

SIERRA MADRE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HOST COMMUNITY MEETING

Wednesday, December 14th - 6:00pm - City Hall Council Chambers

It's that time of year again when burglaries and auto thefts are on the rise.

Since October 30th there have been 10 residential burglaries, one commercial burglary, six thefts from vehicles, one stolen car and one attempted stolen vehicle in the City of Sierra Madre. In most of the vehicle burglaries the car was not locked and items were in plain view. In the case of the stolen vehicle the keys were left inside the car and the doors were unlocked.

Successful crime prevention requires a joint commitment from the Sierra Madre Police Department along with the Sierra Madre community

members. Please come out on Wednesday, December 14th and discuss how we can all work together to protect this community.

Please do not set yourself up to be a victim!

Here are a few crime prevention tips the Sierra Madre Police Department will be discussing and asking all our residents to follow:

Always lock your vehicle! Whether it is in your garage, driveway or on the street.

Do Not Leave Your Keys in Your Vehicle.

Do not leave other items in your vehicle, especially in

plain view.

Make sure you set your alarm if you have a home alarm system and/or cameras. Set your alarm when you leave and check that your cameras are in working order.

Pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight.

Do not leave packages on the front porch unattended after they have been delivered.

If you see something suspicious – say something. Do not hesitate - call the Sierra Madre Police Department! 911 if it is an emergency or 355-1414

From the City of Sierra Madre

BEWARE OF UTILITY SCAMS

Utility fraud calls are very common. While there have been no recent reports of any scams in Sierra Madre, neighboring communities are reporting an increase in fraudulent calls.

What Do Scammers Do?

Scammers impersonate City staff and utility workers. They may use fear and intimidation to force you to make a payment using a credit card or a prepaid money card immediately threatening that otherwise your service will be disconnected. They may use “spoofing software” that displays the name and phone number of City of Sierra Madre on your Caller ID.

What Should You Do Next?

Hang up! Do not give the callers any personal information and do not pay!

Call City of Sierra Madre at (626) 355-7135 to check your account balance and to inform us about the scammer. Make payments 24/7 online at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/sierramadeca>

Do not call any other number that the caller gives you. Do not give any information to the caller, not even an account number which can be used to threaten you in future phone calls.

What You Need to Know:

City of Sierra Madre NEVER makes outbound calls asking for payment or a customer's credit card information. City of Sierra Madre NEVER visits residential customers to solicit program enrollment or ask for payments.

If we do need to make a water quality check, we will

SCAM ALERT

Don't Fall Victim!



Be Aware of Fraudulent Utility Calls

Your safety and security is our top priority at Sierra Madre Water. Utility fraud calls and visits can be convincing. Know our procedures so you can prevent being a victim of these scams!

inform you first or respond if you request this service. City of Sierra Madre employees never enter a home to check for water quality. Always ask utility employees for proper identification and look for City of Sierra Madre vehicles.

Spread the Word!

Share this information with your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to protect them from scammers. Business owners - educate all your employees about phone calls that may threaten service interruptions. Many times managers or employees who do not have account information are worried that if they don't act quickly and pay, services will be shut off.

SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER IS LOOKING FOR THE 2016 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR!

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the 2016 Citizen of the Year. To be eligible, a person must be a resident of Sierra Madre. The accomplishment(s) or project(s) for which they are being nominated must have been of benefit to the community of Sierra Madre and its citizens during 2016. They must have served without remuneration on the project for which they are being nominated, and members of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are not eligible.

If you would like to nominate someone, nomination forms are available at www.sierramadrechamber.com.

You can also pick up nomination forms at City Hall, the Library, and the Recreation Center. Completed forms should be mailed to Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, 80 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., No. 405, Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024.

The winner will be selected by members of the Chamber Board of Directors, and will be honored at the annual Citizen of the Year/Board of Directors Dinner to be held in January 28, 2017.

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING



Young Sierra Madre residents Amelie Pirozko and Lidia Tsinoglou wanted to earn some spending money, so they picked lemons from our tree, squeezed them, and sold lemonade in front of the house.

They earned \$35...but instead of choosing to spend all of the money, they decided to donate half to a needy child that they support via their Sunday School class.

What a wonderful example of The Spirit of Christmas. As it has been said, “..It is more blessed to Give than to Receive”.

Congratulations Amelie and Lidia on being good citizens.

ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT WALK DECEMBER 18TH

God commanded, “Let there be light,” and what a sweet light we shall see.

As the season dies in darkness Christmas reminds us of that glorious child who entered the world. The Sierra Madre “Candlelight Walk” is wrapped with the wondrous warm that encircles this great Season of Celebration.

The Candlelight Walk is held each Christmas season to celebrate the journey Joseph and Mary made to Bethlehem where Jesus was born over 2,000 years ago. With “Mary and Joseph” leading the way, the procession will begin at St. Rita’s Catholic Church in Sierra Madre, accompanied by participants holding candles and singing traditional Christmas carols. The procession will end at Kersting Court in the center of town where the Christmas story will be read from the Scriptures.

The event begins at St. Rita traveling down Baldwin to Kersting Court. It is recommended to arrive at 6:45p.m., as the walk will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR DECEMBER 13, 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, DECEMBER 13, 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 city@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

Upcoming Public Meetings

Tuesday, December 13 – 6:30 pm City Council
Thursday, December 15 – 7:00 pm Planning Commission

SIERRA MADRE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING AND HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Athens Services will once again collect Christmas trees after the holidays for recycling. Trees will be collected on your normal pickup day beginning on December 26th and until the end of the second week in January.

Please remove stands, ornaments, lights and tinsel. Place trees next to your regular trash containers. Trees over 6 feet in length must be cut in half. Trees with flocking or fire retardants are acceptable.



If you miss the regular tree collection period, please make arrangements to have Athens collect your tree as part of their bulky item pickup program by calling 888-336-6100. Residents should also be aware that holiday collection days this year will not be delayed by the usual single day due to the Christmas Holiday and New Year's Day Holiday landing on Sundays.

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

November 27, to December 4, 2016

During this time period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 189 day and night time calls for service.

Tuesday, November 29

A residential burglary occurred between 2:00 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. in the 700 block of W. Grandview Ave. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry by shattering a glass window in the master bedroom. The house was ransacked with several personal items stolen.

Case forwarded to Detectives

Wednesday, November 30

At approximately 12:28 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 600 block of Camillo Rd regarding a home burglary report. Sometime between 11/15/16 and 11/30/16, unknown person(s) shattered a bedroom window and entered the home, ransacking rooms and stealing several personal items. This case forwarded to Detectives

Thursday, December 1

A victim of an auto burglary came into the station to file a report. At about 9:47 a.m. officers were told that the victim's unlocked vehicle was parked in her driveway in the 600 block of E. Grandview. Stolen from the vehicle were a purse and a backpack containing personal items.

Case pending.

Friday, December 2

SMPD officers were dispatched to the 100 block of W. Sierra Madre Bl., regarding a commercial burglary. At about 3:15 a.m., between 2 and 4 suspect(s) smashed and entered through a glass front door. Taken was an undisclosed amount of cash.

Case forwarded to Detectives along with video from security cameras at the location.

Saturday, December 3

At about 3:00 a.m., a verbal argument creating a disturbance in the 00 block of E. Laurel resulted in the arrest of a female subject. The officers responding, transported the subject to the Pasadena Police Dept. jail for booking.

Case forwarded to the DA's office for filing considerations for public intoxication.

Sunday, December 4

Residents in the 100 block of E. Grandview returned home at about 2:57 p.m. to find that their second vehicle that was parked in the garage was left with the doors open and the engine running. The victims noticed that the entry door to the residence was also open. The residents saw that the home was ransacked and notified the SMPD.

Responding officers observed that unknown suspect(s) removed a lower front window and made entry into the house.

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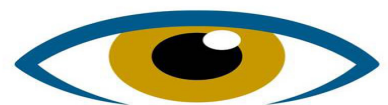
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Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"People come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime..."

A delightful person came into my life about a year and a half ago, Elaine Holmgren, the mother of my son-in-law, Chuck, married to our oldest daughter, Leah. Elaine had been living in Lewiston, Idaho but it was getting to be too much for her, after all, she was 92! Chuck arranged for his mom to move into the beautiful new Kensington Retirement and Assisted Living facility here in Sierra Madre, where she had a lovely room overlooking an outdoor patio with gardens in every direction. I had met her several years ago, but now she was in Sierra Madre to stay.

We met again right around Elaine's 93rd birthday, which was one day after my birthday. We realized immediately we were going to be best friends. And we were. I would drop in to the Kensington for Happy Hour at 4:00 for a glass of wine while an excellent pianist played songs we actually recognized, or a violinist might be playing show tunes, or we'd just sit and chat in her quiet, peaceful room. Elaine loved to read and, frequently, that's what she would be doing when I arrived.

Our best times, though, were our special outings. We would go, every now and then to the Cheesecake Factory for cheesecake and champagne. If you have not tried cheesecake and champagne, you are missing out. Elaine was partial to the Salted Caramel cheesecake and as soon as pumpkin season started, we were all pumpkin all the time. Pumpkin cheesecake is so good it's slightly immoral.

We would tour the town, look at everybody's gardens and trees, bemoan the lack of water and sad appearance of many of our trees. We would talk about our families, our parents, our children, incidents from our past where we might have done better. Elaine loved to talk about her mother, who, I do believe, was a mix of Wonder Woman and the best Presbyterian church member ever. Elaine had great stories of her youth and her mother's exploits. She always thought of herself as a Californian as her dad, John Good, grew up in Northern California. He survived the 1906 earthquake and earned his pharmacy degree from UC Berkley. Elaine's parents met when her adventuresome mother visited San Francisco for the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition. Some time after their 1916 marriage, Elaine's mother longed for home and the couple moved to Indiana. Elaine was born at the Galbreath family farm in Collamer, Indiana, in the same room where her mother was born 32 years earlier, and where her daughter, Diane, would be born 22 years later.

Around the beginning of the Great Depression, her mother would fearlessly take her four children, Elaine being the 3rd child, only girl and about 8 at the time, on long road trips to see the country while her dad stayed home and worked. These were true adventure trips as they "car camped" and dined on the healthy stews her mom created in the pressure cooker pot she had welded to the engine block of their car, visiting campsites and Presbyterian or Methodist churches.

Elaine married young and there were three children from that union, our son-in-law, Chuck, sister, Diane, and brother, Philip. Not the happiest marriage but some years later after it ended, she met Myron Holmgren and they spent 30 wonderful years together, "mostly playing," as she put it. They loved



to ski, bought property in Mesa, Colorado, near a ski resort and built a beautiful home there, moving on to Prescott, Arizona when the altitude became uncomfortable for Myron, then on to Santa Rosa, California, eventually ending in Lewiston, Idaho.

Elaine thoroughly enjoyed the Halloween scarecrow contest here in town. We would tour the scarecrows and the amazing pumpkin creations by our neighbors and be astonished by the creativity on display. We looked and laughed and had a great time. While she was in residence at the Kensington, she had a steady stream of visitors: her children, their families, Myron's children, Mark and Rennie, who absolutely adored her, and many other friends. Every time I appeared where she was, Elaine would greet me with an enthusiastic, "Sweetie!!" and was always glad to see me.

Elaine was in my life for a reason, to make us both laugh a lot and enjoy a little champagne from time to time. Her season with me was not nearly long enough as she left us very early November 13th. She was a joy to me for such a short time. I would have liked more cheesecake dates.

If someone is in your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime, take time to go have a little champagne and cheesecake with them, or a cup of tea and a muffin. But enjoy them, my friends, enjoy them.

"Millions of people gave their lives fighting fascism and imperialism, but Pearl Harbor was the event that forever changed the course of human history," Sam Graves

The 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor was last Wednesday, "A date which will live in infamy."

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RISE OF THE ROCKET GIRLS IS SIERRA MADRE'S ONE BOOK ONE CITY CHOICE

Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars by Nathalia Holt is the February 2017 choice for the One Book One City (OBOC) Program sponsored by the Sierra Madre Public Library.

Rise of the Rocket Girls is the true story of the women who helped launch America into space. In the 1940s and 1950s, when the new Jet Propulsion Laboratory needed mathematicians, they recruited a group of young women who transformed rocket design, helped bring about the first American satellites, and made the exploration of the solar system possible.

Meet Holt on Saturday, February 25th at 7:00 pm in the Sierra Madre Elementary School auditorium when she talks about her book. Her talk is the grand finale of the annual OBOC Program.

Other sensational events include:

Wednesday, February 1st, 7:00 pm - Dr. Steve Cornford, Senior Engineer in the Strategic Systems Office at NASA/JPL/Caltech. Cornford has been part of the conception, design, building and testing of a number of spacecraft and their components.

Thursday, February 2nd, all afternoon - Children's Walk-In Craft. Build a rocket and launch at the Library.

Saturday, February 4th at 3:00 pm - Saturday afternoon movie: Iron Giant at the Library.

Thursday, February 16th, 11:00 am - Third Thursday Book Club - Rise of the Rocket Girls.

Drop in for a lively discussion at the Third Thursday Book Club for adults.

Thursday, February 16th, 4:00 pm - STEAM Club. Discovery Dome Planetarium for children. Spend an hour exploring space at the Community Recreation Center. Space is limited; registrations begin February 1.

Thursday, February 16th, 5:00 - Discovery Dome Planetarium for adults. Journey to Mars during this interactive program at the Community Recreation Center. Space is limited; registration begins February 1.

Saturday, February 18th at 3:00 pm - Saturday afternoon movie: October Sky at the Library.

Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7:00 pm - Nathalia Holt, in the Sierra Madre Elementary School Auditorium.

Bestselling author Nathalia Holt, Ph.D. is a science writer and author of Cured: The People who Defeated HIV. Her work has appeared in The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Atlantic, Slate, Popular Science, and Time Magazine.

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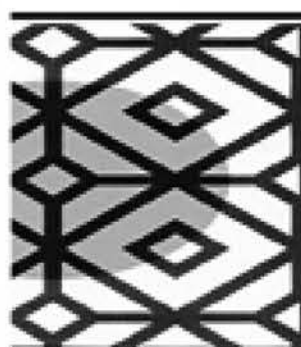
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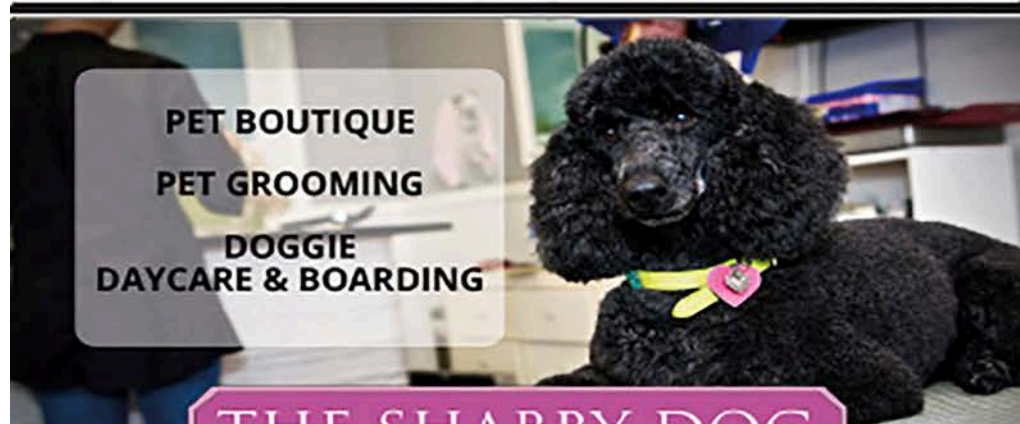
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COMMUNITY: A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE CALL LEADS TO THE ARREST OF 3 GRAND THEFT SUSPECTS IN A STOLEN CAR

At approximately 10:20am today, a resident in the 1700 block of Highland Oaks Drive observed three suspicious subjects driving in the neighborhood. Due to recent thefts of packages from neighboring doorsteps, the resident called in the suspicious activity. This call from a concerned resident is what got our officers responding to the area of Highland Oaks Drive. Within seconds of the call, a GPS Tracker was activated at one of the neighbor's homes on Highland Oaks. Police Dispatchers were able to direct officers to the location of the stolen GPS enabled package and Arcadia officers apprehended the theft suspects as they crossed into the city of Monrovia. The theft suspects not only were in possession of the stolen GPS package, but they were driving in a stolen car,



and that car matched the description of the suspicious vehicle seen by the resident who reported it earlier. Arrested were: SEAN CLEMENS, Male 45 yrs. from West Covina MELISSA ARAMBULA, Female 35 yrs., from El Monte NICKOLAS MARTINEZ, Male 41 yrs., from Bassett All three are charged with Grand Theft and additional charges may be added as the investigation continues. Again, this is a perfect example of "See something, say something". Please continue to be vigilant in your neighborhoods, take an active role, and call the Arcadia Police Department if you think someone or something is suspicious and needs to be investigated. Good Work Arcadia!

49TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE AWARD GIVEN TO ARCADIA'S ELECTED CITY CLERK

Rosemead, CA- State of California Assemblymember Ed Chau, recently honored Gene Glasco, Arcadia's elected City Clerk, with his 2016 "Make-A-Difference" award in an evening ceremony last December 2 at Rosemead Community Center. Glasco's Certificate read: "In Recognition of Your Outstanding Commitment and Service to the Community of the 49th Assembly District. Your Dedicated Volunteerism has Improved the Quality of Life of All Those You have Helped. You Are an Inspiration to Us All." Glasco is the Founder of the Arcadia Vietnam War Monument that was dedicated in the Arcadia County Park last May 28. After receiving his award, Glasco gave a short speech in which he spoke about the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. He credited the Arcadia Elks Lodge and the community-at-large for their invaluable support in helping him raise the funds necessary to build the impressive monument that now stands in the Arcadia County Park. The Arcadia Vietnam War Monument was inspired by Glasco in tribute to fourteen Arcadia servicemen, (two of them his classmates) who were casualties of the war in Vietnam-- America's longest war. Glasco is a Vietnam veteran and member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled



American Veterans and the Marines Memorial Club. He is West Coast Chapter President of Gamewardens of Vietnam and a Director of the Vietnam Unit Memorial in Coronado. Gene Glasco is serving his second term as City Clerk for the City of Arcadia.

A BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

While bells are ringing and crowds are singing, Christmas and the holiday season can feel isolating for those who have experienced loss or are struggling. Church of the Good Shepherd, United Methodist, will host a special service for those for whom the holidays are a difficult time. All are

welcome to this meditative and healing service. The service will be on the longest night of the year, Wednesday, December 21 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. Church of the Good Shepherd, United Methodist 400 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia, CA 91007

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, November 27th, through Saturday, December 3rd, the Police Department responded to 969 calls for service of which 113 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, November 27:

1. Just after 11:20 a.m., officers responded to the 200 block of East Haven Street regarding the report of a residential burglary. The officer discovered an unknown suspect damaged the front door and entered the home. The suspect then ransacked the location and fled with several purses, two laptops and jewelry. The investigation is ongoing.
2. At approximately 12:41 p.m., officers responded to The Santa Anita Race Track, 285 West Huntington Drive, regarding the report of a man lying in the parking lot. Upon contacting the 37-year-old male from Monrovia, the officer noticed symptoms of alcohol intoxication and determined the suspect was unable to care for himself. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, November 28:

3. Around 1:19 p.m., officers responded to Westfield Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy bicycles containing tracking devices to combat the increase in bicycle thefts around the city. An investigation revealed a 46-year-old male from Pasadena took the bicycle and fled the scene. He was located with the bicycle, arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
4. At about 8:32 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Duarte Road for driving with an obstructed windshield. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 38-year-old male from Duarte was driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released in the field. The vehicle was released to a valid driver.

Tuesday November 29:

5. At approximately 4:46 p.m., officers were dispatched to Victoria's Secret, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft in progress. An investigation revealed four suspects worked together to steal over \$5,800 worth of bras and underwear before fleeing the scene in a vehicle. Officers located three of the four suspects. Two of the suspects had outstanding warrants for their arrests. A 26-year-old male from Southgate, an 18-year-old male and a 20-year-old female both from Los Angeles, were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
6. Around 5:11 p.m., an officer responded to Bank of America, 169 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding the report of fraud. An investigation revealed the female suspect attempted to cash a fraudulent \$500 U.S. Savings Bond. The 50-year-old female from Sunland was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, November 30:

7. At about 11:15 a.m., officers were dispatched to a residence on the 700 block of West Longden Avenue regarding a domestic disturbance. An investigation revealed the suspect had battered his elderly father. The 39-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

8. Shortly after 8:20 p.m., officers responded to Westfield Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. An investigation revealed a 20-year-old male from Los Angeles took the bicycle and fled the scene. Officers located the suspect with the bicycle, who was also found to be in the possession of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, a knife and stolen merchandise. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, December 1:

9. At about 7:12 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at Westfield Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, for an outstanding warrant. An investigation revealed the driver had two outstanding warrants for his arrest and he was also driving with a suspended license. The 21-year-old male from San Gabriel was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
10. Shortly after 1:37 p.m., an officer responded to Westfield Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a disturbance between a male and female. The officer contacted the male subject and an investigation revealed he was in possession of 38 fraudulent credit and debit cards as well as two fraudulent California Drivers Licenses. The 36-year-old male from North Hollywood was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, December 2:

11. At about 1:01 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the area Baldwin Avenue and Fairview Avenue for expired registration. An investigation revealed the driver and passenger of the vehicle were in possession of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, burglary tools and stolen property. The passenger also had an outstanding warrant for her arrest. The 36 and 37-year-old females, both from South El Monte, were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
12. At approximately 3:01 p.m., an officer responded to Lady Foot Locker, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding the report of a theft in progress. A Loss Prevention officer witnessed two suspects steal merchandise from Lady Foot Locker. One suspect acted as "look-out" while the other suspect concealed merchandise inside a shopping bag. Further investigation revealed the suspects had stolen merchandise from five other stores within Westfield Santa Anita. One suspect had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The 17-year-old female and the 16-year-old male, both from Los Angeles, were detained and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, December 3:

13. Just after 9:32 a.m., an officer contacted a subject riding a bicycle in the middle of the street in the area of Third Street and Diamond Street. An investigation revealed the subject was in possession of methamphetamine. The 25-year-old male from Monrovia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
14. Shortly after 11:45 p.m., officers responded to Westfield Santa Anita, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. An investigation revealed the suspect took the bicycle and fled the scene. Officers located the suspect riding the bicycle. The 18-year-old female from El Monte was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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MARGARET FINLAY ELECTED MAYOR OF DUARTE; JOHN FASANA ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEM IN ANNUAL DUARTE CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

DUARTE, CA, December 6, 2016 - Duarte City Council members voted unanimously to elect Margaret Finlay, Mayor for 2016-2017 and John Fasana, Mayor Pro Tem during the annual reorganization of the Duarte City Council on November 22, 2016.

Mayor Finlay has been a member of the Duarte City Council since 1990 and a resident of the City with her husband Brad and their five children for over 30 years. She is also very proud of the fact that all five children are graduates of Duarte public schools. In fact, Margaret and her family love the City so much that now her children have come back to Duarte to raise their children here. Margaret is also President of the Duarte Education Foundation and also is a long-time member of the Duarte Rotary Club. Outside of the City, Margaret is on the Executive Committee for the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, a member of the LA County Sheriff's Liability Trust Fund Board, and Incoming President of the Southern California Association of Governments Regional Council.

A resident of Duarte since 1985, Fasana has served as a City Councilmember since 1987, and also serves as the Chairperson of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's 14 member Board. He has also served on the Board of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) since its inception. As Chair of the COG Transportation Committee, he provided policy direction that led

to the creation of the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority and the Foothill Extension Construction Authority. During his tenure on the Metro Board, he has tirelessly worked with his colleagues to obtain several billion dollars critically needed for the completion of the Gold Line extension to Azusa that began serving customers in March 2016. In 2015, he retired from his Regulatory Manager position with Southern California Edison after 35 years of service.

During their tenure, Fasana and Finlay jointly have helped the City of successfully build both a teen and a senior center and new parks including one named after long time City volunteer, Lena Valenzuela. They have also successfully worked together to both pass the first Duarte school bond in 1998 and fight the battle against mining in our foothills.

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MONROVIA CUB SCOUT PACK 66

By Cubmaster Mark Peters

City of Industry, California; Athens Services, November 30th, 2016 Monrovia Cub Scout Pack 66 had the privilege to visit and tour the state-of-the-art waste collection and recycling service plant that provides services to the City of Monrovia. Pack 66 Bear Den Leader Julie Bank organized this special tour for her Cubs. Pack 66 is fortunate to have such amazing leaders who reach out to the local communities to ensure that the Cub Scouts are enriched in knowledge and experiences. Accompanying the Den is Bear Den Leader Andrew Gentile and Wolf Den Leader Christine Caudillo.

The tour of the Athens facility was made extra special with the Executive Vice President, Gary M. Clifford II personally guiding the future leaders of our country through the plant, educating them on the latest technology in recycling and waste management. Accompanying the tour were elected City of Monrovia officials and City of Monrovia Library management. Pack 66 was in for a special treat on this tour.

Mr. Clifford educated the Cub Scouts on recycling sorting and just how much work it really is to sort your trash. The Cubs were memorized at all the materials that can be considered recyclable and just how Athens sorts the materials. The Cubs were allowed into the operations room where Athens makes the magic happen. The control chairs looked like video game control simulators with control sticks on either arm rest and large monitors in front to operate the cranes to move the large waste that is deposited on the plant floor. On any given

day, there can be over 5,500 tons of trash to be sorted and recycled.

The Cubs were escorted to the plant floor to see the finished product once the recyclables are bailed and ready for shipment to the local dump or to the companies that have purchased the materials for reuse.

At the end of the tour each Cub Scout and Boy Scout were given a token to remember the tour, a miniature replica of the Athens garbage trucks. Each scout on this tour learned so much about how recycling can help the environment and were able to complete their latest achievement.

The Scouts that participated in this tour are: Bears Stefin B., Ammon H., WeBelos Matthew P., Wolves Elan G., Eric T., Gavin G., Nicholas L., Lions Josh P., Julian G. and Boy Scout Degas Peters from Duarte Troop 185. We even had the privilege of having a Girl Scout from Monrovia Troop 361 Sophia P., with Ammon's sister Fifer to join us.

Pack 66 wants to thank Mr. Clifford for such an enriching tour and taking the time to teach our Scouts, and to our AMAZING Pack leadership, Wolf Den Leader Christine Caudillo, who has 3 sons in scouting at all levels, Lucas, Gavin and Adrian and is a leader in each; Andrew Gentile who is a Bear Den leader along with his son Bear James M.; Bear Den Julie Bank with her son Bear Stefin B. and John Griffin who has two sons in Pack 66 Julian and Elan.

If you and your son are interested in joining Monrovia Cub Scout Pack 66 and he is between the ages of 5 and 10 please email us at Monroviacubscoutpack66@gmail.com or call at 626-658-7566.

PRE-NOMINATION CANDIDATE INFORMATION MEETING

MONROVIA, CA - In preparation for the 2017 General Municipal Election, the Monrovia City Clerk's Office will be hosting a pre-nomination candidate information meeting on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6 p.m., at the Monrovia Public Library.

This meeting will offer valuable insight on how to run for one of the five available elected positions. Positions open for the upcoming Monrovia General Municipal Election are: Mayor (2 years), two City Council seats (4 years), City Clerk (4 years), and City Treasurer (4 years). Information will include an overview of forms, campaign

reporting requirements, and important timelines. The period to file nomination papers opens on December 19, 2016, and ends January 13, 2017. The Municipal Election is April 11, 2017.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in running for local government in any city or those who simply want to learn more about the election process. All Monrovia and non-Monrovia residents are welcome to attend.

The meeting will be: Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, 6:00 p.m. Monrovia Public Library - Library Community Room, 321 S. Myrtle Avenue



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Pasadena, CA --- On the evening of November 14th, the class of 2018 gathered with their parents in the dining hall for La Salle High School's annual Junior Leadership Ceremony. Recognizing and celebrating the rite of passage into junior year, this event sends forth the students to embrace their role as a leader in the school community. This prayerful ceremony honors the students for the leadership role they are accepting by distributing a Lasallian medallion and a Lasallian Leadership Certificate to each student.

The Junior Class selected English teacher and La Salle Alumnus, Mr. David Soltis '90 to be the keynote speaker. He gave a moving speech recognizing the gifts and potential of the Junior Class. It was a wonderful event thanks to the support of the administration, junior class mentors, parent association, junior class council and several members of the junior class who provided decorations, art, music, and readings.



Back: James Torrez, Joseph Rivera, Jeffrey Daley, Giovanna Martinez, Sarah Day, Caterina Burch, Michael Piesik. Front: Claire Forrest, Tamia Cephus. Photo Courtesy John Blackstock

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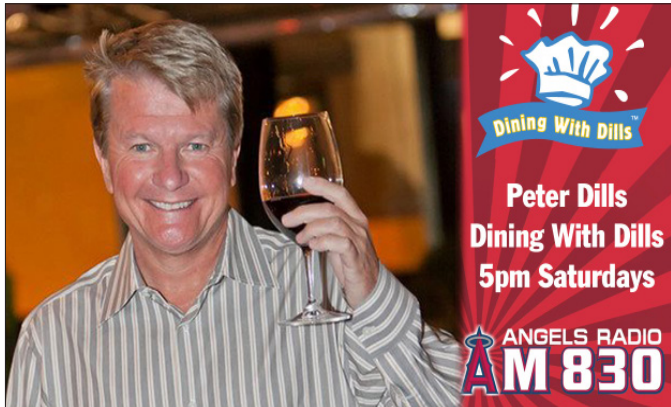
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Many years ago my dad, Elmer Dills, would take us all the way up to Oxnard to a little restaurant called Tuck's Point in the harbor for what he thought were the best Lobster Rolls Sandwiches this side of the Atlantic. A few years back I was in Boston for a wedding and made way to Faneuil Hall, an inside marketplace with shops and restaurants. It was more like counters I should say, and that is where I found a lobster roll sandwich which I thought was the end all. Teamed up with a Boston Beer (not Sam Adams), it was truly a sandwich from heaven.

Now, in 2016, I have driven past by Twohey's Restaurant on Huntington Dr. if not 1001 times, darn close. You know the place the cute sign with the guy with the clothespin on his nose, and the banners of Baby Back ribs now until then all you can eat specials. Sharing a parking lot with In n' Out must be a competitive nightmare or... well I digress. I just never felt like going in, maybe I had a preconceived thought of Marge pouring cold coffee or a patty melt that had seen better days. I know they are famous for serving breakfast all day and night, but I must admit a bowl of fruit for breakfast and I am golden. But one afternoon I stopped in and as I always try to do if I am at Houstons, Ruth Chris or now Twohey's, I sit at the bar or counter seating, since I have to be in the middle of the action. Twohey's has over 300 items on the menu, a big red flag for me! I think fifty is too many. After checking out the menu, hidden on the second column of the sandwich selection was a Lobster roll, nothing about world famous or house specialty, no fanfare, just a brief description of Maine lobster, diced and tossed with celery and

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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house mayo. Could it be? Could something such as this bring back those memories of driving up to Oxnard with my dad, or my trip to Boston.? My answer is a big Yes! This sandwich, if not right on the mark, was so close that I have to do my best Paul Revere and let all my neighbors this sandwich, served with freshly cut potato chips is a winner. I found out that GM Charlie Cristos and family hail from Beantown and in fact owned Jimmy's Harborside Restaurant and they still import the hot dog bun from Boston. Now, that is authentic. I was sold the first time having the Twohey's Lobster Rolls sandwich, but thought I'd take advantage of



editor Susan's generous expense account and go twice, so I changed things up a little and had the carrot salad, and yes thumbs up. What else can I discover here at Twohey's? Jimmy the owner tells me that the onion rings being made every morning, and they make a pretty mean chili. I will return! Peter Dills
KLAA 830 AM Sundays

FOOD AND DRINK

Julie's favorite family Recipes

BOULDER FLAVOURS' BALSAMIC NECTAR TOMATO BRUSCHETTA

Ingredients:
1 baguette
1 small onion
3 large tomatoes
6-8 leaves of basil
1 clove of garlic
1 Tbsp olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
Balsamic Nectar

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F
2. While oven is preheating, chop tomatoes and onions and mince garlic and basil
3. Combine these ingredients in small bowl with olive oil, salt and pepper and mix well
4. Slice baguette into roughly 1/2 inch slices
5. Coat the slices with a thin layer of olive oil and place on baking sheet
6. Place in oven for 4-6 minutes
7. Top toasted baguette with tomato-onion mixture
8. Drizzle with Balsamic Nectar

For a sweeter twist, try a Berry Bruschetta by mixing your favorite berries (blueberries, sliced strawberries, blackberries...) with mint and Balsamic Nectar. Great over crostini, ice cream, yogurt or any of the artisanal goat cheeses and brie in Savor the Flavor.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

THE JOY OF YOGA 2016 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE FOR YOGIS



Looking for gifts to promote health and healing? How about the gift of yoga or a special item to enrich the mind or a yogi's practice

space?

Feel good about what you're giving, it could just change someone's life! Here a few yoga-friendly gift ideas:

1. A gift certificate for a series of yoga classes. Good for beginner or seasoned yogi. Everyone needs to start somewhere. And, nothing says, 'I want the best for you' like the gift of yoga. If the recipient is new to yoga, they can pick their classes and attend when is good for them.
2. A private lesson with their favorite teacher. Many students find it hard to make the extra splurge for a private session with their teacher. This gift is an unexpected, and well-appreciated surprise!
3. Gear and accessories. Every yogi needs a their own mat! I recommend a quality Manduka mat. They are not cheap, but last forever and give the extra firm padding needed for our knees and wrists. Less expensive mats such as a Jade or Tapas mat work very well too, but may need to be replaced sooner. Other props such as a bolster or block are extremely helpful and almost essential for a home practice. Don't forget the meditation cushion, or 'zafu', to allow that perfect lift for a comfortable seated

position.

4. Sacred Space Essentials. Typically, a student of yoga has a space at home for practice or meditation. A set of mala beads, or prayer beads, is a very special gift. A deity to place on an altar, or dresser is a lovely gift too. Any deity, whether it be a statue of Ganesha or Mother Mary can make the space sacred. To complete the space, a special candle is perfect. Yoga Madre carries Breathe In Candles, which are handmade organic soy blend candles. They are infused with Reiki healing energy and make the perfect gift for yogis and non-yogis alike.

5. Books. There is not enough space in this article for all the recommended book titles! Light on Yoga by B.K.S. Iyengar and the Secret of the Yoga Sutra by Pandit Rajmani Tigunait are essentials. An excellent cookbook is The Everyday Ayurveda Cookbook by Kate O'Donnell, which lists recipes by the Season. Finally, do not miss the new just released book, by Girish, Music and Mantras, The Yoga of Mindful Singing for Health, Happiness, Peace & Prosperity.

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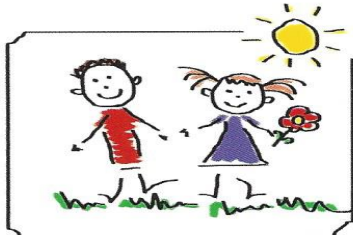
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LOCATING LOST LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES

Dear Savvy Senior,
When my mom passed away we thought she had a life insurance policy, but we have no idea how to track it down. Do you know of any resources that might help?

Searching Susan

Dear Susan,

Lost or forgotten life insurance policies are very common in the U.S. It's estimated that more than \$7 billion in benefits from unclaimed life insurance policies are waiting to be claimed by their rightful beneficiaries.

While unfortunately, there isn't a national database for tracking down these policies, there are a number of strategies and a few new resources that can help your search. Here are several to get you started.

Search her records: Check your mom's financial records or storage areas where she kept her important papers for a policy, records of premium payments, or bills from an insurer. Also contact her employer or former employer benefits administrator, insurance agents, financial planner, accountant, attorney or other adviser and ask if they know about a life insurance policy. Also check safe-deposit boxes, monitor the mail for premium invoices or whole-life dividend notices, and review old income-tax returns, looking for interest income from, and interest expenses paid, to life insurance companies.

Contact the insurer: If you suspect that a particular insurer underwrote the policy, contact that carrier's claim office and ask. The more information you have, like your mom's date of birth and death, Social Security number and address, the easier it will be to track down. Contact information of some big insurers include: Prudential 800-778-2255; MetLife Metlife.com/policyfinder; AIG 800-888-2452; Nationwide 800-848-6331; John Hancock JohnHancock.com – click on "Contact Us" then on "Account Search Request."

Get state help: Nineteen state insurance departments have a policy locator service program that can help you locate lost life insurance, and many other states offer resources that can help you with your search. To find direct access to these resources visit the



American Council of Life Insurers website at ACLI.com/consumers – click on "Missing Policy Tips."

Search unclaimed property: If your mom died more than a few years ago, benefits may have already been turned over to the unclaimed property office of the state where the policy was purchased. Go to MissingMoney.com, a website of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, to search records from 40 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. The pull-down menu under Links connects you to a map and addresses for unclaimed property agencies. Or, to find links to each state's unclaimed-property division use Unclaimed.org.

If your mom's name or a potential benefactor's name produces a hit, you'll need to prove your claim. Required documentation, which can vary by state, is detailed in claim forms, and a death certificate might be necessary. If you need a copy of your mom's death certificate, contact the vital records office in the state where she died, or go to VitalChek.com.

Search fee-based services: There are several businesses that offer policy locator services for a fee. The MIB Group, for example, which is a data-sharing service for life and health insurance companies, offers a policy locator service at PolicyLocator.com for \$75. But it only tracks applications for individual policies made since 1996.

You can also get assistance at Policy Inspector (PolicyInspector.com) for \$99, and L-LIFE (LostLifeIns.com) for \$108.50, who will do the searching for you.

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...December Birthdays*

Pat Karamitros, Joan Hufnagel, Mary Alice Cervera, Carol Horejsi, Shirley Anhalt, Mignon Grijalva, Helen Reese, Levon Yapoujian, Toni Buckner, Lottie Bugl, Pat McGuire, Sheila Wohler, Nan Murphy, Eleanor Hensel, Sylvia Curl, Elizabeth Levie, Gayle Licher, Cindy Barran, and Melissa Stute.

* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737.

YEAR of birth not required but you must be over 60.



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

YWCA San Gabriel Valley - Intervale Senior Cafe

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

Tech Talk: Will resume in the fall.

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

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

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

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

Case Management: Meets the second Thursday of the month. Case Management services are provided by the YWCA and provide assistance in a variety of areas. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling the HPH Office at 626-355-7394.

Birthday Celebrations: Every second Thursday of the month at the Hart Park House. The free birthday cake is provided by the Sierra Madre Civic Club.

Game Day: Every Thursday starting at 12:00 pm. (Please note the time change.) A regular group of seniors play poker. Other games available for use.

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

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

SENIOR EXCURSION -

Proposed 2017 Trips

January	The Broad Museum (Sold Out)
February	St. Sophia's Cathedral
March	Walt Disney Concert Hall
April	Tanaka Farm Strawberry Tour
May	The Getty Villa
June	Guided Dogs of America and The Wildlife Learning Center
July	Gardens of the World
August	Gondola Getaway
September	Riley's at Oak Glen
November	Japanese American National Museum
December	Mission Inn

Excursion Refund Policy

Notification of the cancellation must be made at least 3 business days before the excursion. A refund will only be issued; 1) for medical excuse or 2) if the Department is able to fill the patron's spot from a waiting list. This refund will be issued in the form of a credit which will be applied to the patron's account with the City, less a \$13 Cancellation Fee. The credit will remain on your account for one year from the date issued and the credit may be used for any program or service offered by the Library & Community Services Dept.



HOLIDAY LUNCH

On Thursday, December 15th, join us for the Annual Holiday Lunch. The lunch will feature special dessert, and a raffle with a variety of prizes. Also returning this year, students from Bethany Christian School will be singing Christmas Carols. Bring your holiday spirit and join us for the special day! Lunch reservations MUST be made with the Senior Lunch Café by calling 626-355-0256.

GINGERBREAD JAMBOREE!

Thursday, December 22nd, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Show off your creative side by building a gingerbread house for the holidays. Come build your own gingerbread house on December 22 at the Hart Park House. All supplies will be provided. This is a great way to get into the holiday spirit! Reservation required. Please call the Hart Park House 626-355-7394.

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KATIE Tse.....This and That FROM REYKJAVIK WITH LOVE



It's been a while since I've stolen --"written" a

story from my mom's friend, Florence. You may remember Florence from past article involving unusual pets, and just plain unusual situations in general. Yes, Florence is always good for material when I'm out of ideas. Florence retired from teaching last year and has filled her new found freedom with trips to several exotic destinations so far, most recently Iceland.

After a dinner with Florence and some other friends, my mom relayed some of Florence's adventures to me. Mostly it was about the unusual Icelandic cuisine. There was something about rotten shark marinated in shark urine. "Wait," I told Mom, "How do you collect shark urine? Doesn't it just dissipate into the water?" My mom thought a moment, "I'm not sure." "Maybe they catheterize the sharks before they butcher them," I mused. Imagine being the guy with that job! "No, it must have been something else," Mom remarked. "They put the dead shark in a pit to marinate, so maybe all the people take turns peeing on it," she recalled, "Maybe that's how it's done." "Well what did Florence say?" I asked. "It was hard to catch it all, there were a lot of us there," she replied. I knew I had to call Florence and get the story straight from the source.

Florence corrected me on the whole rotten shark issue, but before we get to that, let's consider Iceland's "survival food," as Florence describes it. Iceland is an island and it's

expensive to have foods shipped in. Therefore, a hamburger will be much more expensive than say, a bowl of fish stew. Iceland has about 2-3 months of "summer" during which crops can be grown. The rest of the year is dimly dark, cold, and wet. Hothouse vegetables are pretty much the only plants that can be harvested in these conditions. Other than that, the native diet consists of animals raised on, or caught near, the island, such as sheep and fish. "Survival food" is what Icelanders can eat cheaply throughout the year. So



while we may think of shark as being an endangered species, as in shark fin soup, it is actually a commonplace meal in Iceland.

The shark is prepared by burying it in a pit to ferment for a few months and then hanging it to dry to complete the process. Therefore the shark is more accurately "fermented" than

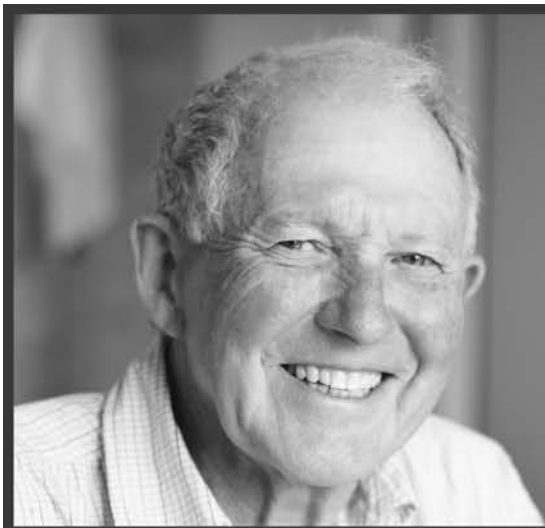
rotten, although it has a strong odor of ammonia. The purpose of this convoluted method is to rid the flesh of an acid which renders it inedible when freshly caught. It reminded me of the Nordic dish Lutefisk, which takes fish on a long journey from the ocean to the table, involving lye at some point.

Any mention of fermented shark would be incomplete without a chaser of "Black Death," a schnapps made from potatoes and caraway. Other popular snacks are dried fish jerky, which is typically slathered with butter. There is also sheep's head, complete with the eyeball and other parts. There's a hilarious video online of two guys eating it as a dare. The guy eating the eyeball chewed it for a good three minutes before working up the courage to swallow it. There's also ram's testicles, minke whale, and fish stew. Minke whale is common in that part of the world and is not on the endangered list. Hot dogs with lamb are very popular, and are reported to be some of the best in the world, very snappy. Iceland also has a lovely selection of breads. But I think the most horrifying dish Florence told me about were the puffins!

I do feel guilty about eating lamb, chicken, beef, and most other meats, but there's just something about eating puffins that I can't wrap my mind around. They're just too cute, and I've always been a "bird person." I will always appreciate Florence for her wealth of stories, but I can never look at her the same way again now...

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Looking Up

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CASSINI MAKES FIRST RING-GRAZING PLUNGE

NASA's Saturn-orbiting Cassini spacecraft has made its first close dive past the outer edges of Saturn's rings since beginning its penultimate mission phase on Nov. 30.

Cassini crossed through the plane of Saturn's rings on Dec. 4 at a distance of approximately 57,000 miles above Saturn's cloud tops. This is the approximate location of a faint, dusty ring produced by the planet's small moons Janus and Epimetheus, and just 6,800 miles from the center of Saturn's F ring.

About an hour prior to the ring-plane crossing, the spacecraft performed a short burn of its main engine that lasted about six seconds. About 30 minutes later, as it approached the ring plane, Cassini closed its canopy-like engine cover as a protective measure.

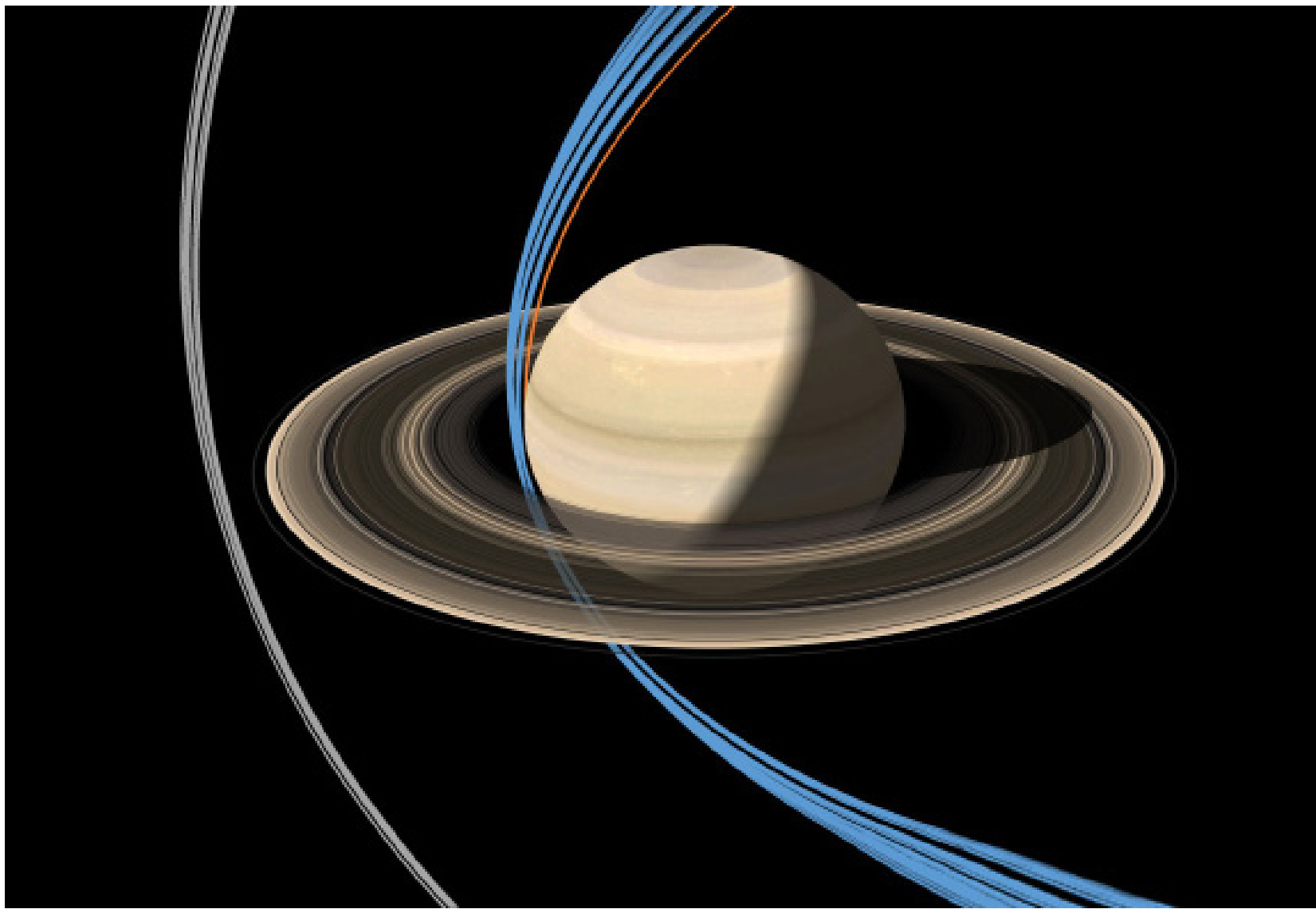
"With this small adjustment to the spacecraft's trajectory, we're in excellent shape to make the most of this new phase of the mission," said Earl Maize, Cassini project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California.

A few hours after the ring-plane crossing, Cassini began a complete scan across the rings with its radio science experiment to study their structure in great detail.

"It's taken years of planning, but now that we're finally here, the whole Cassini team is excited to begin studying the data that come from these ring-grazing orbits," said Linda Spilker, Cassini project scientist at JPL. "This is a remarkable time in what's already been a thrilling journey."

Cassini's imaging cameras obtained views of Saturn about two days before crossing through the ring plane, but not near the time of closest approach. The focus of this first close pass was the engine maneuver and observations by Cassini's other science instruments. Future dives past the rings will feature some of the mission's best views of the outer regions of the rings and small, nearby moons.

Each of Cassini's orbits for the remainder of the mission will last one week. The next pass by the rings' outer edges is planned for Dec. 11. The ring-grazing orbits—20 in all—will continue until April 22, when the last close flyby of Saturn's moon Titan will reshape Cassini's flight path. With that



encounter, Cassini will leap over the rings, making the first of 22 plunges through the 1,500-mile-wide gap between Saturn and its innermost ring on April 26.

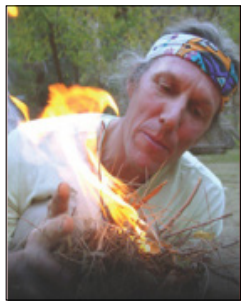
On Sept. 15, the mission will conclude with a final plunge into Saturn's atmosphere. During

the plunge, Cassini will transmit data on the atmosphere's composition until its signal is lost.

Launched in 1997, Cassini has been touring the Saturn system since arriving there in 2004 for an up-close study of the planet, its rings and moons. During its journey, Cassini has made numerous

dramatic discoveries, including a global ocean with indications of hydrothermal activity within the moon Enceladus, and liquid methane seas on another moon, Titan.

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

CHOCOLATE: FOOD OF THE GODS

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A woman I know saw me trying to select chocolate at a store. "Chocolate?" she said to me. "Why are you looking for chocolate? I thought you only ate health foods. Chocolate is a junk food!" Was she right? Is chocolate a worthless food, something to be avoided?

I made my first "authentic" chocolate drink by steeping the coarsely ground beans of the chocolate plant in warm water, adding a little honey. If historians are correct, this was the type of beverage -- called "xocoatl" -- that Cortez found Montezuma drinking. The whole beans were oily. Once ground and made into a beverage, the drink had the color of weak coffee. It had a pleasant bitter-chocolate flavor. To me, one cup seemed as stimulating as two to three cups of coffee. It was good!

Montezuma believed chocolate to be a food of the gods, which was brought to the Aztecs by a healer or prophet who traveled over the waters, possibly Quetzalcoatl. To this day, chocolate is known to botanists as Theobroma, or "Food of the gods." It was widely regarded as an aphrodisiac, a food that gave Montezuma the strength to deal with his many wives!

Chocolate pods are produced on a smallish tree; they are about a foot long, and contain white beans. Once picked, these beans are allowed to ferment for a few days or longer, whereupon they take on their characteristic chocolate aroma and brown color. Once dried, the beans are then exported and typically processed with modern machinery. However, it is certainly possible to process your own, as it's often done today in Mexico.

During the normal manufacturing process, the beans are first "conched," which means that heat and grinding pressure are applied to produce a thick liquid called chocolate liquor. When this chocolate liquor hardens, bitter -- or baker's -- chocolate results. This is indeed bitter -- and most people don't care for it since it has no sweetness. When this baker's chocolate is then subjected to great pressure, both a liquid and solid result. The liquid is cocoa butter, and the solid is cocoa. Cocoa butter added back to baker's chocolate in greater amounts results in bitter-sweet, semi-sweet, or sweet chocolate, three more grades or types of chocolate. The addition of milk creates milk chocolate. Sugar, vanilla, and various other ingredients are often also be added.

PHARMACEUTICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUNDS IN CHOCOLATE

[Source: Los Angeles Times science writer Usha Lee McFarling, Feb. 16, 2000]

Serotonin A neurotransmitter which plays a role in regulating mood. Though found in chocolate, it's found in much higher amounts in other carbohydrates. Caffeine This stimulant is found in very small amounts in chocolate. Theobromine Cocoa beans are about 2% theobromine, a central

nervous system stimulator, which stimulates and dilates the blood vessels of the heart and brain, and dilates the bronchii of the lungs. Phenylethylamine An amphetamine-like substance, also found in the brains of people "in love." Though found in chocolate, it's found in much higher amounts in meats, such as salami. Polyphenols These antioxidants (also found in green tea and red wine) may prevent heart disease by preventing the clogging of arteries, and lowering cholesterol levels. Cannabinoids These chemical, which are the active ingredients in marijuana, are found in very small amounts in chocolate, and may influence the brain's own production of painkilling compounds. By "very small amounts," you'd have to eat about 22,000 pounds of chocolate to have any drug-like response.

Certainly, chocolate is fattening if you consume a lot and are sedentary. A small 12 ounce candy bar typically contains about 220 calories.

The raw bean does contain high amounts of theobromine and caffeine, but these oil-soluble stimulating alkaloids are largely lost during the processing. An average ounce of bittersweet chocolate contains from five to 10 mg. of caffeine, compared with 100 to 150 mg. of caffeine in an average cup of coffee.

Although it is commonly believed that eating chocolate causes an increase the incidence of acne, there is no scientific data to support this belief.

As for cavities, at least three separate research centers have revealed that the cocoa powder within chocolate contains a substance that actually inhibits cavities.

THE BAD

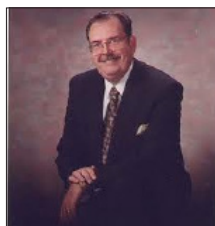
The culprit in this case is not chocolate, but sugar. Sugar is clearly is a cause of cavities. Milk chocolate, for example, contains 55% sugar by weight. And most often, chocolate is made with "white sugar," which is the cocaine of the food industry. White sugar is a foodless "food." In most cases, the worst thing about chocolate is that it contains so much white sugar. Most commercial chocolate products list white sugar (in any of its various guises) as the primary ingredient.

One way to sidestep the detrimental effects of so much white sugar in chocolate is to make your own chocolate products by mixing cocoa (or bitter or baker's chocolate) with honey, or other natural sweeteners. There are a few commercial chocolate bars which contain no white sugar, but these are not yet common, and cost up to three times as much as others with white sugar.

THE GOOD

Ninety percent of the cocoa bean is digestible, comprising 40% carbohydrates, 22% fat, and 18% protein. Chocolate contains substantial amounts of vitamins A, D, B2, as well as vitamin E and K, calcium, thiamine, riboflavin, iron, phosphorus, linoleic acids, and phenylethylamine. For a food that is often regarded as a junk food or pleasure food, it's really pretty good for you!

A study conducted at the Harvard School of Public Health indicated that people who eat from one to three chocolate bars a month live almost a year longer than those who do not eat chocolate. Hooray!



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

THE MERRIFICATION OF CHRISTMAS

One word defines Christmas.

It is the word "merry." I never tire of wishing people a Merry Christmas. Although, for some, it may not be politically correct, but for the rest of us who have at least two gray cells working, it is wonderful.

I was relaxing one afternoon this past week when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage approached me with a request. It is very difficult for me to deny her request, even though it goes against my current energy status.

"Would you," she said so very sweetly, "go to the mall and pick up a gift that I had ordered?"

Being married to GMP for more years than I can remember, is very difficult for me to say no. Actually, even when I do say no, someone on the other end of the conversation is not listening.

I should be rather grateful, because of all of the husbands she has, I am the only one she asks to do favors. Through the years, I have gathered that I must be her favorite husband. So, in a really grateful frame of mind, not to mention merry, I headed for the mall to get her purchase.

I am not sure if there is another place in the whole world that I hate worse than going to a shopping mall. If there is, I haven't got there yet. Every time I walk into a shopping mall, I get nervous because everybody is looking at me, especially at my wallet. Even my wallet shivers when we walk through the opening door.

Just getting inside the shopping mall is a drain on my "merry" attitude. I figured before I really get started I should grab a cup of coffee and go sit down in a lounge chair.

There was a coffee shop in the mall and I got a \$0.79 cup of coffee for \$7.90. I guess where you put the decimal is really important. Personally, I would have enjoyed a \$0.79 cup of coffee more.

I got my coffee, sat down in one of the lounge chairs, took a deep breath, a nice gentle sip of hot coffee and started to relax. Christmas music was being played in the background, which contributed to my relaxing attitude.

The mall was rather crowded, people were hurrying here and there, in the background Merry Christmas music was being played and I thought I would just take the time and enjoy the moment.

After I got through about half of my coffee, I happened to look around carefully watching the people coming and going. There was such a rat race going on that I could hardly believe it. I looked around trying to find some Merry Christmas faces. Unfortunately, there was not any in the direction I was looking.

"I hope they don't run out of this before I get there," I heard someone complaining.

"I hope I have enough money to cover this,"

someone else complained.

"I hope I can get it in time to get to the party tonight," complained another person.

I listen to all of this and was simply amazed. Where in the world was this merry spirit that Christmas is most noted for? Everybody was hoping for something, but their hope did not seem too realistic from my point of view.

At the merriest time of the year sitting in a place where people were buying Christmas presents, it was very disconcerting to realize there were not that many merry people in the mall. Everyone seemed to be under some kind of pressure and aggravation.

A thought began to jingle in my mind. What would it take for some people to really experience a Merry Christmas? What would make them merry?

Taking another sip of this expensive "Merry Christmas" coffee, I began to think about life in general. Am I really living a merry life? Or, am I all caught up with the holiday season?

Just because someone says, "Merry Christmas" does not mean in fact that they are experiencing anything quite near to merry.

Watching people scramble here and there in the shopping mall, I realized that merry had nothing to do with Christmas. For so many people, Christmas is a time when you are so busy trying to get things to make other people "merry" that the whole spirit escapes.

What we really need during this particular holiday season is what I call, The Merrification of Christmas. Christmas is what it is, but there is the possibility of really having a Merry Christmas if you understand what the attitude of merry is all about.

It is not about gifts, or parties, or traveling. It is something more substantial than that. In order for me to Merrificate my life, I need something more than just the holiday spirit.

Weaving through the crowd at the mall, I picked up the item my wife sent me to pick up and headed for the parking lot. As I was going, I realized why I really did not like the mall, especially during the holiday season. Too many people are struggling with anxiety and frustration in trying to keep up with the Christmas Joneses.

I thought of what Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

The key ingredient of "Merry" is rest and only Jesus can give the rest that creates a merry spirit.

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Too weird for words, or too precious to pass up?

Technology is terrific. Until it's not, right? Actually, I think the instant accessibility to information made available to us through high technology is great, and I am typically willing to try any new idea that might make navigating through life a little easier. However, I also believe that some of today's technological advances have the potential to, slowly but surely, rob us of our ability to think for ourselves.

What ever happened to using one's head to work out a problem rather than relying on a random room of virtual strangers on-line for the answer? How much has this relatively new access to the super-highway of data exchange taken from our self-reliance and our ability to solve problems on our own?

I agree that some of life's challenges have been made much more surmountable in recent decades now that we can get instant answers to questions and solutions to problems that used to take a lot more time and energy to solve. But, is it really necessary to reinvent every cog in the wheel of human thought? One thing's for sure, I do love being able to shop on line, particularly this time of year!

Seriously though, I think there is a fine line between what we've come to rely on as a staple source of information, and what could easily become an addictive means for getting from point A to point B with little or no effort on our own part. By the way, who's to say the answers we gain through Google or on Wikipedia are worth their weight in gigabytes? A wise web-user will surely include a healthy helping of common sense when asking the net to solve a problem that truly matters in life.

My mulling over of these concerns about the potentially problematic results of depending on high-technology was prompted by an ad I saw (on the net, of course) for a new doggie device called "No More Woof". The device is designed to read the mind of a dog and interpret it's thoughts into human language, allowing the human to know and respond to what the dog is thinking.

That's the claim anyway, and I know how silly it may sound. But from what I understand, it's been proven effective. No More Woof is comprised of an oversized, tightly-fitted headset with EEG censored appendages that curve around and press down on the dog's forehead where they reportedly pick up on and interpret a dog's thought patterns.

Theoretically, the data gathered by the sensors is then transferred to an electronic voice device located elsewhere on the headset which interprets the data and sends out an audible message through a tiny speaker.

For example, if the animal is thinking fearful thoughts of abandonment, the verbal response might be, "Where are you going? How long will you be gone?" Or if the dog is having stressful thoughts due to a change in the typical daily routine, the message might be, "What's going on? Are you (we) OK?"

Although the inventor/manufacturer, a Swedish group known as The Nordic Society for Invention and Discovery, is careful to iterate that the product is still in the developmental stage; "a work in progress", as it were, they clearly claim that the EEG micro-sensors are able to pick

up on what the animal is thinking and that the resulting messages are accurate interpretations of those thoughts, in human language.

When I first heard of this new canine mind-reading machine, I was (and, admittedly still am) really quite skeptical. And even if the thing does work the way they say it does, I already know my dog is going to wonder where I am going and when I'll return if I pack a few bags and head for the front door. This is made clear by the look on her face and the change in her body language.

Still, like many other pet owners, I've always wanted to know what my dog is thinking. Would it not behoove us both for me to know if she is stressing out about something, such as an impending storm or an earthquake soon to occur? Yes, some thoughts my dog may have are made all-too obvious by her behavior and facial expressions, but some are not so clear.

One thing that would sure be great is to know instantly if my dog is experiencing pain. I understand that most animals have a pretty high threshold for it and most dogs definitely do a great job of hiding it from us humans. If I could have known years ago that my previous girl Lady was hurting months before I had to "let her go", I might have made that difficult decision much earlier, for her sake.

Anyway, the idea of having a device that can read a dog's mind and interpret it into human language is certainly intriguing, but at the same time kind of creepy. Say, just say this thing takes off and every dog owner goes out and purchases one for their pet. How might it change the way we interact with the animals we now think we understand and already love so much?

And, what about the dog's perspective on wearing a device that tells all it's inner thoughts and secrets? Will the constant human voice response to every thought they have drive them crazy? It might even drive the human crazy to hear some strange voice calling out the dog's thoughts every time they come to mind. Who knows, maybe the dog would like to keep some of his private thoughts just that... private!

Time will tell if the No More Woof device, or one like it will become yet another must-have pet accessory to add to the growing list of gadgetry littering our every day lives. Meanwhile, we'll just have to assume what our dogs must be thinking when they look up at us with those precious, pouting pup's eyes, tilt their head sideways and place a paw on our lap. After all, who doesn't already know what that means?

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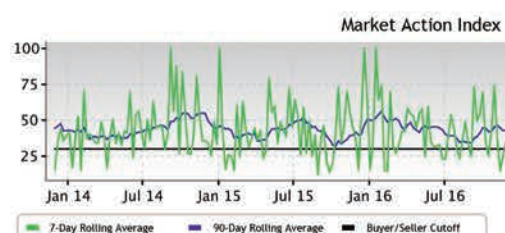
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The median list price in SIERRA MADRE, CA this week is \$1,318,500.

The Market Action Index has been trending down lately, while inventory and days-on-market are climbing. The trends imply a weakening market.

Supply and Demand

The market has started cooling and prices have been flat for several weeks. Since we're in the Seller's zone, watch for changes in MAI. If the MAI resumes its climb, prices will likely follow suit. If the MAI drops consistently or falls into the Buyer's zone, watch for downward pressure on prices.



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Upper/Second	\$ 1,512,250	2672	0.25 - 0.50 acre	3.0	3.2	46	4	0	0	96	Upper-middle 25% of properties
Lower/Third	\$ 1,288,000	2418	8,001 - 10,000 sqft	3.0	2.0	60	5	0	0	71	Lower-middle 25% of properties
Bottom/Fourth	\$ 1,199,900	2097	5,501 - 8,000 sqft	4.0	3.5	68	5	2	2	102	Least expensive 25% of properties

Real-Time Market Profile	Trend
Median List Price	\$ 1,318,500
Asking Price Per Square Foot	\$ 516
Average Days on Market (DOM)	102
Percent of Properties with Price Decrease	50 %
Percent Relisted (reset DOM)	28 %
Percent Flip (price increased)	0 %
Median House Size (sq ft)	2452
Median Lot Size	8,001 - 10,000 sqft
Median Number of Bedrooms	4.0
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Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), the Ranking Member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, released the following statement:

"With today's passage in the Senate, the legislation to ensure that those National Guard soldiers who were required to pay back bonuses and benefits they received in good faith are not the subject of clawbacks both now or in the future is headed to the President's desk for his signature. This provision, which mirrors legislation I introduced, will hopefully provide peace of mind for our service members and their families during this holiday season. We in Congress will be monitoring the implementation of this legislation closely, and if further action is warranted, we will be ready to act – and quickly."

This provision passed today and on its way

to the President's desk mirrors legislation that the members of Congress introduced earlier in this month to require the Pentagon to suspend all collection efforts and establish a streamlined process to provide financial relief for affected service members. According to the Pentagon, almost 10,000 members of the Army National Guard may have received improper benefits from 2004 to 2010.

The language in the NDAA prevents the Army from recouping those funds from any service members who unknowingly received them during that time period. It also requires the Army to reimburse any soldier who has already repaid the government, and to notify credit agencies that any debt previously reported was invalid.

The bill would not cover National Guard members who engaged in fraud or misrepresentation.

LASD HEIGHTENED STATE OF AWARENESS ON TRANSIT SYSTEM - IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING *UPDATE* METRO RED LINE THREAT

FBI Los Angeles, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and other local law enforcement, has released the following updated information:

"Working with our law enforcement partners, the FBI has found no evidence that the threat made to the Los Angeles Metro Red Line is credible. Based on significant similarities, law enforcement partners also believe the anonymous caller may have, on a previous occasion, reported threats that did not materialize. The Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) will continue to investigate to determine the identity of the caller and will continue to evaluate information developed from investigative efforts.

Any individual who knowingly provides false threat information to law enforcement, which can often result in a tactical response and the costly deployment of government resources, is subject to prosecution.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles Police Department remain on a heightened state of awareness with increased directed patrol deployments where deemed necessary. Both agencies report that they have not experienced any significant problems or disruptions on the Los Angeles transit systems. We continue to urge the public to remain

vigilant and to report activity they consider to be suspicious to the FBI, or by dialing 911. In addition, the Los Angeles Police Department can be reached toll free at 1-800-A-THREAT (1-800-284-7328) or via the iWatch app at iWatchLA.org.

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Deirdre Fike, the FBI's Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office said, "The FBI recognizes the value of our partnerships with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, both of whom responded swiftly and professionally in this matter, and for their continued efforts in keeping the city and county of Los Angeles safe. The FBI also recognizes our foreign partners for their diligence and support of the American people. Finally, we appreciate the continued vigilance by the public, and their patience, as we work through these complex situations."

NAPOLITANO WELCOMES NEW LA COUNTY SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER & JANICE HAHN

(Washington, DC) Yesterday, Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-El Monte) attended the swearing-in ceremonies for newly elected Los Angeles County Supervisors, Kathryn Barger (5th District) and Janice Hahn (4th District), releasing the following congratulatory statement:

"The County is very fortunate to have such a high caliber person as Kathryn Barger to represent it on the Board of Supervisors. She has been a good partner as Chief of Staff to her predecessor, former Supervisor Mike Antonovich, on issues that affect the 32nd Congressional District, and I look forward

to working with her on many other issues that are essential to delivering services to the residents of the Fifth District of LA County.

"I also congratulate my good friend Janice Hahn on a well-deserved position. She has been and will continue to be a great champion for residents of the southern and coastal areas of our county.

"It is a new day for the County with four female supervisors, a sharp contrast to a few decades ago when there was not even one woman. We are glad they hope to be a cohesive board, and we look forward to working together to lead LA County forward."

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Notes from the Sierra MadrePlayhouse



By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano

We have a special treat for our patrons – on Sunday, December 18 at 7:00 we will be hosting the AlmaNova Duo with special guest vocalist Abram Peliakoff in a “Classical Christmas Concert”. This marks the first of three concerts we have planned through the spring with Sierra Madre Music, who just happen to be the AlmaNova Duo better known as Jessica Pierce and Almer Imamovic.

I was outside the theater one night a few months ago when I met a young mom and her son. We got to talking and I soon discovered it was Jessica. That led to a meeting with Jessica and Almer where we hatched a plan to collaborate on all things music at the Playhouse. I have been struggling to curate and manage our Music Series and now Jessica is going to help me. She and Almer are incredibly well-connected in the music scene in Southern California and both have wonderful ideas about how to broaden what I’ve been trying to build.

We’ll continue our collaboration with the Colburn School – in fact, we have concerts set for January 26 and March 26 and hope to schedule a few more. I want to build the theater into an acknowledged place to hear chamber music and soloists. For those of you who haven’t attended a concert at the Playhouse, we are blessed with really wonderful acoustics. It really is a little jewel box. I hope you will join us as we build this series. I couldn’t be more excited for the possibilities.

Tickets for the “Classical Christmas Concert” are

\$20 for adults and \$15 for youth 21 and under and are available for purchase on-line or by calling Mary to make a reservation at 626.355.4318.

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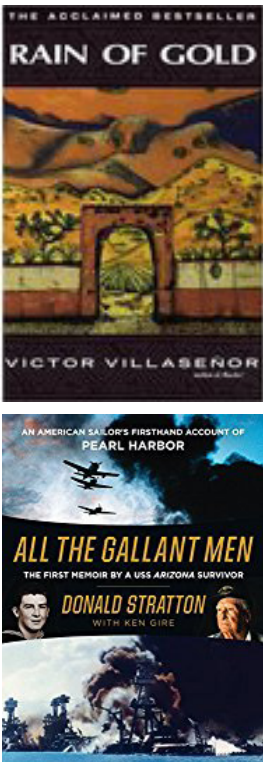
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Jeff’s Book Pics

By Jeff Brown

Rain of Gold by Victor Villaseñor

In *Rain of Gold*, Victor Villaseñor weaves the parallel stories of two families and two countries... bringing us the timeless romance between the volatile bootlegger who would become his father and the beautiful Lupe, his mother—men and women in whose lives the real and the fantastical exist side by side...and in whose hearts the spirit to survive is fueled by a family’s unconditional love. This is the *Hispanic Roots*, an all-American story of poverty, immigration, struggle and success. It focuses on three generations of Villaseñor’s kin, their spiritual and cultural roots in Mexico, their immigration to California and their overcoming the poverty, prejudice and economic exploitation. It is the warm-hearted, humorous and tragic, true story of the wily, wary, persevering forebears of Villaseñor.



All the Gallant Men: An American Sailor’s Firsthand Account of Pearl Harbor by Donald Stratton, Ken Gire

The first memoir by a U.S.S. Arizona survivor: Donald Stratton, one of the battleship’s five living heroes, delivers an epic, powerful, and “intimate eyewitness account of Pearl Harbor and his unforgettable return to the fight. At 8:06 a.m. on December 7, 1941, Seaman First Class Donald Stratton was consumed by an inferno. A million pounds of explosives had detonated beneath his battle station aboard the USS Arizona, barely fifteen minutes into Japan’s surprise attack on American forces at Pearl Harbor. Near death

and burned across two thirds of his body, Don, a 19 yr. old Nebraskan who had been steeled by the Great Depression and Dust Bowl, summoned the will to haul himself hand over hand across a rope tethered to a neighboring vessel. Forty-five feet below, the harbor’s flaming, oil-slick water boiled with enemy bullets; all around him the world tore itself apart. 94 old veteran Stratton shares his unforgettable personal tale of bravery and survival, his harrowing recovery, and his inspiring determination to return to the fight. Don and four other sailors made it safely across the same line that morning, a small miracle on a day that claimed the lives of 1,177 of their Arizona shipmates, approximately half the American fatalities at Pearl Harbor. Sent to military hospitals for a year, Don refused doctors’ advice to amputate his limbs and battled to relearn how to walk. The U.S. Navy gave him a medical discharge, believing he would never again be fit for service, but Don had unfinished business. In June 1944, he sailed back into the teeth of the Pacific War on a destroyer, destined for combat in the crucial battles of Leyte Gulf, Luzon, and Okinawa, thus earning the distinction of having been present for the opening shots and the final major battle of the Second World War. Don, a great-grandfather of five and one of five living survivors of the Arizona, offers an unprecedentedly intimate reflection on the tragedy that drew America into the greatest armed conflict in history. *All the Gallant Men* is a book for the ages, one of the most inspiring memoirs in recent years.

All Things

By Jeff Brown

THE GIRAFFE

The giraffe, the tallest land animal, is now at risk of extinction, biologists say. Because the giraffe population has shrunk nearly 40 percent in just 30 years, scientists put it on the official watch list of threatened and endangered species worldwide, calling it “vulnerable.” That’s two steps up the danger ladder from its previous designation of being a species of least concern. In 1985, there were between 151,000 and 163,000 giraffes but in 2015 the number was down to 97,562, according to the International Union for the Conservation of The giraffe is the only mammal whose status changed on the list this year. Scientists blame habitat loss.

While everyone worries about elephants, Earth has four times as many pachyderms as giraffes, said Julian Fennessy and Noelle Kumpel, co-chairs of the specialty group of biologists that put the giraffe on the IUCN Red List. They both called what’s happening to giraffes a “silent extinction.” Fennessy blamed shrinking living space as the main culprit in the declining giraffe population, worsened by poaching and disease. People are moving into giraffe areas especially in central and eastern Africa. Giraffe numbers are plunging most in central and eastern Africa and are being offset somewhat by increases in southern Africa, he said.

SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE ANNOUNCES WINTER/SPRING SEASON FOR 2017

Sierra Madre Playhouse has lined up a stimulating season of entertainment for the first half of 2017. The schedule follows:

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



ESTATE PLANNING FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Young families face different estate planning needs and challenges than their more established counterparts. While established families may be concerned with what will happen to their family when they pass on, young, growing families can be more focused on what is happening to their family in the present. And they even may find it hard to justify planning for an "estate" they haven't yet developed!

Young couples tend to think that they don't really need to start worrying about estate planning until they reach retirement. They may think it is better to focus on building a life than planning what will happen when that life ends. But even young families can - and do - benefit from estate planning, regardless of their net worth. Here are a few estate-planning issues important for young couples to consider as soon as they start a family:

The Care and Custody of Your Children

If you die or become incapacitated before your children reach 18, they will need a legal guardian. To prevent avoid them from becoming wards of the state and placed in foster care, you will want to name both temporary and long-term guardians. Identify a willing and appropriate guardian for your children and document your choice. You'll also want to document backups in the event your first choice is unable to perform. This will provide you with the peace of mind that comes from, knowing your children will be well taken care of by the people you want if anything should happen to you.

The Management of Your Children's Property

Don't forget that if you die, the property left to your minor children will need to be managed by someone - at least until they turn eighteen. If no one is identified for this task, the court steps in and takes over the role, which results in unnecessary expenses and less control.

The Distribution of Your Belongings and Asset

As with your children's property, your estate plan should include the details on how you want your property will be managed. Again, if your wishes are not expressed, the court may step in to handle things. That means a loss of control, extra expense, and an impersonal experience for your loved ones.

The Management of Your Estate

Again, if you do not name a personal representative who will manage your estate, the court will appoint one. This can result in delays, extra fees and costs, and, in the end, there is no guarantee the representative will act in accordance with your wishes.

The Authority to Make Decisions for You

You should also consider giving powers of attorney to someone in the event you are unable to make sound personal financial or health care decisions for yourself. Not doing so makes things harder on your family both financially and emotionally.

Young families face different challenges than established families do, but all families share concern about their children's futures. You don't need a large estate to begin estate planning, but you should know what you want to do to protect your family and your assets should you die or become incapacitated. Far from being a morbid task, estate planning actually gives young families peace of mind, confidence, and security when it comes to the future well-being of all members of the family.

That's why at my firm, we don't just draft documents. We also help our clients make informed and empowered decisions about life and death, for themselves and the people they love. And that's the real power of estate planning.

MARC

A local attorney, father, and CASA volunteer (Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children), Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love most. His office is located at 49 S. Baldwin Ave., Ste. G, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.355.4000 or visit www.GarlettLaw.com for more information.

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RAGING MODERATE

by WILL DURST



PRESIDENTIAL APPRENTICE

Two months before joining the government in an entry level position, President-elect Donald Trump has been learning the ropes and is busier than a bartender ten minutes before midnight at a Times Square Applebee's on New Year's Eve. A large amount of time was spent selecting a cabinet of deplorables from his basket of deplorables and making sure the two sons from his first marriage, Uday and Qusay, had the proper security clearances. Their safari trophies were also expedited through customs.

Trump cleverly kept America's enemies on their toes by refusing to commit to moving into the White House. Replacing a black family living in public housing would cause him to break out in hives, and nobody wants an itchy beloved leader. Besides, Melania is reluctant to downsize.

Trump then advised people calling for a three state recount to "get over it." Reminded it had taken him seven and a half years to acknowledge Barack Obama was born in America, Trump invoked the classic, "do as I say, not as I do" doctrine, demonstrating a firm grip on the hypocritical handle necessary to wield a leadership baton. He honed his diplomatic skills getting into a fight with both a Broadway musical and "Saturday Night Live," leading folks to wonder how soon a Twitter war with Lady Gaga will break out.

But the majority of the future 45th President's time was spent reneging on a slew of campaign promises. Who would have thought a New York City developer would welsh on a deal? Oh yeah. Everybody.

- He settled the lawsuit he "would never settle" against Trump University because nobody wants the presidency plagued by frivolous distractions. And there will be plenty of other lawsuits to be frivolously distracted by.

- Trump now looks forward to getting advice from President Obama. Probably expects some problems with his Kenyan immigration policies.

- One of his major refrains was locking up Crooked Hillary. Now he's thanking her for her service to the country. Lock her up with hugs and kisses is what he meant.

- He will retain parts of Obama Care instead of getting rid of it on Day One like previously promised. It is thought his major complaint is Obama's name on the bill and as soon as the country starts referring to it as Trump Care, he'll be fine with it.

- That whole imposing a Muslim ban thing? No. No. No. He's imposing a muslim ban. No more imported loosely woven cotton fabric. In addition we're going to keep out those nasty Vicuna coats from Peru as well.

- An end to sanctuary cities? Yes. Definitely. Bird sanctuary cities.

- Going to impose tariffs on Chinese gods not goods. The Eight Immortals can remain eternal but they're going to have to do it on Chinese shores.

- Bomb ISIS. What he meant to say is the Egyptian goddess Isis is the bomb.

- Getting rid of NAFTA? No, he's going to get rid of naphtha and switch to the much more economical liquid gas to heat all his resort swimming pools.

- And building a wall- a simple misunderstanding. He's going to build a mall. And get Ross Dress for Less to pay for it.

- Huge tax cuts for the rich because god knows the rich need more money. Yeah. That one he's going to keep.

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LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

DICK POLMAN



SHOULD DEMOCRATS BECOME THE PARTY OF NO?

Barack Obama had just beaten John McCain by a margin of 10 million votes and 7.2 percentage points - the biggest Democratic win since 1964. Democrats also won both congressional chambers. And yet, despite this decisive pro-Democratic mandate to govern, congressional Republicans resolved, at a private dinner on day one, not to offer a scintilla of cooperation. They resolved to thwart Obama's efforts to fix the Great Recession, hoping that his failures would grease a Republican comeback in the 2012 race. Newt Gingrich, a dinner guest, reportedly told his former colleagues, "You will remember this day. You'll remember this as the day the seeds of 2012 were sown."

Here's where we are today: Trump has lost the popular vote (as of Wednesday) by a whopping 2.66 million. His losing share of the popular vote (46.2 percent) is the worst for an Electoral College winner since John Quincy Adams in 1824. Even his winning electoral vote margin (74) is a pittance compared to Obama's winning 2808 margin (192). So why should Democrats on Capitol Hill give Trump the cooperative deference that Republicans denied to Obama?

As Michael Corleone said in "The Godfather II" movie, "My offer is this: Nothing."

Cooperating with Trump, behaving as if he were just another Republican, would lend legitimacy to his authoritarian bent. Cooperating with Trump would "normalize" his racist populism and his serial lies. Such a strategy — tantamount to surrender — would be disastrous for a Democratic Party that has spent decades fighting for tolerance and diversity.

Democrats have buckled in the past. Even though George W. Bush lost the popular vote in 2000, they acted as if the guy had a mandate to govern. Lots of Democrats voted for Bush's deficit-cratering tax cuts. They voted for his Iraq war resolution, despite the dearth of evidence that Saddam had WMDs. They supplied enough votes to put John Roberts in charge of the Supreme Court.

Republicans reciprocated by foiling Obama on a regular basis, blocking everything from his 2011 American Jobs Act (which could've put as many as two million people back to work) to his last Supreme Court nominee (the radical refusal to even hold hearings on Merrick Garland was unprecedented).

David Faris, a political science prof at Roosevelt University, said it well in a column the other day:

"[Cooperation] is the first instinct of the Democratic Party even after a crushing, incomprehensible defeat ... The urge to minimize the damage in defense of the public interest is broadly shared, and understandable. It must make many Democrats proud to support a party that truly believes in the public good, even at the expense of winning."

"On the other hand, no. It's time for Democrats to say no. To everything ..."

"It helps that the Republicans — led by a man who rage-tweets fake news in the middle of the night — are about to embark on a long voyage of turning every single thing they touch into garbage. There should be no Democratic fingerprints whatsoever on the coming catastrophe ... Hand Trump the keys and let him drive into a tree."

That sounds harsh. But, lest we forget, Republicans paid virtually no political price for their eight years of anti-Obama obstruction. Voters didn't seem to care that Republicans thwarted a president who twice won elections with a majority of the popular vote. Why would they punish Democrats for standing in steadfast opposition to an unqualified poseur who was rejected last month by 53.8 percent of all voters? Chuck Schumer, the new Senate minority leader, is indeed warning that when Trump gets too extreme, "we'll go after him with everything we've got."

Senate Democrats can set the tone by putting Trump's Cabinet picks through the wringer, because a number of them deserve to be seriously slow-walked — most notably, attorney general nominee Jeff Sessions (rejected for a federal judgeship 30 years ago, due to his racist remarks), Treasury nominee Steve Mnuchin (who made piles of money foreclosing on homeowners during the Great Recession), and Health and Human Services nominee Tom Price (who wants to kill Obamacare, a move that would nix coverage for 20 million people). And what remotely qualifies Ben Carson to be housing secretary, beyond the fact that he lives in a house?

Fortunately, Democrats are indeed vowing to combat those nominees. Hey, it's a start. My unsolicited advice is simple: Grow a pair.

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JOHN L. MICEK

THE POPULIST AND HIS CREW OF BILLIONAIRES



A cabinet populated by bankers and wealthy insiders. A \$1 million premier package of tickets to the presidential inauguration in January. And a posh dinner with Mr. 47 Percent, himself, Mitt Romney. If his earliest actions are any guide, America's incoming chief executive isn't so much draining Washington's swamp as he is refilling it with higher quality sludge.

As The Washington Post reports, three of President-elect Donald J. Trump's cabinet picks have personal net worths running to the billions of dollars. One possible pick for energy secretary, Harold Hamm, is worth \$15 billion alone.

That's \$15 billion - with a "B." Crack open your wallet - do you even have \$15 in cash in it right now?

And if you're thinking about heading to Washington for the inaugural festivities, you'd better take out that second mortgage now. Trump and his team are looking to raise an eye-watering and record-breaking \$65 million to \$75 million to finance inaugural events across the Capital.

They're doing it on the back of high-dollar events that include an "exclusive" luncheon with Trump's cabinet picks; a dinner with Vice President-elect Mike Pence and his wife and a "ladies luncheon" with Ivanka and Melania Trump, The New York Times reported.

The events will run anywhere from \$25,000 to as much as \$1 million. That's a long way from the hot dogs and chips populism that fueled Trump's packed rallies on the campaign trail earlier this year.

And, just for good measure, Trump's chief strategist, Stephen K. Bannon, once mused about the possibility of only letting property owners vote. When an associate reminded him that would shut out a lot of black voters, Bannon allegedly said "maybe that's not such a bad thing."

So maybe it's no surprise that the shine went off Trump's populism not long after he entered the halls of power. It was a mirage to begin with.

Keep in mind, this is a guy with a private jet; who lives in a gold-plated penthouse on top of a skyscraper in midtown Manhattan, and who has never had a problem showing off the gaudy trappings of his success.

The "blue-collar" billionaire who was going to build a wall; repeal and replace Obamacare and "lock-up" Hillary Clinton has been since been exposed as something much more obvious - and far less surprising - a card-carrying member of the same elite he said he would scourge.

Remember how Trump teed off on Hillary Clinton's six-figure speeches to Goldman Sachs during his rallies? Well, it's not such a nest of vipers that he's above raiding it for two of his cabinet picks.

Trump's choice for treasury secretary is former Goldman partner Stephen Mnuchin. Another Goldman executive, Gary Cohn, might be tapped for budget director.

As Politico notes, after a decade in the "wilderness," the Wall Street firm that was the embodiment of the financial collapse is set for a big-time return to Washington and maybe even a rehabilitation of its battered public image.

After all, as recently as October, Trump was Tweeting that Clinton was "[meeting] in secret with international banks to plot the destruction of U.S. sovereignty in order to enrich" her donors. Putting aside the disturbingly undertones of anti-Semitism from candidate Trump in that 140-character burst, President-elect Trump now seems to find that international cabal of bankers perfectly acceptable.

Again, that's no surprise.

It's always been accepted wisdom that Trump, a Washington outsider, with little to no existing political network, was going to have to turn to Washington's elite and veteran Republican hands to populate his administration.

On the one hand, that's a good sign because it means that some of Trump's more radical campaign trail proposals will be moderated.

And despite the presence of Bannon, the white nationalist Trump-whisperer at his side, both Mnuchin and Cohn are Jewish, which means some of the uglier, dog-whistle tactics of the campaign might be jettisoned as well.

But that again might leave the blue-collar voters who packed Trump's rallies wondering what they signed on for.

If Trump doesn't repeal and replace all of Obamacare, doesn't bring back coal or manufacturing jobs, but instead doles out goodies to the 1 percent in the form of tax cuts (as a Republican Congress will no doubt demand), there could be some restlessness in the cheap seats.

At the Sex Pistols' notorious final live show at San Francisco's Winterland in 1978, lead singer Johnny Rotten asked the crowd, "Ever get the feeling you've been cheated?"

After 18 months of being promised the Earth - and the moon to boot - Trump's hardcore supporters might want find themselves asking the same thing.

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MAKING SENSE

by MICHAEL REAGAN

TRUMP RIGHT TO WORRY ABOUT AT&T, TIME WARNER MERGER



On Wednesday, the Senate Judiciary committee held a significant hearing on the proposed \$84 billion merger between AT&T and Time Warner, which owns CNN.

AT&T's CEO Randall Stephenson testified, and faced tough questions from senators who seemed to understand allowing this merger will have important implications for a free press and American democracy for many years to come.

During the recent election candidate Trump said, "AT&T is buying Time Warner, and thus CNN, a deal we will not approve in my administration because it's too much concentration of power in the hands of too few."

Since then a number of press reports — no doubt pushed by AT&T — are suggesting President Trump will have a laissez faire approach and the deal will go through.

Knowing of the grassroots concerns that many conservative leaders share, I doubt President Trump or Congress will rubber stamp this deal.

Trump was right when he warned of the massive concentration of media power in a few hands.

Consider that today 90 percent of cable television networks are owned by just six companies: Time Warner (CNN), Viacom, CBS, ABC, Comcast (NBC) and 21st Century Fox.

Of these major conglomerates only Fox gives conservatives a fair shake. New, independent networks like Newsmax TV are on the rise, but the big media still controls, dangerously, the flow of information to the public. Trump was their most recent victim.

A combination of AT&T and Time Warner will be toxic, further constricting competition and press diversity.

AT&T is a giant media company which also owns DirecTV. They also were a major corporate backer of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. They strongly opposed Donald Trump's election.

Time Warner's CNN was nothing short of the "Clinton News Network" — a 24-hour propaganda machine spewing out anti-Trump and anti-Republican venom.

Right now AT&T has 26.3 million pay TV subscribers through DirecTV and ATT U-verse service — controlling about 25 percent of the U.S. cable market. They are the largest cable/satellite operator in the U.S. bar none.

By owning the largest chunk of cable home distribution, AT&T will obviously be in a position to favor their own channels like CNN, over other channels like Fox News, Newsmax and many others.

The ability for AT&T to discriminate against other cable networks that could compete against CNN or their other networks would be endless.

AT&T, which controls a huge percent of the mobile telephone market, could exempt its mobile customers from data usage charges if they stream CNN content, but streaming independent news networks like Newsmax might continue to count against high speed data caps.

Frankly, I am usually in favor of government keeping its hands-off business activities.

But there are exceptions.

When certain businesses act like monopolies or near monopolies, have unusual access to publicly-owned or controlled distribution systems, and get preferential access to broadcast/satellite airwaves, then government has a compelling need to insure that such media companies act in a fair way to insure competition and the diversity of public opinion.

We already know that vertical integration of cable operators undermines competition. For example, when Comcast completed its merger of NBC back in 2011, it promised that it would not favor its own channels over other channels, agreeing to a condition that would have put the Bloomberg financial news channel on equal footing with CNBC across its distribution platform.

It is well known that Comcast never honored the condition. For this and other reasons, Comcast's recent effort to merge with Time Warner was rejected.

AT&T has not demonstrated, in my opinion, a real desire to support the public's interest in the areas of competition, diversity and fairness.

Recently the Department of Justice sued AT&T and its subsidiary DirecTV for price fixing and illegally colluding to harm consumers.

There are many reasons why the FCC and Congress needs to handle this merger with intense scrutiny and remember this is not a business decision, but a matter that affects our democratic institutions.

President-elect Trump knows this first hand.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF
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The following person(s) CHANGMING WEI, 990

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File No. 2016282344
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: GENX CONSULTING, 23309 8th St., Newhall, CA 91321. Full name of registrant(s) is SUSIE RAMIREZ 23309 8th St., Newhall, CA 91321. This Business is conducted by: An Individual. Signed: SUSIE RAMIREZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/21/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Gen X Consulting. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: Mountain Views News ES DATES PUB: Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016282351
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KIDS LEARN FUN, 442 Coldwater Canyon St., North Hollywood, CA 91606. Full name of registrant(s) is NEW LINE SEO INC, 6442 Coldwater Canyon St., North Hollywood, CA, 91606. This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. Signed: RAZMIK GRIGORIANS This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/21/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Kids Learn and Fun. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: Mountain Views News ES DATES PUB: Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2016

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File No. 2016282363
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TRULY BLESSED WATCH ME WORK, 11657 Oxnard St #120, North Hollywood, CA, 91606. Full name of registrant(s) is TRULY BLESSED WATCH ME WORK, 11657 Oxnard St #120, North Hollywood, CA, 91606. This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. Signed: KWAME PATTERSON This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/21/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Truly Blessed Watch Me Work. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: Mountain Views News ES DATES PUB: Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016282488
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AROZ Bakery 5637 1/2 Lakerish Blvd., North Hollywood, CA, 91601. Full name of registrant(s) is SAMUEL MADATYAN 5637 1/2 Lakerish Blvd., North Hollywood, CA, 91601. This Business is conducted by: An Individual. Signed: ALL CAPS NAME ON FORM This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/21/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aroz Bakery. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: Mountain Views News ES DATES PUB: Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016285421
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MONTESSORI MAGIC KEY, 7243 Newcastle Ave., Reseda, CA, 91335. Full name of registrant(s) is ALEX SINELNIKOV 7243 Newcastle Ave., Reseda, CA, 91335. This Business is conducted by: An Individual. Signed: ALEX SINELNIKOV This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/23/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced

to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Montessori Magic Key. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: Mountain Views News ES DATES PUB: Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2016

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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: ORGANIC PLANET, 4040 WEST WASHINGTON BLVD, #19062, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90018. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS LEGACY FARM INC, 4040 WEST WASHINGTON BLVD, #19062, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90018. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION. SIGNED: LEGACY FARM INC. THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/30/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON ORGANIC PLANET. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: DEC. 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2016

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File No. 2016289629
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: ASN CONSULTING 4454 COLDWATER CANYON APT. #303, STUDIO CITY, CA, 91604. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS ANASTASIA NEDORIZOVA, 4454 COLDWATER CANYON APT. #303, STUDIO CITY, CA, 91604. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: ANASTASIA NEDORIZOVA. THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/30/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON ASN CONSULTING. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: NOV. 12, 19, 26, DEC. 05, 2016

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File No. 2016289828
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: VIGORIA RANCHITO WAY HOME CARE, 8431 RANCHITO WAY, PANORAMA CITY, CA, 91402. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS MA. VIGORIA TRINIDAD VOSMENA, 8431 RANCHITO AVE., PANORAMA CITY, CA, 91402. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: MA. VIGORIA TRINIDAD VOSMENA THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/30/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON VERGARA (AGENCY) HOME CARE. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: NOV. 12, 19, 26, DEC. 05, 2016

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File No. 2016289866
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: GC3 CONTRACTING, 24309 CHERYL KELTON PLACE, NEWHALL, CA, 91321. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS JAMIE MARTIN GUJARDO, 24309 CHERYL KELTON PLACE, NEWHALL, CA, 91321. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: JAMIE MARTIN GUJARDO THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/30/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT

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File No. 2016289325
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: CALIFORNIA STAR LOGISTICS, 413 W. DRYEN ST. APT. 1, GLENDALE, CA, 91202. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS NEDIK BOGHEZ, 413 DRYEN ST. APT. 1, GLENDALE, CA, 91202. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. SIGNED: LAUREN CLARK THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/30/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON CALIFORNIA STAR LOGISTICS. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: DEC. 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2016

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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: CALIFORNIA FISH BONE, 4350 LAUREL CANYON BLVD., STUDIO CITY, CA, 91604. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS MORRIS BOTIZ 4810 TOPANGA CANYON BLVD #104, WOODLAND HILLS, CA, 91364. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: MORRIS BOTIZ THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/29/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON CALIFORNIA FISH BONE. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: DEC. 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2016

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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: AL'S AUTO DETAIL, 5926 CARLTON WAY APT. #3, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90028. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS ALBERT CEBALLOS, 5926 CARLTON WAY APT. #3, LOS ANGELES, 90028. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: ALBERT CEBALLOS THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/29/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON AL'S AUTO DETAIL. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: DEC. 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2016

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File No. 2016287475
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: HUMMUS YUMMY FOOD TRUCK, 7850 CLYBURN ST., SUN VALLEY, CA, 91382. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS SHACHAR WINER, 577 ORTIZ PL., VILLETTE, CA, 91607. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: SHACHAR WINER THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/29/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED

TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON HUMMUS YUMMY FOOD TRUCK. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: DEC. 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2016

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File No. 20156288029
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: PILLWOMAN THE MOVIE, 20555 DEVONSHIRE AVE, #190, CHATSWORTH, CA, 91311. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS ETHEL SUMMERS-NEWBY, 20555 DEVONSHIRE AVE, #190, CHATSWORTH, CA, 91311. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: NEDIK BOGHEZ THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/29/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON CALIFORNIA STAR LOGISTICS. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: DEC. 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2016

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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: N.A.R. TRUCKING, 1312 SPAZIER AVE., GLENDALE, CA, 91201. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS ROMIK MIRZAYAN, 1312 SPAZIER AVE., GLENDALE, CA, 91201. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: ROMIK MIRZAYAN THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/29/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON N.A.R. TRUCKING. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: DEC. 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2016

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File No. 2016286806
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: DEE'S LIQUOR, 11723 SATICOV ST. STE D, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA, 91605. D'S LIQUOR 15562 CRESTVIEW LN., GRANADA HILLS, CA, 91344. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS SOUTHLAND BEVERAGES INC, 15562 CRESTVIEW LN., GRANADA HILLS, CA, 91344. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION. SIGNED: DEEPIKA KUMAR THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/28/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON DEE'S LIQUOR, D'S LIQUOR. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: DEC. 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2016

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File No. 2016287475
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: LA'S BST HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING, 6235 KESTER AVE, #210, VAN NUYS, CA, 91411. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS SEYED JAVAD HOSSEINI, 6235 KESTER AVE, #220, VAN NUYS, CA, 91411. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: SEYED JAVAD HOSSEINI THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/29/16. THE REGISTRANT(S)

HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON LA'S BEST HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: DEC. 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016286710
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: PA TRANSPORTATION, 1019 WINCHESTER AVE, APT #106, GLENDALE, CA, 91201. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS PIVONIK AVAKYAN, 1019 WINCHESTER AVE, APT. #106, GLENDALE, CA, 91201. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: PIVONIK AVAKYAN THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/28/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON PA TRANSPORTATION. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: DEC. 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016286978
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SHALEY SENIOR LIVING, 6245 MATILJA AVE., VALLEY GLEN, CA, 91401. P.O. BOX 5704, BEVERLY HILLS, CA, 90209. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS ESTER SENIOR HOMES INC, 6245 MATILJA AVE., VALLEY GLEN, CA, 91401. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION. SIGNED: ESTER SENIOR HOMES INC. THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/28/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON SHALEY SENIOR HOMES. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: DEC. 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016286221
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: FERR. INSTALLS, 5619 EBEY AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90042. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS FERNANDO FLORES RANGEL, 5619 EBEY AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90042. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: FERNANDO FLORES RANGEL THIS STATEMENT WAS

FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/28/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON F.F.R. INSTALLS. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: DEC. 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016286188
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: H&B DIAMOND, 5443 CARLTON WAY 145, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90027. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS HARUTYUN BASABAKHYAN, 5443 CARLTON WAY 145, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90027. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: HARUTYUN BASABAKHYAN THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/28/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON H&B DIAMOND. NOTICE- THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). PUBLISH: MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS ES DATES PUB: DEC. 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 201622229
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LE NAILUX 129 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., SIERRA MADRE, CA, 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is KIM NGOC TRAN LE, 319 POMERO AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA, 91755. This Business is conducted by: An Individual. Signed: KIM NGOC TRAN LE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/22/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: Mountain Views News MBP DATES PUB: Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016292232
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CONTESSA 380 S. LAKE AVE., PASADENA, CA, 91101. Full name of registrant(s) is CONTESSA COLLECTIONS, LLC 380 S. LAKE AVE., PASADENA, CA, 91101. This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. Signed: MARIA LUISA FABRRI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/22/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: Mountain Views News MBP DATES PUB: Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2016292230
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CONTESSA ITALIAN FOODS COLLECTION 380 SOUTH LAKE AVE PASADENA, CA, 91101. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CONTESSA COLLECTIONS, LLC 380 SOUTH LAKE AVE PASADENA, CA, 91101. This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. Signed: MARIA LUISA FABRRI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/22/2016. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: Mountain Views News MBP DATES PUB: Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2016

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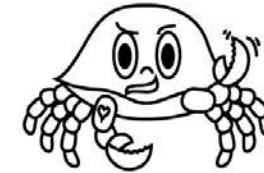


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...and bring them to the Senior Center.



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December is here!

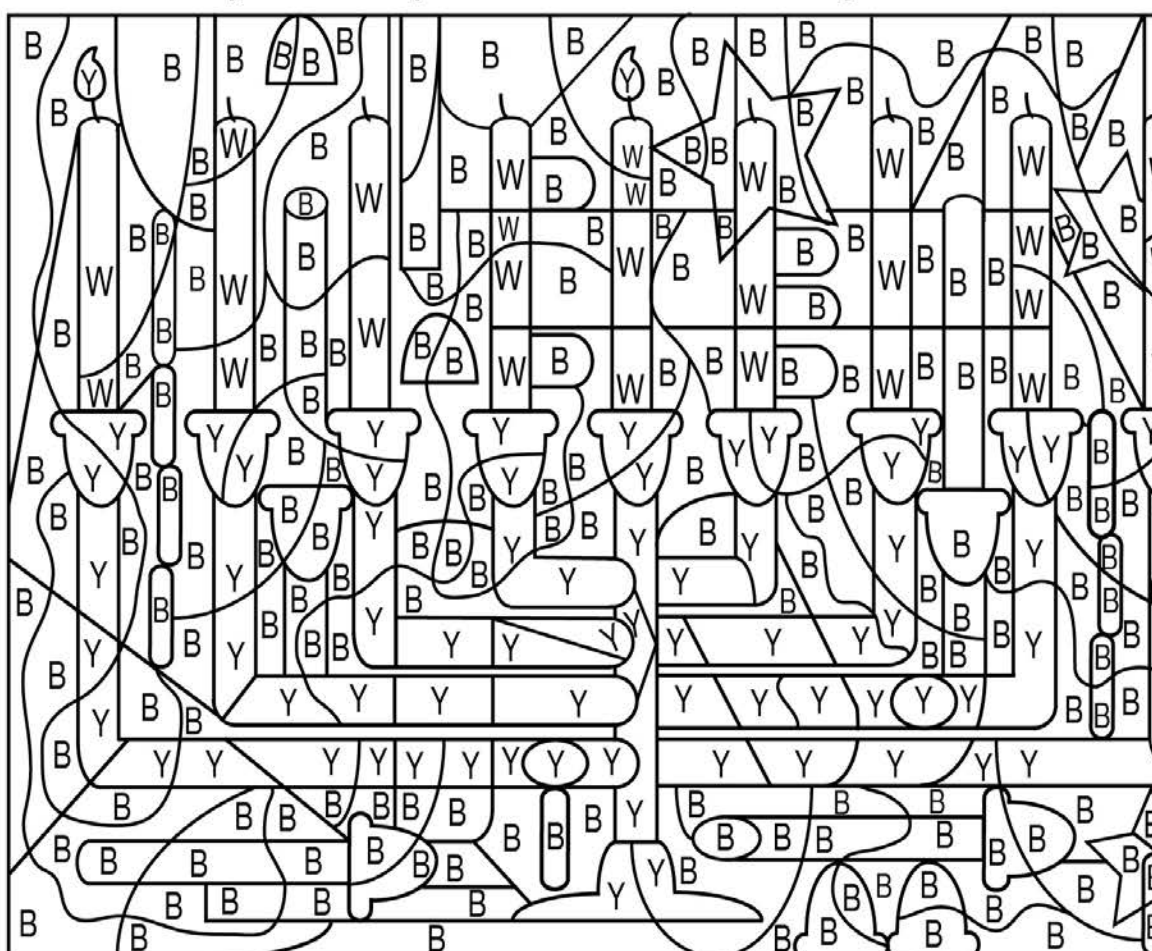
Everyone is busy, busy, busy! They are getting ready for the holidays. Each family has its own customs and traditions. What is your family doing?

Finish the puzzles on this page to find out what people are doing at this time of year.

Festival of Lights

Color Key: Y = yellow B = blue W = white

This family is taking out a family heirloom. It will help them remember the miracle of Hanukkah. Find your colored pencils and follow the color key to find out what it is.



Holiday Family Fun

My town has a donation box to help make the holidays brighter for people who are going through hard times, who are alone or who just need a little cheering up. We also have a fun community dinner that anyone can attend and bring a treat to, if they wish. Here are some easy, low-cost ideas to join in the giving spirit:

1. Put some hot chocolate packets, tea bags or coffee in a _____.
2. Group small surprises (deck of cards, pencil, score pad) in a _____.
3. Put a few paperback books in an attractive _____.
4. Gather some fresh fruit into a _____.
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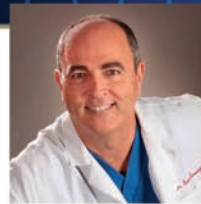
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