

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS

- 0-2 years
- Brayton Simon
 - Max Houger
 - Vrigal Flores
- 3-4 years
- Sam Chakarian
 - Airplane
 - Aubry Hernandez
- 5-7 years
- Jaxson Enriquez
 - Lucia Gonzalez-Aden
 - Montserrat
- 8-13 years
- Claire Rewer
 - Frania Garza
 - Patrick Gerringer
- Group
- Fred Thomas
 - Maheilia Thomas
 - Doreen Thomas
 - Milania Thomas

For more photos including photos of the Sierra Madre Historical Society's Cemetary Tour, go to www.mtnviewsnews.com.



SM PLAYHOUSE NOMINATED FOR 5 AWARDS

The Ovation Award nominations were announced Wednesday and SMP received 5 nominations for three different shows. The Ovation Awards are Los Angeles theater's Tony Awards. They are given by the Los Angeles Stage Alliance and are based on the peer evaluations of productions by 300 working theater professionals. This is the second year in a row that SMP achieved nominations, last year being honored with two.

"It is so wonderful to be acknowledged for the work we are doing," said Artistic Director Christian Lebano. "I hope this will encourage members of our community who have not been to a Playhouse show to check out what we are doing."

Here are the shows and individuals that were honored:

- The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee – Best Musical (Intimate)
- Stanton Kane Morales – Best Featured Actor in a Musical (Spelling Bee)
- Cristina Gerla – Best Featured Actress in a Musical (Spelling Bee)
- Candice Cain – Best Costume Design (Intimate) (The Glass Menagerie)
- John Vertrees & Erin Walley – Best Set Design (Intimate) (Deathtrap)

SIERRA MADRE WATER SUPPLY REMAINS PRECARIOUS

From City of Sierra Madre - Department of Public Works

On May 9, 2016 Governor Brown issued Order B-37-16 which relaxed some of the statewide water conservation regulations. Specifically, local water agencies were allowed to set their own water conservation goals based on their individual water supply availability. As a result, water use has climbed throughout the State. According to a recent LA Times story 93% of local water suppliers provided their customers more water in 2016 than in the same months of 2015.

Sierra Madre was no exception to that trend. For each month this summer, Sierra Madreans used more water than they did in 2015.

Month	2013	2015	2016
	AF/Prod.	AF/Prod. % Cons	AF/Prod. % Cons.
June	252.91	169.4 33.02	192.83 23.76
July	250.62	190.27 24.08	217 13.41
August	245.21	207.64 15.32	224.75 8.34
September	240.54	197.96 17.7	203.71 15.31
October	224.67	178.68 20.47	198.36 Proj. 11.71 Proj.

AF/PROD. = ACRE FEET PRODUCED. 1 ACRE FOOT = 325,851 GALLONS.

The result reads much like a recent series of television commercials for a television service provider. If the current trend in Sierra Madre's water use continues, it is likely that the City's water production will exceed the 2,500 acre feet that the City is allowed to import and place in the ground for aquifer recharge. When that happens, the City has no option but to continue to draw water from its wells. This could result in a decrease in aquifer water levels and eventually having to resort to taking the imported water into the City's distribution system. Sierra Madre water customers will not soon forget the results of taking the imported water into the distribution system. Then, circling back to the beginning like the commercial did, the warning is given. "Don't continue the current water use trends."

Because of the ongoing low water levels in Sierra Madre's aquifer, the City remains serious about water conservation. Phase III (30%) conservation remains in effect in Sierra Madre, and the penalty charge for water use in excess of a customer's conservation target is \$10.72 per billing unit in addition to the regular tiered rates, and city staff is not authorized to make exceptions to the assessment of over-use penalties.

ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY



The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre Post, 3208 annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at Memorial Park, Sunday November 13, 2016 at 2:00 PM. with special a keynote speaker to be confirmed. We will celebrate Veterans Day by remembering the living brave men and women who have risked their lives for the United States of America from WWII thru our current conflicts, followed by a presentation from our guest speaker.

Seating capacity is limited so come early or bring your own folding chair. Those interested in attending and purchasing an autographed book by our speaker please RSVP with the names of attendees at the following email address: VFVPost3208@gmail.com for planning purposes. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 PM and will last about one hour.

Following the ceremony, there will be a book signing in the Hart Park House/Senior Center at Memorial Park. A signed copy of our speaker's book will be available for purchase for \$25.00.

Date: Sunday, November 13, 2016

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Place: Sierra Madre Memorial Park
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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, November 8, 2016
6:30 pm

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

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

SIERRA MADRE CITY
MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 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 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



SUNDAY
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6TH

Coffee with a Cop is an opportunity for the community to meet the members of the Sierra Madre Police Department in a relaxed environment. You are welcome to ask questions, share thoughts, and get to know the officers who work in our town.

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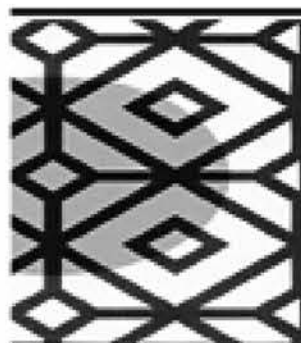
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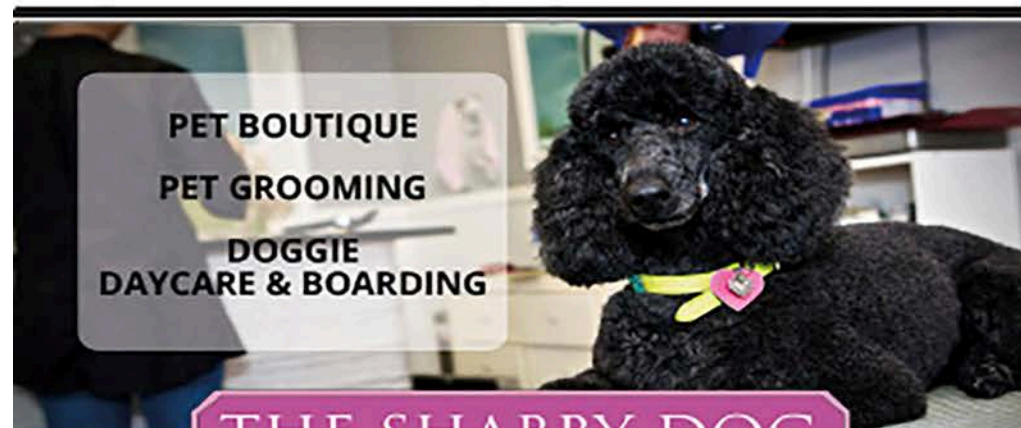
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BUSINESS WATCH PROGRAM



The Arcadia police Department Business Watch Program is a crime prevention program for Arcadia businesses. It is run through the Arcadia Police Department Community Affairs office. It is a no cost, no obligation program designed with the Arcadia business owner / operator's busy schedule in mind. Crime trends and personal safety information is sent out to businesses via email. Although not a requirement of the program it encourages business owners and employees to get to know their business

neighbors. By staying informed on crime trends and getting to know your business neighbors, you will be more aware of various crimes and suspicious activity in your business district. The Arcadia Police Department want to be contacted anytime crime or suspicious activity is seen. "See Something, Say Something" For questions, concerns, to sign up for Business Watch or to schedule a visit from the Community affairs Office please contact us anytime.

FOREIGN FILM NIGHT

Escape to faraway places through the movie screen once a month. The next movie is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016. The Arcadia Public Library is proud to present a series of foreign films with English subtitles each month for the adult community. Patrons over seventeen are welcome to attend. Come early as the doors open at 5:30 p.m. and bring your dinner if you wish. Dessert is provided while supplies last. The movie begins at 6:00 p.m. and may last up until 9:00 p.m.,

depending upon the length of the movie. For a listing of movies, please visit the Library's website at www.ArcadiaCa.gov/library or 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.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, October 23rd, through Saturday, October 29th, the Police Department responded to 929 calls for service of which 104 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 23: Shortly before 2:53 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 2100 block of South Santa Anita Avenue. The officer discovered the three suspects were driving a vehicle reported stolen from the City of Pomona. The vehicle was equipped with a GPS tracking device and the registered owner tracked its location to Arcadia. A 26-year-old male from Pomona, a 34-year-old male from Pomona, and a 28-year-old male from Pomona were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. Around 10:47 a.m., an officer responded to the 5700 block of Lenore Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer determined an unknown suspect tampered with the rear window lock and stole a third row seat. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located. At about 4:37 p.m., officers responded to 400 South Baldwin Avenue regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed a physical altercation occurred between an APD officer and the suspect resulting in the suspect hitting the officer with his grocery bags then striking the officer in the face with his fist, causing a laceration to the nose. The 46-year-old male from Sierra Madre was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The APD officer was evaluated on scene by Arcadia Fire.

Monday, October 24: Just after 10:36 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2200 block of Canyon Road regarding an audible alarm activation. A witness reported seeing two male suspects fleeing from the residence and driving away in a newer black Mercedes Benz with paper plates. An investigation revealed they smashed the rear sliding glass door, ransacked the bedroom, and fled with an unknown amount of property. The investigation is ongoing. At approximately 1:25 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of West Le Roy Avenue regarding a burglary in progress. The victim returned to her residence and witnessed a suspect fleeing from her garage. The officer determined at least one suspect entered the residence and stole cash and a wedding ring. Two suspects were seen fleeing in a red Chevrolet Cruz. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, October 25: Around 2:04 a.m., officers conducted a welfare check on a vehicle parked at 7 Eleven, 102 East Huntington Drive, with its lights on for 45 minutes. Upon contacting the driver, the officers discovered the 24-year-old male from La Mirada was passed out and had a hypodermic needle containing heroin inserted in his arm. A search of the vehicle revealed a stolen bicycle valued at \$5,000, heroin, burglary tools, and a spring-loaded knife. He was transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for evaluation, then arrested and booked at the Arcadia City Jail. Just before 10:11 a.m., officers responded to the intersection of Huntington Drive and Santa Clara Street

regarding an injury traffic collision between a vehicle and a bicyclist. The bicyclist was crossing Huntington Drive on a red light and didn't check for oncoming traffic. The vehicle struck the bicyclist. He was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for treatment. The 39-year-old male from Arcadia is in critical condition at the time of this report.

Wednesday, October 26: Shortly after 7:49 a.m., an officer responded to First Bank, 848 West Duarte Road, regarding a theft from vehicle report. The officer determined unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's van, stole gardening equipment, and then attempted to steal the vehicle. The investigation is ongoing. At about 11:19 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Walnut Avenue regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) entered the residence by unknown means and stole the victim's upright piano. The victim has been renting his property on VRBO. com and suspects one of the renters stole the property. The investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, October 27: At approximately 7:35 a.m., officers responded to the flood control wash at El Monte Avenue and Naomi Avenue regarding a deceased person. Officers discovered the 40-year-old male from Temple City suffered a head injury, but are unsure how the subject died. The investigation is ongoing. Around 12:04 p.m., an officer responded to Eversafe Insurance Agency Inc., 114 South First Avenue, regarding a fraud report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect created fraudulent checks with the victim's account information. The victim does not know how the suspect obtained their account information.

Friday, October 28: At about 3:18 a.m., an officer responded to China Red Restaurant, 855 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vandalism in progress. The officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle exiting the restaurant parking lot. An investigation revealed a 22-year-old male from Los Angeles was believed to be involved with a commercial burglary of the restaurant. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. Just before 9:32 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Walnut Avenue regarding a fraud report. The officer determined unknown suspects burglarized the victim's residence on October 26th, stole the victim's computers, and had now attempted to open several credit card accounts using their personal information. The investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, October 29: Shortly after 1:45 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Longden Avenue and Second Avenue for having a broken tail light. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 23-year-old male from West Covina was driving with a suspended license and did not have the required ignition-interlock device installed on his vehicle. He was cited and released in the field. The vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

MONROVIA - DUARTE

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NEW LIVE OAK LIBRARY DEDICATION IN ARCADIA

By Joan Schmidt
November 2nd was a VERY HAPPY DAY in Arcadia for the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte County residents. After MANY YEARS of pleading for a larger facility and never giving up, a larger facility is now a reality. What is SO AWESOME it was PURCHASED; it's not a rental. Any improvements can be made and there is NO lease to worry about. How did this come to fruition? First of all thank you to Supervisor Antonovich and Los Angeles County for purchasing the building. (This is one of the reasons I am SO SAD to see him termed out. I could write VOLUMES on what he has done for our area.) And there are TWO other very special people who never gave up and spent YEARS lamenting the small size of Live Oak Library and the GREAT need for a larger facility. They are current Town Council Member Linda Sells and the late Town Council Member John Nicoloro. (There will be a special Memorial Dedication to the late John Nicoloro on WEDNESDAY, November 9, at 1:00 PM at Pamela Park, Duarte. Hope to see many there.) Wednesday's event was very special. Besides Supervisor Antonovich, the Town Council was represented by Chair, Dave Hall



and Council Members, Gloria Huss, Lucy Nicoloro, Linda Sells and Terrence Williams. Arcadia Mayor Tom Beck and Mayor Pro Tem Peter Amundson as well as County Library Officials were on hand. It is surely a great day for county residents!

94 TEAMS – 21 GAMES – ONE WEEKEND!



"When you need help - Who ya gonna call?" When our local baseball teams coordinate a huge Under Armour Tournament – they call Duarte Kiwanis – and especially Board Member, Reyna Diaz. Yes there were 94 teams here in town recently, one all the way from Sonora, Mexico. The Duarte Kiwanis Club, along with other organizations, pitched in to provide meals for the Sonoran kids and enjoy a few of the games. And guess what – the team from Sonora

went home with the first place trophy this year! Included in the picture are Duarte Kiwanis Member, Stafford Barker, and Duarte Kiwanis Board Member, Reyna Diaz along with players from Sonora as well as players and coaches from the So Cal Stars. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com

MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

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

Commercial Burglary
October 27 at 7:55 a.m., officers responded to a business in the 900 block of W. Foothill on the report of a glass front door that had been shattered. Officers arrived and cleared the location. No suspects were found. It was determined that a small amount of cash was taken from the cash drawer and no other items were taken. The investigation is continuing.

Residential Burglary
October 27 at 1:55 p.m., a resident in the 200 block of W. Hillcrest phoned police to report her home had been burglarized. The homeowner came home and found a drawer to her dresser was open and her wedding ring and some costume jewelry was missing. There was no sign of forced entry. The investigation is continuing.

Commercial Burglary
October 27 at 10:21 p.m., officers were dispatched to an alarm activation at a business in the 800 block of E. Huntington. Officers arrived and found the doors had been forced open and a safe was located on the landing in the stairwell. The building was searched, but no suspects were located. The owner of the business arrived and assessed the building. It appears nothing else was missing and the safe was recovered. The investigation is continuing.

Petty Theft
October 28 at 10:45 a.m., the victim of a petty theft reported that her wallet was taken out of her purse while she was shopping at a store in the 600 block of W. Huntington. She had walked away from her cart and left her purse in the cart. She did not realize her wallet had been taken until she was checking out. She then received a call from her bank indicating someone had recently tried to use her credit card to purchase merchandise from a target store and did not have the proper identification. The investigation continuing.

Residential Burglary
October 28 at 4:25 p.m., a resident in the 500 block of Norumbega called police to report his residence had been burglarized. Officers arrived and cleared the location, but no suspects were located. It appears the suspect gained entry through a rear window that had been left unlocked and took jewelry from the residence. The investigation is continuing.

Theft From a Vehicle
October 28 at 4:33 p.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Maryanna Lane. The vehicle was inside a closed residential garage. The vehicle was broken into and miscellaneous items were taken. A bicycle was also taken from inside the garage. The investigation is continuing.

Domestic Violence
October 28 at 8:19 p.m., police received several calls reporting that a female subject had been thrown from a moving vehicle and was lying in the street at Pomona and Raymond. Officers arrived and found the female. She had a head injury and was taken to a hospital for treatment. She told the officer the suspect was her boyfriend and they were involved in an argument. The female wanted to get out of vehicle, so she opened the door while it was moving. The suspect then hit her and pushed her out of the vehicle. The suspect vehicle left the area and was not located. The investigation is continuing.

Driving Under the Influence / Traffic Collision – Suspect Arrested
October 29 at 3:12 a.m., a traffic collision was reported in the 2100 block of S. Peck Road. The caller stated that a single vehicle had struck several parked cars and the driver was out of his vehicle. When the officers arrived, they located the driver sitting in the back of another vehicle. The driver had called his mom and stepister after the collision and they had driven to the scene. Officers spoke to the driver and could see he had bloodshot watery eyes and slurred speech. As a result of the collision, he had a complaint of pain and was taken to the hospital for further treatment. The driver was determined to be intoxicated and was later arrested. custody for the charges.

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ROSEMEAD, CA. – November 2, 2016 - Don Bosco Technical Institute (Bosco Tech) will host its annual Fall Open House on Sunday, November 20, 2016, from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Prospective students and their families are invited to tour the school's extensive engineering and applied science labs and participate in its signature Explore & Create workshops. Offered to boys in grades 6- 8, the free STEM-focused workshops will feature interactive introductions to robotics, 3D printing, polymers, designing, and more.

"Middle schoolers will enjoy the hands-on Explore and Create workshops," said Bosco Tech President Xavier Jimenez. "They are a great opportunity to try what Bosco Tech students actually do. Each technology program will offer an interesting sample of our experiential learning curriculum."

Also during the Open House, the school's athletic teams and extracurricular clubs will provide information, while the award-winning Royal Techmen marching band will entertain the visiting crowds. Bosco Tech's Parent Council will host their Annual Holiday Boutique during the Open House, featuring unique gift items, food, arts and crafts, and visits with Santa Claus.

For more information about Open House or to reserve Explore & Create workshop spots, visit boscotechopenhouse.eventbrite.com or contact Director of Admissions Valeria De Luna at vdeluna@boscotech.edu or 626-940-2009.

Celebrating its sixty first year, Bosco Tech is an all-male Catholic high school that combines a rigorous college-preparatory program with a technology-focused education. The innovative STEM curriculum allows



students to exceed university admission requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of five applied science and engineering fields. Each year for the past several years, one hundred percent of the graduating class has earned college acceptances. Visit www.boscotech.edu for more information.

According to Niche.com, Bosco Tech ranks in the top three of all-boys schools in the Los Angeles metro area and among the top 100 all-boys high schools in America. Founded in 2002 by Carnegie Mellon University students as CollegeProwler.com, Niche provides reviews from everyday experts on neighborhoods, colleges, and K-12 schools to provide students, families and professionals with insight into important life decisions.

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

Assemblymember Chris Holden's 2017 Young Legislators Program Leadership Program for High School Seniors in the 41st Assembly District

Pasadena, CA – Assemblymember Chris Holden (AD – 41) today announced the deadline extension for the 2017 Young Legislators Program to November 15 at 5 p.m.

"I'm thrilled to launch the second annual Young Legislators Program for the 41st Assembly District," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "We've put together a program that will have a lasting impact on participating students and maybe even inspire them to run for office one day."

The Young Legislators Program is a six-month, no-cost program that provides selected students from the 41st Assembly District an opportunity to learn about the legislative process, services provided to constituents by elected leaders, and the relationship between local and state governments. Students will meet at selected sites in the 41st District for the first five sessions, and conclude with a two-day session in Northern California.

Last year's final session involved a tour of the Facebook headquarters in

Menlo Park, followed by a panel discussion with members of Facebook's government affairs team. Day two brought the students to the California State Capitol where they toured the building, met Assemblymember Holden and sat in on a Senate Education Committee hearing.

"The Young Legislators Program allowed me to experience state government, make useful connections, and discover new, interesting options for my future," said Darcy Stone, 2016 Young Legislator and now a freshman at the University of California, Berkeley. "It was a wonderful program and was glad to participate."

The 2017 Young Legislators Program is open to high school seniors living in the 41st Assembly District. Applicants must commit to monthly Saturday meetings starting in January 2017 and submit applications by November 15, 2016. Program details and application are available online at <http://asmdc.org/members/a41/other-resources/young-legislators-program>.

CUPCAKE WARS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

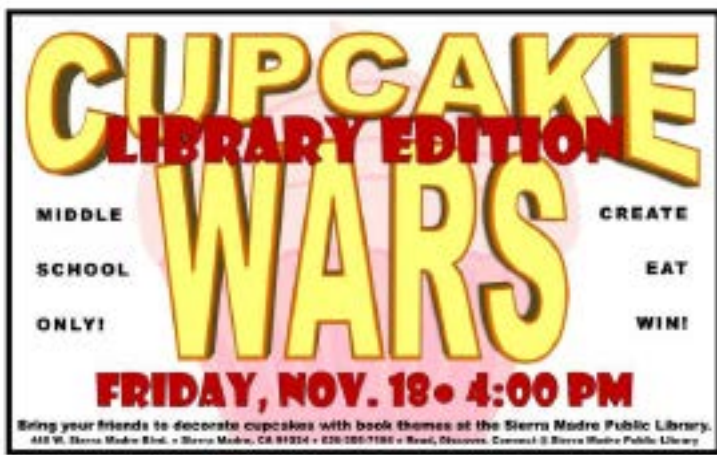
Do you have the skills to win the Cupcake Wars – Library Edition?

Find out when you help create, judge and eat literary-themed cupcakes on Friday, November 18 at 4:00 pm in the Sierra Madre Public Library!

Middle school students in grades 6 through 8 will create edible masterpieces using hundreds of cupcakes donated by the Friends of the Library

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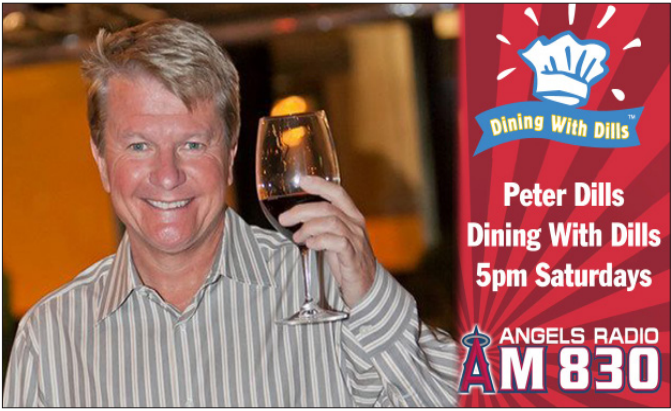
If you have to have a knife in your hand the steaks at the The Derby Restaurant are a front running winner. A delicious cut of Choice or Prime is offered at this Racing and Restaurant Institution. After the excitement of the meal take a few minutes of exploration and marvel at the historic old pictures, trophies, jockey boots and historic ribbons. The owners tell me that George Woolf himself made the Derby his home away from home in the early 1930's and became a partner in the restaurant in 1938. 233 E. Huntington Dr. Arcadia (626) 447-2430

If you have something different in mind, Din Tai Fung is the place for you. The San Gabriel Valley has a large Asian population and this restaurant has many of those transplants huddling in line for their famed Dumplings. I recommend a sampling of the Dumplings and I especially like the Xiao Long Bao (a dumpling packed with minced pork). Fresh Crab Meat is a perfect topping for this irresistible blanket wrapped treasure. 1088 S. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia (626) 446-8588

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4 cups vegetable stock
2 tsp fresh thyme or 1 tsp dried thyme
10-ounce mixed veggies: peas, carrots, green beans and corn

MASHED POTATOES

3 pounds yukon gold potatoes, thoroughly washed
3-4 Tbsp vegan butter
Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

Slice any large potatoes in half, place in a large pot and fill with water until they're just covered. Bring to a low boil on medium high heat, then generously salt, cover and cook for 20-30 minutes or until they slide off a knife very easily. Once cooked, drain, add back to the pot to evaporate any remaining water, then transfer to a mixing bowl. Use a masher, pastry cutter or large fork to mash until smooth. Add add desired amount of vegan butter (2-4 Tbsp), and season with salt and pepper to taste. Loosely cover and set aside.

While potatoes are cooking, preheat oven to 425 degrees F and lightly grease a 2-quart baking dish (or comparable sized dish, such as 9x13 pan. An 8x8 won't fit it all but close).

In a large saucepan over medium heat, sauté onions and garlic in 1 Tbsp olive oil until lightly browned and caramelized - about 5 minutes.

Add a pinch each salt and pepper. Then add lentils, stock, thyme and stir. Bring to a low boil, then reduce heat to simmer. Continue cooking until lentils are tender (35-40 minutes).

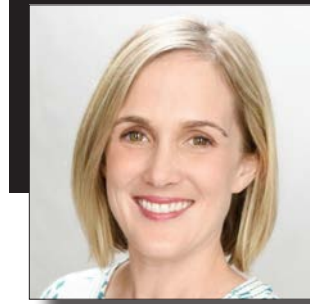
In the last 10 minutes of cooking, add the frozen veggies, stir, and cover to meld the flavors together.

OPTIONAL: To thicken the mixture, add 2-3 Tbsp mashed potatoes and stir. Alternatively, scoop out 1/2 of the mixture and whisk in 2 Tbsp cornstarch or arrowroot powder and whisk. Return to the pan and whisk to thicken. Taste and adjust seasonings as needed. Then transfer to your prepared oven-safe baking dish and carefully top with mashed potatoes. Smooth down with a spoon or fork and season with another crack of pepper and a little sea salt. Place on a baking sheet to catch overflow and bake at 425 for 10-15 minutes, or until the mashers are lightly browned on top.

Let cool briefly before serving. The longer it sits, the more it will thicken. Let cool completely before covering, and then store in the fridge for up to a few days. Reheats well in the microwave.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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Staying stable in the midst of change is one of the very best gifts yoga and meditation have to offer. It's through practice, that we cultivate a stable, calm and clear state of being. This feeling of being centered becomes a familiar, comforting place. Knowing how to stay centered and stay still when life shifts is a vital tool for coping and thriving in the world. When we are thrown off kilter, there's a place to go, a practice to do or breaths to take that will bring us back to serenity.

According to Ayurveda, the sister science to yoga, nature (the seasons) greatly affects our health and daily living as well. In Fall season, dryness and wind can bring about restlessness and distraction. When you couple these with a fast paced schedule, it's easy fall out of balance. Elimination issues can happen, stress and fear set in, or if you have energy you're not able to hang onto it.

Yoga and Ayurveda together offer some universal comforting, holistic solutions. Here are a few helpful suggestions: (1) Eat more fresh, cooked food. Limit raw, cold foods. (2) Add restorative yoga poses to your practice. (3) Apply oil (sesame oil, or triphala) to the soles of your feet at night. (4) Maintain healthy sleep habits, i.e. a regular bedtime. These are just a few of the many tools that can used in cultivating stability and steadiness. Life will continue to be full and rich and at times, stressful. It's the reaction to stress that should improve and the time it takes to move past upsets will shorten.

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Dear Savvy Senior,
What can you tell me about incentive trusts? I have two adult children that are financial disasters. Before I die, I want to put some type of requirements in place that they will need to follow in order to receive their portion of my estate. Otherwise, they'll blow it all in the first year.
Troubled Parent

Dear Parent,
If you want to influence your family members even after you're gone, an incentive trust is definitely an option to consider. Here's how it works, along with some tips to help you create one.

Incentive Trust?

An incentive trust is an estate-planning tool designed to help prod your heirs in a direction you desire when you're no longer around.

With an incentive trust, some or all of your assets are passed to your trust when you die rather than directly to your heirs. Your trustee is empowered to distribute funds from the trust only if and when your beneficiaries do whatever it is you have specified in the trust.

For example, an incentive trust might encourage a beneficiary to graduate from college, enter a particular profession, get married or even have children. They could also reward beneficiaries who do charitable work, or supplement the incomes of those who choose low-paying, yet meaningful careers like teaching or social work. Or, they could penalize beneficiaries who don't work by cutting off or decreasing distributions, or placing restrictions on heirs with addictions by requiring that payments go directly to rehab centers.

But be aware that these types of trusts can also have drawbacks. A poorly constructed incentive trust can have a high risk of unintended consequences. For example, if your trust provides a financial incentive for your children to be employed full-time, but one of them gets sick or seriously injured in a car accident and can't work, they would be punished unfairly.

You also need to know that incentive trusts aren't cheap. You can expect to pay an attorney



\$2,500 to \$5,000 to draft one.

There are also legal limits on what you can do with an incentive trust. While state laws vary, incentive trusts that encourage a beneficiary to join or leave a particular religion, or leave a spouse or not marry at all, can be challenged in court and possibly struck down.

How To Make One

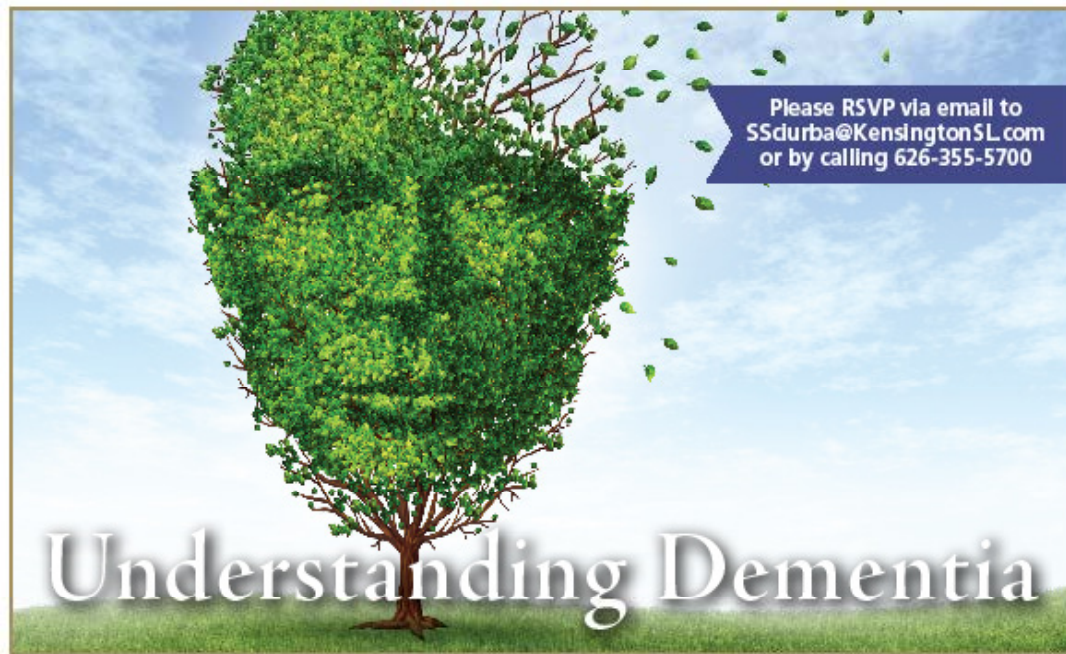
To create a solid incentive trust that accomplishes what you envision, tell your estate-planning attorney that you want to include precise instructions that clearly spells out your wishes, but you also want to include language granting your trustee the right to use his or her discretion and that the trustee's decisions should be final and binding.

This allows your trustee to make common sense rulings, which will reduce or eliminate the chances of unintended and unfair consequences. It also makes it very difficult for beneficiaries to successfully challenge the trust or trustee in court. When a trust grants final decision-making authority to its trustee, it becomes almost impossible for beneficiaries to successfully argue that this trustee is not correctly implementing the trust's terms.

The key is to select a trustee who's smart enough to interpret your intent and has sufficient backbone to stand up to beneficiaries when necessary. You also need to select a successor trustee too if your first choice can no longer serve. Fees paid to a trustee vary widely depending on the state's fee schedules, the size and complexity of the trust, and conditions laid out in the trust.

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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.

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Looking Up

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NASA MISSIONS HARVEST A PASSEL OF 'PUMPKIN' STARS

Astronomers using observations from NASA's Kepler and Swift missions have discovered a batch of rapidly spinning stars that produce X-rays at more than 100 times the peak levels ever seen from the Sun. The stars, which spin so fast they've been squashed into pumpkin-like shapes, are thought to be the result of close binary systems where two Sun-like stars merge.

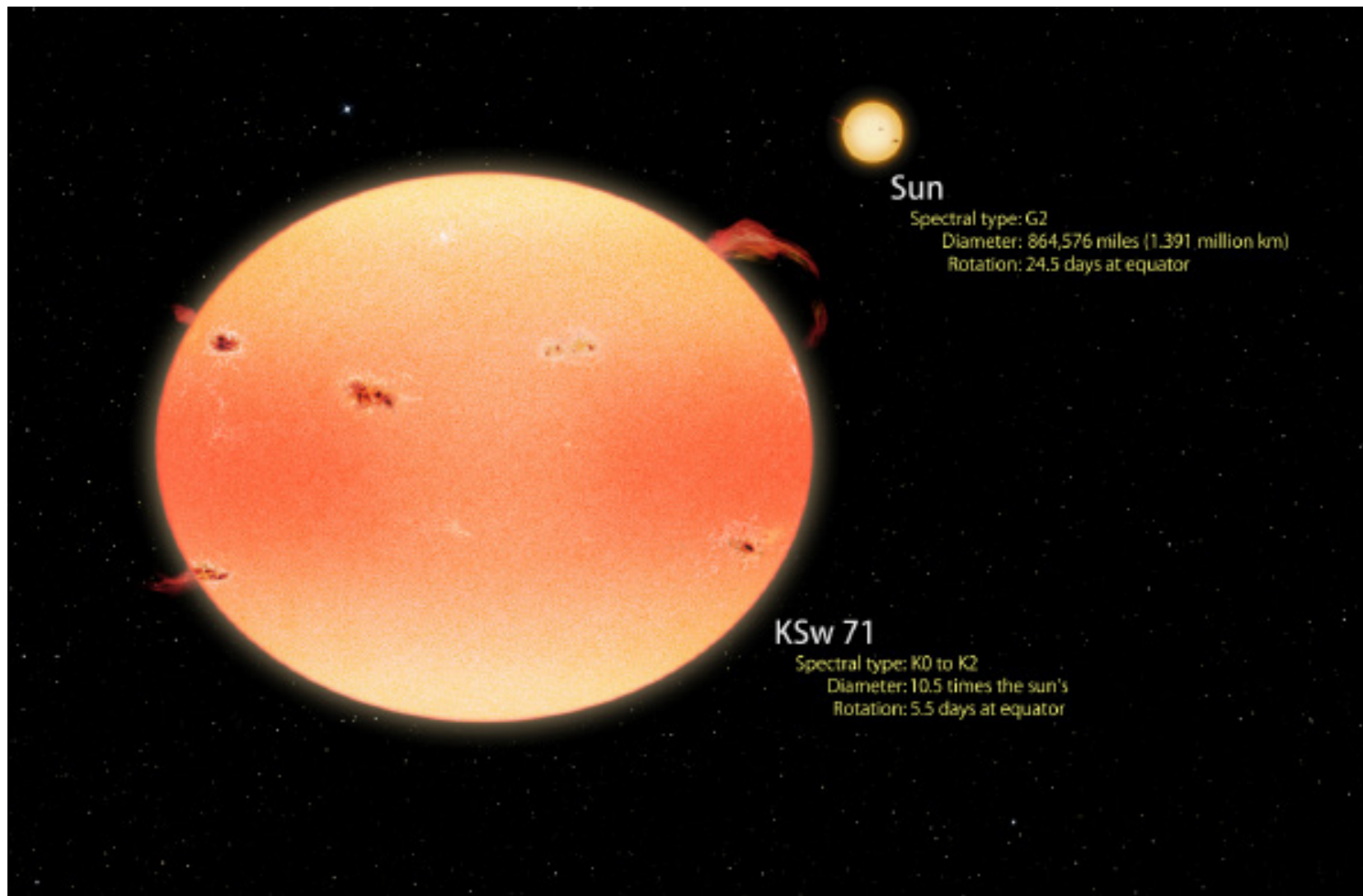
"These 18 stars rotate in just a few days on average, while the Sun takes nearly a month," said Steve Howell, a senior research scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, California, and leader of the team. "The rapid rotation amplifies the same kind of activity we see on the Sun, such as sunspots and solar flares, and essentially sends it into overdrive."

The most extreme member of the group, a K-type orange giant dubbed KSw 71, is more than 10 times larger than the Sun, rotates in just 5.5 days, and produces X-ray emission 4,000 times greater than the Sun does at solar maximum.

These rare stars were found as part of an X-ray survey of the original Kepler field of view, a patch of the sky comprising parts of the constellations Cygnus and Lyra. From May 2009 to May 2013, Kepler measured the brightness of more than 150,000 stars in this region to detect the regular dimming from planets passing in front of their host stars. The mission was immensely successful, netting more than 2,300 confirmed exoplanets and nearly 5,000 candidates to date. An ongoing extended mission, called K2, continues this work in areas of the sky located along the ecliptic, the plane of Earth's orbit around the Sun.

"A side benefit of the Kepler mission is that its initial field of view is now one of the best-studied parts of the sky," said team member Padi Boyd, a researcher at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, who designed the Swift survey. For example, the entire area was observed in infrared light by NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, and NASA's Galaxy Evolution Explorer observed many parts of it in the ultraviolet. "Our group was looking for variable X-ray sources with optical counterparts seen by Kepler, especially active galaxies, where a central black hole drives the emissions," she explained.

Using the X-ray and ultraviolet/optical telescopes aboard Swift, the researchers conducted the Kepler-



Swift Active Galaxies and Stars Survey (KSwAGS), imaging about six square degrees, or 12 times the apparent size of a full Moon, in the Kepler field.

"With KSwAGS we found 93 new X-ray sources, about evenly split between active galaxies and various types of X-ray stars," said team member Krista Lynne Smith, a graduate student at the University of Maryland, College Park, who led the analysis of

Swift data. "Many of these sources have never been observed before in X-rays or ultraviolet light."

For the brightest sources, the team obtained spectra using the 200-inch telescope at Palomar Observatory in California. These spectra provide detailed chemical portraits of the stars and show clear evidence of enhanced stellar activity, particularly strong diagnostic lines of calcium and hydrogen.

The researchers used Kepler measurements to determine the rotation periods and sizes for 10 of the stars, which range from 2.9 to 10.5 times larger than the Sun. Their surface temperatures range from somewhat hotter to slightly cooler than the Sun.

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges THE ROOTS OF THANKSGIVING

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Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday of the year. It is our uniquely American holiday where the family gathers, shares a meal, and gives thanks for whatever it is we feel thankful for. Yet everyone complains that it's become too commercialized, some even calling it "turkey day," and focusing instead on the great deals in the following day's Black Friday sales. How do we get back to the roots of this holiday?

Growing up, I was as ignorant as the next guy as to the origin of all our modern Thanksgiving traditions. In 3rd grade, we would do little skits, where Indians and Pilgrims met. The Pilgrims were all dressed up in black and white, and clean, with black powder guns, and the Indians wore loin cloths and feathers, and carried bows. Somewhere in the back of my 10-year-old mind I knew that a lot of killing went on between the new Pilgrims and the Indians, but this was a moment of peace where all came together for some giant feast with turkey and cranberry, in the middle of the forest, on one Thursday in November a very long time ago, presumably, Indians and Pilgrims alike giving thanks to God for their many blessings. It was a very comfortable and pleasant image.

So did it actually happen this way? Let's try to explore the roots of this day, and try to be honest with ourselves as we attempt to give thanks where it is due.

First, the players. There were three main players among the Indians: Massasoit, the leader of the Wampanoag, the coalition of which controlled southeastern Massachusetts; Samoset, the leader of a group to the north; and Tisquantum (whom history knows as "Squanto"), who was there as an interpreter, and who also had plans of his own. Tisquantum had been taken to Britain and had lived there for a year and a half where he learned English. He was not trusted by Massasoit because it was feared he might side with the pilgrims, but Tisquantum was needed as an interpreter.

The colonists were residing on what had been a Wampanoag village site, but the native inhabitants were wiped out five years earlier by a disease. On March 21 of 1621, before there was any such thing as the United States of America, the three native men walked into the pilgrim village (actually, more of a hovel by most accounts) to make a deal.

Massasoit was worried that with so many members of his coalition killed off by disease that he'd be vulnerable to attacks by the Narragansett alliance to the west. His bargain to the European settlers was that they could stay there as long as they aligned with him, against possible battles with the Narragansett. It had been over a hundred years since Columbus "opened" the Americas to Europe, and up to that point, settlers were treated friendly as long as they eventually moved along. Various colonies had in fact moved on, or been killed off, before then. The leaders of what was then called the Plymouth Colony agreed to the bargain, and Massasoit enjoyed relative peace with his neighbors for the next 50 years.

Later that year, in October of 1621, the pilgrims had had a good harvest, and they held a thanksgiving feast to which Massasoit showed up with 90 of his fellows, mostly men. The 3 day feast that followed was said to be a somewhat tense celebration, with much firing of blackpowder guns and firing of

arrows, probably more of a show of bravado and daring than any sort of mutual sportsmanship.

The Indians were more skilled at hunting and fishing in their native land, and they brought fowl, deer, duck, goose, and fish. Corn bread, wild greens, plums, leeks, and many other vegetables (wild and domestic) were shared in this celebration. Interestingly, there is no evidence that wild turkey or wild cranberries (totally unpalatable without cooking and adding sweeteners) were part of the menu.

The impetus for this so-called "first Thanksgiving" was for Massasoit to cement this tentative political alliance against another tribe. The gathering was really more of a treaty gathering than it was any sort religious event. The peace lasted about 50 years, until Massasoit died. Tisquantum, who is credited with helping the colony with many of its survival skills, only lived another year.

Interesting side note: school children are taught that Tisquantum taught the pilgrims how to fertilize their crops with an old fish, supposedly a Native custom in the Northeast. Historians, however, have found little evidence that native people ever fertilized that way, and it is more likely that Tisquantum learned that technique during his time in Britain.

Massasoit's short term bargain opened the floodgates for the tens of thousands of Europeans who continued to pour into North America in general and New England in particular. And the settlers of Plymouth certainly didn't see the October meal as "the first Thanksgiving." It was normal for them to have various thanksgiving and harvest festivals, usually held mid-week to differentiate from the religious Sabbaths. And it wasn't another 200 years or so before this became formalized as part of the mythos of America, as the American Day of Giving Thanks.

Giving thanks is a good thing. Among other things, it helps so we do not lose sight of our spiritual heritage, which is the real bounty. But what should we focus upon, and who should we be thanking, on this Thanksgiving day?

With all the talk about the blessings and bounty from God, perhaps it's time for Americans to realize that had it not been for that small group of indigenous people, that first colony might have not survived and might have been wiped out. Though not entirely for altruistic purposes, Plymouth people were aided by the native population.

Perhaps sharing our bounty with the needy would be a better Thanksgiving activity than eating lots of good food. More to the point, perhaps we should use Thanksgiving to give thanks where it is due -- to the American Indians who have become the "forgotten minority." Yes, there are some who have become enriched by casinos, but there are still many more who are struggling.

Americans have created a culture and a society that has become the focal point of nearly everyone else on the globe. Despite all our unresolved problems, it is a fact that vast numbers of people all over the world aspire to come to the U.S. In the U.S. role as a world leader, we should not forget our national roots.

Don't just give lip-service thanks to the Native Americans whose land was taken. Rather, find those organizations that are actually providing real assistance to Native Americans in poverty, such as many of those living in the third world conditions so prevalent on some of today's reservations. Support farming and self-sufficiency projects on reservations. This would be at least one way to give back to the people who "lost everything" as the United States came into being. During this Thanksgiving time, the right thing to do is to find ways to uplift and support the native people, where it is needed.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

APART FROM THAT, I'M DOING FINE!

I know I am not correct on many things, just ask the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. If I could be right as many times as I am wrong, I would be a genius. The problem is, I am more wrong than I am right, which puts me a little bit out of balance.

People always say things they really do not mean. I guess they are just trying to be nice and courteous.

For instance. My wife will say as I leave the door to go somewhere, "Drive safely."

I do not know what that means. Does she think I am going to drive like an idiot? Well, maybe that is not a good illustration.

Another one is, if you are going to a party someone will say, "Have fun."

Does that mean they are under the impression that you are not going to have fun unless you are enticed? Why do people always say things like that?

We always say things that we do not mean.

Of course, I am always a little guarded about certain things my wife may say to me. The most infamous one would be, "Does this dress make me look fat?" I am not sure who came up with that one, but their head was not spinning in the right direction.

After thinking about that for a little bit I am under the impression that if anyone asks me that question, particularly if it is my wife, they are not looking for the right answer. They are looking for a compliment.

Is it more important to tell the truth or to encourage someone? That has always been my dilemma.

One question has bugged me for a long time. I must confess that I have done it myself, but it still bugs me. It is when we meet somebody and say, "Hello, how are you doing?"

Why do we say something like that? Whenever I asked somebody how they are doing, I really do not want them to tell me how they are doing. I am trying to be courteous and friendly. I do not want to know the details of their life.

As I said, I find myself saying the very same thing. I am trying to get over this phrase-addiction and probably need several months in some rehabilitation center. It would be worth it to get this out of my conversation.

I do not know if I was just having a bad day or if I was just fed up with this question. Not long ago I was coming out of the grocery store and somebody greeted me and said, "Hello, how are you doing today?"

Something came over me. To this day I cannot explain what in the world made me do what I did. But I did it and there it is.

I could tell the person who asked the question was in a

hurry to get into the grocery store but I did it anyway. He asked me how I was and so I stopped him and told him how I was.

"I'm glad you asked," I started, "because I'm not feeling very well today." I noticed he was trying to get beyond me, but I was going to have my say no matter what.

"I hurt my big toe this morning, I think I broke a toenail. I've been limping all day long and I'm getting rather tired of it."

He looked at me and then glanced at the grocery store, but I pretended as if I did not see.

"I got up this morning," I continued as though I had nothing else in the world to do, "with my back hurting so much I could hardly get out of bed. I'm not so sure what happened, but boy does it really hurt."

He looked at his watch and then looked at the grocery store entrance again, but I continued to pretend I did not see it.

"My day hasn't gone very well," I complained to him, "I just seem to be late for everything. I missed my appointment at the doctor this morning and I'm not sure when I'm going to get back to see that doctor."

I could see he was getting very nervous and borderline agitated. He tried to interrupt me, but I pretended I did not notice.

"I don't know what I'm gonna do with my car. There's a big noise rattling in the engine and I'm not sure if I should take it in or what I should do with it."

"Well," he said rather anxiously, "I gotta get into the store." With that, he briskly walked away muttering.

I am sure he talked about that all they long to his friends. He probably thought I was crazy. Sometimes it is good to be crazy. After all, he is the one that asked me how I was. If he did not want to know how I was, why did he ask me how I was?

I chuckled to myself and then I got thinking about my prayer life. I wonder how many times I do that in my prayer life. I pray about something, but I really am not that interested in it.

I wonder if Jesus had this in mind when he said, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22).

Prayer is not meaningless gibberish, but faith-focused asking.

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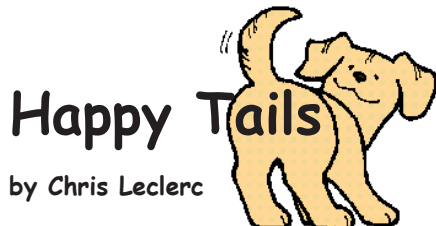
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WHERE YOU AT, SCAREDY CAT?



Few and far between are the felines I care for that did not respond with some semblance of fear the first time I entered their home. It's a classic story told by many cat owners, wherein a person with whom the cat is unfamiliar, walks through the front door, only to see the kitty's bouncing behind disappear down the hallway, as he high-tails it into another room to seek refuge beneath a bed or a couch.

Although there is usually no apparent reason for a typically-friendly feline's fearful response to a stranger, it happens quite often. And even though most of the time, the individual who just arrived and entered the home is indeed a cat lover, they are still a person whom the cat has yet to get to know, so the cat assumes there may be danger and runs to take cover. Why do cats behave in this manner, and how can we humans help them relax and enjoy the company of a new-found friend when they come calling?

One reason why a cat might run and hide upon the arrival of a stranger, is because he had limited exposure to humans other than his owner as a youngster. If a kitten is not introduced to a variety of people during his socialization stage (3-9 weeks old), he will likely be more apprehensive of interacting with strangers as an adult. Another reason is that a visit from a human friend is often accompanied by increased noises and movement during the initial greeting, and from a cat's perspective that might be interpreted as chaos to be avoided at all costs.

There are a few simple techniques that have proven to be helpful in preventing a cat from becoming afraid of people whom they've never met, and as it is with most exercises, the more consistently you are willing to practice these techniques with your kitty, the better are your chances for success.

First, provide your cat with a "safety-zone" in an out-of-the-way location, such as a back room where the sound of knocking or a door bell will be muffled. Be sure to include a comfortable resting spot, a fresh bowl of water and a litter box. Give the cat a special treat along with a favorite interactive toy when you take him to the safe area, just moments before your guest arrives. Allow the cat to remain in the safe place for the duration of the visit, the first few times you have a guest in your home.

Next, try to follow this series of behavioral modification steps consistently, to help your cat become more comfortable around visitors: Ask a friend or relative who does not live with you to act as a stranger coming to visit. As usual, put your cat in the safe

place just moments before their arrival, then when your friend arrives, open the door to the safe area and allow the cat to come out at it's own will and in it's own time.

Once your cat has decided it is safe enough to emerge from the back room, have the invited "stranger" stand at a distance from where the cat decides is comfortable, and reward the cat with a treat and/or a soothing praise each time he is willing to get closer to the visitor. The goal is to gradually decrease the space between the two, by rewarding the cat each time he remains calm and allows the newcomer to come closer.

Take note that the "approaching process" should begin from a distance at which your cat shows no signs of anxiety or arousal. He should be completely calm to start with, and remain calm and confident as your friend moves into the cat's space, eventually coming close enough to reach out and pet the cat. Keep your voice calm and offer comments of praise along the way.

Try to avoid excessive movement until the cat becomes more comfortable over time. Repeat these simple steps as frequently as you possibly can. It may take some time for your cat to show progress, but be patient and be aware that your efforts are helping to improve your cat's quality of life.

This process of coaching a cat into becoming more familiar with other humans may seem silly to folks who are not friends of the feline, but I know there are many devoted cat lovers out there who will benefit from this bit of information to help make a difference in the relationship they have with their cat.

I hope you do find these tips helpful and I wish you all the best success as you work toward socializing your kitty cat. Try to understand what is going on in the mind of our feline. We humans like to think we relate to our pets, so it behooves us to do our best to understand their perspective, and work on the relationships we have with them. Most importantly, as humans we must be kind to the animals, always. Don't forget to love and let live!

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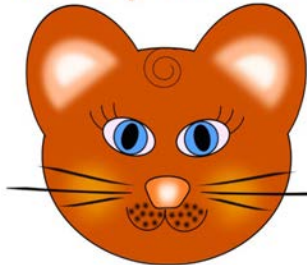


and safe in one of our volunteer's arms, so there wasn't a chance to test him on a leash. He is pretty disoriented at having been abandoned by his family, but he gets along with his kennel mate and is so cute and lovable that you can't resist him. This boy deserves a loyal and loving individual or family who will bring him out of his shell. Once he's safe and secure he's going to be a perfect, faithful indoor pet and family member. To watch a video of Louie, please visit the following link: https://youtu.be/KecH_FlpHg8

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SECTION B

AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

THIRTY-FIVE HONORED AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S 34TH ANNUAL VALOR AWARDS AND THE TEMPLE STATION CONNECTION



By Joan Schmidt

The LASD 2016 Medal of Valor Awards was wonderful but heart-wrenching. Held at USC Galen Center arena, Cannel 7's David Ono was MC; guest speaker was Air Force Staff Sgt. Spencer Stone, a military Purple Heart award recipient. In November, 2015, he assisted in disarming a gunman on a Paris-bound train, preventing the massacre of many passengers.

The Awards were dedicated to the memory of Sgt. Steve Owen; there was a beautiful tribute, including a video of his life and career. Sgt. Owen himself had received the Meritorious Conduct Gold Medal for saving a kidnapped victim and capturing two armed robbery suspects in Lancaster, 2013.

The Medal of Valor was awarded to Sgt. Abel Jimenez, Dep. Adrian Rendon, Dep. Marlin Conde, Dep. Eric Valdez, Dep. Jordan Hempstead, Dep. Kamal Ahmad, Dep. Luis Lezama, Dep. Darrell Edwards, Dep. Albert Macias, Dep. Gonzalo Galvez, Dep. Roger Para and Dep. Ricardo Munoz.

The Meritorious Conduct-Gold was awarded to Dep. Hugo Barajas, Dep. Andrea De La Cruz, Custody Assistant Sylvia Granados, Dep. Dep. Jaime De La Cerda, Custody Assistant Jesse Hernandez, and Dep. Dwayne Javier.

The Meritorious Conduct-Silver was awarded to Dep. Andrew H. Alatorre, Sgt. Richard J. Blunt, Dep.

Fernando Galvan-Aguilar, Dep. Gordon L. Baker, Dep. Daniel D. Gonzalez, Dep. Robert D. Seminaris, Dep. Eduardo Muniz, Retired Dep. David Allis, Dep. Manuel Navarro, and Dep. Daniel R. Leon.

The Purple Heart Recipients were Dep. Edmundo Perez, Sgt. Christopher Fernandez, and Temple Station Dep. Rick Adams, who was part of the first C.O.P.S. Team in the Duarte County area. A few months later, Deputy Adams was shot; the bullet missed his aorta by an inch. Deputy Adams recuperated and is now Special Assignment Deputy in Temple City.

The Line of Duty Medal went to Sgt. Burt Brink. While assigned to Temple Station in 2007, as a Motor Deputy, he was involved in a horrific accident. A car hit him with the force of 50 mph; Burt went flying through the air, sustaining massive injuries to his shoulder, collapsed lungs, ribs, ruptured spleen, bruised kidney and severe leg injuries. Recuperation was eighteen months.

The Humanitarian Medal went to CHP Officer Scott Riley, who was issuing a citation, at the time of Burt's accident but immediately went to the scene, diverted traffic and assisted Burt. Scott, an EMT, removed Burt's vest, took his hand and said, "Stay with me." Scott asked questions to ensure Burt was alert.

The Lifesaving Medal was awarded to Deputy Javier Tiscareno who donated part of his liver to his partner.

BREEDERS CUP 2016: A DREAM ASSIGNMENT

By Joan Schmidt

Just attending the 2016 Breeders' Cup at the Great Race Place is awesome in itself. I have been counting the days for the last two years! So many wonderful horses entered in the various categories, and Santa Anita is the best venue around with its gorgeous setting, the perfect layout, and even easy parking!

Monday afternoon was fabulous. The Drawing of Post Positions for the Classic and Distaff were held at the Chandelier Room, complete with sumptuous appetizers and beverages. Prior to the drawing, I chatted with Victor Espinosa and Mike Smith. Trainers Art and Alan Sherman and Richard Mandella also were on hand to answer questions. It was very interesting watching everyone's reactions as Laffit Pincay III read the post positions. It also was neat to see media friends-Julie Stewart from Washington State and a couple from Canada.

Wednesday brought a fun experience. Top Breeders' trainers and jockeys were seated at individual stations and the media was able to move around to secure multiple interviews. They included jockeys Gary Stevens, Mike Smith and Victor Espinosa, and trainers Chad Brown, Mark Casse, Art Sherman, Richard Mandella Todd Pletcher, Kiaran McLaughlin and Hugo Palmer. Afterwards, there was a buffet brunch. Prior to the media shoot, I met two Venezuelan reporters, an Aussie Photographer, Michael McNally, racing fans from New York, Miami and Louisville. James Corral had his wonderful key chains, plaques and other neat items on sale. Equine painter Annette



Haigh was taking photos to use as models for her painting.

Thursday I arrived at Clockers Corners, saw many Breeders' entries working out, and ran into Florent Geroux and Julian Leparoux with his beautiful family, wife Shea and son Mitchell. The Media attended a Safety and Security Briefing for the Breeders Cup. Speakers included Breeders' Cup President and CEO Craig Fravel, Dora Delgado, Breeders' Cup Senior Vice President of Racing and Nominations, Joe Morris, Senior Vice President West Coast Operations, Dr. Rick Arthur CHRB Equine Medical Director, Dr. Deborah Lampartner, Breeders' Veterinary Team Leader. Dr. Alan Ruggles and Dr. Scott Palmer, On-Call Program, Don Ahrens, Breeders' Security Team, Lou Scalera, Director of Security, Santa Anita Park, and Luis Jauregui, Horse Racing Board Safety Security.

We learned three Kimzey equine ambulances will be deployed at various positions around the oval and the So CA Equine Foundation operates an equine hospital in the stable area.

Security is a top priority, Horses are secured seventy-two hours prior to first post and there is an enhanced "State of the Art" surveillance system, installed in 2014. There are 100 security officers monitoring the horses twenty-four seven.

There is a strict Prohibited Substance Rule. The horses who will be entering the races are tested.

It was a very interesting session, and I now look forward to the races themselves.



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Pasadena » Treasure Fair Thrift Shop, the major source of funding for the Assistance League of Pasadena®, rings in its holiday shopping season with an Open House on Monday, November 7, from 5 PM to 7 PM. The shop, which is normally closed on Mondays, opens its doors for this exclusive event and invites you to join the fun. Enjoy light refreshments while you browse through a delightful array of holiday décor, festive table settings, and a variety of gift-quality, gently-used merchandise.

Treasure Fair Thrift Shop, voted 2016's "Readers' Choice, San Gabriel Valley's Best Thrift Store," is located at 3239 East Foothill Blvd., in East Pasadena near the corner of Sierra Madre Villa and Foothill Blvd. The shop is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 3 PM with extended hours until 6 PM on Thursdays. The proceeds from all sales fund the many philanthropic programs of the Assistance League of Pasadena.

The Assistance League of Pasadena,

celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, is a chapter of Assistance League® - a national, nonprofit, volunteer organization formed in 1935, with over 26,000 member volunteers in 120 chapters. Chartered in 1941, Assistance League of Pasadena is one of the longest standing chapters. Through their hands-on philanthropic efforts, last year the chapter's volunteers -- an active, dedicated, diverse group of individuals -- dedicated over 15,000 hours of service and touched thousands of lives in Pasadena and the surrounding communities.

Membership in Assistance League of Pasadena is open year round to both residents and non-residents of Pasadena. Information will be available at the open house for anyone interested in becoming a member.

For additional information on the Assistance League of Pasadena, contact the chapter office at (626) 449-2068 or visit its website at www.pasadena.assistanceleague.org.

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On the Marquee:

Notes from the Sierra MadrePlayhouse

FIVE FOR THREE: THE OVATIONS!

By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano
The Ovation Award nominations were announced yesterday and SMP is the proud recipient of FIVE nominations for THREE different shows! As a reminder, the Ovation Awards are Los Angeles theater's Tony Awards. They are given by the Los Angeles Stage Alliance and are based on the peer evaluations of productions by 300 working theater professionals. Here are the shows and individuals that were honored: The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee – Best Musical (Intimate)
Stanton Kane Morales – Best Featured Actor in a Musical (Spelling Bee)
Candice Cain – Best Costume Design (Intimate) (The Glass Menagerie)
John Vertrees & Erin Walley – Best Set Design (Intimate) (Deathtrap)

Let me put this in perspective – last year we received our FIRST EVER nominations when we got two acting nominations for Cori Cable Kidder for Always...Patsy Cline and John Prosky for A Walk in the Woods. This year we got our first ever production nomination and our first two design nominations! We got more nominations than some of the most established small theaters in Los Angeles – theaters that I use as my guide stars. We are now clearly being recognized for the quality of our work. It is also remarkable that we were noticed for THREE different shows. Many of the theaters who got nominations yesterday got them for a single show. The Intimate designation above means that the Ovations do not judge the work of the Intimate theaters, who have much more limited resources, against the larger theaters such as the Taper or the Geffen. BUT all actors are in one pool which means that Stanton and Cristina's performances were rated one of the six best featured from all musicals in Los Angeles.

I couldn't be prouder of the work we are doing. The irony of all of this is that we lost money on Spelling Bee because it was not very well attended. I wonder if we have gotten over the perception that we are a community theater or the idea that we can't be any good if we are local and not downtown. Awards and recognition are wonderful but support from our local communities is even more important. It's why we work so hard to bring you quality theatrical experiences that you don't have to drive downtown for. I hope these nominations will help



us get new audiences to give us a try. Loyal readers who are friends of SMP – please bring a friend who doesn't know our work to see one of our shows so we can work our magic on them!

Little House Christmas is selling well already. I hope you will all plan on making us part of your holidays this year. AND An Evening with Groucho starring Frank Ferrante – our December 4 Gala Fundraiser is on sale now. Tickets are tax-deductible after the first \$30. Come have a remarkable time AND support the Playhouse.

And speaking of support, we are now reaching out to our supporters and donors to make commitments of support for the next year. You each should be receiving your solicitation letters soon and when you do, I hope you will consider making a generous gift to SMP. I've spoken of some of our dreams and plans, to make them a reality we will need the help of our friends, old and new, in our Marquee Giving Circle. Please help us keep SMP as a vital and treasured part of this community. And, I hope to see you at our Groucho Gala! – it's going to be a fantastic evening. As always we do it for you – our SMP family. Your support and loyalty mean so much to us. For tickets please call Mary in the box office at 626.355.4318. Hope to see you soon!

LOCAL CULTURE MEETS CRAFT IN PASADENA

Jackalope Arts announces the return of their Indie Artisan Market, Jackalope, on November 12th and 13th, 2016, at Pasadena's vibrant Central Park.

This year's market will feature a unique, curated shopping experience with 200+ trendsetting makers and designers of local goods. From housewares and home goods to art and fashion - Jackalope offers something for everyone on the holiday shopping list. Attendees can pre-plan their shopping on the Jackalope website and view all participating artisans at www.jackalopeartfair.com/pasadenavendors

There will also be a full schedule of art focused workshops for attendees to take a dip into the DIY crafting world.

Artisans will be hosting creative workshops, allowing attendees to get a better idea of the craftsmanship that goes into the one of a kind handmade goods and products found at the fair.

Workshops range from free to \$21 and include all supplies to take home DIY creations. There will be activities for all ages available throughout the weekend.

Saturday:
Dream Catchers with Indica Design
Art Class with Eye Heart Art
Pom Pom Wreaths with Makers Mess
Decorate Your Own Jackalope Shirt with Sparky Firepants
Beading Techniques with Mika Chante
Create Your Own Bath Bombs with Banter and Bliss
Instructional Food Course with Mary Lee Kitchen

Sunday:
Art Class with Pinot's Palette
Dream Catchers with Indica Design
Dream Gardens with FunArt LA
Photo Editing with Michael Cook Photography
Potted Plants with Makers Mess
Stained Glass Candle Holders with Color Me Mine
Watercolor Mandalas with Rachel Penton

Pre-registration and more information on all workshops is available online at www.jackalopeartfair.com/pasadenaworkshops. The workshop area will be centrally located within the event.

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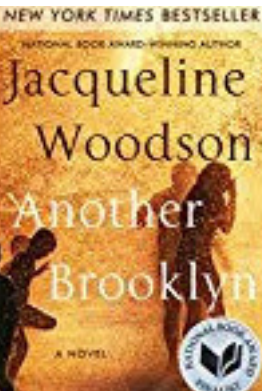
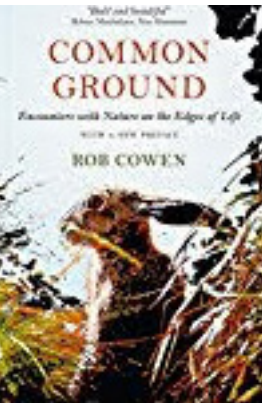
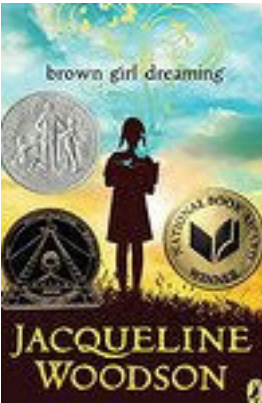
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Jeff's Book Pics

By Jeff Brown

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Jacqueline Woodson's National Book Award and Newbery Honor winner, now available in paperback with 7 all-new poems. Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson's eloquent poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become.



Another Brooklyn: A Novel by Jacqueline Woodson
The acclaimed New York Times bestselling and National Book Award winning author of Brown Girl Dreaming delivers her first adult novel in twenty years. Running into a long-ago friend sets memory from the 1970s in motion for August, transporting her to a time and a place where friendship was everything until it wasn't. For August and her girls, sharing confidences as they ambled through neighborhood streets, Brooklyn was a place where they believed that they were beautiful, talented, brilliant, a part of a future that belonged to them. But beneath the hopeful veneer, there was another Brooklyn, a dangerous place where grown men reached for innocent girls in dark hallways, where ghosts haunted the night, where mothers disappeared. A world where madness was just a sunset away and fathers found hope in religion. Like Louise Meriwether's Daddy Was a Number Runner and Dorothy Allison's Bastard Out of Carolina, Jacqueline Woodson's Another Brooklyn heartbreakingly illuminates the formative time when childhood gives way to adulthood the promise and peril of growing up and exquisitely renders a powerful, indelible, and fleeting

friendship that united four young lives.

Common Ground: Encounters with Nature at the Edges of Life by Rob Cowen

All too often, we think of nature as something distinct from ourselves, something to go and see, a place that's separate from the ordinary modern world in which we live and work. But if we take the time to look, we soon find that's not how nature works. Even in our parceled-out, paved-over urban environs, nature is all around us; it is in us. It is us. That's what Rob Cowen discovered after moving to a new home in northern England. After ten years in London he was suddenly adrift, searching for a sense of connection. He found himself drawn to a square-mile patch of waste ground at the edge of town. Scrappy, weed-filled, this heart-shaped tangle of land was the very definition of overlooked, a thoroughly in-between place that capitalism no longer had any use for, leaving nature to take its course. Wandering its meadows, woods, hedges, and fields, Cowen found it was also a magical, mysterious place, haunted and haunting, abandoned but wildly alive and he fell in fascinated love. Common Ground is a true account of that place and Cowen's transformative journey through its layers and lives, but it's much more too. As the land's stories intertwine with events in his own life, and he learns he is to become a father for the first time the divisions between human and nature begin to blur and shift. The place turns out to be a mirror, revealing what we are, what we're not and how those two things are ultimately inseparable. This is a book about discovering a new world, a forgotten world on the fringes of our daily lives, and the richness that comes from uncovering the stories and lives, animal and human, contained within. It is an unforgettable piece of nature writing, part of a brilliant tradition that stretches from Gilbert White to Robert Macfarlane and Helen Macdonald. "I am dreaming of the edge-land again," Cowen writes. Read Common Ground, and you, too, will be dreaming of the spaces in between, and what including us thrives there.

All Things

By Jeff Brown

1. Tesla unveiled a beautiful rendition of its solar roofs Friday evening. They're practically indistinguishable from an ordinary roof, but the shingles absorb sunlight to generate electricity for your home and car. The shingles are part of an all-in-one energy solution for home owners. Tesla is in the process of buying SolarCity, which makes and installs solar panels, as it broadens its offerings and becomes a sustainable energy company. While experts see the concept as exciting, they have questions about the costs, performance and reliability of solar roofs. Of course, if you already have a suitable roof this won't benefit you. But if your roof is aging and you're interested in solar panels, it is a perk. "You're potentially putting solar panels over a roof system that's seen its better days," said Dean Jagusch, the president of the Mid Atlantic Roofing Contractors Association. "By

installing a completely integrated roof product that not only weather proofs the building but produces electricity, it's a very smart way to go."

2. It may sound like science fiction, but wastewater treatment plants across the United States may one day turn ordinary sewage into biocrude oil, thanks to new research. The technology, hydrothermal liquefaction, mimics the geological conditions Earth uses to create crude oil, using high pressure and temperature to achieve in minutes something that takes Mother Nature millions of years. Wastewater treatment plants across the U.S. treat approximately 34 billion gallons of sewage every day. That amount could produce the equivalent of up to approximately 30 million barrels of oil per year. PNNL estimates that a single person could generate two to three gallons of biocrude per year.



PASADENA SHOWCASE HOUSE FOR THE ARTS 31ST ANNUAL INSTRUMENTAL COMPETITION AWARDS \$28,500 IN PRIZE MONIES TO ASPIRING MUSICIANS

PASADENA, CA-- In a brilliant display of talent, 11 young musicians, ages 18 to 22, won a total of \$28,500 in the 31st annual Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts (PSHA) annual Instrumental Competition. The event was held October 20 at the Pasadena Conservatory of Music and chaired by longtime Pasadena resident Vikki Sung. To date, PSHA has awarded more than \$550,000 to promising music students since the competition began in 1985.

"It is our great privilege to support and encourage these tremendously talented students with their music education," stated PSHA President Dr. Lynn Mehl. "You can feel their passion and dedication to music in their performances."

"The caliber of talent on display at the competition was outstanding," remarked PSHA Instrumental Competition Chair Vikki Sung. "It's very gratifying to recognize and support such promising young musicians in their pursuit of a classical music education."

"It was a tremendous privilege to be able to hear the 11 young talents at the Pasadena Showcase Competition," said Jin-Shan Dai, who plays violin with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and served as the Judging Chair. "Words like 'gem in the making' and 'diamond in the rough' are often used to describe young musicians, but what we found was a treasure trove, filled with the most beautiful jewels. The experience was both eye opening and humbling," he concluded.

The Grand Prize for Exceptional Talent and Musicianship, in the amount of \$6,000, was awarded to Joachim Becerra Thomsen. The 21 year-old earned his Masters degree from the Royal Danish Academy of Music in Copenhagen and is pursuing his Professional Studies Certificate in Flute Performance at The Colburn School. Joachim impressed the judges with his performance of Nielsen's Concerto for Flute and Orchestra. One judge called his performance "virtuosic and expansive." Joachim aspires to be an orchestral musician and perform as a soloist. Teaching will also be an element of his career. "I want to pass along what I have discovered about music to others," he said.

PSHA Awarded Ten Other Prizes

Brass Awards: Second Place (\$2,500) to Cristina Cutts Dougherty (Colburn) and Connor Rowe (Colburn).

Woodwind Awards: First Place (\$4,000) to Eric Abramovitz (to USC Thornton School) and Victor Diaz (Colburn); Honorable Mention (\$500) to Elissa Brown (USC Thornton School).

String Awards: First Place (\$4,000) to Gallia Kastner (Colburn); Second Place (\$2,500) to Dong Nyouk Sunrise Kim (Colburn); Honorable Mention (\$500) to James Cooper (Colburn) and Nora Doyle (Colburn).

Jack Smith Memorial Award for Most Promising Talent: Twenty one year-old violinist Annelie Gregory (USC Thornton School) received the Jack Smith Memorial Award for Most Promising Talent in the amount of \$1,500.

After the performances, the finalists reflected on the significance of music in their lives.

James Cooper: "My advice to young musicians is to work hard, don't give up and never be satisfied to be the best kid in town."

Gallia Kastner: "Mom wanted me to focus on tennis like my sisters. But it became clear that wasn't my strength. When I picked up a violin, it was like reuniting with a missing limb."

Dong Nyouk Sunrise Kim: "I didn't pick the cello; it picked me. My sister played it and I wanted to be like her. I was nine and desperately wanted to learn to play 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'."

Selected from 43 applications, 11 finalists performed before a panel of seven dedicated judges, all of whom are musicians with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. Jin-Shan Dai (Violin) headed the panel, which included Burt Hara (Clarinet), Elise Shope Henry (Flute), Thomas Hooten (Trumpet), Jonathan Karoly (Cello), Gregory Roosa (Horn), and Ben Ullery (Viola).

About Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts

Each year, PSHA awards gifts and grants to a diverse list of non-profit organizations in support of their efforts in the community. This is in addition to their longstanding support of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association. The PSHA Instrumental Competition is one of many music education programs funded by the proceeds from the annual Pasadena Showcase House of Design, which will take place April 23 to May 21, 2017. To purchase tickets, or for more information or membership details about PSHA, please visit www.pasadenashowcase.org.

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



UPDATE YOUR ESTATE PLAN AFTER THESE LIFE EVENTS

Many estate plans are created and then quickly forgotten. While it's important to update your plan periodically, after any of these seven life events, it becomes critical that you revise your plan as soon as possible.

1. Marriage. Getting married is the joining of two lives together and your plan must address and account for your new legal status. Naming your spouse as a beneficiary on your insurance policies, updating your will, and including him or her in the planning of your estate are all important steps to take after marriage.

2. Divorce. Divorce involves a lot of paperwork, and revising and updating your estate plan adds to that. But divorce reflects a change in your legal relationship, so you may want to reconsider what role, if any, your ex-spouse will have in your life and in your estate.

3. Births and adoptions. Providing for the care and custody of your child in the event of your death or incapacity should be paramount in your estate plan. That means naming guardians for your new child, both long and short-term, is a must. You should also

consider setting up a trust and naming your child as a beneficiary.

4. Deaths. Having a loved one die is never easy. And when they were a part of your estate plan, their death should prompt a plan review sooner rather than later. You may need to name new beneficiaries, find a new Power of Attorney, update your health care proxy, or identify new guardians for your children. This should not be put on the backburner.

5. Sickness. Becoming seriously ill causes many people to think about what they want at the end of their lives. You may need to draft an advanced directive, create an ethical will, or put any important funerary requests in writing.

6. Moving. Moving to a different state can mean you are subject to different laws. Have a lawyer review your estate plan to ensure your documents will hold up in your new state. Some documents may need to be revised and you will certainly want to ensure any new real estate you acquire in your move is accounted for and properly funded to your plan.

7. Asset Growth. More money means more problems but only if you don't plan well. Revisiting your estate plan after experiencing a large gain in assets is essential to preserving and protecting those assets both now and after death.

If you are anticipating or have recently experienced one of these major life events, a revision of your existing estate plan may be in order. Having your own personal family attorney can be invaluable in helping you review - and if necessary adjust - your estate plan to ensure your assets will be protected and your family will be provided for throughout the changes in your life. When you are ready to take that step, we're here for you.

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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 adoption of municipal code text amendments (MCTA) to Chapter 17.22--Second Units. The purpose of the MCTA is to achieve compliance with Senate Bill No. 1069 (SB 1069), which expands a property owner or developer's ability to build a second residential dwelling unit on their property and simultaneously restricts discretionary and regulatory authority over such development by introducing new development standards, including allowable floor area, garage conversion requirements, setback provisions, rental restrictions, fire sprinkler requirements, and utility connections. Following a Planning Commission recommendation for approval, the proposed text amendment will be forwarded to the City Council for their consideration.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING	PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre Planning Commission meeting Thursday, November 17, 2016 (Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)	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: An Initial Study was prepared for the 2008-2014 Housing Element in accordance with the City's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the measures identified in the Housing Element to fulfill the City's RHNA allocation may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, City staff concluded that they will not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration was adopted by City Council on June 11, 2013. The project also qualifies for a Statutory Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), in that the City can say with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment because adding the regulatory requirement of a conditional use permit in order to build a second story unit is not likely to result in additional construction beyond that already permissible.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This weekend I got my ballot filled out and posted. And I'm going to say this, because it's too damned important not to... One of two people is going to become our president next week, Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump.

Donald Trump's election to the presidency of the most powerful country in the world can only be disastrous in so many ways I don't have the time or space to list them all. Of course, the last people he will be good for is the millions who will vote for him. The poor whites, disaffected rural citizens who look to him for change may be happy for a time; but their lot is not Mr. Trump's concern, except for the value of their vote. The world outside of the U.S. will tremble; although those in power in Russia will grin and rub their hands in anticipation. A Pandora's trunk full of blunders, missteps, threats, bad appointments (undoubtedly bad for the Supreme Court), bad legislation, largess for corporations, disaster for the social safety net, and a general sudden increase in the inequality of peoples, of race and income levels. And worse can and will come.

So, although, as most know, I was a supporter of Bernie Sanders, for whom I still have great admiration, I placed my vote for Hillary Clinton. Ms. Clinton may not be my ideal candidate, for many reasons, not least of which is the terrible price the African-American population has paid for her and her husband's support of the war on drugs and increased minimum sentences, but, she is an experienced and seasoned politician and has held high office and done well by it. She is intelligent, can see the world as it really is and will act for the good as the country's leader. She is not corrupt, even though she's a pragmatist. She will make good appointments and will be likely to save the supreme court by strong appointments, even though they will be tempered by conservative legislators. Bernie Sanders will not win by write in. Gary Johnson, will not, and should not, win any more than a token percentage, and Jill Stein will get even less.

The choice is this, Donald or Hillary. I, for myself, will not be a part of getting Donald Trump elected if I can help it.

Eric Johnson

OPINION



JEFFERSON/ADAMS WAS THE CLINTON/TRUMP OF IT'S DAY

Politics are such a torment that I would advise everyone I love not to mix with them.

Wait, that's not me talking in 2016. That was Thomas Jefferson, writing to his daughter in 1800.

In other words - if it makes us feel any better, if perspective can perchance calm our nerves - the 1800 presidential campaign was just as vicious as what what we're seeing now.

Incumbent President John Adams and his surrogates slimed Jefferson as a God-hater who, if elected, would close the churches and import French revolutionaries to wreak violent havoc upon the land and foment "the insurrection of the Negroes in the southern states." Adams' surrogates called Jefferson "an open infidel" who, if elected, "will be a center of contagion to the whole continent."

One pro-Adams tract (akin to a superPAC TV ad) warned the people of Delaware that "if Jefferson is elected, the morals which protect our lives from the knife of the assassin, which guard the chastity of our wives and daughters from seduction and violence, defend our property frm plunder and devaluation, and shield our religion from contempt and profanation, will be trampled upon and exploded." If Jefferson is elected, Americans would become "more ferocious than savages, more bloody than tigers, more impious than demons." And the top pro-Adams newspaper (the Fox News of its day) blared the slogan "JEFFERSON - AND NO GOD!!!"

Jefferson finally gave up trying to fact-check his accusers: "It has been so impossible to contradict all the lies that I have determined to contradict none; for while I should engage with one, they would publish 20 new ones."

But Jefferson and his allies slimed Adams as a war-mongering dictator who wore "a mask for monarchy," who, if re-elected, would whack the average citizen with higher and higher taxes in order to support a massive military buildup and thus burden "an enslaved and impoverished people." Indeed, "the foundation for monarchy is already laid." A vote for Adams was framed as a vote for "war and beggary."

Jefferson's surrogates, in their mass-produced pamphlets (the social media of their day), also slimed Adams as a rank hypocrite, because even though Adams routinely denounced slavery, he still had three slaveholders in his Cabinet.

Jefferson's face is on a coin today, and Adams stars in an HBO series, but back in their day, voters basically saw that campaign as a choice between the lesser of two evils. (Which should sound familiar.) One disgruntled pro-Jefferson guy wrote, "Now I don't know that John Adams is a hypocrite, or Jefferson a Deist" - a synonym for a God-hater - "yet supposing they are, I am of the opinion the last ought to be preferred to the first (because) a secret enemy is worse than an open one."

And even though Washington D.C. was a brand new city, people already hated its partisan fervor. One government official wrote, "No stranger can be here a day and converse with the proprietors without conceiving himself in the company of crazy people."

So. Do we all feel a lot better knowing that, as William Faulkner famously said, "The past is never dead, it's not even past"? That America (then and presumably now) can survive even the most twisted lies and slanders?

Oh well. It was worth a try.

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We apologize for the inadvertent placement of Michael Reagan's headshot on Peter Funt's column in last week's edition.

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SUSAN Henderson DIFFERENT BUT NOT DIVIDED

Different: adj. not the same as another or each other; unlike in nature

Divided: verb. separate or be separated into parts

Well, this is the last weekend before the United States of America elects a new President. Note, the UNITED States of America. The very fabric of this country is our diversity of thought and opinion, ancestry and culture, which separates us as individuals while we remain, "one nation, indivisible..." not divided. And even though the mainstream media, social media and one of the Presidential Candidates insists that as a country we are divided, we are not!

In a few weeks, the nation will also celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday and many of us will sit down with family and/or close friends and the discussions will absolutely display the 'differences' within the cocoon of our families and loved ones. But, we won't be divided. Many will argue, insist that their recollection of events, or their opinions or their positions are the only right ones. Others will disagree with effervescence. BUT when we push back from the table, give hugs all around and leave, you will still be a united, committed family.

That's America. That's how it always has been and hopefully, it will remain. That doesn't mean we are perfect, but that is the basis of our existence. For us to keep the pieces of our fabric together, however, we are going to have to start recognizing what the world has become, and deal with the reality of changing times that seem to be determined to tear us apart.

For instance, with the onslaught of Social Media, infiltrating the minds of voters with misinformation is far too easy. It is far more insidious than the bully pit of the early 20th century. Even the internet's Bully in Chief's own wife, Melania Trump acknowledges that social media has become an unhealthy environment. And while she was referring to cyber bullying and its impact on children, what about when children see adults who put themselves in the public eye to be leaders use social media to bully and send their twisted brand of hatred viral? Equally disturbing is what social media has become to adults who, for the most part, still operate under the assumption that anything put out before the public is true. Well my friends, that is no longer the case. Anyone who has a computer or smart phone can spew forth as many lies and innuendos as they want. The higher the profile of the person posting the misinformation, the more credible it becomes to the unsuspecting masses, and that is more dangerous than any viral disease. Seriously.

Another disturbing truth about the proliferation of misinformation is that once it is out there, there's no reeling it back in. On Friday, a Fox News Reporter apologized for his misleading indictment statement regarding the FBI reopening the Clinton email investigation last week. That is not what Director Comey said and that is not what happened. However, what did Trump's campaign manager have to say about the retraction, "The damage is done to Hillary Clinton that no matter how it's being termed, the voters are hearing it.....". These are all things that make this election so heartbreaking for me, regardless who wins. First of all, the fact that a person with absolutely no demonstrated ability to serve anyone other than himself has manipulated himself to the top of the Republican ticket, bullying his way right past 100's of well qualified, experienced Republicans. The other is the bastardization of the concept of free speech, and the impact of the two issues have become ingratiated into the decision that we will make on Tuesday.

Let's face it. Donald Trump is a charlatan. He is a liar and a predator, as demonstrated by his own words on video, and quite frankly in my opinion, mentally unstable. He is not the leader of a 'movement' but the master manipulator of lies, deceit and propaganda that divert attention from who he is. He started out the gate with the sophomoric tactic of being the first to call names so that any response to the contrary seems like the banter of a 6 year. "No I'm not, you are". Need examples:

Trump made about Hillary:
She's A Liar

The Truth
He lies 70% of the time
he opens his mouth
(Source: Politico)

She's Crooked

Not 1 lawsuit or charge against her; More than 3500 against him including defrauding students and seniors

She's Hiding Stuff

We've seen her Tax Returns
Where are yours?

She started Birther Movement

He not only started it, he continued to propagate the lie until a few weeks ago.

And I could go on and on.

All his tactics are aimed at dividing the differences between us to his advantage. If he had a platform (and he doesn't because he changes his positions on EVERYTHING). If he had a plan, then this country might be able to rationally decide whose plan is better and make an informed decision. Instead, he and his team of unsavory surrogates (and I'm being generous), spend their time demonizing his opponent and anyone else who doesn't do or say what he wants. (Remember his remarks on FBI Director Comey two months ago compared to his love for Comey this week?).

And that's what they've done the entire campaign. Their motto isn't Make America Great Again, it is, as shown by their actions, "Let Us Divide and Conquer".

So, the question becomes, are we going to knowingly allow Donald Trump to define who we are as a nation and break us apart? Are we going to elect someone who is a few short sentences away from plunging us into war, civil unrest and economic chaos? Or are we going to get back to the business of being Americans, where we learn to live and work together despite our differences because of our common love of this country?

For certain we have problems that need attention, but we don't need anyone as our 'leader' that will only pour salt on the wounds. Yes, we are different and that's great. But we are not divided. Just as you would not let anyone come into your home and divide it, don't let this man move into the White House with the intent of using chaos and deception to divide this country. He may think that's the right thing to do but I don't. Do you?

If you haven't already voted, please vote on Tuesday and vote for Hillary Clinton. She is the only one in this race that can move us forward. Remember, "We Are Stronger Together".



MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS VOTERS GUIDE

A very diverse group of readers influence the recommendations below, however, as I say in every election, I don't care who you vote for, please, JUST VOTE!

S. Henderson, Editor

PRESIDENT: HILLARY CLINTON

U.S. SENATE: KAMALA HARRIS

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28th Congressional District - ADAM SCHIFF: Burbank (Part), Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta-Monrovia, Los Angeles (Part), Pasadena (Part), West Hollywood.

32nd Congressional District: GRACE NAPOLITANO
Duarte, Monrovia (Part), South Monrovia Island,

CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE

District 42 ED HERNANDEZ

District 29 JOSH NEWMAN

**District 25 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH
ANTHONY PORTANTINO**

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY

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48 ROGER HERNANDEZ Duarte/Monrovia (Part)

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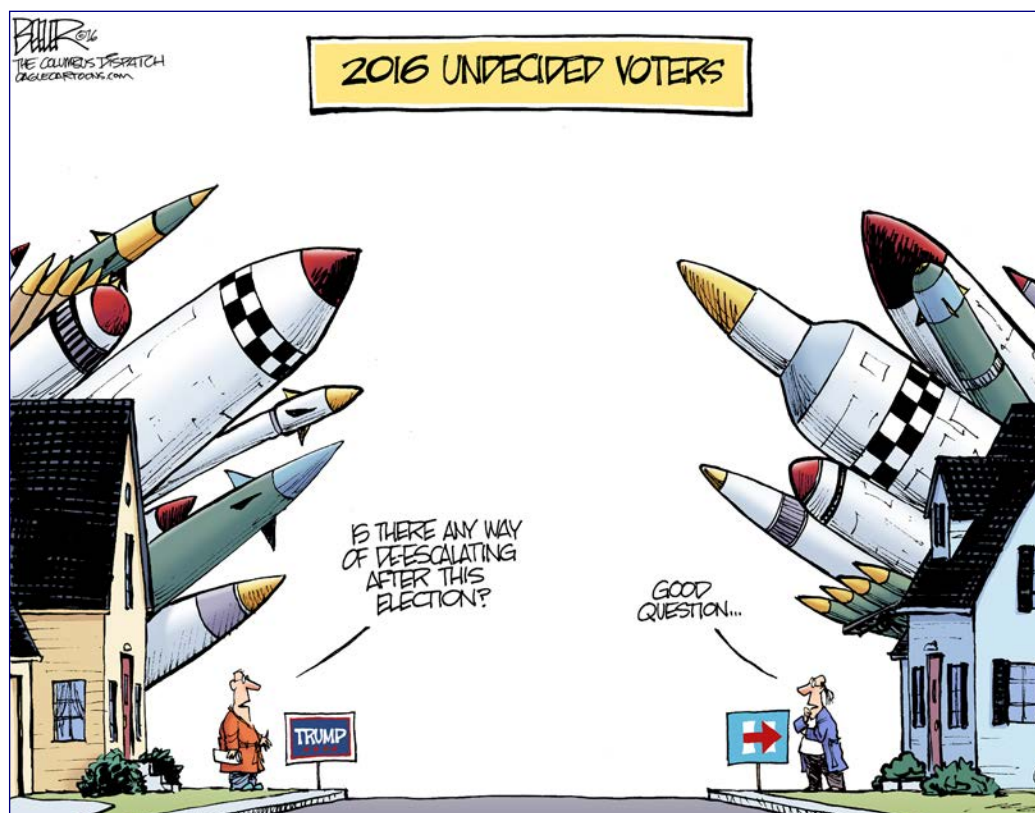
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A REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conservation Measure. To replace expiring local funding for safe, clean neighborhood/ city/ county parks; increase safe playgrounds, reduce gang activity; keep neighborhood recreation/ senior centers, drinking water safe; protect beaches, rivers, water resources, remaining natural areas/ open space; shall 1.5 cents be levied annually per square foot of improved property in Los Angeles County, with bond authority, requiring citizen oversight, independent audits, and funds used locally? YES

M METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan. To improve freeway traffic flow/safety; repair potholes/sidewalks; repave local streets; earthquake retrofit bridges; synchronize signals; keep senior/disabled/student fares affordable; expand rail/subway/bus systems; improve job/school/airport connections; and create jobs; shall voters authorize a Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan through a ½ c sales tax and continue the existing ½ c traffic relief tax until voters decide to end it, with independent audits/oversight and funds controlled locally? YES



Commentary

THE COMPANY YOU KEEP or THE REAL DEPLORABLES

First of all, everyone knows that “half of the Trump supporters” are not deplorables. There is probably consensus among women especially, that there are only 3 followers who are truly deplorable, not including Trump, Mr. Deplorable In Chief.

Deplorable No. 1: Wikileaks founder Julian Assange. FYI, ‘wiki’ is a derivative of the Hawaiian language word ‘wikiwiki’ which means ‘quick’. And that is the reaction most people have to the information spewed forth by this thief. Unverified, target specific, a steady stream of alleged emails from Julian Assange a convicted Australian computer hacker, fugitive from Justice who lives in the Ecuadorian embassy in London to avoid prosecution in Sweden for sex crimes. As reported by the New York Times years ago, “During this time he hacked into the Pentagon and other US Department of Defense facilities, MILNET, the US Navy, NASA, and Australia’s Overseas Telecommunications Commission; Citibank, Lockheed Martin, Motorola, Panasonic, and Xerox; and the Australian National University, La Trobe University, and Stanford University’s SRI International.”

Assange no doubt cleverly came up with the name hoping to take full advantage of the ‘logical’ association of the name of his criminal enterprise (yes, hacking is a crime) ‘wikileaks’ with the more credible and internationally trusted site Wikipedia. There is absolutely no association between the two.

Now, during this election cycle he has chosen to release stolen emails allegedly from John Podesta and posting them online hoping to disparage Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton and by so doing, support Donald Trump. The drip, drip, drip of emails has taken its toll although NONE are from Secretary Clinton and all, if authentic, are private conversations among co-workers. Question: Why just hack only Democrats? Certainly the Trump campaign has far more interesting ones. Is Assange’s top advisor a Putin who also has an unsettling interest in this election?

This next section is for Millennials (who may be too young to know these character’s backstory and to Evangelicals - please read carefully:

Deplorable No. 2: Rudy Guiliani – If an exaggeration or lie for, or on behalf of Donald Trump can be co-signed, Guiliani delivers his defense of the Republican nominee with such ‘trumped up’ anger that an academy award is in order. Guiliani’s indignance over the allegations of women who say Trump sexually assaulted them and Trump’s comments on how to assault women, is absolutely shameful. Then again, New York’s former Mayor is no authority on how women should be treated.

AMERICA NEEDS A SMART INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

By Peter Roff

With less than a week before the presidential election, attention in the nation’s capital is turning slowly to what might be accomplished during the “lame duck” - that period when legislative business is conducted after the voting has done but before the new Congress is sworn in.

The rhetoric is hot right now, so hot it seems to have crowded out the possibility Democrats, Republicans, and outgoing President Barack Obama can agree on, well, anything.

That’s only on the surface. Dig deeper and you’ll find politicians from Obama and Republican nominee Donald Trump to GOP House Speaker Paul Ryan and incoming Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer on down saying nice things about the need to do something drastic about the nation’s commercial infrastructure, which is badly in need of an upgrade.

“Thanks to years of waste and abuse—not to mention poor prioritization of projects—our infrastructure is not up to American standards,” Ryan said back in September. He’s made what he’s calling infrastructure upgrades a priority. Schumer told CNBC’s John Harwood he wants to fund large infrastructure project with revenue generated by a deal on stranded overseas U.S. corporate profits. And infrastructure projects mean jobs, jobs, jobs – the three magic words to any president in any party. The question is how to get it done.

Whether or not the federal government should be involved in infrastructure projects isn’t a question - it goes back at least as far as the first third of the 19th century to Henry Clay and his program of national “improvements. There are people who think things like new roads, bridge repair, and the construction of water tunnels and a new electric grid should be handled at the state or local level, through user fees, and through private investment. Given the level of disrepair, the need for new construction, and the demands of a commercial economy serving close to 300 million people, not to mention visitors from other countries that not practical.

It may also be penny wise and pound foolish. Remember what Mercury astronaut Alan Shepard said about being sent into sub-orbital space in a capsule atop a rocket

Giuliani announced his divorce from his second wife of 16 years during a news conference without telling her beforehand. To add insult to injury, while still living in the official Mayor’s residence with his wife and kids, the court had to ban Guiliani from having his girlfriend come to the house while his wife and children (then aged 15 and 11), still lived there.

Further, he should have used that outrage when alleged Billionnaire Trump accepted \$150,000 for his swanky property at 40 Wall Street from the 9/11 fund for SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS.

Deplorable No. 3: Newt Gingrich: Wife No. 1: CNN reported at the time, that the GOP presidential candidate dumped Jackie Battley because she wasn’t ‘young or pretty enough’ to be the wife of the leader of the country. Gingrich married Jackie Battley, his former high school geometry teacher seven years his senior, in 1962. Two daughters and 18 years later, the couple divorced. Divorce court records show that Gingrich had taken up with Marianne Ginther, who would end up being his second wife. The more controversial aspect of the divorce proceedings include a rumored incident where Mr. Gingrich served Jackie with divorce papers in the hospital as she was recovering from cancer surgery. But wait, there is more...History repeated itself! Gingrich made his second wife (Marianne Ginther, sign divorce papers while she had cancer in the hospital so he could marry the woman he had been cheating on her with - his congressional aid that is 25 years younger than him? In a 2007 interview with Dr. James Dobson, a leader among social conservatives, Dobson questioned the former speaker of the House, saying, “I asked you if the rumors were true that you were in an affair with a woman obviously who wasn’t your wife at the same time that Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky were having their escapade.” Gingrich bluntly responded, “Well the fact is that the honest answer is yes.” Gingrich was calling for the impeachment of President Bill Clinton while carrying on with his own intern.

At press time, Gingrich, like Giuliani, is still on his third marriage.

THESE TWO MEN, WHO CLAIM TO BE THE MORAL AUTHORITY ON FAMILY VALUES ARE TRUMP’S SURROGATES? Well of course, as they are peas from the same pod. Trump, on his third marriage actually conceived his daughter Tiffany while he was still married to Ivana Trump.

BTW, Hillary Clinton made a promise to God 41 years ago when she married Bill Clinton and she hasn’t broken that commitment yet, something she has been maligned, ridiculed and demonized for. Trump, Guiliani and Gingrich all blame Hillary for her husband’s indiscretions. Is Hillary responsible for their bad behavior too?

made by people whose major commonality was they were all the lowest bidder.

With interest rates at near record lows, these projects could be financed – at least in part – by low rate hundred year bonds perfect for institutional investors. Some projects, like the construction of New York City’s Water Tunnel No 3 which began in 1970 and won’t be done until at least 2020, take nearly that long to complete.

There also needs to be a revision in the way such projects are planned. Continuing to bid projects out with an emphasis on finding the lowest costs up front is not in the nation’s long-term interest. Cheaper isn’t necessarily better. Take water infrastructure, an issue the House took up just before going on recess. Upgrades made using PVC piping may seem a sensible choice, for example, because of the initial costs. But PVC doesn’t last as long as other alternatives like ductile iron pipe, which is lead free, suitable for all environments, and lasts two to three times as long. In some cases it may cost more to install upfront but provides better value long-term.

This is the kind of thinking that, properly employed, can put America back to work on a crash program to make our roads and bridges and tunnels and airports and harbors the envy of the world once again. It not likely a national infrastructure initiative will overcome what are essentially political problems.

It won’t stop the unlawful demonstrations underway by self-appointed social justice warriors intent on blocking construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline and it won’t stop the so-called environmentalists standing in the way of a revival of the Keystone Pipeline. Those are both projects that should already be well underway.

For the most part though, a national infrastructure program that isn’t just phony economic stimulus is what the country needs and it needs it now. It’s the responsibility of government and it’s been neglected too long in too many places.

Let’s make “Better, faster and longer lasting” a rallying cry and fix our public works.

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JOHN C. Micek

TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND VOTE HILLARY



On Tuesday, I’m going to get up bright and early, drop my daughter off at school and head to my local polling place to do something I haven’t done for the whole of my adult life.

I’m going to vote for a Clinton for president.

In 1992, I voted for President George H.W. Bush, preferring his tweedy New England befuddlement, broad globalism and Ivy League manners to the arriviste, sax-playing former governor of Arkansas.

Back then, I thought all Republicans were like the ones I grew up with: Vaguely dis-solute, well-read, amazingly funny and able to order from that season’s L.L. Bean catalog without outside assistance.

If they had opinions about the divine and what a woman did with her innards, they kept them to themselves -- or they waited until they were good and drunk at Thanksgiving. New England good manners demanded nothing less.

In 1996, when it became obvious to everyone except Bob Dole that Clinton was going to win a second term, I gave my vote to Ralph Nader, whose family hails from a little brass mill town a couple of towns over from where I grew up.

So here I find myself in 2016, with another Clinton, Hillary, this time (Bill’s part of the deal, I get it).

While others may have been Waiting for Hillary, I was not.

She carried with her not only a surplus of ambition, but also the baggage of the Clinton years and all that entailed. It was only later we learned that she was worse at emailing than your Mom with a new Yahoo account and that the Clinton Foundation was basically a pass-through for donors.

I was also bugged by the early field-clearing and the air of inevitability that settled over Clinton’s campaign. It struck me then, and continues to now, as a very small-D undemocratic.

So I felt the Bern in the primary. And I once again went with another fellow New Englander. And that wasn’t because we were necessarily in-sync ideologically (though we were on a bunch of stuff).

But now the pre-game is over.

So I’m going to take a deep, deep breath, consider the future of the country, and vote for Hillary Clinton for president.

And I’m going to do that for a couple of reasons. And I’ll briefly explain why below. The first one is obvious: Republican Donald Trump is spectacularly unfit to be president. He is a blowhard and a bully who holds outdated views on women and ethnic, racial and religious minorities; embraces a dangerous approach to foreign affairs; espouses potentially destructive ideas on global trade and the economy, and possesses no identifiable governing philosophy and even less experience.

His disqualification is compounded by the hideous “Access Hollywood” tape released last month; the dozen women who have since come forward to accuse him of various improprieties, and last, but certainly not least, by his dangerous and damaging ramblings that the election is somehow “rigged” against him.

Clinton has the resume, experience and, crucially, the temperament to serve. I trust her with the nuclear codes. I don’t trust Trump with the code to the locker room at my local YMCA.

Unlike Trump, she embraces a positive and forward-thinking vision for a nation that works together to address its shared challenges and celebrates its mutual triumphs.

In nearly 25 years of covering politics, I have never seen someone offer such a bleak vision for the nation as Trump has in the 18 months of his campaign. His acceptance speech in Cleveland last July spoke to no America I knew or recognized.

The second is for my daughter.

Since she’s been old enough to be told anything, I’ve told her she can be or do anything she sets her mind to, including being elected president. Until now, that’s been an intellectual exercise. A woman, particularly one as well-qualified as Clinton, in the White House would give that message added punch.

And I can’t help but think of such women as Estelle Liebow Schultz, a 98-year-old retired teacher from Maryland, who was born before women had the vote, and has now finally voted for a woman for president. The arc of history, to paraphrase Martin Luther King, not only bends toward justice, it bends toward progress.

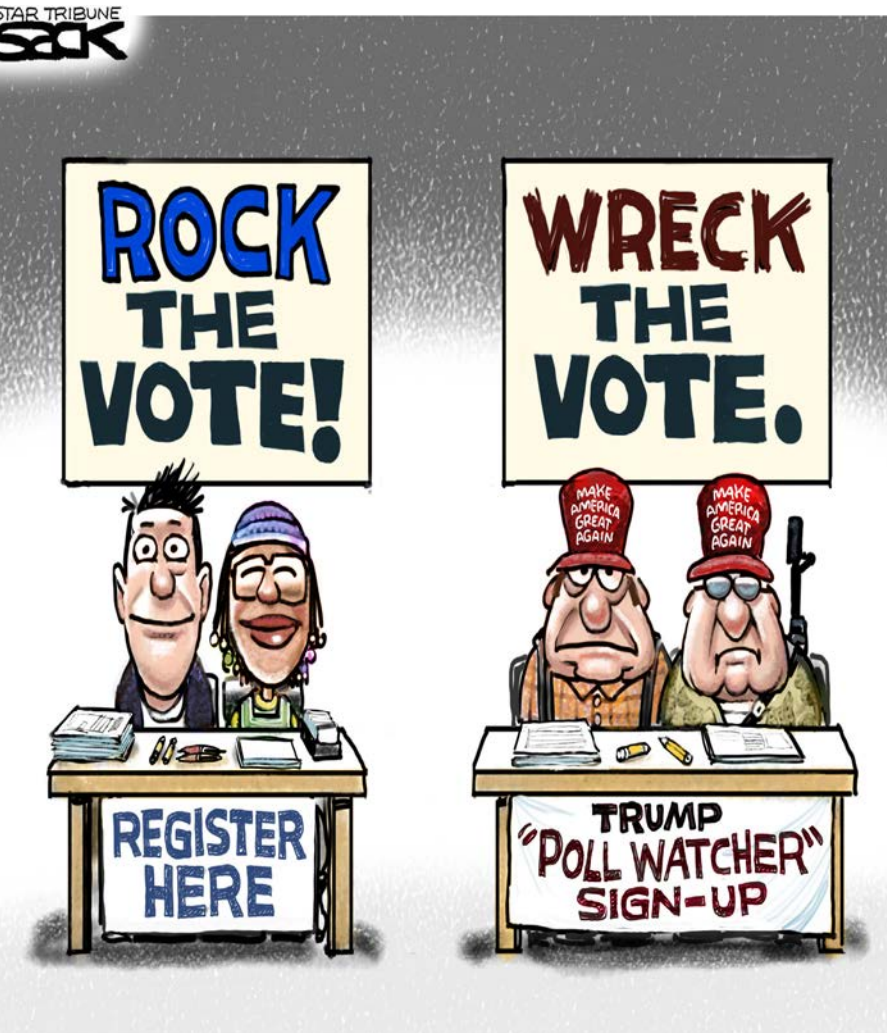
The third reason has a lot to do with the first.

This election, more than any other I can remember in my adult life, is a Hobson’s Choice.

It’s a choice between all or nothing. A choice between moving forward or embracing the kind of know-nothingism that’s been a pox on our politics for years. Clinton is far from perfect. But Trump has insulted and degraded our democracy. And his time as Chief Carnival Barker to the Know-Nothings cannot end soon enough.

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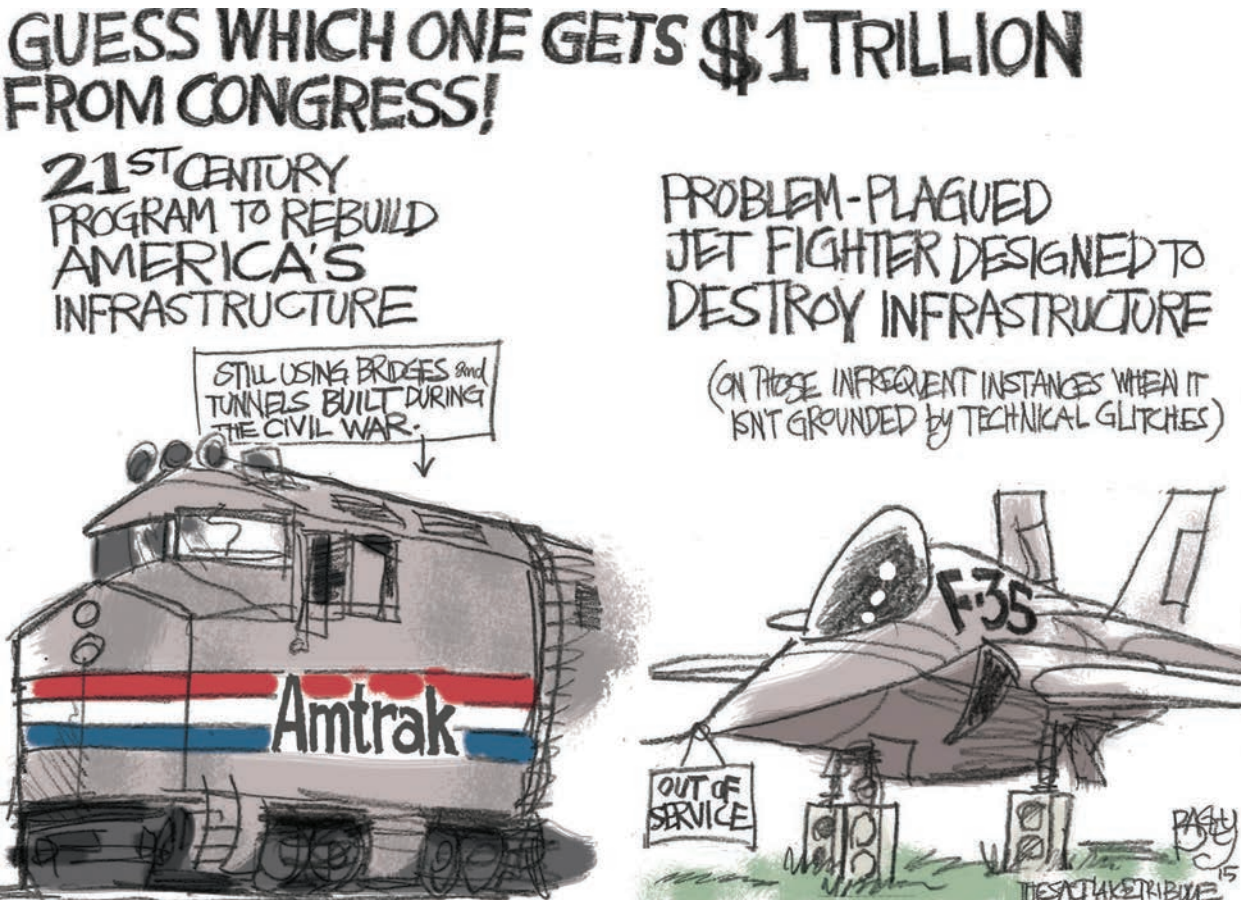
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I'm an independent voter. I don't belong to any political party.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- having to do with government affairs
- election where one candidate wins by a large majority
- in a _____ election, parties vote for the people who will represent them in the general election
- a person who is running for President
- a political party's largest gathering
- highest political office in the United States
- group of people joining together to make government work the way they want it to
- a political party's official stance on the issues
- a Presidential _____ is held every 4 years
- Tuesday in November set aside for voting
- planned activities to help people win an office
- discuss or argue an issue; sides present their ideas
- information gathered by asking voters questions
- sitting President whom may be replaced after election
- to register a choice in the election
- money given by people to help their candidate win
- problems in the world that voters worry about
- compartment where a person votes secretly

Elections – A Party of Parties!

Words in puzzle: campaign, landslide, candidate, Election Day, convention, political, platform, vote, issues, election, booth, party, debate, donation, incumbent, primary, polls, President, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.



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