

Sierra Madre News Briefs

BANK OF AMERICA MYSTERY

Earlier this week, several residents contacted the Mountain Views News regarding an incident that was in progress at the Bank of America on Sierra Madre Blvd. According to eyewitnesses, employees of the bank were escorted outside the building which was surrounded by police vehicles. However, after contact with the SMPD's Watch Commander, there was no record of a call to the bank. One employee of the bank reported that a teller had accidentally set off the alarm. In an effort to verify what really happened, the Mountain Views News spoke with bank employee Stephanie Lau who referred the paper to the bank's Media Relations Department. At press time, no one from that department contacted the reporter. Whether or not this was an accidental activation of the bank's alarm system, a training incident or something more serious, the community wants answers. The Mountain Views News will continue to pursue the full story of this incident.

From the City Manager's Report:

COMMUNITY MEETING On Wednesday night, the Department hosted a Crime Prevention Workshop in the City Council chambers, inviting residents to learn more about successful crime prevention measures. Approximately 45 residents attended the meeting including Council Member Capoccia, Public Safety Committee Members, Rosemary Burnett and Bill Coburn, along with several Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, and City Manager Aguilar. Attendees gave the presentation high marks!

SIERRA MADRE RAIN TOTALS

Last Fiscal Year Oct.1, 2015 to Sept.30, 2016	12.98"
5 year Average	10.90"
Year to Date	3.11"
Friday's Storm 12/16/16	1.53"

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE City Hall, the Hart Park Senior Center, and the Sierra Madre Public Library will be closed from December 26, 2016 through January 3, 2017. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. All public safety offices will remain open during this period. Anyone experiencing an emergency may call 911 for assistance. Any non-emergency calls can be made to (626) 355-1414.

Public Works staff will be working normal hours through the holiday but employees will be off on Christmas Monday and the Monday after New Year's Day in observance of the holidays. In case of any emergency, staff can be reached through the Police Department Dispatch Center.

ATHLETIC FIELD PROJECT UPDATE

A meeting was conducted Wednesday, December 14th at the Sierra Madre Middle School, with field renovation professionals and landscape contractors who previously worked with PUSD; and including the community youth sports league presidents, Principal Garrett Newsom, and City staff to begin moving forward with the initial phase of the Athletic Field Project. The scope of work will quickly be forthcoming, followed by bids, and review by city and district representatives.

TOY DONATIONS AT THE FIRE STATION

The Sierra Madre Volunteer

Firefighters' Association will continue the tradition of their annual toy donation on Wednesday, December 21, 2016. This year members of the Association Board will visit children at City of Hope as well as the children of the Maryvale Orphanage.

POWER OUTAGE AT THE LIBRARY

The Library experienced a power outage on Friday, December 16, 2016. Power was restored in time to open at its regular noon-time but internet was not immediately available. The City's Facebook page posted updates throughout the day.

BUILDING MINI ROSE FLOATS AT THE LIBRARY

Join us for a special story time with the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association on Monday, December 21st at 10:00 am. You will hear about this year's rose float and build your own miniature version.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECAP

Group Living Facilities Regulations The Planning Commission directed to staff to schedule a Public Hearing for the January 5, 2017. The Commission will consider a resolution and forward their recommendation to City Council. The Commission also continued their effort to amend the Discretionary Demolition ordinance and directed staff to return to the Commission with the revised language as a discussion item.

SMPD AT THEIR BEST...JUST DOING WHAT THEY DO!



Sierra Madre PD's Detective Henry Amos saw a Madrean in need. This gentleman's electric wheelchair lost power on S. Baldwin and Mariposa Ave. and he could not get back home. Det. Amos showing concern, left his patrol vehicle and on foot gave him a push... to his home in the middle of the block on Esperanza Ave. A great example of compassion for this resident and of leadership to his officers in training. Great job Det. Amos!

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](http://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.

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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<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR JANUARY 5, 2017  
6:30 pm

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

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

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

## Your event must:

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

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

SIERRA MADRE CITY  
MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, JANUARY 5, 2017,  
6:30 pm

Can't make it to the meeting, but still want to share your thoughts? You can mail or drop off a written statement to City Hall or email [cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:cityofsierramadre.com) before 5:30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members. Sierra Madre City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (626) 355-7135

## Upcoming Public Meetings

Monday, December 19 - Community Services Commission - MEETING CANCELLED  
Wednesday, December 21 - Energy, Environment, & Natural Resources Commission MEETING CANCELLED  
Tuesday, December 27 - City Council - MEETING CANCELLED

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.



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## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

December 4, to December 11, 2016

During this time period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 210 day and night time calls for service.

## Tuesday, December 6

It appears that at about 9:00 p.m., an unknown suspect(s) entered the resident's open garage and unlocked vehicle. The suspect(s) stole a wallet that contained U.S. currency and miscellaneous credit/debit cards. One card were later used at a retail store in the San Fernando Valley at 10:01 p.m. and another card was used at a gas station in the Inland Empire at 10:24 p.m. This case forwarded to Detectives

10:14 p.m.

A resident in the 400 block of Fairview Terrace reported an attempted break-in at his residence. It appears that sometime between 3:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., unknown suspect(s) attempted to gain entry into the residence by smashing a French-style door window pane leading into the family room. An attempt to enter was also made through a bedroom window. The victim reported that it did not appear that any items were stolen. Case forwarded to Detectives

## Wednesday, December 7

At about 7:56 a.m. an officer was dispatched to the 00 block of E. Esperanza Ave. regarding a theft from a vehicle report. The victim stated that on 12/6/16 at about 7:30 p.m. she left her unlocked car in the car port of the apartment complex, when she returned the following morning at about 7:45 am. she noticed her glove box open and several items missing. Case pending new information

8:49 p.m.

Officers responded to the 00 block of N. Lima Street for a report of a physical altercation. During the course of the investigation, and with the information provided, the officers arrested the male and booked him at the Pasadena Jail for battery. Case forwarded to the D.A.'s office for filing consideration

## Thursday, December 8

An unknown person(s) broke a large window pane in the 600 block of Sierra Madre Blvd. between the hours of 12/7/16 at about 9:30 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. this date. Officers reported that this case is pending.

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## Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis



"As we struggle with shopping lists, to do lists and invitations, plus our own unreal expectations for all we expect ourselves to do, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same." Donald E. Westlake

It's Tuesday. Time Warner Cable was out all day yesterday, we spent the morning, my ever supportive best friend, John, and I, dealing with all the stuff one has to do when someone runs into your car, i.e., filing the claim, getting the estimate, crying. And there are twelve days left till Christmas. Ack!

Cranberry-apple bread is in the freezer and two kinds of cookie batter will be finished this morning. The apple butter, lemon marmalade and strawberry preserves are beautiful, labeled and ready to pack up for all the folks on John's client list and assorted friends and family in far away places.

Our house looks beautiful. Our carpets have been gloriously cleaned. We have two dinner parties all planned, ready to prepare and enjoy. Most of the shopping is done...a word of gratitude here for Amazon.com. The only shopping I need to do is a trip to Petunia's here in town for some new earrings for my daughters.

Our Huntington Beach son, John, and his wife, Michon, who is one of my dearest family members, posted a video on Facebook of their two little boys, Caleb (3) and Brady (1) admiring their beautifully decorated Christmas tree which is totally surrounded by baby gates. I watched this several times and it made me laugh and quit stressing over all the stuff that isn't done...like Christmas cards. A brief aside: Why do we send Christmas cards? Mainly to find out if everybody we send them to is still alive and married to the same people they were married to last year.

One of my favorite authors, Michelle Griep, publishes a daily blog, Writer Off The Leash, which I enjoy tremendously on a daily basis. Here's what she shared today and it's so good I want to pass it along, with many thanks for this good advice, to all of you dear friends and neighbors.

### Five Ways To Slay Holiday Stress

#### Change Your Perspective

Sometimes all that needs to be slain is your mindset. This season take a good, hard look at all that you're doing and then question everything. You could be stressing yourself out because of expectations and values that aren't really yours. Examine what your core beliefs are and live those out, not some goofy-butt Hallmark Christmas movie ideals.

#### Let Go

Who says you need to do it all? Unless you're Martha

Stewart, you don't have to. Choose 1 item to cut from your must-get-done-before-Christmas list and just say no. I'm not talking simply crossing it off your list. I'm saying cut it out and throw it away for good. Maybe you'll decide not to do cards anymore or give up baking 6 different kinds of cookies. Whatever. The point is to stop doing 1 activity.

#### Plan Ahead

Obviously you're not going to cut everything from your holiday season. Decide on what you'll keep (remember, you're being proactive by choosing what you will keep and what you won't) then whip out your calendar and plan those things into your schedule. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Putting things off until the last minute causes undue anxiety.

#### Shop Online

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#### Say No

This one is the hardest of all because you want to have fun as much as the next guy, right? Or your heart is big and you want to help everyone who has a need. Or you just plain old don't want others to think badly of you. Well, Bucko, in order to lessen your stress you just might need to let someone else stress out in your place by saying no. And if you do, guess what? You'll find that your "yes's" have a whole new meaning.

Life is short. Live intentionally, whether it's Christmas or not.

There now, don't you feel better? Take a breath, or two or three, drive 'round town and enjoy everyone's lights and decorations and remember this old saying: Jesus is the reason for the season! Go to a Christmas concert. Watch one of the Christmas movies on the Hallmark channel. Go out to lunch with somebody nice. Tell someone you love them. Hug a lot of people. Then hug a bunch more! And smile. A lot!

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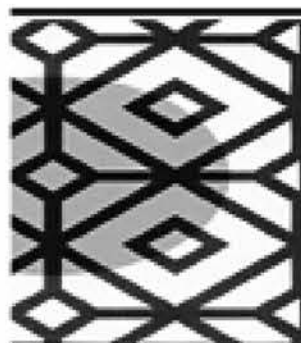


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## Local Area News Briefs

### Police Seek South Pasadena Package Thief



South Pasadena Police are asking for the public's help Identify a man caught with a surveillance camera Wednesday stealing a large package off the porch of a home in the 1400 block of Milan Avenue. According to police, at about 12:07 p.m. man pulled into the victim's driveway, walked up to the front porch and dragged a large box, containing a trampoline, back to his car and drove off. The man described as 30 to 35 year old Hispanic man with brown hair and a mustache, was wearing a brightly colored safety vest. Police also said he had on a black shirt, blue jeans and black and white Converse tennis shoes. Anyone with information should contact detectives at 626-403-7280.

### Two people die in separate car accidents last week

Authorities named two people who died in separate car crashes in Pasadena last week. Police indentified Maria Luciana Gomez as the female passage killed Saturday morning after the driver identified as Javier Placencia, Jr. of Pasadena lost control of the vehicle they were in striking a pole near Seco Street and Rosemont Avenue. Gomez was pronounced dead at 6:25 a.m. In a separate crash Monday in the 1400 block of South Oak Knoll Avenue, authorities identified Zarzand Peetrosyan of Altadena as the person killed when his hit a tree. Police said the single car crash occurred about 10:30 a.m. Peetrosyan died at the scene.

## Pet of the Week



Linus (A409658) is an 8-year-old, male, miniature pinscher. This sweet pup is a total lap dog – within seconds of meeting you he'll be ready to hop onto your lap for cuddle time. Linus loves being petted and likes being held. When he's not busy seeking your affection, he enjoys going for walks. Linus has gotten along well with other small dogs out on our Mobile Unit. Linus's adoption fee is \$125 and includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, and vaccinations. Linus qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program, so his adoption fee is only \$20 for adopters age 60 and up. New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet. Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at (626) 792-7151 to ask about A409658, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.



## Police Air Operations , Santa, Deliver Toys to Pediatric Patients at Huntington

The Pasadena Police Air Operations Section and the Foothill Air Support Team (FAST) held their 11th annual Christmas Toy Drive Wednesday morning at the Pediatrics Ward of Huntington Memorial Hospital. Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez helped Santa Clause and his "elves" as they bear gifts and holiday cheer in their own special rotor-equipped sleigh.

After visiting the hospital, the flight crews conducted a second ground based mission where children impacted by domestic violence visited the Police Heliport. This event was be held in conjunction with Peace Over Violence. Peace Over Violence is an organization committed to serving domestic violence and sexual assault survivors in our community. "We are so appreciative of their

generosity and commitment to serving survivors," comments Peace Over Violence Program Director Sandy Monroy about the event.

## Union Station Homeless Services to Feed Hundreds

*Due to Health Department regulations, Union Station Homeless Services cannot accept turkey or prepared food donations at the event.*

In a show of compassion and holiday spirit, hundreds of volunteers of all ages will gather together on Christmas Day to serve meals and cheer at Union Station Homeless Services' first annual Christmas at the Station. For the past several years, Union Station has held Christmas dinner in Pasadena's Central Park. This year, however, instead of holding the event in the park, Union Station will begin a new tradition by moving the festivities to their Adult Center on Raymond Avenue, a 56-bed emergency shelter for men and women. Volunteers will help prepare and serve meals-including Christmas ham, macaroni and cheese, corn, green beans, dinner rolls and pie-to all who are hungry at Union Station's Adult Center on Christmas Day. "Christmas at the Station is another brilliant way in which the community comes together to let our most vulnerable members know that they are valued and cared about," said John Brauer, Union Station's new CEO. "We're blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers, donors and sponsors come together to provide a great meal for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and poverty."

Volunteer registration for this event is now closed, but community members are invited to help Union Station collect the ingredients and kitchen supplies needed to prepare a great Christmas meal! The wish list of much-needed items is available at [unionstationhs.org/christmas](http://unionstationhs.org/christmas). Donors may drop off these supplies in the indicated sizes at the Adult Center (412 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena).

### Free Event at the Senior Center

There is something for everyone at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. You do not have to be a member to attend. Improve your balance, strength and flexibility and quiet your mind at this gentle and meditative class taught by Kathy Eastwood, a certified yoga instructor and a registered nurse with the Huntington Hospital Outreach Program. The class is limited to 25 participants. Register in advance at the Welcome Desk or call 626-795-4331. Founded in 1960, the Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that offers recreational, educational, wellness and social services to people ages 50 and older.

## Tournament of Roses set to Hold Bandfest at PCC

The Tournament of Roses will again hold Bandfest, the pre parade event, where parade fans can catch a sneak peek of the 2017 Rose Parade bands as they perform their award-winning field shows that led to their selection. This is a chance to see these talented musicians, dancers, and auxiliary performers in action before they complete the 5.5 mile march down Colorado Boulevard. Over the course of these two days, each band, along with its auxiliary performers, will present the field show that has led to its success. Three Bandfest events will take place at Pasadena City College: Bandfest I: December 30, starting at 1 p.m. Bandefest II: December 31, starting at 9:30 am Bandfest III: December 31, starting at 2:00 pm

In February, Tournament President Brad Ratliff announced the 21 marching bands that will participate in the 128th Rose Parade, themed "Echoes of Success." The bands hail from across the United States as well as from Japan and Mexico. Bands are selected by the Tournament based on a variety of criteria including musicianship, marching ability and entertainment or special interest value. Advance tickets are available through Sharp Seating Company (children 5 and under are free). Tickets may also be purchased at the venue beginning 30 minutes prior to the performance time, pending availability. For more information about Bandfest and a complete list of marching bands to participate in the 128th Rose Parade visit [tournamentofroses.com](http://tournamentofroses.com).



## Cheeseburger Week Returns to Pasadena

Pasadena honors Lionel Sternberger's during Cheeseburger Week from January 8th to January 13th, his genius was being the first to put cheese to hamburger and serve it at the Rite Spot in Pasadena in 1924. Forty of Pasadena's favorite restaurants, lounges and burger joints offer their signature burgers, some special creations during Pasadena Cheeseburger Week. Some, such as El Portal and Del Frisco's Grille offer specially created burgers for Cheeseburger Week. Some surprising entries this year come from El Cholo and True Food Kitchen.

Pie 'n Burger and Lucky Baldwin's have deals for Cheeseburger Week. Dog Haus and Dog Haus Biergarten are adding an additional patty and cheese slice to every cheeseburger order. Patrons can vote for your favorites in the Cheeseburger Challenge. Who makes your favorite lunch counter burger? Who serves your favorite turkey burger? Who makes your favorite veggie burger? Who serves your favorite white table cloth burger? Who serves your favorite craft beer with a burger? You decide during Cheeseburger Week, January 8th through January 13th. The story goes that sixteen



year-old Lionel Sternberger burning a hamburger on the grill and covering his mistake with cheese rather than throw the burger away. The customer was delighted and a new culinary treat was added to the menu, the Aristocratic Burger: A Hamburger with Cheese sold for fifteen cents at The Rite Spot in Pasadena. The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce hosts the sixth Cheeseburger Week and Cheeseburger Challenge. Plan to come to Pasadena for a Cheeseburger Crawl, take the Cheeseburger Challenge and celebrate Lionel Sternberger's culinary legacy in the city where the cheeseburger was first served. Suggested Cheeseburger Crawls can be found at [www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com](http://www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com). Voting in the 2017 Cheeseburger Challenge opens January 8, and ends January 14.

## Holiday Events at Lake Avenue Church

During the Christmas and New Year season Lake Avenue Church will sponsor many events, including a Christmas concert, children's programs, Messiah sing-along and candlelight services. These events are: - Christmas Concert: Messiah Has Come, Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. in the Worship Center. Featuring "Gloria," by Randol Alan Bass, as well as favorite Christmas songs performed by the church's adult and children's choirs, brass, handbells, and guest soloist, David Hughey. No tickets needed. Childcare for children through age three in the Family Life Center. - O Cookie Town of Bethlehem, Wednesday, December 21, from 6-8 p.m. in Family Life 300. Free and fun for families. Use your gingerbread building skills to create a "Town of Bethlehem"

from gingerbread cookies to the sound of Christmas music. Cookies and frosting provided, you bring candies and decorations. - Christmas Eve Family Service, Saturday Dec. 24, 4 p.m. in the Worship Center. A casual service for the whole family led by a praise band. Childcare for children to four years old available in the Family Life Center. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, Saturday Dec. 24 in the Worship Center, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., led by the choir and orchestra. The hour concludes with the lighting of candles. Childcare is not available for these services. - Christmas Day Combined Service Sunday, Dec. 25, at 10 am. Childcare and Early Childhood ministries will be offered for children through age four through 3rd Grade. For questions about Christmas season events, contact [worship@lakeave.org](mailto:worship@lakeave.org) or call (626) 844-4721. Lake Avenue Church is located at 393 N. Lake Avenue in Pasadena, at the corner of Lake Avenue and the 210 Freeway.

Scientists at Caltech announced Wednesday the launch of the Merlin Bird machine-learning technology photo ID mobile app that can identify hundreds of North American species it "sees" in photos.

According to a statement by the school, the app was developed by Caltech and Cornell Tech computer-vision researchers in partnership with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and bird enthusiasts.

Merlin Bird Photo ID can go anywhere bird watchers go—even places without cell service or Wi-Fi. "This app is the culmination of seven years of our students' hard work and is propelled by the tremendous progress that computer-vision and machine-learning scientists are making around the world," said Perona, the Allen E. Puckett Professor of Electrical Engineering in Caltech's Division of Engineering and Applied Science. "A machine that recognizes objects in images, like humans do, was a distant dream when I was a graduate student and now it's finally happening."

Caltech and Cornell Tech computer scientists trained Merlin to recognize birds by showing it nearly 1 million photos that were collected and annotated by birders and volunteers mobilized by the Cornell Lab. Annotations include the species of the bird as well as key points identifying physical elements such as



wings, beaks, and claws. When a user of the app presents it with a bird to identify, Merlin selects species that closely match those characteristics. Like any good birder, the system considers species that would be found at that specific time of year and in that location using information from eBird, an online bird resource that collects and records an average of 7 million bird observation records each month from around the world. "When you open the Merlin Bird Photo ID app, you're asked if you want to take a picture with your smartphone or pull in an image from your digital camera," said Merlin project leader Jessie Barry at the Cornell Lab. "You zoom in on the bird, confirm the date and location, and Merlin will show you the top choices for a match from among the 650 North American species it knows."

The updated Merlin Bird Photo ID may be downloaded free for iOS or Android systems from the Apple iTunes and Google Play app stores. It is paired with the original Merlin app, released in 2014, which uses a few short questions to help users narrow down the identity of a new bird. For more information visit [caltech.edu](http://caltech.edu).

## ALTADENA POLICE BLOTTER

**Sunday, December 4th**  
12:05 PM – Jose Bolanos, 35 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 2100 block of Summit Avenue for public intoxication.  
4:00 PM – Joshua Fisher, 26 years old of Upland was arrested in the 2200 block of Marengo Avenue for assault with a deadly weapon.  
**Monday, December 5th**  
1:00 PM – A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 3700 block of El Sereno Avenue. Stolen: black iPhone 7 Plus and black iPhone case.  
**Tuesday, December 6th**  
7:15 AM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 2500 block of E. Washington Boulevard. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by shattering the passenger window. Stolen: tan leather purse and a black Michael Kors wallet.  
**Wednesday, December 7th**  
9:00 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 1000 block of Poppyfields Avenue. Suspect entered the residence via unknown means. Suspect described as a male Black, 6 feet 1 inch with dreadlocks. Stolen: gray HP computer.  
8:00 PM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 1800 block of N. Sierra Bonita Avenue. Suspect(s) shattered the rear driver's side window.  
**Thursday, December 8th**  
4:30 PM – A vehicle burglary

occurred in the 1300 block of Atchison Street. Suspect(s) entered the vehicle by shattering the window. Stolen: black seat cushion.  
6:00 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 1900 block E. Loma Alta Drive. Suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the sliding glassdoor. Stolen: jewelry.  
**Friday, December 9th**  
5:00 PM – Pedro Gaona, 42 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the 900 block of Beverly Way for possession of a controlled substance for sales.  
7:30 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 400 block of PunahouStreet. Suspects described as three male Blacks in a sedan type vehicle. Suspect(s) entered the residence by removing the window screen. Stolen: silver watch.  
**Saturday, December 10th**  
2:00 PM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 200 block of W. Palm Street. Vehicle damage: dents.  
6:45 PM – An assault with a deadly weapon occurred in the area of Alameda Street and El Molino Avenue. Investigation is on-going.  
10:30 PM – A petty theft occurred in the 1800 block of N. Allen Avenue. Stolen: star shower motion laser lights.



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## ARCADIA: FOUR TRAFFIC FATALITES IN TWO DAYS

On December 13, 2016 at about 1:50 a.m., officers from the Arcadia Police Department responded to a traffic collision at the intersection of Live Oak Avenue and Las Tunas Drive. Upon arriving at the scene, officers discovered an overturned vehicle with several occupants inside.

Arcadia Fire Department personnel extricated one occupant who was transported to a local hospital with significant injuries. The remaining three occupants were pronounced deceased at the scene.

This is an ongoing investigation and the names of the involved persons are not being released pending notification of the next of kin.

The investigation is being handled by the Arcadia Police Department's Major Accident Investigation Team. Preliminary investigation revealed that a vehicle traveling west on Live Oak Avenue near Las Tunas Drive may have lost control, collided with a wall causing the vehicle to overturn.

On December 14, 2016 at about 9:45 p.m., Arcadia Police Officers responded to an injury hit and run traffic collision at the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Arcadia Avenue. A female pedestrian was crossing the street and was struck by a vehicle travelling north bound on Baldwin Avenue. The

driver of the vehicle fled the scene. Several witnesses provided a vehicle description and license plate number.

Officers responded to the registered owner's address and located the vehicle and the driver. As a result of their investigation, the driver was arrested for felony hit and run and felony driving under the influence. During the course of this investigation, the female pedestrian succumbed to her injuries at a local hospital. The victim is a 77 year old female resident of Arcadia. The driver was subsequently charged with gross vehicular manslaughter.

The driver was identified as Alex Danilo Cerna, 51 years old, a resident of Pasadena, CA.

This investigation is being handled by the Arcadia Police Department's Major Accident Investigation Team (M.A.I.T.) APD Case #16-6569.

Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact the Arcadia Police Department at (626) 574-5151. If you wish to remain Anonymous, call "LA Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 MOBILE APP" on Google play or the App Store, or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

## THE CITY OF ARCADIA RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WINTER 2016/17 REGISTRATION!

Pick up the latest copy of "The Peacock Buzz" to find out what is going on in the City of Arcadia! Copies are will be available at the City of Arcadia Recreation Office, Library and City Hall. For specific class information or registration forms go to the City's website at [www.arcadiaca.gov](http://www.arcadiaca.gov) under Recreation and Community Services Department. Registration for classes and activities has begun for walk-in, mail-in, on-line or fax-in. Try something new this winter or sign up for your old favorites. If you don't already have an account, go on-line and create your own. For questions on how to sign up on-line please call 626.574.5113 or come to the Recreation Office, 375 Campus Drive. Courses are offered at the Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, the Museum Education Center, 382 W. Huntington Drive AND the gymnasium located at Dana Middle School, 1401 S. First Avenue. For specifics on class dates, times and locations, please

contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626.574.5113 or log onto the City of Arcadia Website at [www.arcadiaca.gov](http://www.arcadiaca.gov).

About the City of Arcadia

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

## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

*For the period of Sunday, December 4th, through Saturday, December 10th, the Police Department responded to 1,013 calls for service of which 136 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

**Sunday, December 4:**

Shortly before 3:15 a.m., an officer responded to REI, 214 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a burglary alarm activation. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects smashed the front glass door, broke open a display case containing cameras, and fled with an undetermined amount of property. The investigation is ongoing.

Both suspects were wearing hooded sweatshirts, pants, and masks covering their faces.

At approximately 6:22 a.m., an officer responded to the 1100 block of Lyndon Way regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy packages containing bait property and tracking devices to combat the increase in package thefts from residential areas. An investigation revealed a 40-year-old male from San Gabriel and a 21-year-old female from Temple City were in possession of the stolen package, property, tracking device, identity theft equipment and controlled substances. The suspects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 6:31a.m., an officer responded to the 900 block of Palo Alto Drive regarding a single-vehicle traffic collision. An investigation revealed the female driver, a missing person out of Pasadena, stated she struck a mailbox and light pole in an effort to avoid hitting peacocks in the roadway. The officer also discovered the 31-year-old female from Pasadena was suicidal and was transported to Kaiser Hospital for treatment.

**Monday, December 5:**

Just after 2:48 p.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of California Street regarding a suspicious duffle bag. The officer located the bag along with medical equipment. An investigation revealed unknown suspects broke into an ambulance parked in the 500 block of South First Avenue and stole the bag which had contained the medical equipment.

At about 4:04 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of California Street and Third Avenue for failing to stop at a stop sign. Upon contacting the driver, the driver informed the officer he had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. During a consensual search of the vehicle, the officer located drug paraphernalia, narcotics, and other stolen property. The driver, a 30-year-old male from Arcadia and his passenger, a 33-year-old male from Monrovia were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The investigation is ongoing.

Shortly before 4:04 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of El Dorado Street regarding a burglary report. The victim of the burglary tracked her phone to Carl's Jr, 165 East Duarte Road,

where officers located two suspects in possession of the victim's stolen property. The officer also discovered the suspects used the victim's credit card at a nearby bank. A 25-year-old male from Monrovia and a 31-year-old male from Arcadia were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

These suspects were found to be responsible for the aforementioned vehicle burglary of the ambulance on California Street.

**Wednesday, December 7:**

Around 7:54 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1200 block of South Second Avenue regarding a burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed three masked suspects forced entry into the victim's residence, ransacked the home, and fled with an unknown amount of property. The investigation is ongoing.

Just before 11:01 a.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of Highland Oaks Drive regarding two suspects seen stealing packages. A witness reported seeing a Hispanic male suspect steal a neighbor's package and return to a grey Nissan Altima. There was a female passenger in the vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

Shortly after 7:55 p.m., an officer responded to a traffic collision near the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Hempstead Avenue. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 57-year-old male from Temple City was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

**Thursday, December 8:**

At approximately 10:22 a.m., an officer responded to the 1700 block of Highland Oaks Drive regarding a GPS tracking device activation. Officers located the suspects and discovered they were in possession of the stolen package, its contents, the tracking device, as well as stolen mail, credit cards, burglary tools, and a stolen vehicle. The 45-year-old male driver from Covina, a 35-year-old female from El Monte, and a 41-year-old male from Basset, CA were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The female suspect also had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

**Friday, December 9:**

At about 3:58 p.m., an officer responded to the area of 400 South Baldwin Avenue regarding the activation of a GPS tracker. The officer located the suspect and discovered the 50-year-old male from Whittier had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The suspect was also in possession of a smoking pipe. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just before 10:38 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1100 block of South Eighth Avenue, regarding a burglary report. The officer determined an unidentified suspect entered the residence by unknown means, stole items from the living room and fled undetected. The victim believes the suspect may have entered by using a hidden key placed under the door mat. The investigation is ongoing.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SAFETY EVENT ATTRACTS 20 PEOPLE, CRIME RATES UP 25% YEAR OVER YEAR

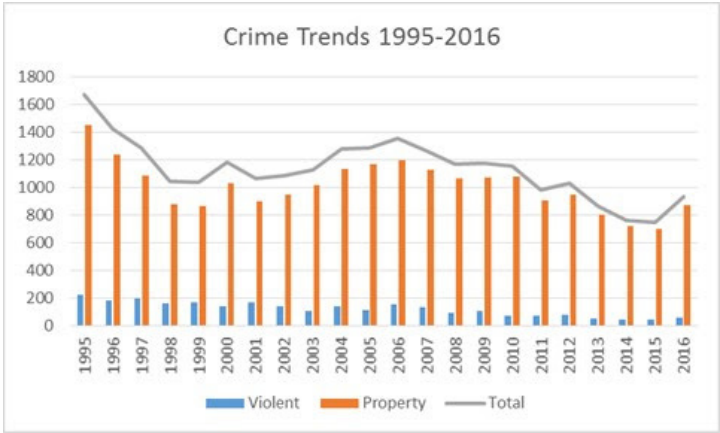
Last Thursday, the Monrovia Police Department held an event to highlight public safety tips for the holiday season. The event was well attended, with 20 members of the community participating in the seminar. At the event, Police Department staff shared that crime rates in Monrovia are up 25% in 2016, when compared against 2015 crime levels. Of particular note, crime rates are up in every community in our region and law enforcement personnel have attributed the situation primarily to a series of State legislative directives, including AB 109, Proposition 47, and Proposition 57. Each of those measures has served to weaken the ability of courts to deter crime, shorten prison sentences for criminals, and allow for the early release incarcerated individuals.

Given these new laws, if current crime trends continue through the end of the year, it is projected that Monrovia will see a 25% increase in total crime. Looking a bit deeper at the numbers, that 25% increase in total crime constitutes an increase from 750 total violent / property crime incidents in 2015, to 937 total violent / property crime incidents in 2016.

In our relatively recent history, Monrovia saw our greatest number crime activities occur in 1995, when we had 1,672 total incidents of violent and property crime. Through the years, the City engaged a number of important initiatives to reduce criminal activity, including implementation of a gang injunction and expansion of our overall Community Activist Policing bureau programs.

Those efforts and initiatives made an impact, as we saw crime trends decrease over time. The chart below illustrates how the crime trends have evolved, and of note, in 2015, we had our lowest recorded rate of criminal activity, when we had only 750 incidents of violent and property crime.

However, this past year, we have seen the very significant impact that new State legislation has had on crime rates here locally. In



particular, AB 109, Proposition 47, and Proposition 57 will collectively have impacted our law enforcement efforts in the following manner: Early release from prison of tens of thousands of criminals from throughout California, the majority of whom are from LA County. Changes in law that have made any shoplifting, theft, forgery, or fraud where the value of the crime does not exceed \$950 a misdemeanor. The personal use of illegal drugs, such as cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine, have been reclassified in California as misdemeanors.

Given these changes in State law and the associated impacts on crime here locally in Monrovia, staff has been assessing different strategies through which we can address this challenging situation. As these strategies are developed, we would continue to urge that all residents stay vigilant and take steps, especially during this holiday season!



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Christmas Eve Services  
Saturday, December 24

**Contemporary Candlelight Services, 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm**  
Lighting of the advent Christ Candle, singing of familiar Christmas carols by Virginia Road Band, concluding with *Silent Night* and candlelight around the courtyard tree. Childcare provided.

**Children's Nativity Pageant, 4:00 pm**  
Celebrate the story of Jesus' birth including familiar carols. We invite children to participate as angels or shepherds. Please arrive by 3:40 pm for a costume.

**Traditional Candlelight Services, 8:00 pm & 10:00 pm**  
Congregation joins in with carols and traditional music led by Ensemble (a group of 11 vocalists) at 8:00 pm, and full choir at 10:00 pm.

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## BOSCO TECH STUDENT'S IDEA SPARKS POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS FOR INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE COMPANY

*High School Senior Spotted Cost Savings Potential While Interning at the Corporation*



Bosco tech and Boeing Left to right: Xavier Jimenez (Bosco Tech president), Jim Curiel (Bosco Tech Materials Science Engineering & Technology chairman), Pat Sandoval (Boeing--BDS-Satellite Systems-Engineering Resources), Jacob Lovi, Robert Stefan, Jr. (Chief Engineer for Boeing Test and Evaluation), Manuel Franco (Bosco Tech Board of Trustees Chairman)

ROSEMEAD, CA. – December 16, 2016 – A senior high school student at Don Bosco Technical Institute (Bosco Tech) who interned at The Boeing Company this past summer developed an idea that has the potential to save costs in the factory.

Jacob Lovi originally mentioned his concept to a test and evaluation engineer involved in the summer internship. That engineer stated “Jacob presented the material in a very clear manner, explained the potential benefit of the change, and approximately how much it would cost to implement. Although his numbers were preliminary, the thought process helped identify potential savings.” The engineer came to Bosco Tech on Dec. 15 to present Lovi with a certificate of appreciation from the internship program.

“We’re extremely proud of Jacob,” said Bosco Tech President Xavier Jimenez. “Not only does he epitomize the 21st century skills that are instilled in all Bosco Tech students--resourcefulness, problem solving strategies, and technological competency--but he was able to use those skills to identify and clearly present to his internship mentor a new, more efficient approach to a complex process.”

Through Bosco Tech’s unique curriculum, students major in one of five STEM programs; Lovi is currently studying Materials Science,

Engineering and Technology (MSET). After graduation, he plans to major in materials engineering at the university level. While in high school, he has served as junior and senior class president, YMCA camp counselor, and a youth ministry leader at his church.

Celebrating its sixty second year, Bosco Tech is an all-male Catholic high school that combines a rigorous college-preparatory program with a technology-focused education. The innovative STEM curriculum allows students to exceed university admission requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of five applied science and engineering fields. Each year for the past several years, one hundred percent of the graduating class has earned college acceptances. Visit [www.boscotech.edu](http://www.boscotech.edu) for more information.

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

## ARCADIA UNIFIED NAMED TO COLLEGE BOARD'S PRESTIGIOUS AP® DISTRICT HONOR ROLL

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ARCADIA-- The Arcadia Unified School District is one of just 22 school districts in California being honored by the College Board with placement on the 7th Annual AP® District Honor Roll. To receive this national recognition, the Arcadia Unified School District had to, since 2014, increase the number of students participating in AP courses while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these impressive milestones demonstrates that Arcadia Unified is successfully identifying motivated and academically prepared students who are ready for AP courses.

“Three years ago we made a drastic change to our Advanced Placement program at Arcadia High School by allowing all students to enroll in AP and Honors courses,” said Arcadia Unified School District Superintendent Dr. David Vannasall. “This is a great validation of that transition, and we have opened up many more opportunities for success for our students. I’m very proud of the work of our AP teachers and staff, along with the astonishing pass rate of our students.”

Arcadia High School has a very robust AP and Honors program which offers students 20 AP courses along with eight Honors courses. Since transitioning to this “open access” format in the 2014-2015 school year, Arcadia High School has seen a significant increase in the number of students who are enrolling in AP and Honors courses, and the pass rate on the AP Exams has also increased. In 2016, 2,266 AP Exams were taken by 1,182 students with a remarkable 83.9% pass rate.

National data from 2016 show that among African American, Hispanic, and Native American students with a high degree of readiness for AP, only about half are participating. The Arcadia Unified School District is committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

“Congratulations to all the teachers and administrators in the Arcadia Unified School District who have worked so tirelessly to both

expand access to AP and also to help students succeed on the AP Exams,” said Trevor Packer, the College Board’s head of AP and Instruction. “These teachers and administrators are delivering real opportunity at Arcadia High and classrooms, and students are rising to the challenge.”

In 2016, more than 4,000 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, or both, and/or consideration in the admission process.

Inclusion on the 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on a review of three years of AP data, from 2014 to 2016, looking across 37 AP Exams, including world language and culture. The following criteria were used.

Districts must:

Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4% in large districts, at least 6 % in medium districts, and at least 11% in small districts;

Increase or maintain the percentage of exams taken by black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native students who scored 3+ on at least one AP Exam; and

Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2016 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2014 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70% of its AP students earn a 3 or higher.

When these outcomes have been achieved among an AP student population in which 30% or more are underrepresented minority students (black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native) and/or 30% or more are low-income students (students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch), a symbol has been affixed to the district name to highlight this work.

Arcadia Unified is one of only two districts in Los Angeles County, Lynwood Unified School District is the other, to be named to the prestigious AP District Honor Roll. Arcadia Unified was also named to the AP District Honor Roll in 2010.

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Living in the San Gabriel Valley for the past forty-plus years I have seen many restaurants come and go -- some should have left, and others I felt put a real effort into the craft. When I am looking to pair wines with food I head over Pasadena's steak sensation, Del Frisco's started in Louisville Kentucky over twenty years ago by Audrey Lapp. Now based out of Texas, Del Frisco's has built their reputation on a menu that features all prime beef.

What they have here in Pasadena is a great location, an incredible wine list, and a top-notch filet mignon. My assignment was to enjoy a pairing of fine wine with Del Frisco's popular menu, aided by Del Frisco's sommelier. Although not every restaurant has the luxury of having a sommelier, this is a fun way to go through a meal. I started off with the Ahi Tuna Tartare with avocado and a spicy citrus mayo. Ahi tuna tacos have become a popular appetizer in restaurants, and I enjoyed it paired with a Paco & Lalo white wine from Spain, one of the most popular wines from the region of Rias Baixas. I've never been to Spain, but when I go I'll visit this wine region for sure. Next in my adventure came the Kale & Quinoa salad -- it was spectacular, and went very well with my taste of Flora Springs Chardonnay. My friend John Ebbs teases me about my fascination of crab cakes, to me Del Frisco's has the best crab cakes in the area. Now is the reason for our review: the steak! I had the 8 oz. (you don't need more) filet mignon with a side of mac and cheese (did I say "truffled"?). If you've heard my radio show, I often talk about steaks and my contention that I can make a great steak at home. This one is as good as it gets, and sommelier Sharra Nagelberg paired it with a wine I reviewed recently, the Decoy Cabernet Sauvignon. But wait! There's more! The night was completed with their Coconut Cream Pie -- this was so good we went back the next night and got it to go.

Thoughts on the matter: "Someone said drink the water, but I will drink

**TABLE FOR TWO** by Peter Dills  
thechefknows@yahoo.com



the wine / Someone said take a poor man, the rich don't have a dime / Go fool yourself, if you will, I just haven't got the time / I'll give you back your water, and I will take the wine." Ol' Blue Eyes Frank Sinatra

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# FOOD AND DRINK

## Julie's favorite family Recipes

### COCONUT SHORTBREAD COOKIES

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup unsweetened shredded coconut\* (about 3 ounces)
- 1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 1/4 teaspoons coarse kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 2/3 cups all purpose flour

#### PREPARATION

Preheat oven to 325°F. Spread coconut on rimmed baking sheet. Bake until coconut is light golden, stirring occasionally, about 8 minutes. Cool completely.

Using electric mixer, beat butter and sugar in large bowl until well blended. Mix in salt and vanilla. Beat in flour in 2 additions. Stir in toasted coconut. Gather dough together; divide in half. Flatten each half into disk; wrap each in plastic and chill at least 1 hour. (Can be prepared 2 days ahead. Keep chilled. Soften slightly at room temperature before rolling out.)

Preheat oven to 325°F. Line 2 rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper. Roll out 1 dough disk on lightly floured work surface to scant 1/4-inch thickness. Using 1 3/4- to 2-inch-diameter cookie cutters, cut dough into rounds. Transfer cookies to prepared baking sheets, spacing 1 inch apart. Gather dough scraps and reroll; cut out additional cookies. Repeat procedure with remaining dough disk until all of dough is used. Bake cookies until light golden, about 20 minutes. Cool on baking sheets 10 minutes. Transfer cookies to racks and cool completely. (Can be made ahead. Store airtight at room temperature up to 1 week.)

YIELD: Makes about 6 1/2 dozen

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

### THE JOY OF YOGA DON'T MISS SAVASANA!



Here is a much-needed reminder in this holiday season: Whatever you do, don't skip Savasana!

I long for Savasana at the very beginning of class! When do I ever get a chance to rest and lay completely still? Savasana, or corpse pose, is almost always the final pose of a group yoga class. It's one of the most important poses we can do.

If Savasana is not part of the class you attend, find a different class! The benefits of it are immense. It's where we absorb and assimilate all the benefits of the practice. It's incredibly refreshing, and soothing to the body and mind to rest completely without effort. All the great benefits seep in: peace, calm, acceptance, and confidence.

In this incredibly restful pose, we lie down on our backs and allow the legs to stretch out. The

arms stay along the sides with the palms facing up. The breath falls into an effortless, natural rhythm. Feeling the support of the floor beneath, we relax any remaining areas where we might be holding.

For extra comfort in Savasana, place a bolster underneath the knees and/or a thin blanket under the head. Make sure the body is warm and comfortable.

Savasana can be particularly hard to complete in a home practice. It might feel there's not time to just lie down and do nothing. Set a timer, if even just for 3 minutes, so you don't have to worry about the time. This easy pose is so essential; it's like hitting the reset button on the body and mind... refreshed, calm, and ready to do the day. What would the day look like if you BEGAN with a short Savasana?

Namaste, friends,  
Keely Totten

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## HOW TO CREATE A SAFE 'AGING-IN-PLACE' HOME

*Dear Savvy Senior,*  
My husband and I are thinking about making some modifications to our home so we can remain living there for as long as possible. Can you recommend some good resources that can help us with aging in place ideas?  
Staying Put

Dear Staying,

Many retirees, like you and your husband, want to stay living in their own house for as long as possible. But being able to do so will depend on how easy it is to maneuver your home as you get older. Here are some helpful resources you can turn to, to get an idea of the different types of features and improvements you can make that will make your house safer and more convenient as you grow older.

## Home Evaluation

A good first step in making your home more age-friendly is to do an assessment. Go through your house, room-by-room, looking for problem areas like potential tripping or slipping hazards, as well as areas that are hard to access and difficult to maintain. To help with this, there are several organizations that have aging-in-place checklists that point out potential problems in each area of the home, along with modification and solutions.

Rebuild Together, for example, has a two-page "Safe at Home Checklist" that's created in partnership with the Administration on Aging and the American Occupational Therapy Association. Go to AOTA.org and search for "Rebuilding Together Safe at Home Checklist."

The National Association of Home Builders also has an "Aging-in-Place Remodeling Checklist" that offers more than 100 suggestions to can help homeowners age 50-plus live safely, independently and comfortably. Go to NAHB.org and search for "Aging in Place Remodeling Checklist."

Also check out AARP's excellent resource called the "HomeFit Guide" that's filled with 28-pages of tips and diagrams to make your entire home safe and easier to live in as you age. You can access it at AARP.org – search



for "HomeFit," or call 888-687-2277 and ask them to mail you a free copy.

## Personalized Advice

If you want more personalized help, consider getting a professional in-home assessment with an occupational therapist.

An occupational therapist, or OT can evaluate the challenges and shortcomings of your home for aging in place, recommend design and modification solutions, and introduce you to products and services to help you make improvements.

To find an OT in your area, check with your physician, health insurance provider or local hospital, or seek recommendations from family and friends. Many health insurance providers, including Medicare, will pay for a home assessment by an OT if prescribed by your doctor. However, they will not cover the physical upgrades to the home.

Another option is to contact a builder who's a Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS). CAPS are home remodelers and design-build professionals that are knowledgeable about aging in place home modifications, and can suggest ways to modify or remodel your home that will fit your needs and budget. CAPS are generally paid by the hour or receive a flat fee per visit or project.

To find a CAPS in your area visit the National Association of Home Builders website at NAHB.org/capsdirectory where you can search by state and city.

*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

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## 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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Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy - Matthew 5:7



## KATIE Tse.....This and That

## THE ART OF RE-GIFTING

Re-gifting --you know you're guilty of it, or you've been the victim, or probably both at different times. Somewhere in your holiday history you suspected the sweater in primary colors your cousin gave you was originally a gift from her second graders. Or maybe that the Chocolate Barge from your aunt was something a client gave her. Maybe you've never re-gifted anything, and if that's the case, I tip my hat to you. When we receive something we don't need or want, our first instinct is to toss it along like a hot potato.

Outside of the heartfelt presents exchanged among loved ones and dear friends, so much of our gift giving is merely obligatory gestures we perform like automatons to the dictates of the calendar. It is the thought that counts, and I'm honestly just as happy with a greeting card as I am with a Trader Joe's card. I wish we could all simply circulate sincere notes of thanks to the people we appreciate. Even when a harmonious balance like this exists, some well-intentioned person has to go and up the ante by giving something tangible. This necessitates that the recipient respond in kind, unless they want to come off as a schmo.

Although inherently tacky, re-gifting makes a lot of sense. Especially in this economy, if you've been dealt a re-gift-able present (chocolates, bath products, coffee/tea collections) it's very tempting to save a buck by utilizing this item to fulfill your gesture to someone else.

So, re-gifting is sometimes allowable, but there are ground rules you need to follow. First, never re-gift something from someone you're deeply close to (If you need to hear this, you're beyond grasping

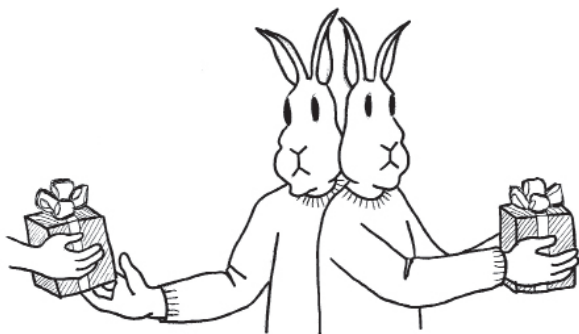
its meaning). It's okay to pass along ceramic snowmen figurines from the coworker in another department to your neighbor down the block. It's not okay to re-gift anything someone made for you personally. You'd look stupid trying to pawn off a glass mug engraved with "To my friend, Wendy" or hand knit mittens bearing your initials.

Second, never re-gift in the same location. For example, if a coworker gives you something, don't turn around and give it to another coworker! The first thing the recipient will probably say is "Gee,

Gloria just gave me Bath & Body Works "Sugar Plum Dream" lotion, too! I guess great minds think alike!" Instead, re-gift your soulless lotion to a distant relative or marginal acquaintance.

Gift cards are the ultimate re-gift-able gift. How much more impersonal can you get? I remember having lunch around Christmas with a girl I didn't know very well. When we opened our gift bags we realized we exchanged gift cards of the same denomination for different stores. I felt like laughing and saying, "Tell you what, you keep your \$20 and I'll keep mine!"

The most honorable ways of dealing with unwanted re-gift-able items are to donate them to a charity or leave them in the break room at work (as long as the gifts weren't from a coworker). If you do re-gift, it's polite to provide a disclaimer as you offer the recycled item to it's next person. Say something to the effect of, "Someone at work gave this to me and I really have no use for it. If you don't want it I totally understand!" Of course you can always keep your re-gift-able gifts. But if you do this consistently, you might run into a situation I addressed in an earlier column -- "Garage Sale!"



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# Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



## FIRST DETECTION OF BORON ON THE SURFACE OF MARS:

*Boron has been identified for the first time on the surface of Mars, indicating the potential for long-term habitable groundwater in the ancient past.*

“No prior mission to Mars has found boron,” said Patrick Gasda, a postdoctoral researcher at Los Alamos National Laboratory. “If the boron that we found in calcium sulfate mineral veins on Mars is similar to what we see on Earth, it would indicate that the groundwater of ancient Mars that formed these veins would have been 32-140 degrees Fahrenheit and neutral-to-alkaline pH.” The temperature, pH, and dissolved mineral content of the groundwater could make it habitable.

The boron was identified by the rover’s laser-shooting Chemistry and Camera (ChemCam) instrument, which was developed at Los Alamos National Laboratory in conjunction with the French space agency.

Boron is famously associated with arid sites where much water has evaporated away—think of the borax that mule teams once hauled from Death Valley. However, environmental implications of the boron found by Curiosity are still open to debate.

As the rover has progressed uphill, compositions trend toward more clay and more boron. These and other variations can tell us about conditions under which sediments were initially deposited and about how later groundwater moving through the accumulated layers altered and transported ingredients.

Groundwater and chemicals dissolved in it that appeared later on Mars left its effects most clearly in mineral veins that filled cracks in older layered rock. But it also affected the composition of that rock matrix surrounding the veins, and the fluid was in turn affected by the rock.

“There is so much variability in the composition at different elevations, we’ve hit a jackpot,” said John Grotzinger, of Caltech. As the rover gets further uphill, researchers are impressed by the complexity of the lake environments when clay-bearing sediments were being deposited and also by the complexity of the groundwater interactions after the sediments were buried.

“A sedimentary basin such as this is a



chemical reactor,” Grotzinger said. “Elements get rearranged. New minerals form and old ones dissolve. Electrons get redistributed. On Earth, these reactions support life.”

Whether Martian life has ever existed is still unknown. No compelling evidence for it has been found. When Curiosity landed in Mars’ Gale Crater in 2012, the mission’s main goal was to determine whether the area ever offered an environment favorable for microbes.

Four recent drilling sites, from “Oudam” this past June through “Sebina” in October, are spaced about 80 feet apart in elevation. This uphill pattern allows the science team to sample progressively younger layers that reveal Mount Sharp’s ancient environmental history.

“Variations in these minerals and elements indicate a dynamic system,” Grotzinger said. “They interact with groundwater as well as surface water. The water influences the chemistry of the clays,

but the composition of the water also changes. We are seeing chemical complexity indicating a long, interactive history with the water. The more complicated the chemistry is, the better it is for habitability. The boron and clay underline the mobility of elements and electrons, and that is good for life.”

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## CHRISTOPHER Nyerges WHO IS SANTA CLAUS? PART I

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Recently, I heard a discussion on the radio where two seemingly normal and sane adults were arguing about the racial heritage of “Santa Claus.” They argued about whether Santa was white or black. Really?

A few years ago, I recall a Christian woman complaining that Santa Claus has gained a more prominent role during the Christmas season than the Jesus child. She argued that this was a sign that “we” have allowed secularism – and maybe even paganism – to creep into the Christmas tradition. Really?

So, who is Santa Claus? Isn’t he just a fictitious jolly man to make us feel happy during the dark of December? Not really. There actually was an historical figure, upon which “Santa Claus” is based.

Nikolaos of Myra was an historical 4th century Bishop in the Catholic church of Asia Minor (modern-day Demre, Turkey). He was born on March 15, 270, in Pataya, Lycia, in Asia Minor, what is now modern Turkey. At that time, however, the area was culturally Greek, and was politically a part of the Roman diocese of Asia. He was the only child of wealthy Greek parents, who both died in an epidemic when Nicholas was young. Nicholas inherited much from his parents, and was then raised by his uncle (also named Nicholas), who was a Bishop of Patara, and who trained young Nicholas into priesthood.

Nicholas was said to be religious from an early age, and he always fasted on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Because of his outspoken beliefs, he was persecuted by the Romans and was imprisoned

during the persecution of Diocletian.

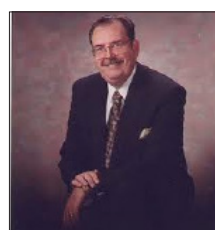
In case you never heard of the “persecution of Diocletian” (I hadn’t), it was the most severe of the persecutions against Christians, simply because they were Christians, in the Roman Empire. It was also known as the “Great Persecution.” In 303, four emperors issued a series of dictatorial laws which essentially did away with any legal rights of Christians. The edicts demanded that the Christians comply with traditional Roman “religious” practices, meaning, giving sacrifices to the various so-called Roman gods. This persecution was severe, and was weakest in the British colonies where the Empire had the least sway. It was the most severe in the Eastern provinces, where Nicholas lived.

Since Nicholas refused to worship the Roman gods, he was imprisoned, and suffered hardship, hunger, and cold for about 5 years. With the rise of Constantine, the persecutions came to an end in 313. With Constantine in power, Nicholas was released. Constantine is known for “Christianizing” the Roman Empire, and renaming all the Mythraic and so-called “pagan” holidays so they could all now be regarded as Christian holidays.

Shortly after his return to his homeland in 317 A.D., Nicholas became the Bishop of Myra.

He was later invited to attend the First Council of Nicaea in 325, the famous council where much of the modern dogma of the Catholic church was determined. Nicholas of Myra was one of many bishops to participate in the Council at Constantine’s request. He is listed as the 151st attendee at the Council. There, Nicholas was a staunch anti-Arian. Arius, from Alexandria, held that the Son of God did not always exist, but was created by the Father. Nicholas disagreed with Arius, and defended the developing orthodox Christian viewpoint. According to stories told, Nicholas got so angry at Arius that he punched him in the face! Really? Proto-Santa Claus punches a fellow man of the cloth? Really?

*Part II Continued Next Week...*



## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### ‘Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS...

Every family has those traditions and days that help define their family. I personally know some families (although I shall not divulge any names unless there is enough cash present) that are adequately defined by April 1.

Christmas Eve clearly defines me.

Christmas Eve means many things to me. For one, it means shopping. Yes, it is true; I do all my Christmas shopping on Christmas Eve. It cuts down on the stress. I know some people who spend weeks shopping and their life is full of stress.

Unlike me in many ways, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage begins her Christmas shopping in January and by August, she is in full shopping mode. There should be a law that any present bought before December cannot be considered a Christmas present.

When the children were still at home, I was just as eager as they were on Christmas morning to see what I had bought them for Christmas. They always appreciated the thought that went into their gift. You did not hear this from me, but sometimes my wife was surprised at the gift as well.

There have been times, and again you did not hear it from me, when my wife bought a Christmas present and forgot about it by the time December rolled around. Once, and I will never repeat this, we discovered a cache of Christmas presents in the corner of our garage when we were packing to move. Only Santa really knows how long they were there.

Up to this year, I have successfully eluded such Christmas faux pas. My Christmas Eve starts bright and early in the morning. My first stop is the “Slurp ‘N Burp Café” for a big breakfast. After an early breakfast, it is off to the mall for my Christmas Eve ritual of shopping. I only go to the mall once a year.

It is a tradition with me. My philosophy is, the more torturous the shopping experience the more the recipient will appreciate the gift. For me, nothing is more torturous than a visit at the local shopping mall.

Some go to the mall for pleasure and recreation. I go for penitence.

The average mall is so anti-man that every man enters its doors at his own peril. Many insurance companies have a disclosure, in fine print, in their policies to men making all insurance claims invalid when in a shopping mall.

Shopping malls are deliberately designed to frustrate the male equation of the marital state of mind. Let me list a few observations in this regard: Is it just me, or do they move the mall stores around from year to year just to confuse the average man? Why is it, no matter what door I enter the mall it is never there when I want to

leave?

Once inside the mall it only takes me three hours to acclimate myself to the hostile environment. By that time, I am hopelessly lost. As I wander aimlessly around the mall, I try to remember why I am there. One of the things on my shopping agenda is a Christmas present for my wife. Although I have had over 45 years experience in this, I am no better off than our first Christmas.

In all those years, I have given her everything from jewelry to perfume to bubble bath. At this stage in my life, I do not know what to get her.

Last year I was tempted to wrap myself and put the box under the tree, but I was afraid I would suffocate by Christmas morning. As I wandered from store to store, I could not find anything to buy for her. I could get her a card with money in it but I’m afraid the check would bounce - and then I would.

If I bought her a dress, I would only be putting my life on the line. If the dress I bought were too small, she would be offended to think I thought she was gaining weight. If the dress I bought was too large - well, you know what that would mean.

If I did not get her something, I would look pretty silly come Christmas morning - I mean sillier than usual.

Wandering in and out of store after store brought me no closer to that gift of all gifts that would say, “I think you’re terrific.”

I was exhausted and about to give up and go home in shameful disgrace. Then, when I was about to give up, there it was. The perfect gift. I could not believe my eyes. I rubbed them in disbelief and loudly exclaimed, “Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus after all.”

I wept, I laughed, I burped (musta been the soda). Right before my eyes was the perfect gift for my wife. A gift that said, “Honey, you’re the greatest.” Watching the salesperson carefully wrap my Christmas trophy, I could not help thinking about the real meaning of Christmas. God searched all of heaven to find that one special gift to tell mankind how much He really loved them. Finding nothing better, He settled on that Gift of all gifts, the Lord Jesus Christ.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

My Christmas prayer is that this year you will celebrate with me God’s gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

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## HEY SANTA, WHAT'S UP WITH THE FLYING REINDEER?

Have you ever wondered where the idea of Santa's sleigh being hauled by a heard of flying reindeer came from? It may sound silly, but my avid affection for animals prompted me to ponder this preposterous concept, so I decided to check into it and see what I could find out. Thanks to altogetherchristmas.com for this interesting and enlightening account of how those remarkable reindeer found flight into our modern day American Christmas tradition.

The character of Santa Claus is largely based on St. Nicholas of Mayra and Sinterklaas of Dutch lore. Both of those figures traveled via a noble, white steed. However in some Western cultures, particularly America, Santa Claus travels the world on Christmas Eve delivering gifts in a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer.

In 1812, American author Washington Irving refers to St. Nicholas as "...riding over the tops of the trees, in that self-same wagon wherein he brings his yearly presents to children.", in the revised version of A Complete History of New York written under the pseudonym Diedrich Knickerbocker. Yet no mention is made of what propels the wagon. So where did the story of flying reindeer originate?

The first known written account of reindeer in association with the legend of Santa Claus occurred in 1821 when New York printer William Gilley published a sixteen page booklet titled A New Year's Present, to the Little Ones from Five to Twelve Number III: The Children's Friend by an anonymous author. In the booklet, reindeer are introduced into the Santa Claus narrative: "Old Santaclaus with much delight. His reindeer drives this frosty night. O'er chimneys, tops, and tracks of snow. To bring his yearly gifts to you."

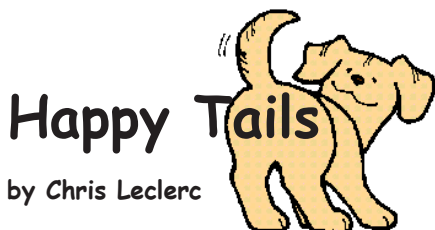
During a 1922 interview, New York's Troy Sentinel editor Orville L. Holley questioned Mr. Gilley regarding the booklet's author and the topic of reindeer. Though he did not identify the author, Mr. Gilley responded:

"Dear Sir, the idea of Santaclaus was not mine nor was the idea of reindeer. The author of the tale but submitted the piece, with little added information.

However, it should be noted that he did mention the reindeer in a subsequent correspondence. He stated that far in the north near the Arctic lands a series of animals exist, these hooves and antlered animals resemble the reindeer and are feared and honored by those around, as you see he claims to have heard they could fly, from his mother. His mother being an Indian of the area."

In 1823, the Troy Sentinel published the poem, A Visit From St. Nicholas, commonly known as The Night Before Christmas. The poem features eight flying reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh, and for the first time they are identified by name: "When what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer. With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I new in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came and he whistled and shouted and called them by name; 'Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! On, Dunder and Blixem! To the top of the porch, to



the top of the wall! Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

Originally called 'Dunder and Blixem' in the 1823 publication, the names of Santa's 7th and 8th reindeer are now commonly known as 'Donner' and 'Blitzen'. Dunder and Blixem are Dutch words that translate to thunder and lightning. It was after Johnny Marks penned the song Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer in 1949, based on the story by Robert L. May, that 'Donner' and 'Blitzen' became the most popular spellings for the 7th and 8th reindeer names. May's story and Marks' song were both well received and of course, Rudolph is without doubt the most famous reindeer on Santa's team.

This helps determine the first written accounts of reindeer in conjunction with Santa Claus, but how did reindeer come to be associated with Santa in the first place? Many popular Christmas traditions related to Santa Claus were brought to America by Dutch and German immigrants. As the persona of Santa and celebration of Christmas developed in the west, customs and myths from foreign lands, including those of Scandinavian and European countries were incorporated.

As pagans converted to Christianity during the Middle Ages, winter festivals and traditions, as well as popular pagan beliefs often mingled with Christian celebrations of Christmas. In Norse and Germanic mythology, Thor is the god of Thunder and soars through the sky in a chariot pulled by two magical goats.

Thor was highly revered and arguably the most popular of Norse gods in ancient times. Images and stories of Thor soaring the skies in his sleigh pulled by two large horned goats may have influenced the creation of Santa's sleigh and flying antlered reindeer, by those in the west familiar with such mythology.

Reindeer were once viewed as mysterious creatures linked to the northern part of the world, widespread in Scandinavian and Eastern European countries where, during the 18th century, they were domesticated. They were often used in transportation, pulling sleds and sleighs, and are still an important aspect of some indigenous Northern European cultures, particularly to the Sami people (better known as Laplanders to non-Europeans).

So that's the long and short of how reindeer came to be known as the wondrous flying creatures propelling Santa's sleigh. I hope you found this story as interesting as I did! And with that 'I wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a bountifully blessed holiday season. Love and let live.



## PET OF THE WEEK: ZEKE: ANIMAL ID #A5012293

Zeke (A5012293) is an effervescent 6-year-old white male Maltese mix who was found as a stray in La Puente on November 16th and brought to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center. Weighing 10 pounds, Zeke is a friendly and trusting dog who enthusiastically greets new dogs. He walks politely on leash and seems to be housebroken. Zeke has an endearing can-do attitude, and will be a fantastic indoor companion in any loving home. To watch a video of this sweet little gentleman, please visit the following link: <https://youtu.be/4kSTyct7fk>

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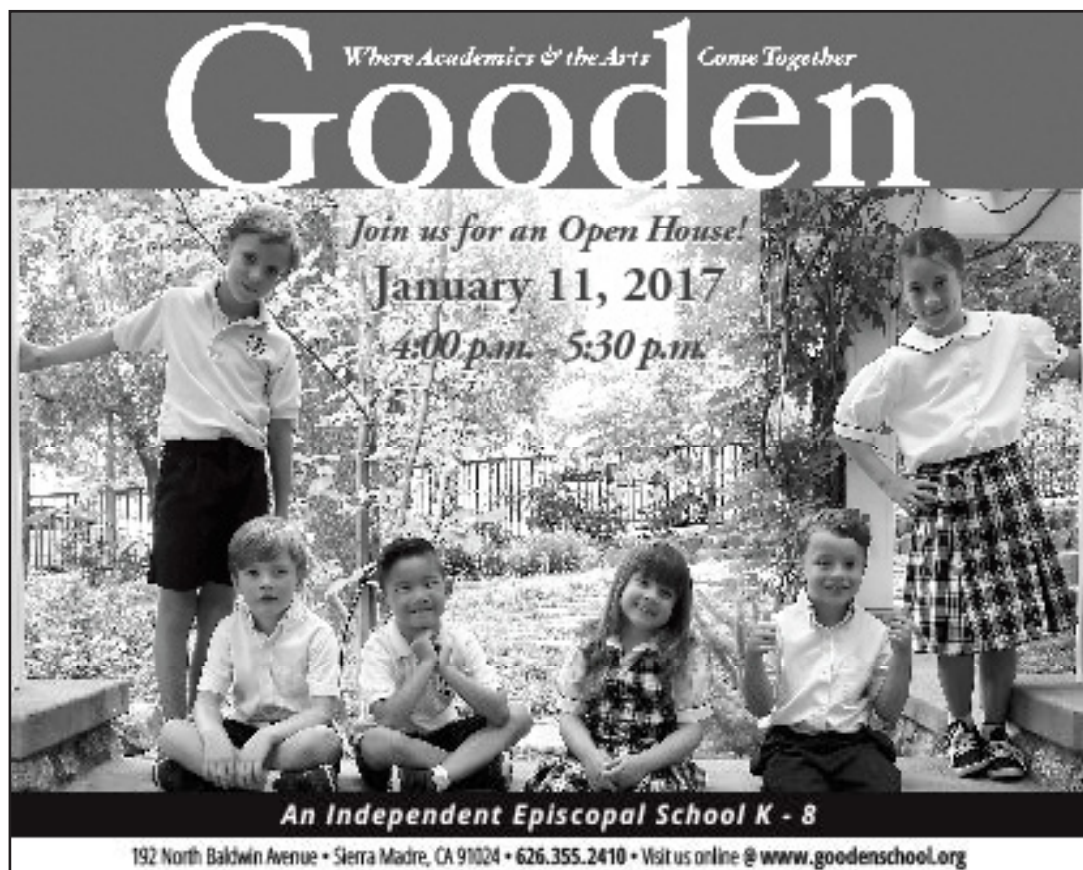
## LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND?

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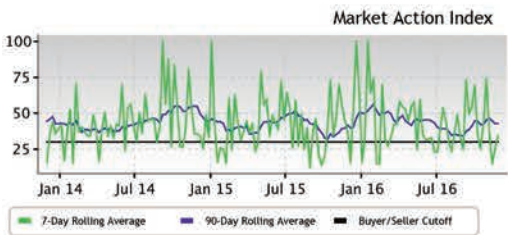
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The median list price in SIERRA MADRE, CA this week is \$1,318,500.

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.



The Market Action Index answers the question "How's the Market?" by measuring the current rate of sale versus the amount of the inventory. Index above 30 implies Seller's Market conditions. Below 30, conditions favor the buyer.

#### Quartiles

Quartile	Median Price	Sq. Ft.	Lot Size	Beds	Baths	Age	Inventory	New	Absorbed	DOM	Characteristics per Quartile
Top/First	\$ 2,174,000	3925	0.25 - 0.50 acre	4.5	4.5	50	4	0	0	147	Most expensive 25% of properties
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		
Median Number of Bathrooms	3.5		
Market Action Index	Seller's Advantage	42.8	↓

↔ No change    ↗ Strong upward trend    ↘ Strong downward trend  
 ↗ Slight upward trend    ↘ Slight downward trend

#### Price

The market is hovering around this plateau. Look for a persistent change in the Market Action Index before we see prices deviate from these levels.



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SECTION B

## AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY



### Gold Line Update

Friends,

As the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority reaches the end of 2016, there is much to celebrate.

Looking back, we recognize the achievements of this past year. The successful opening of the Foothill Gold Line segment from Pasadena to Azusa in March, which brought ridership on the light rail system to historic highs. Completion of the Glendora to Montclair segment's Advanced Conceptual Engineering draft documents in September; weeks ahead of the November passage of Los Angeles County's Measure M which ensured its completion.

Looking ahead to next year, the Construction Authority is preparing the 12.3-mile, six-station Glendora to Montclair segment for construction. The agency is on schedule to break ground on the first of two design-build contracts in late-2017. This next segment will be significantly more complicated to build than the previous two and we are currently working closely with each of the six corridor cities, two counties, the California Public Utilities Commission, Metrolink and others to prepare a plan for the construction ahead.

As we ready the next segment, the need for the line only grows. Tens of thousands of students, faculty, staff and visitors travel to and from the nearly two dozen universities located within a short walk, bike or bus ride to one of the six future stations. More than one million visitors travel to the County Fairplex each year, located at the future La Verne Station. And more than 50,000 new residents and 15,000 new jobs are projected to move into the corridor by 2024.

The Construction Authority is proud to have completed the first two Foothill Gold Line segments on time and on budget; delivering high quality work that has changed the fabric of the San Gabriel Valley by spurring growth and providing a safe, reliable and environmentally sustainable travel option for the region's residents, workers and students. We now look forward to finishing what we started; and connecting Los Angeles, the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire by light rail in the coming years.

The Journey Continues,

Habib F. Balian

## DECEMBER: A TIME OF MANY CELEBRATIONS

By Joan Schmidt

December is a month of many celebrations. Christians around the world celebrate the birth of Our Savior Jesus, the Messiah on December 25. December 8 we attended Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States. Because of Adam and Eve's first sin, Catholics believe everyone is born with Original Sin, later removed by Baptism. The only person born without sin is the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1854; Pope Pius IX proclaimed her, the Immaculate Conception; in 1860, when she appeared to Bernadette at Lourdes, she said, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

December 12, marks the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Mass may include Mariachi Music and Aztec dancers. On December 9, the Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego, a Chichimeca Indian, on Tepeyac Hill; she told Juan to ask the Bishop to build a Chapel. The Bishop asked for a sign, and Our Lady told Juan to go up the hill and get roses. It was winter, but Juan found roses and put them in his tilma (cloak). When Juan let his cloak down, the roses dropped to the floor and an image of the Blessed Mother was on the tilma.

In 1966, Maulana Karenga created Kwanzaa, the first specifically African American Holiday; its roots are the Swahili phrase matunda ya kwanza, "the first fruits of the harvest". This celebration evolved to help African Americans reconnect with their African Cultural and Historical heritage by uniting in meditation and the study of African tradition and Nguzo Saba, the seven principals of African Heritage". The seven principals are Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith).

Kwanzaa's seven days last from December 26-January 1. Homes may feature beautiful African art, displayed on colorful cloth. On a Mkeka (mat), there is a Kinar (candle holder) with Mishumaa (seven candles), mazao (crops), Muhindi

(corn), the Kikombe cha Umoja (unity cup) for commemorating and giving shukrani (thanks) to African ancestors and Zwadi (gifts). Women may wear colorful kaftans and children are included



in the ceremonies to give respect and gratitude to ancestors. Daily observance can include lighting a candle, reflecting on that day's principal, drums playing/music, sharing libation with a common cup, a feast and gift giving.

This year, the Jewish eight day festival of lights-Hanukkah, ("to dedicate") begins on December 26. Two thousand years ago, the Maccabees, a small band of Jewish warriors drove a mighty army out of Jerusalem. (Given their size, this was a "miracle") After they took Jerusalem, the Jews rededicated their Temple to God. As they cleared the Temple to purify it, they found a small container of holy oil enough to burn for one day, but lasted eight nights, a second miracle!

Today many Jewish households celebrate this beautiful celebration. Each night, two blessings are recited as one candle is lit on the Hanukkah, a meal follows, including food fried in oil such as latkes (potato pancakes), pontshkes (doughnuts), bimuelos (fritters), cheese and dairy products. After they eat, they may play the dreidel (4 sided spinning top), and a gift or Hanukkah Gelt (money or chocolate) is given.

The Hanukkah candles are lit for "illumination of the house without"-so passersby can see it and be reminded of the miracle.

May this holiday season be a joyful and meaningful one for all my readers as they observe their special traditions and their new year be filled with good tidings.

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December 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent – morning services at 8:00 am and 10:15 am and the Candlelight Walk down Baldwin at 7:00 pm

December 24th Christmas Eve - Family Service and Pageant at 5:00 p.m. All children attending this service are encouraged to participate in the telling of the story of first Christmas. The service will also be filled with music provided by the children and a musical quartet.

December 24th Christmas Eve – Carols and Hymns at 10:30 p.m. and Mass at 11:00 p.m. Ascension's late Christmas Eve service features

the traditional procession, incense, candles, prayer, sermon, and the great music of the season as the congregation joyously celebrates the birth of Christ.

December 25th Christmaas Day - 11:00 a.m. the Celebration of the Feast of the Nativity.

January 1 First Sunday after Christmas at 10 am

January 5th the Eve of the Epiphany – Short Church and potluck at 6:30 pm

January 8th the First Sunday after Epiphany morning services at 8:00 am and 10:15 am

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## On the Marquee:

Notes from the Sierra MadrePlayhouse

### SANTA CAME EARLY THIS YEAR!

By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano

Santa has already been very good to us this year! We got word this week that the Les and Sheri Biller Foundation will be giving SMP it's largest-ever Foundation grant for our upcoming production of Bee-luther-hatchee - \$15,000! The Biller Foundation supports "socially-charged theater" in Washington State and in LA County. We originally submitted a Letter of Intent and then were invited to submit a full application.

Diane Siegel, who we are so lucky works with us, came up with wonderful programming to support the play which deals with cultural appropriation – who owns someone's story and who has the right to tell it. The application was long and probing – wanting to know about our organization, our staff, the show's budget and our theater's budget. I had help pulling together all of the elements from Diane, Estelle Campbell, our Managing Director, and Louise Calaway, our accountant. I felt very good about what we submitted, and honestly thought we had a shot at being funded. In my dreams I thought that \$5,000 would be a reasonable number and that would almost support all of the exciting outreach programs that Diane had designed. That we were funded for three times that amount was so exciting and validating, especially because when the Grant's Manager called to let us know she described how strong our application was and how "timely, on-target, and important" this play is.

Bee-luther-hatchee has been a passion project for me for several years. To have it supported in this way is so validating. But here is the bow on top of Santa's present – the Biller Foundation only funded four theaters this year: ACT in Seattle (a major regional theater), CTG downtown (that's the Taper), the Geffen Playhouse, AND us! Pretty esteemed company for our little theater and another example of how SMP is being thought of in the world.

Rehearsals for the show are going really well. I can't wait to share it with you when we open on January 13, 2017. Tickets are on-sale now. I do hope you'll come.

\*\*\* 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.

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.

\*\*\* "A Little House Christmas continues until December 23 with special performances Christmas week. I do hope you will plan to see this charming take on these classic American stories. Some performances are sold-out already. Do get your tickets soon.

As always we do it for you, our loyal audiences. Come celebrate with us! See you in the lobby!

## Jeff's Book Pics

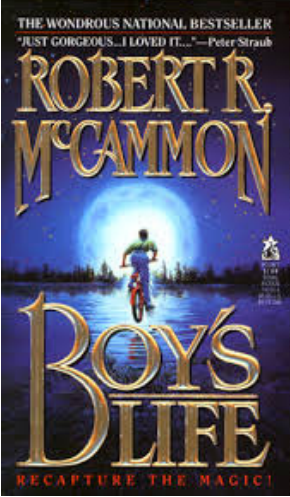
By Jeff Brown

**A Good Man, A Great Dad and a Loving Husband: Everyman's Guide to a Brilliant Life** by Bradley Brown

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**Boy's Life** by Robert McCammon

In me are the memories of a boy's life, spent in that realm of enchantments. These are the things I want to tell you.... Robert McCammon delivers "a tour de force of storytelling" (BookPage) in his award-winning masterpiece, a novel of Southern boyhood, growing up in the 1960s, that reaches far beyond that evocative landscape to touch readers universally. Boy's Life is a richly imagined, spellbinding portrait of the magical worldview of the young -- and of innocence lost. Zephyr, Alabama, is an idyllic hometown for eleven-year-old Cory Mackenson -- a place where monsters swim the river deep and friends are forever. Then, one cold spring morning, Cory and his father witness a car plunge into a lake -- and a desperate rescue attempt brings his father face-to-face with a terrible, haunting vision of death. As Cory struggles to understand his father's pain, his eyes are slowly opened to the forces of good and evil that surround him. From an ancient mystic who can hear the dead and bewitch the living, to a violent



clan of moonshiners, Cory must confront the secrets that hide in the shadows of his hometown -- for his father's sanity and his own life hang in the balance.One of my alltime favorite books.

**Being Aware of Being Aware** by Rupert Spira

Everybody is aware, all seven billion of us. We are aware of thoughts, feelings, sensations, and perceptions. All people share the experience of being aware, but relatively few people are aware that they are aware. Most people's lives consist of a flow of thoughts, images, ideas, feelings, sensations, sights, sounds, and so on. Very few people ask, "What is it that knows this flow of thoughts, feelings, and perceptions? With what am I aware of my experience?"The knowing of our being—or rather, awareness's knowing of its own being in us—is our primary experience, our most fundamental and intimate experience. It is in this experience that all the peace, happiness, and love we have ever longed for reside. The happiness we have sought for so long outside of ourselves, in situations, objects, and relationships, turns out to be always present, always available, in the simple knowing of our own being as it is.The knowing of our own being shines in each one of us as the experience "I am" or "I am aware," or simply as the thought "I." Because this simplest, most obvious, most familiar, and intimate experience is to the mind not a thing, or nothing, it is overlooked or forgotten by the vast majority of humanity. The overlooking of our own being is the root cause of all unhappiness and, therefore, the root cause of our search for happiness. What is the nature of this experience of being aware? The contemplations in this collection will lead readers toward their own experiential understanding of that which we all call "I."

## All Things

By Jeff Brown

### HOW THE FAMOUS TREES OF ALTADENA'S CHRISTMAS TREE LANE WERE SAVED IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!

When a story in the newspaper ran in August about an all-out effort to save dozens of the 150 deodar cedar trees that make up Christmas Tree Lane,the gifts started dropping like manna from heaven. Green King Co., McWane International and Toro donated about \$3,700 worth of irrigation spikes, micro hoses, pipes and water meters that kept the trees alive, as well as the oldest, outdoor Christmas display in the world.Last Saturday night, the trees brought over from the western Himalayas in 1885 by John P. Woodbury, the founder of Altadena, lit up the faces of thousands of children and adults during the 96th annual Christmas Tree Lane Lighting Ceremony.Trees that were turning brown from the severe drought and punishing summer heat are sprouting new shoots and turning green. And thanks to a ton of new volunteers, strings of 14,000 colorful bulbs — some of them the new, less-energy intensive LED variety — shine from the bows of

these famous trees that for about a mile, create a Southern California-style wintery wonderland where families in cars ride under a canopy of towering pine trees draped in colorful holiday lights.This year was especially difficult for the Christmas Tree Lane Association, a nonprofit made up of volunteers. After spending about \$7,000 this summer on fancy irrigation methods that brought water to the stressed trees, and another \$7,000 for new lights and other expenses, the nonprofit had nearly run out of cash.However various companies donated \$15,000 to help with the trees.

The lights of Christmas Tree Lane (Santa Rosa Avenue between Woodbury Road and Altadena Drive) in Altadena are lit every night from dusk until midnight through Jan. 2. They are turned on for one night Jan. 6 to Jan. 7 for the Christian orthodox churches that celebrate Christmas on the Feast of the Epiphany.

### SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

By Sean Kayden

### WHAT TO SEE, WHAT TO SKIP



SEE: NOCTURNAL AMINALS - If you're seeking something a bit more ominous and more adult oriented at

the theater, make your way over to the new Jake Gyllenhaal and Amy Adams film, "Nocturnal Animals." The second picture by fashion designer-turned-filmmaker Tom Ford, "Nocturnal Animals" inventively intertwines three storylines into one all-encompassing narrative that packs a harrowing punch. The focal plot focuses on Susan (Adams), a high-end art dealer stuck in an unhappy second marriage in which her husband (Armie Hammer) is clearly cheating on her. One day, she randomly receives a package from her ex-husband Edward (Gyllenhaal) containing a manuscript called "Nocturnal Animals" — a reference made by Edward when they were married to describe Susan's failure to sleep well.

Edward has dedicated the soon to be published novel to Susan. However, this isn't a love story, more of a tragic one indeed. It tells a haunting noir-style anecdote of a man named Tony (also played by Gyllenhaal) who is driving across an isolated Texas highway in the wee hours of the night with his wife and teen daughter when three lowlifes viciously force them off the road. These nasty men kidnap Tony's wife and daughter while deserting him, and as Tony initiates his frantic quest to uncover their whereabouts and pursue justice, Susan finds herself flashing back to the diverged feelings of her tumultuous past with Edward. Susan requests to meet up with Edward after not seeing him for nearly 19 years. When agreed to meet, both Susan's imaginary and actual worlds come to a head-on crash.

"Nocturnal" is masterful in both mood and style and underneath it all there is the beating of a dark heart. Along with Adams and Gyllenhaal, you have the always-intense Michael Shannon ("Take Shelter," "Midnight Special") and a terrific performance by Aaron Taylor-Johnson ("Savages," "Kickass"). Both actors are equally great to their better-known

counterparts. In fact, Aaron Taylor-Johnson was nominated for best supporting actor in a drama from the Golden Globes. This, so far, has been the best of the "Oscar caliber" films this holiday season. Grade: A-.

SKIP: MANCHESTER BY THE SEA - "Manchester By The Sea" debuted way back in January at the Sundance Film Festival. It stars Casey Affleck as Lee Chandler, a brooding man working as a maintenance worker in Boston. When he finds out his older brother suffers a tragedy, he heads back home north of the city to discover he's been named guardian to his 16-year old nephew. With the intensity of losing his only sibling and severe reservations about raising a teenager, Chandler's return to the past re-opens a horrifying tragedy of his very own. Written and directed by Kenneth Lonergan ("You Can Count On Me," "Margaret"), the movie is beautiful composed and sharply acted. However, at nearly two and a half hours long and a dreary protagonist, the film really has no clear direction or destination. The plot line is no better than something episodic television and squanders the talents of supporting characters Michelle Williams and Kyle Chandler.

This movie is being hailed as a masterpiece by most top critics and for the love of God, I can't see why. Sure, its subject matter is heavy as well as showcasing a strong lead performance by Affleck. Still, the dialogue choices in some scenes are baffling, the nephew played by newcomer Lucas Hedges gives a green, if often-times, uneven performance. The film is easily 30-40 minutes too long and feels like things are reiterated or shown again to get the point across. Kind of drag through the second half, I never felt connected to these characters or their actions. Maybe I'm in the minority here, but I am utterly confused of all the best picture talk for this one. If you want something depressing, manipulative in trying to convey a certain emotion, and brings little to the table to truly resonate with, then look no further than "Manchester By The Sea," another super hyped up Sundance film that falls utterly flat when it finally landed in theaters. Grade: C



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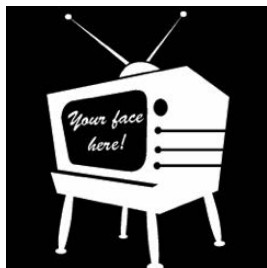


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## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



## EXACTLY WHAT IS A POWER OF ATTORNEY?

Power of attorney (POA) is a document that grants a specific person, called an agent, the authority to make important decisions on behalf of another person, who is called the principal.

There are many different types of powers of attorney. The scope of the authority the principal grants to the agent can be very broad in nature, or very specific. The power of attorney document specifies exactly what that authority looks like. For example, you could give someone the power to make decisions about your:

- Finances
- Health care
- Personal property
- Real estate
- Business
- Personal and family matters
- Lawsuits
- Insurances and annuities
- Taxes
- Government benefits

The agent can be granted authority to make just one type of decision, a mix, or all of them; it really boils down to the principal's needs and wishes.

When it comes to powers of attorney, you have several options for granting others decision-making authority in your life. But keep in mind the power of attorney does not, by itself, adequately address all situations. For example, while giving power of attorney to someone can be useful for those who want a specific person to be able to make certain decisions, it isn't a substitute for a living will. If you want to imbue a person with more comprehensive health care authority in the event you are unable to make medical decisions for yourself, consider executing a separate healthcare directive, which includes a living will, to meet that need.

The laws governing power of attorney vary from state to state and situation to situation. There is no "one size fits all" power of attorney document, so don't fall into the trap of thinking a fill in the blank POA is going to properly protect you. Always seek the counsel of a trusted attorney before creating any legal document, to ensure you make informed and empowered decisions, both for yourself and the people you love.

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## DICK POLMAN



## SIX THINGS WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE TRUMP-RUSSIA CONNECTION

The latest intelligence revelations about Russia's cyberpush for Donald Trump are so persuasive that even congressional Republican leaders have been compelled to take notice. There will indeed be investigations and hearings, in both chambers. It appears, for now anyway, that they actually view this unprecedented national security breach as nearly as important as Hillary's private server.

Assuming that Republicans don't try to spin the whole thing into oblivion, assuming that they really intend to demonstrate that they're not being played for saps, and assuming that they do intend to fully probe the relationship between Trump and the ex-KGB thug, here are the big questions they might want to ask:

#### 1. What did Trump know and when did he know it?

Prior to the election, intelligence briefers told Trump that Russia was interfering in our election, but he rejected the intel, claiming publicly that it might just be some 400-pound hacker somewhere. On what rational basis did he have reason to disbelieve the intelligence warnings? In other words, what did Trump know and why did he choose not to know it?

#### 2. What are the full extent of Trump's financial ties to Russia?

As his son Donald Jr. said in 2008, "Russians make up a pretty disproportionate cross-section of a lot of our assets. We see a lot of money pouring in from Russia." But we still don't know the full extent — there have long been suspicions that he owes money to Russian oligarchs — because Trump never provided a full accounting of his business interests. Will the Republicans finally demand that he fork over all his tax returns?

#### 3. Why was Russia so motivated, via its hail of propaganda, to help get Trump elected?

Did Trump start echoing Russia's positions — soften our NATO commitments; soften or end our economic sanctions — because he sincerely believes those positions, or because he has been steered by the Russian apologists in his circle?

#### 4. And what about those apologists?

They include:

- Michael Flynn, the incoming national security adviser, a regular contributor to Vladimir Putin's RT propaganda network, and a paid speechmaking attendee at RT's 10th anniversary dinner last December
- Carter Page, a backstage foreign policy adviser who has business dealings in Russia
- Paul Manafort, the campaign manager who was jettisoned after he was outed as a paid advisor to a pro-Putin leader in Ukraine
- Rex Tillerson, the secretary of state nominee, a foe of our anti-Putin sanctions, and winner of a Putin "friendship" award. What's the current full extent of their financial ties to Russia? Will the Republicans subpoena their records?

#### 5. Is there any evidence of pre-election collusion between Trump advisors and Kremlin officials?

If not, what's the substance of their post-election communications? Are major shifts in American policy in the works - stuff that's detrimental to American interests? Stuff we don't know about?

The latter questions may be the most important of all. Even if Russian's pro-Trump cyberpush wasn't pivotal in getting Trump elected, Russia got the president it wanted. A president who (for all we know) may be financially or otherwise compromised to act in Russia's interests at the expense of ours. As Eric Edelman and David J. Kramer, two George W. Bush foreign policy officials, warn:

"Without U.S. leadership keeping the Europeans united against Putin, Western resolve in the face of Russian aggression will crumble. Before even moving to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. and gaining the authority to lift U.S. sanctions on Russia, Trump could produce a radical change in policy toward Moscow. Such a change, however, would not make America, the West or the world great again. But it could trigger the unraveling of the alliances and institutional structures that made the U.S. and its European partners great in the past."

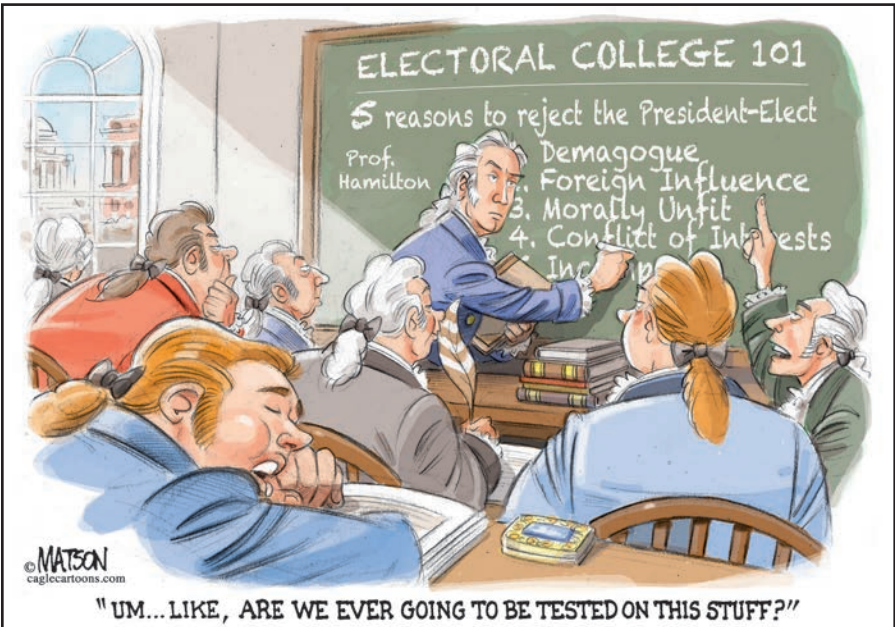
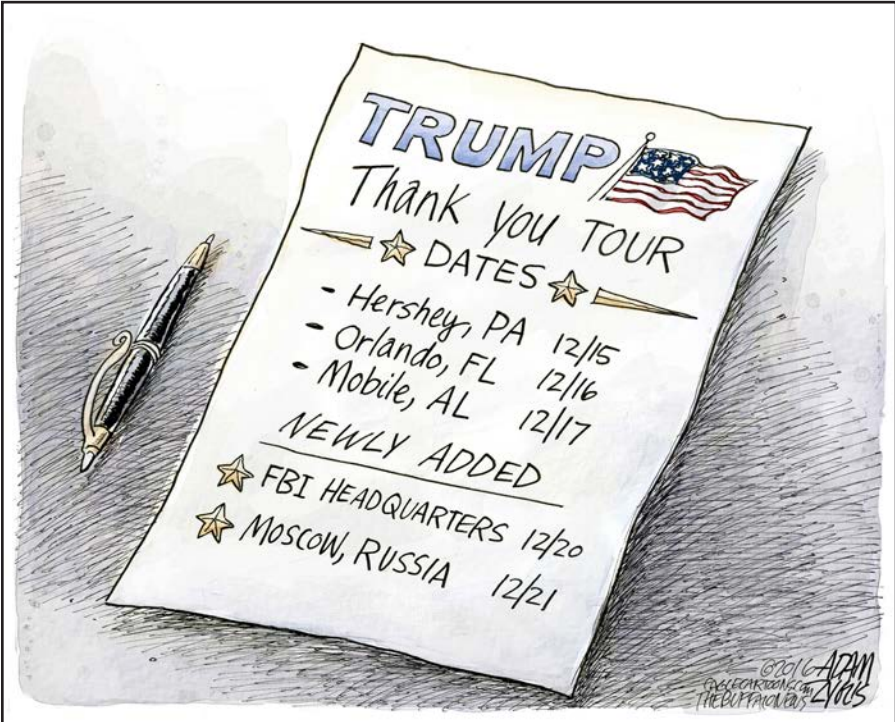
All told, the pro-Republican columnist Jennifer Rubin said it best yesterday: "You would think it would be obvious that Russian efforts to select America's president through cyber-weaponized revelations may be the most important election story — ever. This is warfare of an entirely different sort, one aimed at the heart of democracy?"

Which prompts my biggest question of all:

#### 6. Do congressional Republicans have the fortitude and patriotism to take this probe wherever it leads?

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## GIVE TRUMP CREDIT



The nation's newspapers are struggling mightily to find columnists who are willing to write nice things about Donald Trump.

That's according to a report in the Washington Post, indicating that the regular stable of conservative pundits—from George Will to David Brooks—isn't delivering enough pro-Trump op-eds. As it happens, I was just finishing a column praising the president-elect when the Post's story came out.

Even before taking office, Donald Trump is sending a powerful signal to the nearly 63 million Americans who voted for him that he is, indeed, a bold thinker and an agent of change.

For instance, after pledging during the campaign to stop the exodus of companies to Mexico and other countries, Trump quickly saved roughly 800 jobs at a Carrier plant in Indiana. True, the number is lower than Trump first claimed, and granted, as the Indianapolis Star reports, as many as 2,100 Hoosiers are still about to lose their jobs, and yes, keeping Carrier happy will cost Indiana \$7 million in tax incentives. But to dwell on such relatively minor concerns misses the larger point.

The president-elect has demonstrated that he can pick up the phone—something Mike Pence says he'll do often—and get action from business chieftains looking for a bribe. The Carrier tax breaks will cost only \$8,750 per job saved. Using that formula, every single one of of the nation's full-time jobs could be saved, at least temporarily, for a mere \$1.09 trillion.

, Donald Trump heroically vowed to “drain the swamp” in Washington of enlightened leaders with meaningful government experience. What better way to make good on that promise than by selecting Ben Carson, a retired brain surgeon with no experience in government or in housing to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development?

Trump deserves enormous credit for surrounding himself with individuals who will shun business-as-usual in Washington. Clearly that's why he chose as chief strategist Steve Bannon, a true maverick who favors hate speech of all types including white nationalism, anti-semitism, immigrant-hatred and misogyny.

The president-elect has made clear that he will not become another political hack; rather, he will continue to hone the skills that made him so admired in business. He will actively manage his vast holdings, regardless of whether they conflict with his White House job. He even rebuffed the critics and media elite who urged him to give up his gig as executive producer of NBC's “Celebrity Apprentice.”

Americans don't like a candidate who says one thing to woo voters and then flip-flops once elected. Yes, Trump has conceded that the wall on the border with Mexico might be a more modest fence, and true, he's apparently decided against mass deportations, and granted, he admires many of the best features in Obamacare, and, yes, he has recently deduced that climate change might be man's doing, and, of course, he no longer intends to prosecute Hillary Clinton.

But when it comes to things average citizens really care about, Trump is proving to be a man of his word. He said he wouldn't stop tweeting as president, and he hasn't. He vowed to retain his children as top advisers, and he is following through.

Donald Trump is a leader with a vision of how America works. For example, a few days before Thanksgiving his website offered for sale a Christmas ornament in the form of a miniature Make America Great Again hat, brushed with real gold and selling for \$149.

By holding rallies across the nation—even though there is nothing left to campaign for or about—Trump is already cementing his place in history.

As for the nation's opinion writers, their unwillingness to recognize Donald Trump's impressive accomplishments after such a short period of time reflects poorly on them and not on the true American hero they would seek to defame.

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## MAKING SENSE

by **MICHAEL REAGAN**

## WHY EVEN HAVE A BORDER?



Why does California even bother to have a border? Why does the United States of America?

In 2013 the governor of our one-party state, Jerry Brown, and the Democrats in Sacramento effectively turned California into a sanctuary state.

They told Washington that if any of the illegal immigrants arrested here had not committed a serious crime they would not be turned over to federal immigration officials for deportation.

Now the council of Santa Ana has voted to join more than 30 other California towns that have declared themselves sanctuary cities.

Already L.A, San Francisco, San Diego and Oakland won't cooperate with federal officials or spend any of their resources to look for people who are in the USA illegally.

We'll see how tough the politicians running these cities and places like Chicago are when the Trump administration starts cutting off their federal funding.

Meanwhile, the state I love continues to be abused by the Progressive Gestapo (PG) in Sacramento that doesn't care who gets hurts by their open-door immigration policies or their terrible regulations and nonstop tax hikes.

The working-class Latinos who live here – the legal ones, the American citizens – and the working poor are the ones who'll lose their jobs to the cheaper labor of illegal aliens.

The state's “Haves” – the Hollywood elites, Silicon Valley computer engineers and lifetime political hacks -- are not going to lose their jobs to an illegal immigrant from Mexico.

It's going to be the “Have Nots” – the gardeners, day laborers and entry-level restaurant workers.

They'll be the ones who'll be hurt by the incoming waves of illegal immigrants that California's Progressive Gestapo greets with open arms and treats better than the state's shrinking number of taxpayers.

Illegal immigrants in California already get free health services and schools for their kids. They already can get a driver's license. Now they're talking about letting them vote.

In California, there's a whole industry built around supplying fake Social Security cards. You can buy one and get it in an hour. Then you have the paperwork you need to take someone's job away from them.

So watch out, America.

California is where most of our worst ideas about government are incubated and put into practice.

Unless Donald Trump's get-tough policy on illegal immigration turns things around, the Progressive Gestapo might be coming to your state and town next – if it's not already there.

California is a 40-year-old train wreck and it's only getting worse. Major corporations are moving their headquarters to other states. People who own homes and pay taxes are leaving too

A friend of mine who had immigrated to America from communist Czechoslovakia recently gave up on California.

The Golden State was looking more and more to him like the country he escaped from in 1986, so he sold his house and moved to Puerto Rico.

Immigrants from around the planet used to come to America to work hard, get rich and become Americans. Now they come here – often illegally -- and want Americans to assimilate to their cultures and give them free stuff.

It's getting so crazy in California, legal immigrants from Mexico are thinking of moving back.

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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **CUPN CONE ICE CREAM**, 4874 TOPANGA CANYON BLVD., WOOD LAND HILLS, CA, 91384. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS VARDAN MIRBYAN, 1600 ROCK GLEN AVE, UNIT 3, GLENDALE, CA. 91205. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/7/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON LVI TOWING. 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  
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**BURBANK BLVD. #212, ENCINO, CA, 91316**. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS DAVID SHAHRAM BROKHIM, 17200 BURBANK BLVD. #212, ENCINO, CA, 91316. MIDAD SAKHAT MOTLA AGH, 10771 E. MIRADA BLVD., WHITTIER, CA 90604. FULL name of registrant(s) is (are) **ERIC BYUNG-MIN KO**, 10304 EUDORA AVE., BUENA PARK, CA 90620. This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **ERIC BYUNG-MIN KO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/17/16. The REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON CUPN CONE ICE CREAM, ICE CREAM SAFE. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE No. 2016282797

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **VM PLUMING**, 816 E. GLENOAKS BLVD., GLENDALE, CA, 91207. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS VARDAN MARCIARIAN, 816 E. GLENOAKS BLVD., GLENDALE, CA, 91207. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: VARDAN MARCIARIAN. THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/7/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON VM PLUMING. 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  
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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **TEAM U WINS**, 809WILLS AVE. UNIT #1, PANORAMA CITY, CA, 91402. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS JOHN I DAVIDSON, 809 WILLS AVE., PANORAMA CITY, CA, 91402. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A JOHN I DAVIDSON. SIGNED: AN INDIVIDUAL. THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/7/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON TEAM U WINS. 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  
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FILE No. 2016280011

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **RELIABLE POOL SERVICE**, 22716 BERDON ST., WOODLAND HILLS, CA, 91367. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS MIKE MARTINEZ, 22716 BERDON ST., WOODLAND HILLS, CA, 91367. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: MIKE MARTINEZ. THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/7/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON RELIABLE POOL SERVICE. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE No. 2016281275

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **BERWICK PAINTING AND DECORATING**, 5320 HARMONY AVE., NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA, 91601. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS JOHN DANIEL BERWICK, 5320 HARMONY AVE., NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA, 91601. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: JOHN DANIEL BERWICK. THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/18/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON BERWICK PAINTING AND DECORATING. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE No. 2016282825

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **THE MIND BODY REJUVENATION CENTER**, 18344 CLARK ST., #206, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33304. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS MYN APP, 18342 ALANA DR. SHER, CA, 91403. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION. SIGNED: CHANNIE AMATO. THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/18/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON THE MIND BODY REJUVENATION CENTER. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE No. 201628162

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **THE LEGAL SEAGULL**, 3940 LAUREL CANYON BLVD.#1285, STUDIO CITY, CA, 91604. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS JUSTICE NAVIGATOR, LLC, 3940 LAUREL CANYON BLVD. #1285, STUDIO CITY, CA, 91604. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. SIGNED: LERNER LERNER. THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/18/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON THE LEGAL SEAGULL. 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  
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FILE No. 201628195

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FILE No. 2016282857

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **UNCONVENTIONAL SOLUTIONS**, 7838 ALLOTT AVE., PANORAMA CITY, CA, 91402. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS ALVARO GARCIA JR. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: ALVARO GARCIA JR. 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 UNCONVENTIONAL SOLUTIONS. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE No. 2016282850

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **CROP COLLECTIVE, CHELO STUDIO**, 1340 LOTTIA DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90063. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: CONSUELO VELASCO. 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 CROP COLLECTIVE, CHELO STUDIO. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE No. 2016285661

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **RT DIESEL MECHANIC**, 7436 WHITTIER OAK, CA, 91406. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS RICARDO ANTONIO TORRES PINEDA, 7436½ WHITE OAK AVE., VAN NUYS, CA, 91406. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: RICARDO ANTONIO TORRES PINEDA. 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 RT DIESEL MECHANIC. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE No. 2016285612

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **SHAWARM HOUSE**, FOOTHILL BLVD., SUNLAND, CA, 91060. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS YEPREM MOVSESIAN, 10634 LOLEANGAVE, SUNLAND, CA, 91060. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: YEPREM MOVSESIAN. 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 SHAWARM HOUSE. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE No. 2016285523

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **THE LITTLE FASHION TRUCK**, 1000 ADDISON ST., #102, OAKS, CA, 91423. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS ROSSETTA SWEET ANDERSON, 14320 ADDISON ST. #113, SHERMAN OAKS, CA, 91423. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: ROSSETTA SWEET ANDERSON. 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 THE LITTLE FASHION 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE No. 2016285403

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **VIKING TREE SERVICES**, 7210 JORDAN AVE, #86, CANOGA PARK, CA, 91303. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS VIKING TREE SERVICES INC. 7210 JORDAN AVE #86, CANOGA PARK, CA 91303. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION. SIGNED: VIKING TREE SERVICES INC. 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 VIKING TREE SERVICES. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE No. 2016284876

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **MOCKING BIRD COMMUNICATION**, 20909 PARTHENIS ST. #57, CANOGA PARK, CA, 91304. FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS IMARI DEMARKO PRIESTER, 20909 PARTHENIS ST. #57, CANOGA PARK, CA 91304. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: IMARI DEMARKO PRIESTER. 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 MOCKING BIRD COMMUNICATION. 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  
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**FILE NO. 201628803**  
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 MIRZAN 1312 SPAZIER AVE., GLENDALE, CA, 91201. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: ROMIK MIRZAN 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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**FILE NO. 201628686**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **DEE'S LIQUOR, 11723 SATICOY 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 WADIA/SOUTHLAND BEVERAGES 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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**FILE NO. 201628745**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **LA'S BST HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING, 6235 KESTER AVE., #220, 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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**FILE NO. 2016278462**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)

DOING BUSINESS AS: **PILLOWMAN 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: ETHEL SUMMERS-NEWBY THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON 11/16/16. THE REGISTRANT(S) HAS (HAVE) COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OR NAMES LISTED ABOVE ON PILLOWMAN THE MOVIE. 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. 216286710**  
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 AVAKYANS, 1019 WINCHESTER AVE. APT. #106, GLENDALE, CA, 91201. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL. SIGNED: PIVONIK AVAKYANS 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: **F.F.R. INSTALLS, 5619 EBEL AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90042.** FULL NAME OF REGISTRANT(S) IS FERNANDO FLORES RANGEL, 5619 EBEL 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. 2016292229**  
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 POMELO 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 12/2/2016. 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 (are) CONTESSA COLLECTIONS, LLC 380 S. LAKE AVE., PASADENA, CA, 91101. This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. Signed: MARIA LUISA FABBRI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/2/2016. 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 FABBRI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/2/2016. 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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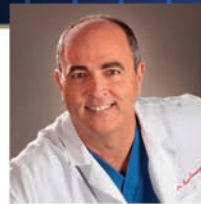
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