those less fortunate than us. One example is the [Malawi Project](#). The goal of the project was to provide clean, used pill bottles for reuse in Malawi, Africa. The method was simple: Collect your used pill bottles, remove the labels fully, then send them to the project's headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. The program ceased operation at the end of 2015, but M25m continues its collection of this typically disposable resource,

giving new purpose to something many of us take for granted.

Animal shelters and boarding kennels often also need prescription bottles to facilitate caring for animals. These organizations often lack adequate resources to purchase bottles for medication distribution.

While it may seem inconceivable that something as small as a pill bottle is worth much, its value as a basic medical resource can make a significant difference to people and animals all over the world. This ties into estate planning because I believe estate planning is about much more than simply passing on your money to the next generation. Instead, it's a whole lifestyle shift towards looking at how you can do the most good in the world while you are living and leave the world a better place after you are gone.

And if you are a parent of young children, getting your little one's involved in efforts such as these early in life teaches them what you value and how even small contributions can have a big impact. Passing on your values begins with conscious choices made on a daily basis and estate planning is one of the best ways I know of to consciously plan for a life that truly matters.

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Jenga is a very affectionate girl who appears to love people. She is quite happy to find a lap to cuddle in, and is just the right size to snuggle close where she can quietly pass the time. Jenga prefers to have all the attention to herself, and would probably do best as the only dog in the home.

Jenga loves going for walks and is very easy to harness and handle on the leash. She trots along happily at a comfortable pace and is a pleasure to walk. She enjoys taking a break on the grass where she can have some lap-time and maybe a treat or two before continuing on her way.

Jenga just wants to be loved. If you can offer this sweet girl a loving home, come in to meet her. You just might want to take her home with you. Her adoption fee is \$130 and includes spay surgery, vaccinations, microchip and a free wellness exam

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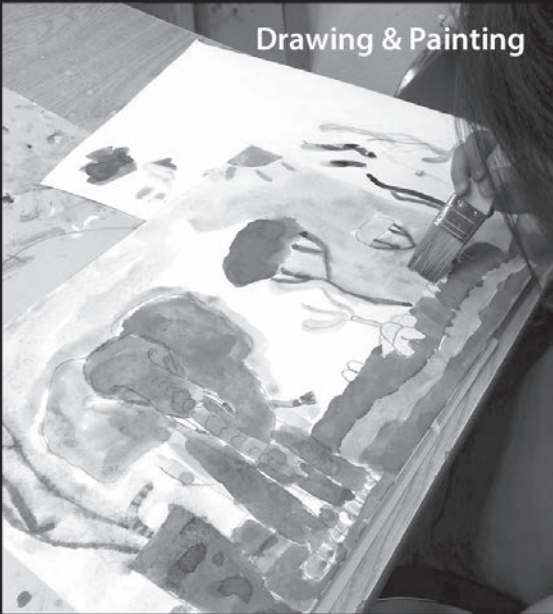
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Refreshments include something for everyone--bangers on a bun, home-baked breads and pastries, strawberries and ice cream, and more. An outdoor Victorian Tea Room will be open for fairgoers to enjoy a leisurely "cuppa" and delicious English

sweets and savories.

Enjoy traditional Irish and Scottish dances performed by adults and youngsters on the upper lawn during the afternoon.

A congenial British Bobby and Beefeater will be strolling the grounds, happy to have their photo snapped, or to be included in a "selfie."

One of the most popular Faire features is the Raffle Booth, where tickets may be purchased to enter the \$1,000 Grand Prize Raffle. The first, second and third place winners, who need not be present, are announced at the conclusion of the Faire.

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ANTONOVICH ISSUES MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE

His "Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families" event is Saturday, May 28, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Arcadia County Park

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich hosts his 19th Annual "Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families" event Saturday, May 28, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Arcadia County Park (405 S. Santa Anita Avenue.) The family event will include displays of military vehicles and equipment, a children's area, free vaccinations, free haircuts and manicures, live entertainment, gourmet food trucks, food booths and more. He also issued the following Memorial Day message:

"On Memorial Day, we remember and pay tribute to fallen heroes and their families, to

appreciate the blessings of liberty and recognize the power and virtue of their sacrifice.

On the 40th anniversary of D-Day in World War II, President Ronald Reagan said, "One's country is worth dying for, and democracy is worth dying for, because it is the most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man."

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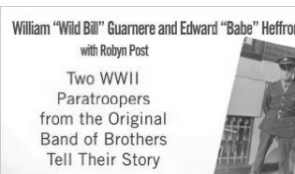
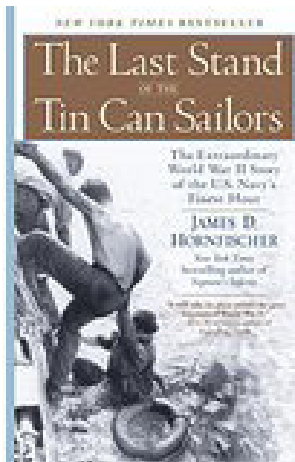
Will War Ever End?: A Soldier's Vision of Peace for the 21st Century

by Paul K. Commander Robert W. Copeland addressed the crew of the destroyer escort USS Samuel B. Roberts

Chappell
Once in a great while, a book is written that substantially changes the way people think about a particular subject. Will War Ever End? is such a book. Written as a "manifesto for waging peace" by an active duty captain in the US Army, Will War Ever End? challenges readers to think about peace, war and violence in radically new ways. Are human beings naturally violent? What is hatred? How can love overcome the power of hatred? How does nonviolence overcome the power of violence? How can we prove that unconditional love makes us psychologically healthy and that hatred, just like an illness, occurs when something has gone wrong? How does violence against the natural world relate to violence between human beings? These are all questions that Captain Chappell leads us to consider in a strikingly new way. He demonstrates that human beings are naturally peaceful and that world peace can become more than a cliché. He lays out a practical framework for transforming the way we think about war and violence, enabling us to begin the real work we must do in order to achieve true peace for mankind. The book is a deeply personal story of a soldier's search for human understanding that will lead to universal transformation. Its message is one of hope, offering practical solutions to help us build a better world. We can all make change. Now is the time to begin.

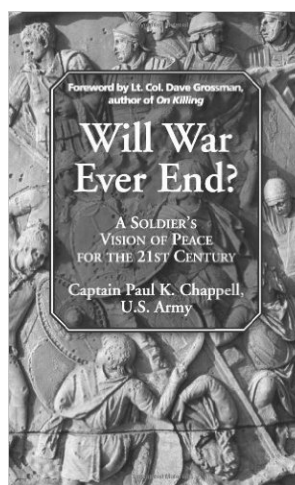
The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors: The Extraordinary World War II Story of the U.S. Navy's Finest Hour

by James D. Hornfischer
This is easily one of the greatest books on Naval Warfare ever written. "This will be a fight against overwhelming odds from which survival cannot be expected. We will do what damage we can." With these words, Lieutenant



BROTHERS IN BATTLE

BEST OF FRIENDS



on the morning of October 25, 1944, off the Philippine Island of Samar. On the horizon loomed the mightiest ships of the Japanese navy, a massive fleet that represented the last hope of a staggering empire. All that stood between it and Douglas MacArthur's vulnerable invasion force were the Roberts and the other small ships of a tiny American flotilla poised to charge into history. The author weaves together a dramatic David and Goliath battle in the Pacific, where a force of U.S. destroyers and cruisers took on a Japanese fleet over ten times its size. It was perhaps the U.S. Navy's finest hour during WWII, but it came with a monumental price. The sacrifice of these sailors deserve to be honored and forever remembered.

Brothers in Battle, Best of Friends

by William Guarnere, Edward Heffron, Robyn Post
Tom Hanks introduces the remarkable story of two inseparable friends and soldiers portrayed in the HBO miniseries Band of Brothers. William Guarnere and Edward Babe Heffron were among the first paratroopers of the U.S. Army, members of an elite unit of the 101st Airborne Division called Easy Company. The crack unit was called upon for every high-risk operation of the war, including D-Day, Operation Market Garden in Holland, the Battle of the Bulge, and the capture of Hitler's Eagle's Nest in Berchtesgaden. Both men fought side by side until Guarnere lost his leg in the Battle of the Bulge and was sent home. Heffron went on to liberate concentration camps and take Hitler's Eagle's Nest hideout. United by their experience, they reconnected at the war's end and have been best friends ever since. Their story is a tribute to the lasting bond forged between comrades in arms and to all those who fought for freedom.

All Things Considered

By Jeff Brown

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. Following President Abraham Lincoln's assassination in April 1865, there were a variety of events of commemoration. The sheer number of soldiers of both sides who died in the Civil War, more than 600,000, meant that burial and memorialization took on new cultural significance. Under the leadership of women during the war, an increasingly formal practice of decorating graves had taken shape. In 1865, the federal government began creating national military cemeteries for the Union war dead. The first widely publicized observance of a Memorial Day-type observance after the Civil War was in Charleston, South Carolina, on May 1, 1865. During the war, Union soldiers who were prisoners of war had been held at the Hampton Park Race Course in Charleston; at least 257 Union prisoners died there and were hastily buried in unmarked graves. Together with teachers and missionaries, black residents of Charleston organized a May Day ceremony in 1865, which was covered by the New York Tribune

and other national papers. The freedmen cleaned up and landscaped the burial ground, building an enclosure and an arch labeled "Martyrs of the Race Course". Nearly 10,000 people, mostly freedmen, gathered on May 1 to commemorate the war dead. Involved were about 3,000 school children, newly enrolled in freedmen's schools, as well as mutual aid societies, Union troops, black ministers and white northern missionaries. Most brought flowers to lay on the burial field. David W. Blight described the day: This was the first Memorial Day. African Americans invented Memorial Day in Charleston, South Carolina. What you have there is black Americans recently freed from slavery announcing to the world with their flowers, their feet, and their songs what the war had been about. What they basically were creating was the Independence Day of a Second American Revolution. The national holiday originated as Decoration Day after the American Civil War in 1868, when the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans founded in Decatur, Illinois, established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers.

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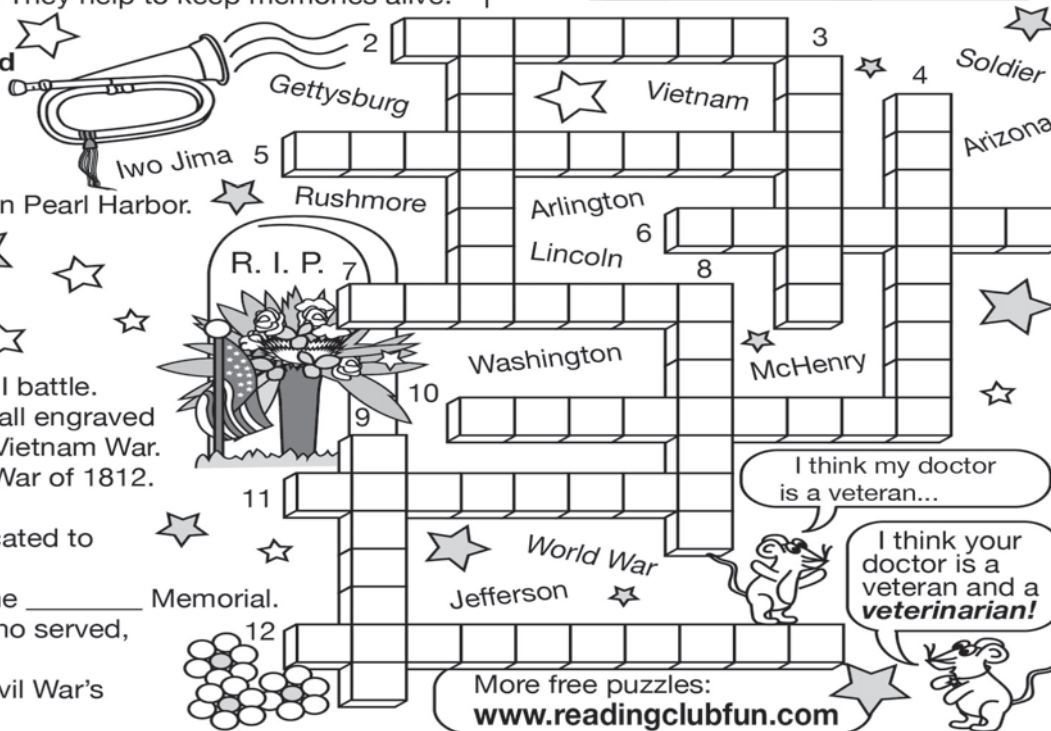


Remember On Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a day to remember. We especially want to remember and honor people who have served and died in service to our country. Across our country we build, name or do things to honor people we want to remember. These memorials can be anything from a prayer service to a bridge! They help to keep memories alive. They let us cherish our freedom.

Fill in the puzzle with the names of things and places that honor our leaders and war heroes:

1. Mount _____ in South Dakota has the faces of four presidents carved on a granite cliff.
2. The USS _____ (Hawaii) is a floating memorial where the ship was sunk in Pearl Harbor.
3. A beautiful marble building in Washington, D.C. with a statue of our 16th president seated inside is called the _____ Memorial.
4. Many U.S. heroes are buried in the _____ National Cemetery in Virginia.
5. This four-sided pillar in Washington D.C. is 555 feet high. It honors our country's first president and is called the _____ Monument.
6. The _____ Statue shows Marines raising the U.S. flag after a World War II battle.
7. The _____ Veterans Memorial in our nation's capital is a black-granite wall engraved with the names of service men and women who died or are missing in the Vietnam War.
8. Fort _____ in Maryland defended our country against the British in the War of 1812. The battle moved Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner."
9. The Tomb of the Unknown _____ in Arlington National Cemetery is dedicated to Americans killed in our wars, but whose bodies could not be identified.
10. This circular building in D.C. with a statue of our third president is called the _____ Memorial.
11. Dedicated in 2004, the _____ II Memorial in Washington honors those who served, the 400,000 who died, and those who supported our nation in that war.
12. The _____ National Military Park marks a terrible battle that marked the Civil War's turning point. Abraham Lincoln made a famous famous speech here.



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TYRADES! by Danny Tyree



HIGH-TECH PROFILING HAS YOUR NUMBER

It's mildly irritating when Facebook tries to nudge me into tagging a photo of my wife's sister as my wife or my son as myself, but there are much more ominous possibilities in the world of facial recognition software.

According to the Washington Post, an Israeli start-up company called Faception claims to be able to take one look at a person's face, compare it to a database and deduce a whole slew of character traits, including whether the person is a potential terrorist.

Yes, Shakespeare's Julius Caesar was all "old school" when he observed "Yon Cassius has a lean and hungry look"; but artificial intelligence is bringing snap judgments into the 21st century.

With 80 percent accuracy, Faception's technology can purportedly identify everything from great poker players to extroverts, pedophiles, geniuses, white collar criminals, wimps who won't sue Faception if they get beat up after being misidentified as one of the aforementioned groups, etc.

The main focus of Faception is on homeland security issues; but even there, effectiveness may be short-lived. The terrorists may figure ways around it. I understand ISIS is flooding the market with photos of jihadists on jowl-flapping roller coaster rides and urging its scientists to finalize new real life applications for advanced Woolly Willy technology.

Keenly aware of ethics concerns, a Faception spokesman assures us that the 15 different classifiers used by the company to produce its profiles will never be made available to the general public. I have my doubts. ("The secrets are guarded by a trusted employee – who, um, meets 14 of the 15 classifiers for being a member of WikiLeaks! Darn! Darn! Darn! Pay no attention to that massive data dump on the internet.")

Imagine the societal upheaval if such information does go public, gets exploited by unregulated copycats and tempts individuals and institutions to abuse it. Suddenly everyone will be muttering "Maybe you CAN judge a book by its cover," "Better safe than sorry" and "Guilty until proven innocent."

Romantic invitations will be rejected, job offers will be rescinded and adoptions will never take place. Even something as simple as a payday loan will be affected. ("Why do you REALLY need this loan? According to analysis of the surveillance camera photos, you probably need to establish a new identity after you mass murder my helpless family. Take your business somewhere else, sir! But please take a complimentary calendar, and a nail file for your 80 percent likelihood of having brittle nails.")

Remember the 1980s Pantene "Don't hate me because I'm beautiful" ad? Soon it could be "Don't hate me because my symmetrical follicles indicate bouts of melancholy."

The medical profession will never be the same, thanks to exchanges like the following:

"The facial swelling from your allergic reaction to bee stings may never fully subside."

"I want a second opinion, doc."

"Okay, and you'll probably win the backgammon tournament while humming a creditable version of 'Bohemian Rhapsody'."

I'm all for preventing another 9-11, but there's still something easily skewed and downright creepy about the services offered by Faception.

I'm not sure I even want to live in a world where the inspirational words of Martin Luther King, Jr. have devolved into "I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by whether their ears hang low and wobble to and fro."

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DICK Polman



TAKE A WILD GUESS WHICH POLITICAL PARTY IS IMPERILING BABIES

We all know by now that Republicans are well practiced at the art of magical thinking — massive tax cuts balance the budget, human-induced climate change isn't real, Donald Trump is a normal candidate — but the delusion that tops them all is their apparent belief that the Zika virus will slow its pace and take its cues from the ideological cheapskates on Capitol Hill.

Way back on Feb. 8, President Obama — acting on dire warnings from the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — requested that the Republican Congress pony up nearly \$1.9 billion to head off an impending public health emergency. The mosquito-borne Zika virus was nearing American shores and imperiling pregnant women, who, if infected, could give birth to babies with abnormally small heads and severe brain defects. What could be more prudent than to pump sufficient money into preventive mosquito control, vaccine research, and public education?

Sixteen weeks later, the Republican Congress has passed squat. With no end in sight. It simply refuses to spend the money that health experts know is necessary.

I had long assumed that, for all their hostility to governance, Republicans at minimum believed that protecting American families was paramount. (You know, family values.) I now stand corrected. Apparently, even babies are to be sacrificed on their ideological altar.

The Republican House wants to give the NIH and CDC only \$622 million — roughly one-third of what Obama requested. That money would come from the funds that were OK'd in 2014 to fight the Ebola outbreak (we're still fighting Ebola, in Africa). The Republican House also says that the \$622 million would basically expire in September, and at that point Obama would have to ask for more. Meanwhile, the Republican Senate wants to provide \$1.1 billion — roughly half of what Obama requested. It toyed with the idea of financing the Zika fight by taking money out of Obamacare, but it finally passed the bill without doing something that stupid.

No doubt you've spotted the big problem: The Republican House and the Republican Senate are far apart on how many pennies should be pinched, and that stalemate is expected to last well into the summer. That should give the Zika virus more time to infect more people — unless, of course, the virus agrees to abide by the Republican timetable. More than 1,300 cases have already been confirmed; most are pregnant American travelers and citizens of Puerto Rico.

Public health experts can't fathom why Congress is behaving this way. Dr. Peter J. Hotez, at the Baylor College of Medicine, recently said, "I'm very worried, especially for our U.S. Gulf Coast states ... It's like refusing emergency preparedness funds for an approaching hurricane." Even the GOP-dominated National Governors Association pleaded for Congress to act, warning in a statement this month that "the nation is on the threshold of a public health emergency."

Best of all, we have Marco Rubio. Freed of the need to pander, the lame duck senator — mindful of Zika's threat to Florida — is clanging the alarm.

"Do we (spend) now before it becomes a crisis, or do we wait for it to become a crisis?" Rubio asked "Congress is going to have to explain to the people why it is we sat around and did nothing on something of this magnitude."

And let's not kid ourselves here. The main reason they've been sitting around since February is because the request came from Obama. Saving babies is a lower priority than hating Obama. Two years ago, in the early days of the Ebola crisis, Republicans said that Obama wasn't doing enough to keep the disease away from American shores. Yet today, with Obama doing everything he can to keep Zika away from American shores, Republicans don't like that, either. And if, as expected, the Zika cases mount after the virus hits here, rest assured they'll try to blame Obama.

But like Rubio, a few rare Republicans prefer to be rational. Earlier this month, House member Vern Buchanan — mindful of the virus threatening his Florida district - announced his support for Obama's money request, and cited medical research which shows that Zika "eats away" at the brain and "destroys the ability to think."

Destroys the ability to think...

Sounds like a Zika mutation has already infected his colleagues.

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LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

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CONSEQUENCES

Consequence: (n) something that happens as a result of a particular action or set of conditions

Howard is Recognize when your intelligence is being unavailable for his insulted. The President of the United States Left Turn column this week, so I thought I would share a few of my thoughts with you. As I am certain you are aware, the state of our election process has been on most people's minds. On every TV channel, all over the news, and yes, sadly, even in community based newspapers such as this, all day, every day. I don't think a week has gone by in 2016 without a column on the upcoming election. And, with all of this attention, one thing is crystal clear, the state of our electoral process is a MESS! Not only is it a mess, the chaos is being exploited for the sake of ratings and free media, and the end result may very well be the election of a man who is far worse than Nancy Reagan's 'village idiot'. (See footnote below*).

So, who do we really blame for this hysterical candidate selection process and sophomoric, media influenced way of choosing our next President? Do you have a mirror handy? Then take a good look at the image in it. Yes, we are all to blame and for so very many reasons. What we are experiencing are the consequences of our actions (or inactions). Think about it:

1. **Too many people don't vote!** It is staggering to read the statistics of just who participates in the voting process. In 2012, there were 240,926,957 Voting Eligible Americans. How many went to the polls? Only 130,234,600...a little over 50%. To be exact, 53.6%. (Source: http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0781453.html). We no longer celebrate the privilege when our kids turn voting age. We no longer instill in them their responsibility to have their voices heard. And, almost half of you reading this won't vote either. Almost half of the eligible voters will stay home with dozens of lame excuses as to why not. Being in Intensive Care is acceptable, not missing your favorite TV show is not. Personally, my parents taught me a long time ago that if I sit on the fence and do nothing, then I have given away my right to complain. They were right. The solution is not to say ok and stay on the fence, the solution is, if you really care about something, to get involved or at least do your part, VOTE.

2. **Don't be surprised at the way things work!** Most people never paid attention to the political organizational structure ('The Parties') before this election cycle. Do you even know what your party's County Central Committee is? And yet, you go to the polls and vote for "County Central Committee Members" and have no idea who they are or what they do. You relegate the internal workings and rules to these volunteers and never look back until someone like Sanders or Trump exploit the process to escalate the discontent among the masses. Those who want change within the party should have been proactive instead of reactive at the most inopportune time. Those who are dissatisfied, should have been INVOLVED long before this cycle began.

3. **Stop letting people treat you like dummies!**

...in "The New York Post," Cindy Adams wrote a column [2001] in which he said that Nancy Reagan is not very impressed with President Bush. In fact, according to Cindy Adams, she calls him the village idiot." From CNN Transcript. The statement was later retracted.

MAKING SENSE by Michael Reagan

LOOK WHO'S CRYING NOW



Look which party is blowing itself up now and struggling to unify behind a single candidate.

Hint: It's not the Republicans.

After all those months of worrying and complaining about having too many candidates, the GOP finally found its 2016 presidential candidate, for good and bad.

A couple weeks ago I said the Republican Party was in such sad shape it should use Leslie Gore's 1963 hit "It's my party" for its theme song.

The opening line -- It's my party, and I'll cry if I want to -- was a perfect description of how miserable conservative Republicans and the GOP establishment were at the prospect of having Donald Trump as their standard bearer.

Now the GOP is suddenly getting its act together and Donald Trump is looking stronger. He has been picking up more support from the party establishment -- though it'll dry up real fast if he keeps sucker-punching Republican governors like Susana Martinez of New Mexico for no good reason.

Trump's poll numbers against Hillary are up.

He's already giving "Crooked Hillary" the same roughing up he gave his primary opponents.

He's exhuming subjects that she, her pretend husband Bill and their liberal media friends thought were buried decades ago in the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository.

Already the names of Bill's victims are coming back to haunt us -- Jennifer, Paula, Juanita, Kathleen, Monica...

Trump will be repeating those names until November, whether Hillary, Big Media or squeamish Republicans like it or not.

For the next six months he'll do to Hillary what liberal journalists won't do because they've still in bed with the Clintons after 24 years.

He'll be hitting Hillary every day on Benghazi, her emails, her Wall Street speeches, her crooked foundation, her Senate record, her record as secretary of state, Whitewater, Vince Foster, her hairdos, her voice, etc., etc.

With Trump and Hillary's negative poll numbers being as high as they are, we might still see a third party candidate emerge to go after conservative Republicans and the Never Trump/Anybody But Hillary voter.

Meanwhile, it's the Democrat Party that's gone to war with itself.

Bernie Sanders isn't giving up in his leftwing crusade to take down Hillary. He's got the money, the troops and the rage to make the Democratic convention an ugly battle scene.

America's most lovable socialist is pushing Hillary so far to the left she's about to fall in the Pacific Ocean. She'll never have time to swim back to the center.

Even MSNBC can see Hillary's whole campaign is a fiasco.

Apparently, she still hasn't watched the highlight reel of the Republican primary to see how Trump destroyed his attackers like they were monsters in a video game.

She's making the same stupid mistake they did. She's attacking him, which only makes him stronger with his base and lets Trump hit back even harder at her.

Hillary's campaign "style," if you can call it that, is so boring and scripted it's like she's teaching a chemistry class or reading for a poorly written part in a movie.

Everything she screeches at her pep rallies has been measured, weighed and poll-tested a dozen times until it's clichéd liberal mush.

She should let Elizabeth Warren or Larry David read her scripts from now on before half the country slips into a coma.

Trump needs to pick a perfect conservative VP candidate to allay the fears of the Paul Ryans in the GOP, offset his lack of experience and bring some grown-up gravitas to his political stand-up routine.

But nothing can save Hillary from herself.

My old girlfriend Leslie Gore had a follow-up hit to "It's My Party" that, if adapted slightly, describes where Mrs. Clinton is right now.

'Cause now it's Hillary's turn to cry

Hillary's turn to cry

Hillary's turn to cry

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: POLAR VIEW CO., 3264 MINES AVE., L.A., CA 90023. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RENAISSANCE MANAGEMENT, INC., 13311 PORTAL, TUSTIN, CA 92782. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: NEIL NAGATA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/17/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TACOS Y MARISCOS LA FUENTE; TACOS Y MARISCOS LA FUENTE #3, 900 E ANAHEIM ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90813. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FAUSTINO RAMOS, 900 E. ANAHEIM ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90813. This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FAUSTINO RAMOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/13/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This

YSV 5. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SALVADOR VACA OVIEDO, 1250 E. 124 ST., L.A., CA 90059. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL Signed: SALVADOR VACA OVIEDO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/17/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
 CHAAZZ, 112 W 9th St. 405, L.A., CA 90015. Full
 name of registrant(s) is (are) VICTOR MANUEL
 GARCIA-CRUZ, 112 W 9th St. 405, L.A., CA 90015.
 This statement was conducted on 05/12/2016.
 Signed: VICTOR MANUEL GARCIA-CRUZ. This
 statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los
 Angeles County on 05/12/2016. The registrant(s)
 has (have) commenced to transact business under
 the fictitious business name or names listed above
 on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement
 expires five years from the date it was filed in the
 County of Los Angeles. A new Fictitious Business
 Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The
 filing of this statement does not of itself authorize
 its use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name

THE FOLLOWING person(s) is (are) doing business as:
 GLENVIEWEUST DR. 1378 GLENTHORPE DR.
 WALNUT, CA 91789. Full name of registrant(s):
 GLENVIEWEUST DR. 1378 GLENTHORPE DR. 1378
 GLENTHORPE DR. WALNUT, CA 91789. This
 business is conducted by: A CORPORATION.
 Designed: LUWEI WANG. This statement was filed
 with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on
 05/12/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced
 to transact business under the fictitious business
 name of: GLENVIEWEUST DR. 1378 GLENTHORPE DR.
 Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from
 the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk.
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 filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement
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