

Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society Presents:

*Historical Cemetery Tour and Dinner!*

**Saturday, October 29**

**5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**\$ 40 Per Person**



Dinner at Sierra Madre Recreation Center  
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The votes have been counted and you can see the entries for the 5th Annual Sierra Madre Scarecrow Festival all over town! Above is the Best In Show Winner who can be found at 270 North Mountain Trail, Sierra Madre. Below is a complete list of winners. For a map of all the scarecrow locations, go to: <http://www.creativeartsgroup.org/scarecrow-festival/map/>  
Photo by Gina Long

**THE WINNERS**

	Scarecrow Name	Award	Category
91	Bacardi the wench	People's Choice Award	Business/Organization
53	Sierra	People's Choice Award	Residential
4	Vacancy at Bates Motel	Scariest Scarecrow	Family
6	Haunted Henry	Best Traditional Scarecrow	Child
12	Orchard Scarecrow	Best Story	Family
13	The Birds'	Best in Show	Family
14	Spindarella	Most Creative	Business/Organization
16	SM ET	Best Use of Prop	Family
18	Jon Crow & Ghost	Best Depiction of Pop Culture	Family
21	Ohana	Best Story	Business/Organization
22	Kylian	Best Depiction of Life in Sierra Madre	Child
23	Signora Spumoni - A Legend in Her Own Mind!	Most Humorous	Business/Organization
26	Mackenzie	Happiest Scarecrow	Child
27	Bender' the Robot	Presidential Award	Family
32	Kitty-Pumpkin-Boo	Cutest Scarecrow	Family
34	Cat Girl	Most Purrfect Scarecrow	Family

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**ROTARY HUMANITARIAN STAR AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE OCTOBER 31**

SIERRA MADRE, California – The Rotary Club of Sierra Madre is soliciting nominees for its first annual Rotary Science, Technology, Aerospace, and Robotics (STAR) Awards. The public is encouraged to nominate individuals or teams who have made achievements with humanitarian benefit in one of more of the following areas: (1) Environmental Improvement; (2) Health and Medical; (3) Disaster Relief and Recovery; and (4) Improved Sharing of Knowledge The STAR Awards recognize and celebrate scientific achievements that significantly better human lives.

The awards will be given at a gala reception and banquet headlined by keynote speaker Peter L. Salk, M.D., president of the Jonas Salk Legacy Foundation presented on December 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at the Santa Anita Race Track Chandelier Room in Arcadia.

For nominations, sponsorship opportunities, and more information, the public is encouraged to visit the event's website, <http://www.rhstar.org>, or the event's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/SMRHSTAR/>

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"Our goal is to raise public awareness of scientific advances and their positive impacts on humanity," said Dr. Alan David Unell, president of the Sierra Madre Rotary Club. "The individuals and groups who we will be honoring give us all hope that advances in science and technology have the potential to greatly improve human health and well-being across the globe."

**AN EVENING WITH ABRAHAM LINCOLN: AMERICA'S GREATEST PRESIDENT**

Are you puzzled by American politics? You may just find the answers to today's challenges from a President who lived 150 years ago. Join us on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Sierra Madre Public Library for the inspiring presentation, "An Evening with Abraham Lincoln: America's Greatest President."

"I had the honor and privilege of learning about my friend Mr. Lincoln over the six years I studied his life," says Richard Procter, Senior Writer at BRC Imagination Arts, and Sierra Madre Library Trustee. "I was the 'senior storyteller' for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Illinois. What I learned changed my view of American history. It also showed me how one person – a common person, like you and me – can change that history."

Procter won a THEA Award (the Oscar of the themed entertainment business) for his contributions to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. It continues to be one of the most popular, most widely imitated museums in America.

Procter has worked on more than a hundred projects at BRC Imagination Arts, including experiences for three world Expos, Florida's Kennedy Space Center and the states of Louisiana and Texas. Before this, he was an award-winning Creative Director (11 Clios) for the advertising agency Bert, Barz and Kirby, an Imagineer for the Walt Disney Company, and the writer/producer of more than a hundred hours of television for the Discovery Channel, TLC, the A&E Network, and PBS.

Read, Discover, Connect @ Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024, 626-355-7186, Text 626-662-1254, [www.cityofsierramadre.com/services/library](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/services/library)

**GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SIERRA MADRE!**

*It was wonderful to see so many old friends at the Sierra Madre Honors Dinner at Alverno last week! I miss you all so much!*

**XOXOXO - JAN REED,**  
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Mon:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 50s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Rain (60%)	Hi 60s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
Tuesday, October 25, 2016  
6:30 pm

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to [radio@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).

SIERRA MADRE CITY  
MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 6:30 pm

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 [cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:cityofsierramadre.com) before 5:30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members. Sierra Madre City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (626) 355-7135

Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 7:00PM  
Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2016 3:00PM  
Senior Community Commission Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2016 7:00PM  
Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 7:00PM  
EENRC Meeting



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"Bag It" is a 2010 documentary/comedy written by Michelle Curry Wright and Directed by Suzan Beraza. The film will air at 3:00pm on October 22nd at the Sierra Madre City Council Chambers. The film involves an average guy that makes a resolution to stop using single-use plastic bags from the grocery store and evolves into a commentary on the pervasiveness of plastic bags and other products that have an adverse effect on solid waste management and water quality in our communities.

The film has earned many accolades including awards from the Monterey Blue Oceans Film Festival, the Ashland Independent Film Festival, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival, and more.

This free event is brought to you by Sierra Madre's Energy, Environment, & Natural Resources Commission and is co-sponsored by L.A. Green Machine.



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MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016

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- Participating business will have a sign in window indicating involvement

## COSTUME PARADE

5:00PM KERSTING COURT

- Follow the Sierra Madre Fire Department Engine down Sierra Madre Blvd.
- Parade should only last 15 minutes. Starts at Kersting Court and ends at Hermosa Ave.
- Costume parade is open to all ages and registration is not required to participate

## COSTUME CONTEST

5:30PM MEMORIAL PARK

- All contestants must fill out a waiver form in Kersting Court from 4:00 - 5:00 pm - late contestants can fill one out in Memorial Park
- Categories: Group (All ages - Must include 1 youth under 17), 2 and under, 3 to 4 years old, 5 to 7 years old, and 8 to 13 years old
- Prizes will be given to the top 3 group and age category contestants.
- Strong efforts are being made to keep the contest to under an hour. Please arrive for a prompt start of 5:30pm

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## Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Let the rain kiss you. Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops. Let the rain sing you a lullaby." Langston Hughes

Monday morning we awoke to the sound of rain. I'm sure you did, too, and it was wonderful, delightful, thrilling, exquisite and made us want to do our Snoopy happy dance. A gentle, easily absorbed rain and already our drooping lemon trees are looking a little more enthusiastic. Gerardo Jimenez, our landscape artist and all around garden genius, has told me that if I would set our hose out to drip just one small drop at a time and let it do that for 24 hours, our trees would all be happier. Unfortunately, I can't seem to get it together to do that very simple task so we water all the trees sparingly, stingily, a couple of times a week, while mentally beseeching them to continue to live. "Live my beauties! Live!"

Walking Sierra Madre currently is so much fun because cleverly created scarecrows are everywhere. Moses, shown here, is in front of Ascension Church and the sign down by his feet says, "Moses - He started life as a Basket Case. He was the first Water Bender. He used tablets before Apple. Created by the youth of The Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Sierra Madre CA." Now that's clever.

If you walk down Baldwin to Sierra Madre Blvd. and turn right, you can see the really horrifying scarecrow Norma has out in front of Sierra Juice Co. Leonora Moss has a great one in her window with a good story. Savor the Flavor does, too, and there's one in front of the Playhouse. Look across the street at Brown's Classic Interiors - Dee Wallace has a terrific window. Don't miss the buxom lass in front of the Buccaneer and the guy in front of The Bottle Shop. But ya gotta walk it, friends and neighbors, you can't see these amazing scarecrow people out the window of your car. Trust me! The Kensington has a scarecrow family.

Speaking of the Playhouse, hope you saw the column on the Arts & Entertainment page of the October 15 issue of the News, boldly announcing "Return of the Tingle" - The Time Machine returns, plus Roddy Robot. All presented by The Symbiotic Society - formerly known as the Zombie Players. Free shows will run every half hour from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Halloween Night Only! We thoroughly enjoyed the Zombie Players presentation last Halloween and strongly encourage you to take advantage of what The Symbiotic Society somewhat nutty, demented and over-the-top members have for you this year. Free is always good, and the Playhouse is right in the center of all the Halloween activities downtown.

We've heard a lot this past week or so about bad behavior by some of our bears on the Bailey Canyon Trail. Lots of conjecture about a romance interrupted; or possibly our friend, Dan Richman got between a mama bear and her pretty overgrown cub, but we're happy he wasn't hurt worse than he was and that no bears were euthanized. All of which brought to mind a dear friend, storyteller and singer, Rosalie Sorrells, who for many years, sang a wonderful song:

Waltzing With Bears.

"Well my uncle Walter goes waltzing with bears;  
It's a most unbearable state of affairs.  
Every Saturday night he creeps down the back stairs;  
Slips out of the house and goes waltzing with bears.



Chorus:

He goes wa-wa-wa-wa-wa-wa- waltzing with bears,  
Raggy bears, baggy bears, shaggy bears too.  
And there's nothin' on earth uncle Walter won't do  
So he can go waltzing - wa- wa- wa- waltzing,  
So he can go waltzing, go waltzing with bears.

I went to his room in the middle of the night,  
I tiptoed inside and I turned on the light;  
But to my dismay he was nowhere in sight,  
'Cause my uncle Walter goes waltzing at night.

Chorus:

Well I bought uncle Walter a new coat to wear,  
But when he comes in it's all covered with hair.  
And lately I've noticed a couple new tears;  
'Cause my uncle Walter goes waltzing with bears."

And there's even more about uncle Walter.... Think it was written by Seamus Kennedy and you can find it on YouTube. A guaranteed smile!

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## SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC BLOTTER

October 9, to October 16, 2016

During this time period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 230 day and night time calls for service.

Monday, October 10

At about 9:35 a.m. an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Grove Street for a theft from vehicle report. The victim stated that it appears an unknown suspect(s) tampered with the victim's vehicle and stole the battery. This took place between 10/8/16 around 4:00 p.m. to 10/10/16 around 9:05 a.m. Case to Detectives

11:45 a.m.

SMPD officers were dispatched to the 200 block of W. Highland Ave after reports that an adult male was attacked by a bear in Bailey Canyon. The attack took place on the trail in the area of Georgia's Cabin, north of Sierra Madre's jurisdiction in the county of Los Angeles.

The officers spoke with a witness who stated as she was walking in the area of Lima St. and Highland Ave., she saw a male who appeared disheveled and covered with blood. The witness escorted the victim to his home where he was met by SMPD. Sierra Madre Fire arrived to transport the victim to a local hospital for further treatment. As of this notice, the victim is recovering from his wounds.

Case forwarded to the California Department of Fish and Game and the US Forestry Service.

3:30 p.m.

The victim of a hit and run accident came to the SMPD to report the collision. The victim stated her vehicle was struck by another vehicle as she was driving north on Baldwin Ave., in the vicinity of Mariposa Ave. Case forwarded to Detectives.

Wednesday, October 12

At around 10:12 a.m. officers responded to the 600 block of W. Alegria Ave. regarding a vandalism report. The investigation revealed that an unknown suspect(s) damaged the victim's fence and flattened a rear tire on their vehicle sometime between 10/9/16 around 1:00 p.m. and 10/11/16 around 5:50 p.m. Case to Detectives

Thursday, October 14

SMPD supervisor and officers responded to a call of two men fighting in a location at Baldwin Ave. and Sierra Madre Bl. at around 12:28 p.m. Upon arrival, the store manager reported that the two males are store employees and the fight escalated from a disagreement and resulted in one of the males being struck by a large knife. The victim suffered a cut to his head and was transported to a local hospital for treatment for his injuries by SMFD. The suspect was transported initially to the Pasadena Police PD jail for booking then transported to county Inmate Reception Center where the County Sheriff took custody of him.

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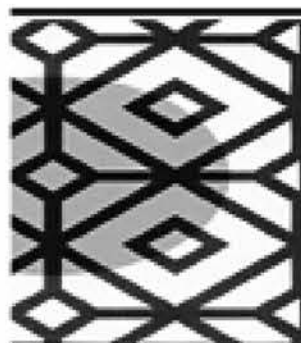
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## Local Area News Briefs

### South Pasadena Burglars Caught on Camera

Police are looking for tree men that broke into a South Pasadena home Tuesday just day after the homeowner had security cameras installed — the intruders were captured on camera. An alarm scared them away not long after the brake in.

According to reports, the men broke into a house in the 1200 block of Via Del Rey. They had climbed a gate and then smashed a sliding door. The video shows two of the three men, both wearing light colored hooded sweatshirts.

Anyone with information should call Pasadena police at 626-403-7270. If you would like to provide an anonymous tip, you may call Crime Stoppers by dialing: 800-222-TIPS (8477).

### South Lake Mature Ficus Trees to be Cut Down

Pasadena city officials said Wednesday they are cutting down three large 70 year old Ficus trees along South Lake Avenue, in light of protests to stop what residents are calling a “slaughter of trees.”

Officials said the trees will most likely be removed within the next eight days, in the middle of the night.

A lawsuit filed in 2014 against the city claims the tree, owned by the city, are threatening the structural integrity of some buildings, clogging drains with debris and damaging sidewalks among other things. The decision to cut the trees down comes as an out of court settlement with a property owner. A group of residents said they may file an injunction to stop the removal.

If the trees are cut down, they will most likely be replaced with London plane trees officials said.

## Pet of the Week



Hoygi (A406773) is a one-year-old, neutered male, white kitty with one striking blue eye. Earlier this month, a good Samaritan found him walking alone down a city street with only one eye to look out for himself. They brought him in to PHS, and he's now comfortable and safe while he looks for his forever home. This affectionate boy has quickly won over our staff with his loving personality. Whether he's on the prowl for some head rubs or looking for a warm lap to curl up in, Hoygi is irresistibly sweet. Stop by PHS to visit this special kitty; we know you'll fall in love.

The adoption fee for cats is \$70, which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, and vaccinations.

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

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at (626) 792-7151 to ask about A406773, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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



## Tournament Announces 2017 Rose Queen

The Tournament of Roses named Victoria Cecilia Castellanos as the 99th Rose Queen at the Announcement and Coronation ceremony Thursday night at The Pasadena Playhouse.

The announcement follows a month-long selection process with nearly 1000 people participating in interviews. Masters of Ceremonies were Chuck Henry from NBC4 Southern California and 1988 Rose Queen Julie Myers King.

Rose Queen Victoria and the Royal Court will attend nearly 100 community and media functions, acting as ambassadors of the Association and the Pasadena community at large. Their reign will culminate on Monday, January 2nd, 2017 with the 128th Rose Parade and the 103rd Rose Bowl Game.

The Rose Queen and Royal Court were selected based upon a combination of qualities, including public speaking ability, poise, academic achievement, community and

school involvement.

“The Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game are the world’s kickoff for the New Year, and Queen Victoria and the six Rose Princesses are true representatives of the valued traditions and distinct backgrounds that make Pasadena and these celebrations so special,” said Tournament of Roses President Brad Ratliff after the Coronation. “They truly are Echoes of Success coming from the cultural richness of our community. Not only will Queen Victoria and the Royal Court be wonderful ambassadors, they eagerly await to meet many in our community to exchange stories about their own Echoes of Success as they bring to January 2nd and America’s New Year’s Celebration.”

During the coronation ceremony, Ratliff presented Rose Queen Victoria with a Mikimoto crown featuring more than 600 cultured pearls and six carats of diamonds.

## Camera on Orbiter Shows Signs of Latest Mars Lander

NASA’s Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter has identified new markings on the surface of the Red Planet that are believed to be related to Europe’s Schiaparelli test lander, which arrived at Mars Wednesday.

The new image shows a bright spot that may be Schiaparelli’s parachute, and a larger dark spot interpreted as resulting from the impact of the lander itself following a much longer free fall than planned, after thrusters switched off prematurely. It was taken by the Context Camera (CTX) on NASA’s Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter.

The location information gained from acquiring the CTX image will be used for imaging the site with the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter’s High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) camera.

The location of the bright spot interpreted as the parachute closely matching ESA’s



calculation for the landing location based on landing-day data. This is within the planned landing area and about 3.3 miles (5.4 kilometers) west of the center of the landing target. A dark spot is larger and elliptical, approximately 50 by 130 feet (15 by 40 meters). It may be where the lander reached the surface and exposed darker ground.

The test lander placed the Trace Gas Orbiter into orbit around Mars on Oct. 19. The orbiter will investigate Mars’ atmosphere and provide relay communications capability for landers and rovers on the surface. The images can be seen at [mars.nasa.gov](http://mars.nasa.gov), search “Schiaparelli Test Lander.”

## ALTADENA POLICE BLOTTER

**Monday, October 10th**  
12:00 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 2500 block of N. Holliston Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the location by shattering the window. Stolen: jewelry.

2:38 PM – Luis Castaneda, 46 years old of Los Angeles was arrested in the 2100 block of Fair Oaks Avenue for domestic violence.

7:24 PM – Darryl Davis, 45 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the 3300 block of La Corona Avenue for domestic violence.

**Tuesday, October 11th**  
9:45 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 1600 block of Allen Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the location via the doggy door. Stolen: unknown.

8:50 PM – A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 1800 block of Morada Place. Stolen: credit cards.

**Wednesday, October 12th**  
11:16 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 2800 block of Glenrose Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the location via the rear door. Stolen: Air Jordan shoes.

3:30 PM – A shoplifting incident occurred in the 800 block of E. Mariposa St. Stolen: hardware supplies.

**Thursday, October 13th**

12:30 PM – David Black, 18 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 2700 block of N. Glenrose Avenue for receiving stolen property.

4:00 PM – Freesia Torres, 29 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 3500 block of N. Glenrose Avenue for domestic violence.

10:47 PM – Kevin Berry, 36 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 1700 block of N. Holliston Avenue for domestic battery.

**Friday, October 14th**  
7:30 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 3200 block of N. Mount Curve Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the location via the rear doors. Stolen: jewelry.

9:00 AM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 2100 block of Lincoln Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by shattering the passenger window. Stolen: Macbook, Sony tablet, black wallet, black & tan backpack and credit cards.

**Saturday, October 15th**  
7:45 PM – Jonathan Isaac, 33 years old of Sacramento was arrested in the area of Allen Avenue and Oakwood Street for extortion.

9:42 PM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 900 block of W. Woodbury Road. Vehicle damage: shattered window.

Castellanos is a senior at Temple City High School and lives in Temple City. Victoria has been a part of Brighterside Singers since her sophomore year and has been in five Temple City High School musicals. She volunteers with the Pasadena Humane Society and the American Legion in Eagle Rock. Photo D.Lee MVNews

## Free Flu Vaccine

Fight the flu by getting a free vaccine at clinics offered by the Pasadena Public Health Department through Wednesday, November 16. The influenza vaccine will be provided at various Pasadena locations, listed below, on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

The vaccine will be available to everyone ages 6 months and older at no cost. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Remember to wear short sleeves. For more details about the clinics, call (626) 744-6000 or visit [www.cityofpasadena.net/publichealth](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/publichealth).

**Wednesday, Oct. 26.**

10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

**Wednesday, Nov. 2.**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

NOTE: Pre-registration required for this clinic. Call (626) 795-4331 for details.

**Wednesday, Nov. 9.**

10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Santa Catalina Branch Library, 999 E. Washington Blvd.

**Tuesday, Nov. 15.**

10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Allendale Branch Library, 1130 S. Marengo Ave.

**Wednesday, Nov. 16.**

10 a.m. - 12 p.m., La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.

Different types of influenza viruses can spread through the community during flu season. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older get the vaccine annually to protect against the most common types of influenza viruses.

Vaccines will also be available at the PPHD Travel & Immunization Clinic. Call (626) 744-6121 for hours and availability.

## Prescription Drug Take Back Today

Today, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Altadena Sheriff’s Station and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to Altadena Sheriff’s Station at 780 E. Altadena Dr., Altadena 91001. The collection bins are located in front side of the station on the west side, which is opposite of the front lobby in 3 large mailbo style bins. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

## Doo Dah Queen Tryouts to be Held Today

Individuals of all genders, shapes, ages, and persuasions, including a four-legged hopeful, will be vying to become this year’s 39th Pasadena Doo Dah Queen. Royal mayhem takes place this afternoon starting at 4:30 p.m. at the American Legion Bar, 179 N. Vinedo St.

Each Queen Hopeful will have three minutes to wow the Judges and convince them they have what it takes to reign over the 39th Doo Dah Parade. Contestants, who often arrive with a ring of fans, are not above bribing the judges for their vote. Hecklers are always encouraged. And onlookers can also buy their way into being judges by purchasing two beers for the parade organizers.

Last year, Judges selected Veronika MeowMeowz



(pictured above), who wooed over 30 judges by performing a song from her former band Untoward Children

The 39th Occasional Pasadena Doo Dah Parade will be held on Sunday, November 20th, stepping off at 11:00am on the streets of East Pasadena.

To enter the parade simply go to the website [pasadenadoodahparade.info](http://pasadenadoodahparade.info) and fill out a form, or may call (626) 590-1134.

## Pasadena Symphony Presents Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue

Music Director David Lockington and the Pasadena Symphony continue their newly-expanded Singpoli Classics Series on Saturday, November 5th with Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue. A powerhouse program from start to finish with a kaleidoscope of colors, the repertoire opens to one of the great pieces of Americana with Copland’s Appalachian Spring, topped off by the quintessential Russian folktale – Rimsky-Korsakov’s Scheherazade.

“This is going to be a really exciting colorful program of iconic pieces,” states Lockington.

The Pasadena Symphony continues its tradition of showcasing the stars of tomorrow here today with Ray Ushikubo performing Gershwin’s Jazz Age masterpiece. Winner of the first-ever international Steinway Concerto Competition at the Colburn Academy Piano Festival in 2015, Ushikubo has been stunning audiences since the age of ten when he premiered at Los Angeles’ Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. With performances at Carnegie Hall and on NBC’s Tonight Show with Jay Leno under his belt, you won’t want to miss this fifteen-year-old



Ray Ushikubo

prodigy who Lockington calls “a remarkable young teenage pianist who has great virtuosity; great maturity.”

For those who want to learn more about the music, join us for Insights – a free pre-concert dialogue with David Lockington, which begins one hour prior to each performance.

All Symphony Classics concerts take place at Ambassador Auditorium, 131 S. St. John Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91105 with matinee and evening performances at 2:00pm and 8:00pm. Subscription packages start at \$99; regular individually priced tickets start at \$35 and may be purchased online at [www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org](http://www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org) or by calling (626) 793-7172.

## Free Events Roundup at the Pasadena Senior Center

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

**Smart Phones, Tablets and Computers – Any Questions? – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 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!

**Medicare Resource Fair and Presentation – Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Open enrollment for Medicare is Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. Get the information you’ll need to make informed decisions about medical and prescription plans that are best for your needs. Representatives from a variety of health care plans will be on hand to provide information and answer questions about Medicare plans and services and help you compare plans all in one place. At noon a one-hour presentation on Medicare program issues and upcoming changes for 2017 will be presented by Center for Health Care Rights. Although reservations are not required, a boxed lunch will be provided to the first 50 people who have called 626-795-4331 to confirm their attendance.

**Flu Shot Clinic – Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Seniors are at greater risk of serious complications from flu than younger adults. Flu shots will be provided at no cost by the Pasadena Public Health Department for anyone older than 6 months. Visit the Welcome Desk for a required appointment card. For more information call 626-795-4331.

**Child Gifting – Thursday, Nov. 3, at 10 a.m.** A strong financial foundation never goes out of style. Learn how to give financial gifts to your children and grandchildren so they’ll have a head start toward financial security.

**Friday Movie Matinees Fridays, Nov. 4 and 18.** Everyone enjoys movies and the pleasures they bring. Nov. 4 at 1 p.m.: “Café Society” (2016, PG-13) starring Jesse Eisenberg and Kristen Stewart. A young Bronx native moves to Hollywood in the 1930s and falls in love with the secretary of his powerful uncle, an agent to the stars, then returns to New York where he gets swept up in the vibrant world of high society.

**Cardmaking Workshop – Monday, Nov. 7, from noon to 2 p.m.** Surprise a special someone with a personalized, handmade greeting card. Whether it’s happy birthday, happy holidays, thank you, thinking of you or other sentiment, you’ll create a decorative card in your own unique style and have fun. All materials will be provided.

For more info visit [pasadena seniorcenter.org](http://pasadena seniorcenter.org) or call (626) 795-4331.



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## REVISED CELL TOWER PROPOSED BY VERIZON DENIED

The Arcadia Planning Commission voted 3 to 1 to adopt Resolution No. 1970 to deny Verizon’s revised proposal for a new, wireless, communication facility at The Church of the Transfiguration at 1881 S. First Avenue. The revised proposal is to house a cellular, antenna tower, and the accompanying equipment in a faux, 53-foot-tall, bell tower. Resolution No. 1970 denies Conditional Use Permit Application No. CUP 15-03, Architectural Design Review No. ADR 15-06, and Wireless Regulation Waiver Request No. W 15-01. The Waiver request is to locate the facility on a residentially-zoned property. Commissioner Thompson was the dissenting vote. He found that insufficient evidence had been provided to refute the applicant’s documentation of a significant gap in wireless service. Commissioner Chiao was absent.

## GROWING UP IN THE ARCADIA AREA

Jerry Selmer, a long-time member of the Friends of the Arcadia Public Library and a former president of the Friends of the Library, has lived in this area since childhood and will recount many of his growing up experiences on November 12, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The talk will take place in the Cay Mortenson Auditorium of the Arcadia Public Library.

Please bring your lunch and enjoy a social gathering and a talk about our local history. The Friends of the Arcadia Public Library will provide some extras to go with your brown bag lunch. This talk was previously given at the Arcadia Historical Society and was very well received. For more information, please call 626.821.5569.

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

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## KIM RHODE: NEW SKEET WOMEN WORLD CUP CHAMPION IN ROME

By Joan Schmidt

Last Thursday I received a wonderful email from Kim Rhode’s proud parents. Kim had been in Italy competing in the World Cup Finals and took a Gold Medal in the Women’s International Skeet Competition on October 12. The World Cup Finals are the last competition of the year, and participation is by invitation only! Each competitor has medaled in either a World Cup or Olympics in this past year-2016. This very prestigious event includes the world’s top shooters.

Kim’s mom gave me the link to the official press release from the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF). There was a lot of good information, and in the following paragraphs, I will share some of it.

The ISSF announced that Kim Rhode became the new Skeet Women World Cup Champion in the World Cup Final Shotgun in Rome.. How was this achieved? She had a perfect score of 16 hits in the Gold Medal Match, beating Wei Meng of the People’s Republic of China, who had 15 hits; therefore Wei received the Silver Medal. (An interesting note-When Kim and Mei were in Rio de Janeiro in the Summer Olympics, they finished third and fourth respectively.)

To get to the Gold Medal Match, Kim had cleared the semi-final with 14 hits out of 16 shots passing through a three-way shoot-off with 1 +7.

The Bronze Medal went to Thailand’s Sutliya Jiewchaloemmit; Italy’s Olympic Champion Diana Bacosi, achieved 4th; and Bacosi’s teammate 2008 Olympic Champion Chiara Cainero took 5th place.

Kim said “It was an incredible experience... fantastic competitors out there, a lot of experience, on the line. I am just very happy to be able to compete against them and do as well as I did. I am very thankful for the day.”

This achievement confirmed that Kim is one of the best skeet shooters in the world. She alone has achieve six medals in six consecutive Olympics: at age 17,

Atlanta, 1996, Gold-Double Trap; Sidney, Australia, 2000, Bronze-Double Trap; Athens, Greece, 2004, Gold-Double Trap. Double Trap was discontinued in 2005. In Beijing, 2008, Silver-Skeet; London, 2008, Gold-Skeet, and in Rio de Janeiro, 2016, Bronze-Skeet. (This was quite a feat. Kim had a difficult pregnancy and health issues, but never gave up. She credits husband Mike Harryman with so much support to keep her motivated.) Kim also said, “Going for that record, 6 for 6, and having attained it in Rio was an amazing, very humbling experience. And hopefully, there’s more to come.”

What are Kim’s immediate plans? “Right now at the end of the season I want to dedicate some time to my son (Carter) and family”. (Besides her hubby, Mike, Kim loves to meet up with her folks, Sharon and Rick at Jake’s Roadside in Monrovia. Dad is her coach and mom is #1 fan.)

I for one am looking forward to the 2020 Olympics and wish Kim success. She truly is one of the most humble people I know. She is always smiling and loves to meet fans of any age

## APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE MONROVIA OLD TOWN ADVISORY BOARD (MOTAB), DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS OCTOBER 24, 2016

Recently, Sean Sprinkel notified the City that he needs to resign from his position as a member of the Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board (MOTAB). Given this development, the City is currently accepting applications for an unscheduled vacancy on MOTAB to complete the remainder of Mr. Sprinkel’s term, which is set to expire in June 2018. The five-member MOTAB board is comprised of Old Town merchants, and is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council on programs and projects to advance the downtown area through marketing, promotion, and overall improvement of the Old Town Business Improvement District. All positions are volunteer and receive no compensation. Board Members may

not be a City of Monrovia employee, must have a bona fide business in the Old Town district that is subject to the Business Improvement District (BID) assessment, and must be current on their BID assessment. MOTAB meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue. For more information, please contact City Clerk Alice Atkins at (626) 932-5505, or reach her via email at [aatkins@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:aatkins@ci.monrovia.ca.us). A copy of the notice of vacancy on the MOTAB board has been included below for your reference, and an application form to apply for the vacancy can be found online at: <http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/motab/page/accepting-applications-motab-vacancy>

## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

*For the period of Sunday, October 9th, through Saturday, October 15th, the Police Department responded to 945 calls for service of which 137 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, October 9:

1. Shortly before 1:33 a.m., an officer responded to Maki & Sushi, 302 East Huntington Drive, regarding a burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed the unidentified suspect used an unknown tool to break the front window, looked for the office, but fled empty handed when the alarm activated.

The suspect was seen driving a white sedan and was wearing a light-colored hooded sweatshirt. The investigation is ongoing.

2. Around 11:40 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of Campus Drive regarding a domestic dispute. The officer discovered the suspect, who appeared to be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, was threatening his roommate, the victim. A records check revealed the suspect also had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants. The 40-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for making terrorist threats.

3. At about 7:20 p.m., an officer responded to Zumiez, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding two suspicious subjects. An investigation revealed the suspects concealed numerous items of merchandise underneath their clothing. Upon contacting the suspects, both admitted to being under the influence of a controlled substance. The 25-year-old male transient and the 24-year-old female transient were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Monday, October 10:

4. Just after 2:34 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 6000 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a burglary report. The officer determined two suspects broke into the victim’s home, encountered the residents, and fled empty-handed on foot. A 19-year-old female from El Monte was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The second suspect is outstanding at the time of this report.

5. At approximately 6:41 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 900 block of Palo Alto Drive regarding a fraud report. The victim stated he received notification from his bank about two applications for new credit accounts, however, they were declined. The victim does not know how the suspect(s) obtained his personal information. The investigation is ongoing.

### Tuesday, October 11:

6. Around 8:18 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1200 block of Valencia Way regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed the unknown suspect entered the house through a rear door that had been damaged during a previous burglary, stole a television, purse, costume jewelry, and fled undetected. The investigation is ongoing.

### Wednesday, October 12:

7. Shortly after 10:24 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1100 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a fraud report. The victim initiated conversation with a City of

Arcadia employee about a home improvement program. An unknown suspect began emailing the victim as though they were the city employee and instructed the victim to pay \$270.00 to an individual in Massachusetts. The victim complied and finally ended communication once he received another suspicious email. The investigation is ongoing.

8. At about 9:05 p.m., an officer responded to Sephora, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a petty theft report. Loss prevention specialist witnessed the suspect conceal numerous items in an empty shopping bag before exiting the store, failing to make payment. The 17-year-old female from Los Angeles was cited and released to her father.

### Thursday, October 13:

9. At approximately 12:01 a.m., an officer responded to 24 Hour Fitness, 125 North First Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect smashed the victim’s car window, stole a backpack and purse, and used the victim’s debit card at a gas station and restaurant in Baldwin Park. The investigation is ongoing.

10. Around 1:54 a.m., an officer contacted a subject in the area of Baldwin Avenue and Duarte Road for riding a skateboard on the sidewalk. During a consensual search of the subject, the officer located a stolen credit card. The 39-year-old male from Temple City was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

11. At about 12:23 a.m., officers responded to the 400 block of East Live Oak Avenue regarding a transient throwing trash. As the officer attempted to contact the subject, he fled on foot. The officer caught up to the suspect and during a search of the man, the officer located a bag of methamphetamine. The 47-year-old male transient was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

12. Just before 3:27 p.m., officers responded to Arcadia Garden Café, 850 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed an incident of road rage escalated as the suspect exited her vehicle and pulled on the victim’s hair, causing her to fall to the ground. The suspect fled before officers arrived.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic female driving a black, four-door BMW sedan. The investigation is ongoing.

### Friday, October 14:

13. Shortly after 12:00 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of East Las Flores Avenue regarding a mail theft report. A witness saw a transient looking inside mailboxes. The officer located the suspect and discovered he was in possession of stolen mail. The 55-year-old male transient was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Saturday, October 15:

14. At approximately 2:46 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2000 block of Highland Oaks Drive regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) smashed the rear glass door, disabled the alarm, and fled undetected. The total loss is unknown as the time of this report. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

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The City’s current Blue Star Banners will be replaced by military families during both World War I and World War II), a Spirit Box (with hometown periodicals, crossword puzzles, books, playing cards, and personal necessities), a lifetime membership to Foothill Gym (from owner Brian Whelan), and a “thank you” letter from the entire community signed by the City Council.

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## ALVERNO HEIGHTS ACADEMY STUDENT TO PERFORM WITH MICHAEL FEINSTEIN

*Alverno Senior, Sofia Gonzalez, will perform with Michael Feinstein at The Colburn School*

Sierra Madre, Ca –

For Alverno Heights Academy student Sofia Gonzalez '17, the summer before senior year seemed to be a normal one filled with trips, camp, and her regular vocal lessons that is until she received a text message from her vocal instructor at The Colburn School of Music, Kay Montgomery, letting her know that she had been selected to perform with Michael Feinstein at Zipper Hall on Saturday, October 22. Feinstein will be performing as a part of a fundraiser for The Colburn School and the Great American Songbook Foundation.

“All of this happened by chance,” said Sofia Gonzalez '17. “To be singing with Michael Feinstein is an incredible honor and I am so grateful to have been chosen. Here is a man who is working to keeping the art of musical theatre alive by providing students with scholarships and I was selected to be able to sing with him—it’s crazy, exciting, and amazing all at the same time!”

Little did Sofia know at the time, that her mother, Patricia, had been working with Ms. Montgomery and other individuals at The Colburn School to provide video clips of Sofia’s performances to Mr. Feinstein.

“It was funny because my mom didn’t really know how to upload things on to YouTube and so she was trying to do all of this behind my back without telling too many members of my family,” Sofia said. “My younger sister almost let it slip when she showed me the videos on YouTube but fortunately, everything happened the way it was meant to.”

When Sofia takes the stage alongside Michael Feinstein on Saturday, October 22 she will be singing “I Have Confidence” from The Sound of Music, a show that was ironically the first play Sofia ever auditioned for.

“I decided to try out for The Sound of Music at Holy Family in South Pasadena after I had transferred there,” she said. “I knew nothing about theatre and went into the audition and sang “Viva La Vida” by Coldplay, which is a little out of place for The Sound of Music. I ended up being cast as a nun and sang the opening number, a Latin chant, a capella. I went from zero to standing in the spotlight at the opening of the show.”

Since then, Sofia has been committed to musical theatre and participated in numerous productions at Holy Family and St. Francis High School. At Alverno Heights Academy, Sofia is a member of the ComedySportz team and sings as a member of the Liturgical Mass Band. A few years ago, she started taking classes at The Colburn School where she met current mentor, Kay Montgomery.

“Kay just really inspires me,” Sofia said. “She is incredibly talented and knowledgeable and really commits herself wholeheartedly to her students. I certainly would not be able to do this and have these experiences without her.”

On top of everything else, Sofia is also busy preparing applications, performance videos, and resumes for college. With music and theatre as one of the center points of her life, Sofia has set her sights on schools that will allow her to continue her passion and provide her with the skills for growth. The University of Arizona, Baldwin Wallace, Carnegie Mellon, and Pace University are all at the top of her list and with strong performing arts departments they will certainly give Sofia the opportunity to grow.

“I’ve wanted to pursue musical theater as a career for a while,” she said, “and that dream has been reaffirmed for me this year. I want to have a well-rounded education that includes both strong academics and strong arts so I can become a more globally-minded individual,” she said. “The more I study, the more I can apply concepts from



real life to the shows I’ll be in, making the whole experience more meaningful for me.”

Despite the excitement of everything, Sofia is still an Alverno Heights senior looking to enjoy the final months of high school with her friends and family. When asked what her go to karaoke choice would be for a party on the Alverno terrace, her reply was simple. “‘Billie Jean’ by Michael Jackson because it’s simple and cool,” she said. “However, if it was Broadway karaoke, then it would definitely be ‘Don’t Rain on My Parade’ by Barbra Streisand.”

“Sofia really is the picture of an Alverno Heights Academy girl—intelligent, talented, empowered and well-rounded and we could not be more proud of her,” said Julia V. Fanara, Head of School. “On behalf of everyone at Alverno, congratulations on this wonderful accomplishment and know that we are all cheering you on. We certainly have confidence the world will all be yours.”

### About Alverno Heights Academy

Alverno Heights Academy is an all-girls, independent, progressive Catholic, college preparatory school dedicated to its mission of empowering each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be. Located on the property of the former Barlow Estate in Sierra Madre, California, Alverno Heights Academy was founded in 1960 by the Sisters of St. Francis who sought to create an environment in the San Gabriel Valley where young women could become informed and knowledgeable persons. Later renamed Alverno High School and sponsored by the Immaculate Heart Community, Alverno’s program—academic, spiritual, aesthetic, social, and physical—has been shaped by the staff, trustees, and students. As Alverno Heights Academy once again, the school remains committed to its mission by encouraging each of their young women to be who they imagine. For more information about Alverno Heights Academy, please visit <http://www.alvernoheightsacademy.org>

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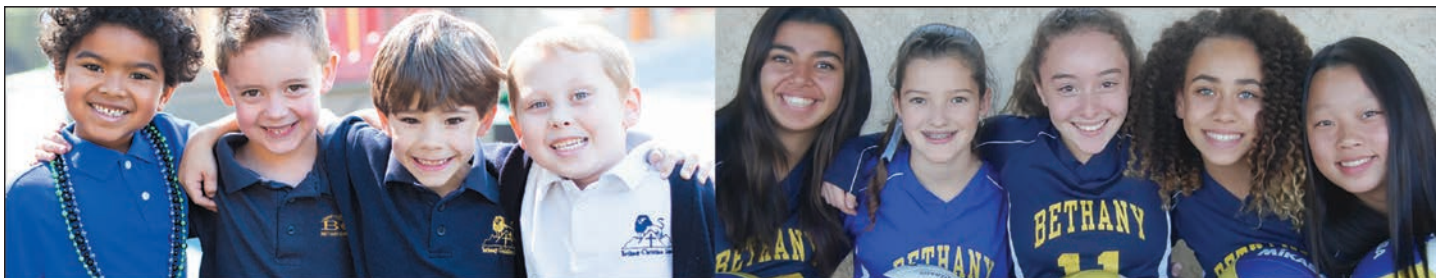
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**TABLE FOR TWO** by Peter Dills  
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was at the Langham Hotel and enjoyed a glass of Black Stallion Cabernet (\$15), and she asked this writer to investigate how establishments come up with prices of wines by the glass. I dream of a day when a poor restaurant critic may soothe his many worries with an exceptional glass of wine and not be required to carry a bag of diamonds as payment. Like the majority of us, Amber strikes me as a regular consumer of wine; a person who is not cheap but searches for value when she is dining out. I must admit I, too, like the gentle view from the Tap Room over looking the 50 acres of greenery.

I reached out to my many sources in the industry and this is what I found out. Ian Blackburn, founder of Learnaboutwine.com, said, "That (\$15) is common for a good glass of wine and the math works out to (\$52) for the full bottle at that price per glass." While many chain restaurants use a Libby wine glass which costs a couple of bucks, upscale restaurants use a higher quality glass, so you can guess that the cost of the glass might be just a bit lower than what they paid for the entire bottle. My next call was to Randy, who owns the Domenico's restaurant on Washington in Pasadena. He tells me that his wine purveyors suggest to "tripling the cost of the bottle". This means if you see a bottle for \$30 at your favorite restaurant, by this rule of thumb, they paid \$10 for it."

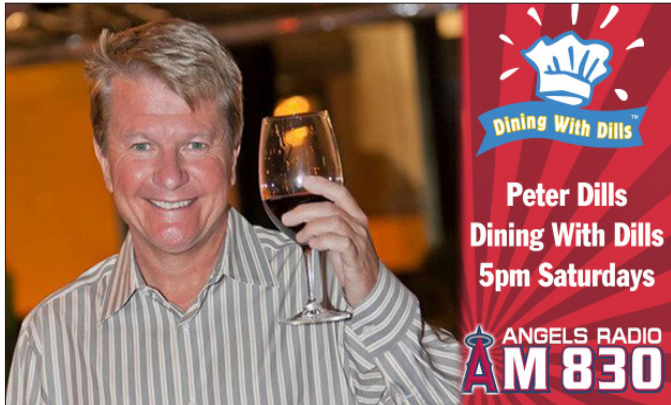
Ok, so how about corkage fees? Most restaurants charge \$4-\$15 for this service because, yes, they still have to open your bottle and clean the glasses. I find it that is unacceptable to bring in a bottle of wine that is already listed on the restaurant's menu. If it is an owner-occupied restaurant, often it is a good gesture to let the owner sample the wine that you have brought in. Who picks the wine? Erudite wine broker Eddie Ramirez offers this insightful advice, "Always have the wine list when ordering, and I do not recommend asking the servers for a wine recommendation unless you do not have any issues with the price." My suggestion to Amber and my readers is it to never blindly let the server choose the wine for you and be careful on the "House Wine" I stayed at a resort in South Laguna just a few years ago and my bill was \$110!!

I hope this helps. I learned something as well.

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## Julie's favorite family Recipes

### LIME-CURRY TOFU STIR-FRY

#### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons peanut oil
- 1 (16 ounce) package extra-firm tofu, cut into bite-sized cubes
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger root
- 2 tablespoons red curry paste
- 1 pound zucchini, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 (14 ounce) can coconut milk

#### Directions

Heat the peanut oil in a wok or large skillet over high heat. Add the tofu and stir-fry until golden brown. Remove the tofu and set aside, leaving the remaining oil in the wok. Stir the ginger and curry paste into the hot oil for a few seconds until the curry paste is fragrant and the ginger begins to turn golden. Add the zucchini and bell pepper; cook and stir for 1 minute. Pour in the lime juice, soy sauce, maple syrup, coconut milk, and tofu. Bring the coconut milk to a simmer, and cook a few minutes until the vegetables are tender and the tofu is hot. Stir in the chopped basil just before serving

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So what class is best when you're experiencing anxiety? As a student, personally, I cannot just "relax" walking into a yoga class when I'm anxious. A (brief) seated posture to establish the breath is ok, but then I've got to get moving! It's best to experience dynamic movement with the breath to begin. Believe it or not, the "monkey mind" needs many jobs to do in order slow down. Movement, conscious breath and drishti (gaze) are just a few components. Once

I have tuned into my breath, and moved my body a little, poses with longer holds become accessible. It's in the longer holds, with conscious, smooth breaths that I can find a deeper sense of calm and stability. It takes a little work to hang in there, but it's well worth it. The rest of the class is do-able, enjoyable and satisfying.

Each time anxiety is soothed through natural means, new positive habits are created. The mind experiences the feeling of being "ok". The collective of these experiences has an impact.

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## FORGETFULNESS: WHAT'S NORMAL, WHAT'S NOT?

Dear Savvy Senior,  
At age 76, my husband has become forgetful lately and is worried he may have Alzheimer's. What resources can you recommend to help us get a grip on this?  
Concerned Wife

Dear Concerned,

Many seniors worry about memory lapses as they get older fearing it may be the first signs of Alzheimer's disease or some other type of dementia. To get some insight on the seriousness of your husband's problem, here are some resources you can turn to for help.

## Warning Signs

As we grow older, some memory difficulties – such as forgetting names or misplacing items from time to time – are associated with normal aging. But the symptoms of dementia are much more than simple memory lapses.

While symptoms can vary greatly, people with dementia may have problems with short-term memory, keeping track of a purse or wallet, paying bills, planning and preparing meals, remembering appointments or traveling out of the neighborhood. To help you and your husband recognize the difference between typical age-related memory loss and a more serious problem, the Alzheimer's Association provides a list of 10 warning signs that you can assess at 10signs.org.

They also provide information including the signs and symptoms on the other conditions that can cause dementia like vascular dementia, Lewy body dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, chronic traumatic encephalopathy and others – see ALZ.org/dementia.

## Memory Screening

Another good place to help you get a handle on your husband's memory problems is through the National Memory Screening Program, which offers free memory screenings throughout National Memory Screening Month in November.

Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, this free service provides a confidential, face-to-face memory screening that takes about 10 minutes to complete and consists of questions and/or tasks to evaluate his memory status.



Screenings are given by doctors, nurse practitioners, psychologists, social workers or other healthcare professionals in thousands of sites across the country. It's also important to know that this screening is not a diagnosis. Instead, its goal is to detect problems and refer individuals with these problems for further evaluation.

To find a screening site in your area visit NationalMemoryScreening.org or call 866-232-8484. It's best to check for a screening location at the end of October, because new sites are constantly being added.

## See a Doctor

If you can't find a screening site in your area, make an appointment with his primary care doctor to get a cognitive checkup. This is covered 100 percent by Medicare as part of their annual wellness visit. If his doctor suspects any problems, he may give him the Memory Impairment Screen, the General Practitioner Assessment of Cognition, or the Mini Cog. Each test can be given in less than five minutes.

Depending on his score, his doctor may order follow-up tests or simply keep it on file so he can see if there are any changes down the road. Or, he may then refer him to a geriatrician or neurologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating memory loss or Alzheimer's disease.

Keep in mind that even if your husband is experiencing some memory problems, it doesn't necessarily mean he has dementia. Many memory problems are brought on by other factors like stress, depression, thyroid disease, side effects of medications, sleep disorders, vitamin deficiencies and other medical conditions. And by treating these conditions he can reduce or eliminate the problem.

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.

## MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO SONGS OF WORLD WAR II

Arcadia Senior Services will be presenting a lecture that includes a special salute to the veterans of all wars, "Sentimental Journey, the Songs of World War II". This patriotic musical program will be on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 1:15pm. The lecture will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia. Larry Maurer, musical historian from Timeless Melodies Foundation for Education will be the guest speaker. The program will highlight songs during World War II. Larry will review ballads, novelty tunes and sentimental songs including: This is the Army, Praise the Lord (and Pass the Ammunition), White Christmas and more. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at the Arcadia Community Center. This event is for individuals age 50 and over. For additional information please call Arcadia Senior

Services 626.574.5130.

## About the City of Arcadia

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

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ....October Birthdays

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\* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required but you must be over 60.



## ACTIVITIES:

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

## YWCA San Gabriel Valley - Intervale Senior Cafe

Seniors 60 years of age and up can participate in the YWCA Intervale daily lunch program held at the Hart Park House Senior Center. Meals are served Monday through Friday at 12:00 pm and participants are encouraged to arrive by 11:45 am. Meals are a suggested donation of \$3.00 for seniors 60 and over or \$5.00 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary, space is limited. Please reserve your lunch by calling 626-355-0256.

Tech Talk: Will resume in the fall.

Hawaiian and Polynesian Dance Class: Every Tuesday morning from 10:00 - 11:00am. Join instructor Barbara Dempsey as she instructs you in the art of hula.

Bingo: Every Tuesday beginning at 1:00 pm. Cards are only \$0.25 each! Everyone is welcome to join. May be cancelled if less than 5 people.

Free Blood Pressure Testing: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 11:00am - 12:00 pm. No appt. necessary.

Chair Yoga: Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 - 11:45am. A suggested donation of \$5 at one of the classes is requested, but is not required.

Case Management: Meets the second 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 12:00 pm. (Please note the time change.) A regular group of seniors play poker. Other games available for use.

Free Strength Training Class: Every Friday from 12:45 - 1:30 pm with Lisa Brandley. The class utilizes light weights for low impact resistance training. All materials for the class are provided.

Senior Club: Every Saturday at the Hart Park House Senior Center. Brown bag lunch at 11:30am.

## LUNCH AND LEARN

Thursday, October 27th, 11:00am - 1:30pm

Medicare Annual Election Period is here. If you have any questions on your health plans, please come to the Medicare Resource Table at the Hart Park House on October 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A licensed representative will be available to answer questions as well as gather information. No appointment necessary.

## SENIOR EXCURSION -

## NOVEMBER EXCURSION

## GRABER OLIVE HOUSE (ONTARIO)



Date: Wednesday, November 9th, 2016  
Time: 9:45am - 2:30pm  
Meeting Location: Hart Park House  
Cost: \$10.00 (Does not include lunch)

Description: Founded in 1894, the historic Graber Olive House is located in a pleasant residential area north of Ontario's Business District. Here in quiet and serene surroundings, visitors are welcomed and delighted to discover a bit of early California. Participants will take a guided tour of the facility and may browse leisurely in the gift shop which feature Graber Olives, fine goods, and gifts. Lunch will be on your own at Molly's Souper. Please bring money for lunch and souvenirs if desired. Level of walking: Medium. Please call the Hart Park House 626-355-7394.

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# Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



## CURIOUS TILT OF THE SUN TRACED TO UNDISCOVERED PLANET

Planet Nine—the undiscovered planet at the edge of the solar system predicted by Caltech's Konstantin Batygin and Mike Brown in January 2016—appears to be responsible for the unusual tilt of the Sun.

The large and distant planet may be adding a wobble to the solar system, giving the appearance that the Sun is tilted slightly.

"Because Planet Nine is so massive and has an orbit tilted compared to the other planets, the solar system has no choice but to slowly twist out of alignment," says Elizabeth Bailey, a graduate student at Caltech and lead author of a study announcing the discovery.

All of the planets orbit in a flat plane with respect to the Sun, roughly within a couple degrees of each other. That plane, however, rotates at a six-degree tilt with respect to the Sun—giving the appearance that the Sun itself is cocked at an angle. Until now, no one had found a compelling explanation to produce such an effect. "It's such a deep-rooted mystery and so difficult to explain that people just don't talk about it," says Brown, Caltech's Richard and Barbara Rosenberg Professor of Planetary Astronomy.

Brown and Batygin's discovery of evidence that the Sun is orbited by an as-yet-unseen planet—about 10 times the size of Earth with an orbit about 20 times farther from the Sun on average than Neptune's—changes the physics.

Planet Nine, based on their calculations, appears to orbit at about 30 degrees off from the other planets' orbital plane. This tilt influences the orbits of a large population of objects in the Kuiper Belt—which is the reason Brown and Batygin came to suspect a planet existed there in the first place.

"It continues to amaze us; every time we look carefully we continue to find that Planet Nine explains something about the solar system that had long been a mystery," says Batygin, an assistant professor of planetary science.

The tilt of the solar system's orbital plane has long befuddled astronomers because of the way the planets formed: as a spinning cloud slowly collapsing first into a disk and then into objects



orbiting a central star.

Planet Nine's angular momentum is having an outsized impact on the solar system based on its location and size. A planet's angular momentum equals the mass of an object multiplied by its distance from the Sun, and corresponds with the force that the planet exerts on the overall system's spin. Because the other planets in the solar system all exist along a flat plane, their angular momentum works to keep the whole disk spinning smoothly.

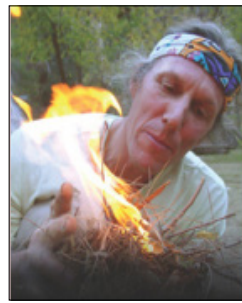
Planet Nine's unusual orbit, however, adds a multi-billion-year wobble to that system. Mathematically, given the hypothesized size and distance of Planet Nine, a six-degree tilt fits perfectly, Brown says.

The next question, then, is how did Planet Nine achieve its unusual orbit? Though that remains to be determined, Batygin suggests that the planet may have been ejected from the neighborhood of the gas giants by Jupiter, or perhaps may have been influenced by the

gravitational pull of other stellar bodies in the solar system's extreme past.

For now, Brown and Batygin continue to work with colleagues throughout the world to search the night sky for signs of Planet Nine along the path they predicted in January. That search, Brown says, may take three years or more.

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## CHRISTOPHER Nyerges THE ROOTS OF HALLOWE'EN

*Is it possible to celebrate a pre-commercialized version?*

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Recently, I was part of a conversation where our small group wondered, How was this Holy Day commemorated before it was all commercialized into a scary night? Is it possible to observe this Holy Day in a similar fashion today?

We determined that we'd need to dig up whatever historical facts we could find that show how this day was commemorated before 1700, more or less. Though we couldn't be 100% certain, we at least assumed that "commercialization" didn't really exist in 1700, and all the European and some American commemorations before that year probably retained some semblance of what the day was all about, originally.

So first, let's begin with the day.

It is believed that the ancient Celts observed something called a "Samhain festival" towards the end of October. Says the World Book Encyclopedia, "The Celts believed that the dead could walk among the living at this time. During Samhain, the living could visit with the dead. Elements of the customs can be traced to a Druid ceremony in pre-Christian times. The Celts had festivals for two major gods—a sun god and a god of the dead (called Samhain), whose festival was held on November 1, the beginning of the Celtic New Year.

This day, or period, was to mark the end of the harvest and the beginning of winter.

Samhain (pronounced "sow-in," which means "summer's end," or the name of a god, or both) is seen by some Wiccans as a time to celebrate the lives of those who have died, and it often involves paying respect to ancestors, family members, elders of the faith, friends, pets and other loved ones who have died. In some rituals the spirits of the dead are invited to attend the festivities.

Various sorts of activities done on Samhain have been described over the centuries. In Ireland, Samhain was a time to take stock of the herds and food supplies. Cattle were brought to the winter pastures after six months in the higher summer pastures. Then, the people chose which animals to slaughter before the winter. After the slaughter of the animals, there would be feasting. And obviously, if you aren't an animal-raising farmer, how would you celebrate this aspect, except for the feasting?

The Catholic Church was aware of all the so-called "pagan" observances, and had their own day to commemorate the dead, May 13. This began in 609 or 610 C.E., when Pope Boniface the 4th dedicated the Pantheon—the Roman temple of all the gods—to Mary and all the martyrs. Later that date was changed by Pope Gregory III (731-741 C.E.), who dedicated a chapel in Rome to all the saints and ordered that they be honored on November 1. This was done, in part, to overshadow the pre-existing Samhain commemorations.

In the 11th century, November 2nd was assigned as "All Souls' Day" in commemoration of the dead. So this began the use of the term Halloween's Eve, or Halloween for October 31.

Halloween customs are similar to the observance of Día de los Muertos or Day of the Dead, commonly practiced in Mexico and which can be traced to early Aztec times. Apparently, this "day of the dead" was originally commemorated in Mexico in May, and was changed to November 2 sometime after Spanish contact to correspond with the Christian tradition.

FOOD and GIFTING

Trick or treating in modern times goes back to leaving food and wine for roaming dead spirits and ghosts. The custom was referred to as "going a-souling" and was eventually practiced only by the children who would visit the houses in their neighborhoods and be given gifts of ale, food and money. It was believed the spirits of the dead returned to visit their old homes during this time, so in ancient times, people left food out for them and arranged chairs so that the dead would be able to rest.

Treats called "soul cakes" were given out in memory of the departed. The Middle Age practice of souling — going door to door begging for food in return for prayers — became popular and is even referenced by William Shakespeare in 1593. This is obviously the root of the modern "trick or treating" for mini Snickers bars, a practice no doubt loved by every dentist.

Seasonal foods such as apples and nuts were often used in the Samhain rituals. Apples were peeled, the peel tossed over the shoulder, and its shape examined to see if it formed the first letter of the future spouse's name. Nuts were roasted on the hearth and then interpreted — if the nuts stayed together, so would the couple. Egg whites were dropped in water, and the shapes foretold the number of future children. Children would also chase crows and divine some of these things from the number of birds or the direction they flew.

COSTUMES

Celts would wear masks when they left their homes during the night hours during Samhain days, because they hoped they would avoid being recognized by the ghosts and be mistaken merely for fellow ghosts.

"Mumming" and "Guising" were a part of Samhain from at least

the 16th century and was recorded in parts of Ireland, Scotland, Mann and Wales. It involved people going from house to house in costume (or in disguise), usually reciting songs or verses in exchange for food. It is suggested that it evolved from a tradition whereby people impersonated the aos si, or the souls of the dead, and received offerings on their behalf. Impersonating these spirits or souls was also believed to protect oneself from them. One researcher suggests that the ancient festival included people in masks or costumes representing these spirits, and that the modern custom came from this.

PARADES

Pagan Celtic priestesses and their followers would roam the countryside, chanting songs in order to frighten away the evil spirits thought to be out on Halloween night. I wonder how that could be practiced in your neighborhood?

FIRES

Bonfires were a big part of the festival in many areas of western Europe. Bonfires were typically lit on hilltops at Samhain where everyone could see them, and there were rituals involving them.

Bonfires comes from the root, "bone-fires" because the priests sacrificed animals and supposedly even people in an attempt to appease the sun god, while also looking for future omens. The fire was said to be a type of sympathetic magic, where the fire mimicked the sun, which has the power to hold back the darkness of winter. Burning the fires was also believed to be a way of banishing evil, at least symbolically.

DIVINATION

Divination has likely been a part of the festival since ancient times, and it has survived in some rural areas. In part, this meant that the spirits, the aos si, could enter your world. Many of the food offerings and fires were directed to the aos si. Or perhaps, some of the crops might also be left in the ground for them the aos si. The aos si were addressed in various ways, with food offerings, with walks into the ocean, with the idea to hold off any mischief, and perhaps to learn the future.

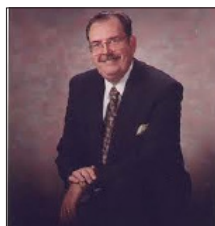
The belief that the souls of the dead return home on one night of the year seems to have ancient origins and is found in many cultures throughout the world.

CONCLUSION

So what do you conclude from all this? Is there an ideal way to commemorate this ancient day, and still avoid the trappings of commercialization? Is it even possible?

I like the way that the Day of the Dead is commemorated. There are altars with pictures of the dearly departed, and plates of good food. Candles are lit, rather than a big bonfire which the local fire department would frown upon. Families gather, and talk in respectful tones about their departed relatives. Yes, of course, even the Day of the Dead has turned into wild partying in some quarters, but if you seek a return to roots of the ancient commemoration of the dead, perhaps begin here. Begin with family or neighborhood gatherings. Prepare a good meal, and keep in the mind the foods that your beloved departed enjoyed. This is not necessarily because you think their spirits will come to eat (last I checked, ghosts don't need to eat), but because having, for example, your mother's favorite dish will give you another reason to talk about your mother, and to remember all the good things she did.

This is at least a start, and it elevates our day of ghoulish and pointless fear-mongering into one that reconnects us with our roots.



## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

## A CUP OF JOE SAYS A LOT ABOUT US

This week I came face-to-face with a genuine dilemma. I had several meetings across town and for some reason I miscalculated and ended up with a 2-1/2 hour gap between meetings. I hate to waste time, but if I drove back to my office, I would simply have to return to my meeting later and with the cost of gas these days, one cannot be too cautious.

You know gas is getting high when it costs more to fill up the car than the car is actually worth. The most valuable thing in my car is in my gas tank.

I remedied the situation by stopping in a small coffee shop for a cup of Joe. As far as I am concerned, there is no bad time to have a cup of coffee, in spite of the price. I ordered my coffee and when the waitress brought it, I began to think about coffee. Why did God give us coffee?

Then my mind went back to my grandfather, whose greatest gift to me was a love of coffee. Nobody loved coffee more. I remember one of his favorite quotes, "You can always tell a man by the coffee he drinks."

Anathema to my grandfather was the idea of instant coffee. No man, in his opinion, would ever drink anything of the kind. "If a man would drink instant coffee," my grandfather perked, "there's no telling what else he would do. Never trust a man who drinks instant coffee."

Making coffee was an art form to my grandfather. There was a right way and a wrong way to make coffee, and he always insisted on the right way. Of course, the right way was his way.

In grandfather's kitchen was an old wood-burning cook stove. My grandmother cooked meals on this ancient apparatus for more than 50 years. On this old-fashioned stove, my grandfather brewed his famous mud broth. He never allowed my grandmother to make the brew; it was his job, which he took seriously.

Once for his birthday, we all chipped in and bought him an electric coffee pot. I had never seen my grandfather so mad. When he saw what it was, he would not even take it out of the box.

He had strong ideas about coffee and how it should be brewed and woe be to the person who contradicted his ideas.

Grandfather always kept a fire in the old wood cook stove and on the back of the stove he kept his coffee pot, a large 2-gallon pot — one of those old-fashioned percolators long since gone out of style. The coffee was always on, and no matter when you stopped in to see him, he always had "fresh" coffee brewing.

When I say, "fresh," I need to explain. Actually, the coffee was only fresh on Sunday. On Saturday night, he routinely emptied the coffee pot and prepared fresh coffee for Sunday morning.

He had an old coffee grinder and ground the coffee beans on Saturday night. He put some other things in the coffee, I have never figured out what. One thing I know he put in was a crushed eggshell. What it did to his coffee, I have no idea but grandfather was sure it was an important ingredient.

The freshly ground coffee beans were put in, the pot filled with fresh water and set on the back of the stove to slowly perk. This coffee would last the entire week. The coffee was so strong on Sunday that if it did not wake you in the morning, you were dead.

In fact, Cousin Ernie died on a Sunday afternoon, so my grandfather tells the story, and one sip of his black coffee roused him and he lived seven more years, which was unfortunate for grandfather, as he had to support him.

Before retiring each evening my grandfather took care of his coffee. He would freshly grind a few coffee beans, sprinkle it on top of the old coffee grounds and then add a newly crushed eggshell. Then he would refill the coffee pot with water.

His coffee percolated 24/7 and by Saturday it was so strong you needed a half-cup of sugar just to drink one cup. It was thick enough to use as syrup on your pancakes, but so strong, it dissolved your pancakes before you could eat them.

My grandmother once tried washing the coffee pot. When my grandfather saw her, he became furious, "Never wash that coffee pot," he spouted, "you'll ruin its character and a coffee pot needs a lot of character to make good coffee."

When my grandfather died, I looked at his old black coffee pot and discovered two things. One, the original color was blue. And two, although it was originally a 2-gallon pot, it only could take three quarts of water. The "character," so important to my grandfather, had built up so much over the years its capacity was diminished.

In pondering my grandfather, I thought about my Heavenly Father and His gifts. The Bible puts it this way; "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

I really do not know why God gave us coffee, but I do know God's character is of such a nature that it never diminishes His ability to bless me each day.

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COGNITIVE CAPACITY OF THE CANINE

It is no secret that the average domestic dog is capable of learning and responding to a wide variety of verbal commands. Particularly common to most pets are the single-consonant terms typically used in basic obedience training, such as “fetch”, “sit” or “stay”. In fact, I have yet to meet a pet owner who has not taken the time to teach their dog at least one or two commands, to help keep some semblance of order and prevent chaos in the household.

Historically, the general consensus regarding a canine’s aptitude for learning, responding to and obeying verbal commands has been based more on the dog’s parsimonious survival instincts than on intelligence or cognitive capacity. However, relatively recent scientific studies indicate that there may be a lot more to a dog’s ability to learn than what we might think.

Research findings show that most dogs apply previous learning to new situations, perform selective imitation, and understand human gestures and new words. Thought processes more often attributed to us humans. Further, the results of many recent studies indicate that the dog’s capacity for communicating with, learning from and relating to humans is more cognitive than survival-driven instinct.

While many mammalian species are apparently capable of learning and responding to the verbal commands and physical gestures of the human, the cooperative nature of the canine is what sets it apart from most other mammals. The difference lies in the fact that the domestic dog harbors a certain loyalty toward his human master, that most other mammals do not possess. This is likely related to the fact that the dog depends on the human for it’s day-to-day needs, nourishment and safety more than most other mammalian sub-species.

Another unique factor is that the dog tends to thrive on pleasing his human friend and genuinely enjoys the company. Take “Chaser”, for example. Chaser is a six-year-old Border Collie, trained to understand and comprehend more than 1,000 English spoken words. He even comprehends the words when they are used in a combination of simple sentences.


Chaser responds correctly when told to either retrieve & deliver, nose, toe or hide a given object; and we are talking about a collection of 1,000 items, each of which he



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remembers the given name! Border Collies are more attentive and trainable than most dog breeds, that I admit, and they are considered to be more intelligent than most other breeds but still, it is amazing that any dog can perform a task involving such complex memory and problem-solving combinations.

Another example of the remarkable cognitive capacity of the canine is shown in the results of a study at the University of Vienna in Austria where numerous dogs were prompted to select particular photos on a touch computer screen. The point of the study was to show that the canines could categorize the graphic matter in the photos per command, based on visual familiarity and memory. When shown different sets of dog and landscape photos, the subject canines consistently selected the appropriate photo per command, demonstrating that they could apply their own understanding and previous learning to a new situation un-related to previous experiences.

Researchers further tested their four-legged subjects by showing pictures of empty landscapes along with others of similar landscapes including a dog. Most subjects selected the pictures with the dog in the landscape. Pretty amazing stuff!

Although it doesn’t matter to me whether my dog could select the correct picture in an experiment or remember every command I hope to instill in her, just knowing that she’s capable of consistently understanding, comprehending and responding to my verbal and body language to the extent that she can is quite remarkable and it inspires me to learn more about the cognitive capacity of the canine.

Katnip News!



MAGGIE & CHAPLIN : These two are just charming! Age about 5 months, they are super sweet, soft, cuddly, and fine with nice dogs and gentle children. Maggie is black & white, and Chaplin is



gray & white. Chaplin was named for the vintage movie star, Charlie Chaplin, who sported a cute mustache. They are very bonded and will be adopted as a pair Two are the best company ever! Lifeline for Pets is a small no-kill rescue. We show some cats most Sunday afternoons at Petsmart, 3347 E. Foothill Blvd. in Pasadena, 12:30-3:30. Adoption fee is \$100, which includes spay/neuter, microchips, exams & kitten vaccines for both. Our cats are negative FELV/FIV unless otherwise indicated.

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SCARECROW WINNERS (continued from page 1)

Scarecrow Name	Award	Category
37 Waiting for Elvis	Best Depiction of Life in Sierra Madre	Adult
41 Squirle	Best Defender of Sierra Madre	Child
46 Charmander	Best Side Kick	Child
47 Jay the Master Plumber	Best Representation of a Job	Family
53 Sheila	Best True Depiction of Life in Sierra Madre	Family
55 DJ BB	Most Humorous	Family
56 Mummy of the Moon	Out of this world Award	Child
58 Vivian	Best Story	Child
62 Farmer Leo and his crop of giraffes	Best Traditional Scarecrow	Family
64 Sierra	Most Holiday Spirit	Child
65 Walk About Sierra Madre	Best Scarecrow Supporting a Cause	Child
66 The Crow Chasers	Best Integration of Contest Theme	Adult
69 The Natural	Literary Award	Business/Organization
72 Madeline The Girl Scout	Cutest Scarecrow	Child
74 The Ghost of Lizzie	Best Representation of Sierra Madre	Business/Organization
78 Ma, Pa, and Tia Keddy	Best Depiction of Life in Sierra Madre	Family
80 Root Dude	Best Connection between Scarecrow and Story	Family
81 Darksmoke	Most Creative	Child
83 Wicker Wilhelmina	Best Use of Organic Material	Family
84 Greta Jolie	Most Lifelike Scarecrow	Business/Organization
85 Skelfie	Most Vain Scarecrow	Business/Organization
88 Suzalina	Prettiest Scarecrow	Child
90 Demeter	Most Artistic Award	Adult
91 Bacardi the wench	Best Depiction of a Business	Business/Organization
97 Muffet	Most Spectacular Presentation	Business/Organization
98 Our Carecrows	Most Caring Crow	Business/Organization
99 Claus	International Award	Business/Organization
100 Scary Potter	Best Depiction of Pop Culture	Child
101 Cyborg	Scariest Scarecrow	Child
105 Mona Lisa	Best Overall	Child



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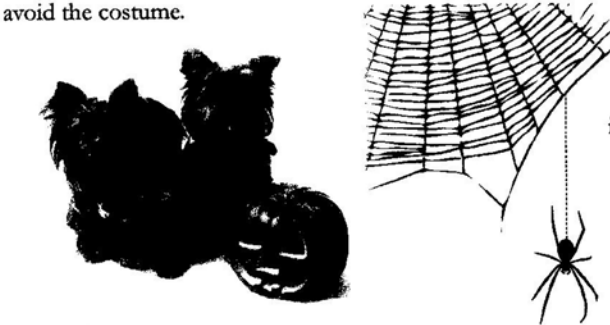
Cautious Costumes

Most of us can't resist a four-legged vampire, a tail-wagging superhero, or a fluffy princess. In fact, pet parents spend an average of \$350 million on pet costumes each Halloween. So, if you and your fur baby's Halloween plans include dressing up for a costume contest, parade, or trick-or-treating, there are a few things to keep in mind. Choose your pet's costume with care; make sure that it fits well and doesn't restrict his breathing, movement, eye sight, barking, or meowing. Be mindful of any dangling pieces of fabric or buttons that can be chewed off and swallowed. Costumes can be stressful for some pets, so no matter how adorable your cat looks dressed up as a pirate or your dog as Darth Vader, if he seems distressed, it's best to avoid the costume.



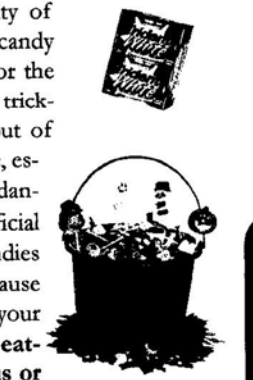
Prevent Spooked Pets

Seeing excited trick-or-treaters dressed up and having fun may be one of your favorite parts of Halloween, but it may also be a scary and stressful time for your pet. To reduce anxiety and prevent your precious pet from fleeing, most pets do best when kept in a separate room, away from the front door while trick-or-treaters are out and about. Remember, the best dressed pets this Halloween are wearing a collar with an I.D. tag and a microchip! Proper identification is the best chance of you becoming reunited with your pet should he become lost.



Stash The Goodies

What's Halloween without a bounty of candy? Whether it's a bowl of candy ready for little ghosts and goblins, or the loot brought home from a night of trick-or-treating, it should be kept far out of reach of Fido and Fluffy. Chocolate, especially dark or baking chocolate, is dangerous for pets, and Xylitol, an artificial sweetener found in sugar-free candies and most types of gum, can also cause very serious medical problems for your pets. If you think your pet has eaten something toxic, please call us or the ASPCA Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435 immediately.



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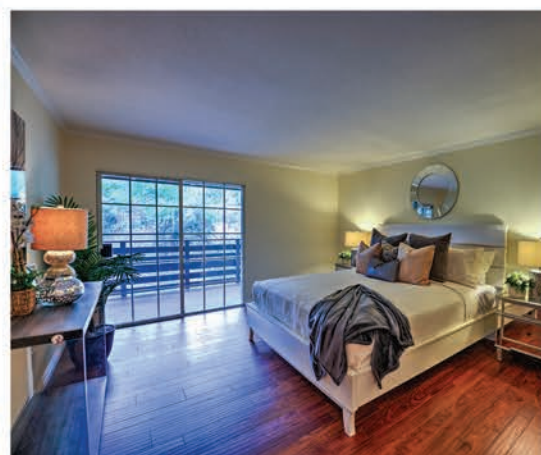
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SECTION B

## AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

### MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE 17 CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES

Please take time to research these measures. Check them out below and find your polling place and more on Voter's Edge California at <http://votersedge.org/en/ca/ballot/election/area>. Below are our recommendations

**PROPOSITION 51: SCHOOL BONDS. FUNDING FOR K-12 SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES. YES**

Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for new construction and modernization of K-12 public school facilities; charter schools and vocational education facilities; and California Community Colleges facilities. Fiscal Impact: State costs of about \$17.6 billion to pay off both the principal (\$9 billion) and interest (\$8.6 billion) on the bonds. Payments of about \$500 million per year for 35 years.

**PROPOSITION 52: MEDI-CAL HOSPITAL FEE PROGRAM. YES**

Extends indefinitely an existing statute that imposes fees on hospitals to fund Medi-Cal health care services, care for uninsured patients, and children's health coverage. Fiscal Impact: Uncertain fiscal effect, ranging from relatively little impact to annual state General Fund savings of around \$1 billion and increased funding for public hospitals in the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

**PROPOSITION 53: REVENUE BONDS. STATEWIDE VOTER APPROVAL.**

Requires statewide voter approval before any revenue bonds can be issued or sold by the state for certain projects if the bond amount exceeds \$2 billion. Fiscal Impact: State and local fiscal effects are unknown and would depend on which projects are affected by the measure and what actions government agencies and voters take in response to the measure's voting requirement.

**PROPOSITION 54: LEGISLATURE. LEGISLATION AND PROCEEDINGS. NO**

Prohibits Legislature from passing any bill unless published on Internet for 72 hours before vote. Requires Legislature to record its proceedings and post on Internet. Authorizes use of recordings. Fiscal Impact: One-time costs of \$1 million to \$2 million and ongoing costs of about \$1 million annually to record legislative meetings and make videos of those meetings available on the Internet.

**PROPOSITION 55: TAX EXTENSION TO FUND EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE. YES**

Extends by twelve years the temporary personal income tax increases enacted in 2012 on earnings over \$250,000, with revenues allocated to K-12 schools, California Community Colleges, and, in certain years, healthcare. Fiscal Impact: Increased state revenues—\$4 billion to \$9 billion annually from 2019-2030—depending on economy and stock market.

Increased funding for schools, community colleges, health care for low-income people, budget reserves, and debt payments.

**PROPOSITION 56: CIGARETTE TAX TO FUND HEALTHCARE, TOBACCO USE PREVENTION, RESEARCH AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. YES**

Increases cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack, with equivalent increase on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes containing nicotine. Fiscal Impact: Additional net state revenue of \$1 billion to \$1.4 billion in 2017-18, with potentially lower revenues in future years. Revenues would be used primarily to augment spending on health care for low-income Californians.

**PROPOSITION 57: CRIMINAL SENTENCES. PAROLE, JUVENILE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AND SENTENCING. YES**

Allows parole consideration for nonviolent felons. Authorizes sentence credits for rehabilitation, good behavior, and education. Provides juvenile court judge decides whether juvenile will be prosecuted as adult. Fiscal Impact: Net state savings likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually, depending on implementation. Net county costs of likely a few million dollars annually.

**PROPOSITION 58: ENGLISH PROFICIENCY. MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION. YES**

Preserves requirement that public schools ensure students obtain English language proficiency. Requires school districts to solicit parent/community input in developing language acquisition programs. Requires instruction to ensure English acquisition as rapidly and effectively as possible. Authorizes school districts to establish dual-language immersion programs for both native and non-native English speakers. Fiscal Impact: No notable fiscal effect on school districts or state government.

**PROPOSITION 59: CORPORATIONS. POLITICAL SPENDING. FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS. YES**

Asks whether California's elected officials should use their authority to propose and ratify an amendment to the federal Constitution overturning the United States Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. Citizens United ruled that laws placing certain limits on political spending by corporations and unions are unconstitutional. Fiscal Impact: No direct fiscal effect on state or local governments.

(continued on page B4)

### NEIGHBORHOOD TREATMENTS SCHEDULED IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TO CONTROL INVASIVE AEDES MOSQUITOES

In an ongoing effort to control *Aedes albopictus* (Asian tiger mosquitoes) the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District will conduct truck-mounted fogging in the early morning on Thursday October 20, 2016 in a small area of Rosemead. The focus of the treatments is to reduce increasing larval and adult populations of *Aedes albopictus*. This mosquito is an aggressive day biter capable of transmitting several serious viral diseases including Zika, chikungunya, and dengue.

The treatments will cover an area of Rosemead north of Arroyo Rd above SR 60, east of (and including) Paramount Blvd./San Gabriel Blvd., south of (and including) Rush Street, and west of Whittier Narrows Golf Course. The treatment area is based on recent surveillance data and the likelihood of reducing the population of mosquitoes. The actual streets and properties that will be treated within this zone may be adjusted as data are received between now and the treatment day. These adjustments will be posted within the treatment zone 24-48 hours prior to treatments.

The District will begin treatments on the morning of Thursday, October 20, 2016 at approximately 12:00 a.m. and conclude by 5:00 a.m. This time window was chosen to avoid traffic and outdoor pedestrian activity as well as maximize favorable weather conditions. An alternate date of Friday, October 21, 2016 at the same time may be used in case of inclement weather affecting treatment.

Two different products will be applied targeting immature (larvicide) and adult (adulticide) *Aedes albopictus*. The larvicide, VectoBac®WDG will be applied by a truck-mounted fogger as a low volume mist. The active ingredient in VectoBac®WDG is *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti). This product is specific for mosquitoes, with no known risk

to humans and wildlife when applied according to the label. Additional information about this product can be found at: <http://publichealth.valentbiosciences.com/docs/resources/vectobac-wdg-specimen-label.pdf>

The adulticide AquaDUET™ will be applied by a truck-mounted fogger as an ultra-low volume mist. The active ingredients are Prallethrin, Sumithrin®, and piperonyl butoxide. Additional information about this product can be found at: <https://www.clarke.com/filebin/productpdf/aquaduet.pdf>

#### PRECAUTIONS:

The signal word on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved label for AquaDUET™ is CAUTION, which indicates that it is slightly toxic with minimal potential risk to people. Residents are not required to take any special precautions, however are advised to remain indoors with doors and windows shut during the treatment period.

AquaDUET™ may be toxic to fish and aquatic insects. The District recommends that residents cover fish ponds during the application to prevent possible deposition of droplets. Outdoor pet food and water bowls should be moved indoors or covered during the treatment. The product breaks down rapidly in sunlight and will not leave a residue.

The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District is committed to managing *Aedes albopictus*, which is an invasive species capable of transmitting several diseases that endanger public health. Applying pesticides by truck is one more tool vector control districts can use to target this mosquito.

**What can residents do about invasive Aedes mosquitoes?**

Mosquitoes lay their eggs and grow in standing water. Invasive *Aedes* are “container



breeders” and lay eggs along the waterline of water-filled containers or on the stems of aquatic plants. Any item on your property that holds water, no matter how small will grow mosquitoes. Common sources include flower vases, plant saucers, buckets, used tires, and plants that hold water like “lucky bamboo” and bromeliads. Residents should inspect their property regularly, looking for and eliminating standing water. The eggs of invasive *Aedes* are extremely durable and can stay dormant in dry containers for months waiting for the right conditions to hatch. For this reason containers that have been left outside for a while should be scrubbed down with a brush and warm soapy water before being thrown away or stored in a dry place.

Basic protective measures should be followed:

- Wear mosquito repellent and protective clothing when outdoors while mosquitoes are active.
- Regularly inspect property to identify and remove sources of standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs and grow.
- Ensure doors and windows are properly screened.
- Report increased mosquito activity, sources of standing water, and green pools to the District at (626) 814-9466 or online at [www.SGVmosquito.org](http://www.SGVmosquito.org).

Residents living in the City are encouraged to call the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District at (626) 814-9466 with any questions or to report mosquito activity. For more information, also visit [www.SGVmosquito.org](http://www.SGVmosquito.org)

### COUNTY TO EMPLOY DETECTION CANINES TO SERVE WITH D.I.S.A.R.M. TEAMS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – A motion by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, calling for a report on detection of weapons and narcotics can improve expanding the use of detection canines to the safety concerns and allow residents to resume Probation Department's D.I.S.A.R.M. program was their normal daily activities sooner and with less disruption,” Antonovich said. “Having personally

Initiated by Antonovich in February 2000, participated in D.I.S.A.R.M. search operations, I have the D.I.S.A.R.M. (Developing Increased Safety witnessed the challenges faced by these probation officers and the vital need for canine assistance.” through Arms Reduction Management) program has conducted over a quarter million searches The report is due in 2 weeks and will include seizing nearly 11,000 weapons and drugs valued additional information at the request of Supervisors at approximately \$730 million from high-risk Solis and Kuehl. probationers.

### REMEMBRANCE

#### RENE ANNETTE BRANCH AUGUST 16, 1951-SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

By Joan Schmidt

I am sure most of my readers remember the Country Cottage on the north side of Foothill Blvd, just west of Myrtle Ave. It was a neat antique/craft store where one could find the most awesome gifts or craft supplies.

Rene Branch was the owner for twenty-seven years and it flourished under her. “Mrs. Branch” was the mother of my students Zachary and eventually his two sisters Lisa and Laura. All of the teachers received beautiful craft gifts from her on holidays and at the end of the year. Each Christmas, I still take out my two angels.

Rene loved her family—her mother, sisters, brother and of course husband Ernie and the children more than anything. Although she owned a store, she still had time to drive her kids and their friends to sports events, initiated cheerleaders and a talent show at our school. Lisa was able to twirl around during the talent show because Rene was under the stage. Rene and Ernie also chaperoned dances and Ernie's band performed.

Rene was born in Washington and had two sisters and one brother. She excelled in sports at high school and afterwards was a model.

Eventually she came to California and met the love of her life, Ernie Branch. They bought a home in Monrovia and were married thirty-nine years till her untimely passing.

Zachary, Lisa and Laurs spoke of a most selfless mother who did everything for her family. After her children's marriages, that included spouses and grandchildren.

Rene's services were well-attended- the Church was full and I saw many former teachers, students and parents who came out to remember Rene and celebrate her life. God bless her family in the hard days ahead. It's never easy to lose a loved one—especially someone who was so devoted to her family.



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On the Marquee:

Notes from the Sierra MadrePlayhouse

THE SAVAGE BEAST

By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano

We’ve heard the expression “Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast.” But I would emend it to: “Theater hath charms....” I spent the evening yesterday at SMP preparing for the arrival of Sister and her Late Nite Catechism . We got her room ready, her blackboard cleaned, her pencils sharpened; we hung the religious posters and polished the furniture. No detail is too small for Sister.

Estelle Campbell and Ward Calaway, my partners in managing SMP, and Derek Copenhaver, our Stage Manager, were there last night, as well. And we all were giddy with excitement far beyond the tasks we were engaged in preparing for Late Nite Catechism. I realized that we have ALL been charmed – or infected – with a love of making theater. As we reviewed the needs for Sister’s class and made preparations, I noticed that we were smiling a lot and all happy to be together in that room.

I’ve written about how much I love making theater, how much I love our Playhouse, how much joy I get from just being in our theater. I was reminded of it again last night. It is so complicated and rich – a mixture of joy of story-telling, a desire to make people happy, a hope of making a difference and an impact on people, a belief in the power of community and coming together to share an experience, and maybe a bit of delight in make-believe. Whatever it is – I know

we all felt it last night.

The break in our schedule when we had to postpone Bee-luther-hatchee has meant that coming back to the Playhouse last night was even sweeter because of having been away. I’m so happy – so charmed - we are back to producing wonderful memories for you and for me. I can’t wait to see you in the lobby again.

Late Nite is selling well – Sunday is sold-out and we have strong sales on all of the other days. We’ve placed an ad in this paper and several others – I really want the show to sell out so I can convince the Board to let me bring it back for a longer run or in a different version. Please come – I promise you, you’ll laugh yourselves off your chairs. A reminder that it plays through Saturday night, October 22.

Our next reading is Foxfire on Monday night, October 17. This one is directed by Karesa McElheny who played Helga in Deathtrap. Come and hear them and tell me what you think. I’m excited about these free readings, these are all plays I’m thinking would be a good fit for a full production. At the last reading we had about 40 people. Makes me so glad to be able to share another event with you.

As always we do it for you – our SMP family – whose support and loyalty mean so much to us and for whom we hope we bring pleasure and joy and moving experiences in the theater. For tickets please call Mary in the box office at 626.355.4318. Hope to see you soon!

Jeff’s Book Pics

By Jeff Brown

The Nature of Technology: What It Is and How It Evolves

by W. Brian Arthur

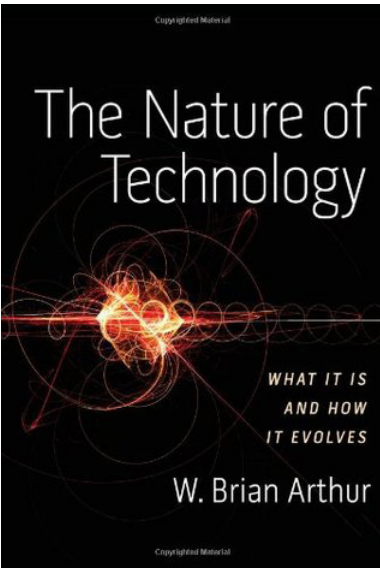
Leading scientific theorist W. Brian Arthur puts forth the first complete theory of the origins and evolution of technology, in a major work that achieves for the invention of new technologies what Darwin’s theory achieved for the emergence of new species. Arthur is a pioneer of complexity theory and the discoverer of the highly influential “theory of increasing returns,” which took Silicon Valley by storm, famously explaining why some high-tech companies achieve breakaway success. Now, in this long-awaited and ground-breaking book, he solves the great outstanding puzzle of technology—where do transformative new technologies come from?—putting forth the first full theory of how new technologies emerge and offering a definitive answer to the mystery of why some cultures—Silicon Valley, Cambridge, England in the 1920s—are so extraordinarily inventive. He has discovered that rather than springing from insight moments of individual genius, new technologies arise in a process akin to evolution. Technology evolves by creating itself out of itself, much as a coral reef builds itself from activities of small organisms. Drawing on a wealth of examples, from the most ancient to cutting-edge inventions of today, Arthur takes readers on a delightful intellectual journey, bringing to life the wonders of this process of technological evolution. The Nature of Technology is the work of one of our greatest thinkers at the top of his game, composing

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All Things

By Jeff Brown

SOME OF HILLARY’S ACTIONS AS SECRETARY OF STATE

Hillary Clinton spent her initial days as Secretary of State telephoning dozens of world leaders and indicating that U.S. foreign policy would change direction: “We have a lot of damage to repair”She advocated an expanded role in global economic issues for the State Department and cited the need for an increased U.S. diplomatic presence .Clinton announced the most ambitious of her departmental reforms, the Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review, which established specific objectives for the State Department’s diplomatic missions abroad. The first such review was issued in late 2010 and called for the U.S. leading through “civilian power” as a cost-effective way of responding to international challenges and defusing crises.

In 2009, Clinton presented Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov with a “reset button” symbolizing U.S. attempts to rebuild ties with that country under its new president, Dmitry Medvedev. The policy, which became known as the Russian reset, led to improved cooperation in several areas during Medvedev’s time in office, but relations would worsen considerably following Vladimir Putin’s return to the position in 2012.In October on a trip to Switzerland, Clinton’s intervention overcame last-minute snags and saved the signing of an historic Turkish–Armenian accord that established diplomatic relations and opened the border between the two long-hostile nations.In Pakistan, she engaged in several unusually blunt discussions with students, talk show hosts, and tribal elders, in an attempt to repair the Pakistani image of the U.S. Beginning in 2010, she helped organize a diplomatic isolation and international sanctions regime against Iran, in an effort to force curtailment of that country’s nuclear program.Clinton and Obama forged a good working relationship without power struggles; she was a team player within the administration. The president had trust in her actions.During April 2011 internal deliberations of

the president’s innermost circle of advisors over whether to order U.S. special forces to conduct a raid into Pakistan against Osama bin Laden, Clinton was among those who argued in favor, saying the importance of getting bin Laden outweighed the risks to the U.S. relationship with Pakistan.Throughout her time in office, and in her final speech concluding it, Clinton viewed “smart power” as the strategy for asserting U.S. leadership and values—in a world of varied threats, weakened central governments, and increasingly important nongovernmental entities—by combining military hard power with diplomacy and U.S. soft power capacities in global economics, development aid, technology, creativity, and human rights advocacy.

She became the first secretary of state to methodically implement the smart power approach in debates over use of military force, she was generally one of the more hawkish voices in the administration.Clinton greatly expanded the State Department’s use of social media, both to get its message out and to help empower citizens of foreign countries vis-à-vis their governments. And in the Mideast turmoil, Clinton particularly saw an opportunity to advance one of the central themes of her tenure, the empowerment and welfare of women and girls worldwide.

Moreover, in a formulation that became known as the “Hillary Doctrine”, she viewed women’s rights as critical for U.S. security interests, due to a link between the level of violence against women and gender inequality within a state and the instability and challenge to international security of that state. In turn, there was a trend of women around the world finding more opportunities, and in some cases feeling safer, as the result of her actions and visibility. Clinton visited 112 countries during her tenure, making her the most widely traveled secretary of state (Time magazine wrote that “Clinton’s endurance is legendary”) She believed that in-person visits were more important than ever in the virtual age.

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In conjunction with Sierra Madre’s Halloween festivities which occur on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup>. The Symbiotic Society will present “Return of the Tinger”. This free show is a parody of the 1959 hit film, “The Tinger” starring the legendary Vincent Price. Audience interaction will be featured, along with activities outside the Playhouse. Free shows will run every half hour from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, HALLOWEEN NIGHT ONLY. Returning from last year will be the TIME MACHINE; plus a new attraction, RODDY ROBOT. These vintage attractions are part of our retreat to the 50-60’s.

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# FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



## WHAT CAN AMERICANS LEARN ABOUT HAPPINESS FROM BHUTAN?

Bhutan is an independent state in Southeast Asia, bordered by China to the north and India to the south. Nestled in the Himalayas, Bhutan is the last remaining Buddhist state in the world. But one of the most unique aspects of Bhutanese government is the country's use of the Gross National Happiness (GNH) Index to measure the society's level of happiness.

The country reports 91.2% of Bhutanese are narrowly, extensively, or deeply happy. Across groups the index shows:

- men are happier than women;
- urban dwellers are happier than rural residents;
- those with a higher education level are happier than the less educated; and

· single or married people are happier than those widowed, divorced, or separated.

The country goes on to note that happiness is improving for women, older people, and lower educated citizens more quickly than for the rest of its population. But some believe that these factors don't tell the entire story.

Culturally, the Bhutanese are "expected to think about death five times a day." Some people feel that reflecting on death causes greater focus and increased appreciation for life.

Consider an article written by Eric Weiner for the BBC. Weiner cites research that seems to demonstrate a connection between thinking about death and positive thoughts. He also argued that "Unlike many of us in the West, the Bhutanese don't sequester death. Death—and images of death—are everywhere."

It's true: Confronting the thing we fear the most can be quite freeing. For example, planning for death brings the peace of mind knowing we are prepared for it when the time comes. There is great satisfaction in ensuring our families will be provided for and our assets will be tended to, even after we are gone.

And as the Bhutanese know, putting death in context and being prepared for it are big keys to living fuller, happier lives.

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# DEAR EDITOR - RE: LEAF BLOWERS

The Sierra Madre City Council will be discussing leaf blowers in the near future possibly as soon as Oct.24th.Look on the city's web site on Fridays for the agendas before for the 2nd and 4th Tuesday meetings.If you are tired of the constant noise and air pollution by these machines please go to the meeting or contact the council members on the city website to voice your concerns.It was heard a few years ago and very little happened because not enough people spoke up.Now is your chance to perhaps once and for all rid our beautiful city of these infernal machines as many other places across the U.S. have already done.It won't happen unless we all speak out about it. J. Brown, Sierra Madre

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: HISTORIC CULTURAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION

Applicant: Mark and Kerri Abernathy

Project Location: 101 W. Bonita Avenue, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending to the City Council a request for a Mills Act contract for the historic cultural landmark located at 101 W. Bonita Avenue. Pursuant to Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.80.060 ("Benefits and Conditions of Designation"), Mills Act contracts are one of several benefits available to owners of designated properties in the city.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre  
Planning Commission meeting  
Thursday, November 3, 2016  
(Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

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

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This request qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Sections 15306 (Class 6, Information Collection) and 15331 (Class 31, Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation) in that the Mills Act Contract consists of information gathering purposes, and is limited to conservation of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties.

APPEAL: The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-business-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

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### Mountain Views News

#### Mission Statement

The traditions of community newspapers and the concerns of our readers are this newspaper's top priorities. We support a prosperous community of well-informed citizens. We hold in high regard the values of the exceptional quality of life in our community, including the magnificence of our natural resources. Integrity will be our guide.

#### ENDORSEMENTS (continued from page B1)

**PROPOSITION 60: ADULT FILMS. CONDOMS. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS. YES**  
Requires adult film performers to use condoms during filming of sexual intercourse. Requires producers to pay for performer vaccinations, testing, and medical examinations. Requires producers to post condom requirement at film sites. Fiscal Impact: Likely reduction of state and local tax revenues of several million dollars annually. Increased state spending that could exceed \$1 million annually on regulation, partially offset by new fees.

**PROPOSITION 61: STATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PURCHASES. PRICING STANDARDS. NO**

Prohibits state from buying any prescription drug from a drug manufacturer at price over lowest price paid for the drug by United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Exempts managed care programs funded through Medi-Cal. Fiscal Impact: Potential for state savings of an unknown amount depending on (1) how the measure's implementation challenges are addressed and (2) the responses of drug manufacturers regarding the provision and pricing of their drugs.

**PROPOSITION 62: DEATH PENALTY. YES**

Repeals death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. Applies retroactively to existing death sentences. Increases the portion of life inmates' wages that may be applied to victim restitution. Fiscal Impact: Net ongoing reduction in state and county criminal justice costs of around \$150 million annually within a few years, although the impact could vary by tens of millions of dollars depending on various factors.

**PROPOSITION 63: FIREARMS. AMMUNITION SALES. YES**

Requires background check and Department of Justice authorization to purchase ammunition. Prohibits possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines. Establishes procedures for enforcing laws prohibiting firearm possession by specified persons. Requires Department of Justice's participation in federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Fiscal Impact: Increased state and local court and law enforcement costs, potentially in the tens of millions of dollars annually, related to a new court process for removing firearms from prohibited persons after they

are convicted.

**PROPOSITION 64: MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION. NO**  
Legalizes marijuana under state law, for use by adults 21 or older. Imposes state taxes on sales and cultivation. Provides for industry licensing and establishes standards for marijuana products. Allows local regulation and taxation. Fiscal Impact: Additional tax revenues ranging from high hundreds of millions of dollars to over \$1 billion annually, mostly dedicated to specific purposes. Reduced criminal justice costs of tens of millions of dollars annually.

**PROPOSITION 65: CARRYOUT BAGS. CHARGES. NO**

Redirects money collected by grocery and certain other retail stores through mandated sale of carryout bags. Requires stores to deposit bag sale proceeds into a special fund to support specified environmental projects. Fiscal Impact: Potential state revenue of several tens of millions of dollars annually under certain circumstances, with the monies used to support certain environmental programs.

**PROPOSITION 66: DEATH PENALTY. PROCEDURES. NO**

Changes procedures governing state court challenges to death sentences. Designates superior court for initial petitions and limits successive petitions. Requires appointed attorneys who take noncapital appeals to accept death penalty appeals. Exempts prison officials from existing regulation process for developing execution methods. Fiscal Impact: Unknown ongoing impact on state court costs for processing legal challenges to death sentences. Potential prison savings in the tens of millions of dollars annually.

**PROPOSITION 67: BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS. YES**

A "Yes" vote approves, and a "No" vote rejects, a statute that prohibits grocery and other stores from providing customers single-use plastic or paper carryout bags but permits sale of recycled paper bags and reusable bags. Fiscal Impact: Relatively small fiscal effects on state and local governments, including a minor increase in state administrative costs and possible minor local government savings from reduced litter and waste management costs.

NEXT WEEK: CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS



Rich Johnson

## THE TRANSMISSION IS STILL STUCK ON POLITICS

(Intrepid Columnists Note: This column is from 2008. Amazing how apropos it still is eight years later).



All right, I surrender. Since we have less than a month before the elections, your columnist might as well cave in, jump on the ice float and ramble on about what else...politics. I think I am going to vote for the candidate that says the least over the next few weeks. How about you?

I realize I have picked on Republicans and Democrats but left Congress as an entity unto itself alone. If George Bush has a 29% approval rating and Congress has somewhere between 9 and 15% how come Congress isn't getting hammered as much as our commander in chief?

Of course, if we are going to discuss Congress I am going to fall back on my political hero, Will Rogers. Let's see what he had to say about our distinguished bi-cameral body of legislators.

As to why there are two bodies of legislators Mr. Rogers said, "You see, in Washington they have two of these bodies, Senate and the House of Representatives. That is for the convenience of visitors. If there is nothing funny happening in one, there is sure to be in the other, and in case one body passes a good bill, why, the other can see it in time and kill it."

"If we took Congress serious, we would be worrying all the time." "Our Senate always opens with a prayer, followed by an investigation."

"A foreigner coming here and reading the Congressional Record would say that the President of the United States was elected solely for the purpose of giving Senators somebody to call a horse thief."

As to pork barrel spending, Mr. Rogers said, "The height of statesmanship is to come home with a dam, even if you have nowhere to put it."

On lobbyists, "California had a bill in to investigate lobbying, and the lobbyists bought off all the votes and now they can't even find the bill. Putting a lobbyist out of business is like a hired man trying to fire his boss."

"Hurray! Congress is to adjourn! Only four more days of the Congressional burglary of the Treasury!"

"Every newspaper in the United States runs what you say, even if you don't say anything. Look at the President. Every paper was full of what he didn't say."

It's amazing to this reporter the perception of the people toward our elected officials hasn't changed in all these years. The only shift has been the ever increasing invasion in our lives of the media.

I have a thought: Wouldn't it be nice if we had a law where the candidates could only discuss what they individually would do if elected and had to keep mum about their opponent?

# LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

JOHN L. Micek



them to the ground on Wednesday night.

Standing on a stage at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Trump actually said, out loud, in full view of the television cameras, that he might not accept the results of the Nov. 8 election if he loses.

"I will tell you at the time," Trump said under questioning from the debate's moderator, Fox News anchor Chris Wallace, who'd pointed out that both GOP vice presidential candidate Mike Pence and Trump's daughter, Ivanka, had said they'd accept the results. But not Trump. "I will keep you in suspense," he said.

Even by Trump's own crass standards, it was an admission shocking in its narcissism and depressing in the depths of its banality. In a quick interjection, Democrat Hillary Clinton cut to the heart of the matter: "That's horrifying," she said. And even that is an understatement.

Trump has claimed that he's running to start a populist revolution, that he's the spokesman for the "forgotten" working man. At his core, Trump is, and always has been, an authoritarian.

From vows to open libel laws to persecute critical journalists and claims in Cleveland that "he alone" held the solutions to America's problems to his boast at the last presidential debate that he would jail his opponent, the warning signs have been there from the start.

On Wednesday, they were illuminated with spotlights and painted in neon.

In a move unprecedented for any major party candidate, Donald Trump struck a blow at the heart of America's electoral system, which is premised on the notion of a peaceful transition of power and the acceptance of the results.

Ever conspiracy-minded, Trump has spent the closing weeks of the campaign preparing his supporters for his defeat, even as he planted the seeds that someone else - not his own awful candidacy - might be the architect of that defeat.

"So let me just give you one other thing," he said. "So I talk about the corrupt media. I talk about the millions of people -- tell you one other thing. She shouldn't be allowed to run. It's crooked -- she's -- she's guilty of a very, very serious crime. She should not be allowed to run."

## TRUMP'S PUT HIS BANANA REPUBLICANISM ON DISPLAY TO THE WORLD

It's a hateful gambit that's borne fruit.

Some of Trump's supporters have spoken of defying an eventual Clinton White House. Those at the borders of both credibility and stability have spoken openly of armed insurrection.

Going into the third debate confrontation between two candidates who clearly neither like nor respect each other, it was tough to imagine what new nugget of information or fresh insight voters could glean about either Clinton or Trump.

Wallace rightfully forced Clinton to explain the controversial Clinton Foundation and the apparently porous walls between its donors and the Clinton-run State Department.

Clinton was effective, however, in explaining the good work her family's organization had done, juxtaposing it against Trump's highly questionable wielding of his own foundation.

But it was a rare uncomfortable spot for Clinton, who remained in control of the debate for most of the night on Wednesday.

Time and again, she lured Trump into rhetorical traps. And the Republican, either blithely unaware, or simply uncaring, traipsed into them.

But it was in her comments about Trump's disregard for the electoral process that she made perhaps one of her most effective arguments.

"He lost the Iowa caucus. He lost the Wisconsin primary. He said the Republican primary was rigged against him," Clinton said. "Then Trump University gets sued for fraud and racketeering; he claims the court system and the federal judge is rigged against him. There was even a time when he didn't get an Emmy for his TV program three years in a row and he started tweeting that the Emmys were rigged against him."

She continued:

"This is -- this is a mindset. This is how Donald thinks. And it's funny, but it's also really troubling ... He is denigrating -- he's talking down our democracy. And I, for one, am appalled that somebody who is the nominee of one of our two major parties would take that kind of position."

Clinton was being charitable calling Trump merely appalling.

He is spectacularly unfit for the White House. And his remarks Wednesday amply demonstrate why he deserves to be defeated.

MAKING SENSE by Michael Reagan

## TRUMP TRUMPS TRUMP

Trump had his best debate in Nevada.

Instead of 90 minutes of him denying his alleged minor sexual aggressions, some actual issues were discussed -- the Supreme Court, the economy, trade, terrorism, immigration, guns and abortion.

And before he jumped the tracks, Trump scored a few solid hits on the crookedness of the Clinton Foundation and Hillary's serial lies to the FBI, Congress and the American people.

Not that anyone in the liberal media really cared.

During the debate half the Friends of Hillary who pass themselves off as honest journalists were either too busy cheering their sweetheart or jeering Trump to take notes.

It really didn't matter much.

They were only waiting for Trump to say something they considered politically offensive so they could start pounding out their selective outrage and disgust on their laptops and smartphones.

Did Trump call Hillary "a nasty woman"? Did he refer to illegal immigrants who commit crimes as "bad hombres"? Did he call Hillary "a puppet" first, or did she call him one first?

Though the Hillary Media tried to make each of those trumpisms into a war crime, after 15 months they weren't newsworthy. They were just new variations of the stuff Donald always says.

In the end, however, Trump didn't disappoint Hillary's fanboys and fangirls in the press room.

When he told moderator Chris Wallace he wasn't willing to say there and then that he'd automatically accept the results of the election and might challenge them if he thought there was something fishy, it wrecked his whole night.

It may have been common sense, but it guaranteed that the Hillary Media would get up early and spend all day Thursday talking about Dictator Trump being an unprecedented enemy of American democracy, violating the sanctity of the ballot box, threatening the peaceful passing along of power, etc., etc.

The journalists were too partisan to remember Al Gore not conceding in 2000 and other Democrats -- like Hillary, Bernie and Barack -- using the "rigged" word to describe various aspects of the electoral process.

If Trump says the system is rigged, Western Civilization is at risk.



It's not that the Hillary Media would have been talking about the latest Wikileaks revelations or investigating what the holy Clinton Foundation did wrong in Haiti.

But Trump's mistake made it easy for them to continue ignoring Hillary, her health issues and the workings of her crime family.

Trump's mistake also did not help the Republican Party's chances to keep the Senate and House this fall.

"Will you respect the results of this election?" was probably the first question the local news media asked every Republican in America running for Congress or dogcatcher on Thursday.

Thanks to Trump's self-made distraction, Republican candidates couldn't get their messages out to the public in the same way Trump couldn't get out his.

Trump won't change. He can't change, no matter how much help his trainer Kellyanne Conway gives him. He can't pivot. He can't refute Hillary's lies in any detail.

He can't even look presidential. Hillary can fake a grandma smile with the best of them, but Trump wore a permanent scowl at the debate.

Winston Churchill had perpetual scowl too, but in case you haven't noticed, Donald is no Winston Churchill.

Trump didn't help himself at the debate. In fact, he may have pounded the last nail into his own coffin.

We'll find out in a little more than two weeks.

I just hope that if in early November the polls show he's going to get blown away, he doesn't go into a scorched-earth policy like Jimmy Carter did in 1980.

Carter conceded early on Election Day -- 5 p.m. Pacific time. That affected voter turnout on the West Coast and Democrat down-ballot candidates were hurt.

Trump may have no chance of winning, but for the sake of the Republican Party and the country he needs to fight all the way to the finish. The only thing worse than President Hillary is President Hillary and a Democratic Congress.
















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