

SIERRA MADRE CIVIC LEADER
JAN REED PASSES AWAY



Sierra Madre has lost another Treasure, a woman who was greatly admired by this writer. Her achievements were an inspiration to me and the words of encouragement she shared inspired me to continue with the publication of this paper. There aren't enough words to tell her story on this page, however the words of her daughters will help those who did not have the pleasure of meeting her to understand what a great loss our community has suffered. Susan Henderson, Editor and Publisher of the Mountain Views News.

JANNENE G. REED
2/8/29 - 12/17/16

Our mother, Jannene G. Reed, was an amazing optimist who considered herself “the luckiest person in the world.” She passed onto her new heavenly life incredibly peacefully on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at the enviable age of 87. In fact, a veteran nurse at Huntington Memorial Hospital who witnessed her transition stated that she had never witnessed such a peaceful death. She truly was a mother who taught us how to live and then how to pass on. Mom was born the youngest of four daughters to Frank James and Pearl Margaret Griffith on a farm outside of Wayne, Nebraska on February 8, 1929. Family lore has it that it was 21 degrees below zero.

As a girl Mom loved to play piano, make up songs, write poems and stories. Later she started drawing comic strips. She drew constantly, illustrating most stories she studied and various classical stories she read. As a young woman, she began to work at the Wayne Herald (the local newspaper), collecting subscriptions at first, then she went into writing. Later she became Features Editor. Mom attended Wayne Prep High School where she was Homecoming Queen and valedictorian — which came with it four years of college classes at Wayne State College FREE. Mom met Don Reed at Wayne State College in their junior year (she was 4 months his senior) and they were married April 5, 1953. He had enlisted in the Air Force and they were stationed first in Madison, Wisconsin; then Sault St. Marie, Michigan; and then Chicago, Illinois.

In Chicago Mom worked as a layout prospective artist for General Telephone Company. They subsequently moved to Kearney, Nebraska where Dad was a news director and Mom was a copy writer. When Dad decided to go to law school, they moved again to Vermillion, S.D.. As Dad got his JD, mom taught art in the local schools. After law school they moved back to Wayne, Nebraska where Dad became a partner in a law firm. Their first child, Cameron Leigh (Camee) was born on October 5, 1959 and their second child, Barbara Jayne (Barbee), was born December 20, 1961. Mom and Dad moved our family from Wayne to Honolulu, Hawaii in 1972, then they settled permanently in Southern California in 1974, first in San Marino, then Sierra Madre and finally retiring in Pasadena.

In San Marino Mom worked for the local newspaper, the Tribune. Her dream was always to own a small newspaper and be editor and publisher, so when the Sierra Madre News became available in 1980 she and Dad bought it. Mom called it “a broadsheet, typical ‘country’ weekly newspaper.”

Sierra Madre was wonderful to Mom and Dad. Camee and Barbee had left the nest and Mom was truly a town leader. In the 1980s, she kept very busy with the paper, the printing business that came with it, and also was invited to serve on the board of the Methodist Hospital in Arcadia. This was a golden time for Mom and Dad. By 1994, though, Mom was getting pretty tired (her hours were horrendous as both editor and publisher) and they sold the paper. Unfortunately, the paper itself folded (without her inspired leadership) in 1996. Mom stayed very active in town, belonging to several groups including Kiwanis (she was the first woman member), and she was humbled and thrilled to become Sierra Madre Citizen of the Year in 1995. She was also a member of the Sierra Madre Women's Club and was chosen in 2010 as one of the Sierra Madre Treasures at the Annual Wistaria Festival. She stayed active and vital, rarely sitting still.

At their retirement community in Pasadena, Mom wrote profiles of many of the employees and residents. She continued to find humor in many situations and to be positive even as the years caught up with her. Mom is survived by Dad, (Don Reed) Camee, Barbee and four beloved grandchildren — Wesley (Megan), Jayne, Sara and Henry. We are confident that St. Peter met Mom at the Pearly Gates with a typewriter, a deck of bridge cards, and directions to the nearest piano. She won't sit still long.

The family will hold a private ceremony and Jan will be laid to rest in Sierra Madre's Pioneer Cemetery. However on February 11, 2017, a public Memorial will be held. Details for that event will be forthcoming.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU



Artist Sonny Salsbury created this painting depicting The Osti Christmas Decorations. Salsbury is also a Grammy nominated musician who was born in Pasadena. He is the brother of Judith Brandley, owner of Leonora Moss in Sierra Madre. His holiday artwork has been on the cover of every Christmas Edition of this paper.



this means. The Creator becomes our neighbor. And why does God do this but to reconcile us to Himself by restoring us to our original purpose. And "What is that purpose?" You ask. It's to know God and live in joy through Him. So we celebrate Christmas to commemorate the birth of God's Son Jesus, and to rejoice in the hope that through His birth, we are understood in our humanity and loved in spite of our human failures. Jesus described it this way: "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)
The Shepherds who came seeking Him that first Christmas were

MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas means something big has happened: God came for a visit. Think of what greeted with "Good news!" When the angels announced this good news, the shepherds did what anyone of us would do when we get good news, (Luke 2:10) they rejoiced. But they did not just rejoice, they kept on rejoicing (V.14) singing, "Glory to God in the highest!" Can't you feel their excitement? Imagine what it would be like if you were there on that first Christmas' you just got news that after centuries of darkness, sin and death, God was breaking in to rescue you. Do you see why they rejoiced? Now they could face life and all its challenges, knowing that among them would live one who could identify with them in their humanity, but who was God, incarnate. You too can celebrate this good news, with great joy because "To you is born a Savior." This is personal. "To you." Jesus came to you, and He still comes to you.
Bethany Church of Sierra Madre, welcomes you to join us on Christmas morning to celebrate some good news! Our service begins at 10 am and you can check us out at www.bethanychurchsm.org. Oh, and can I tell you one more thing about this good news? It has no expiration date.
Hope to see you this Sunday! Merry Christmas!
Pastor Briant

HANUKKAH

Happy Hanukkah, also known as Chanukah or Festival of Lights to our Jewish readers! This year the holiday season celebrations for Christians and Jews coincide with each other. Hanukkah begins on December 24th and ends on January 1st.



Hanukkah commemorates the Jewish people's successful rebellion against the Greeks in the Maccabean War in 162 BCE. A ritual cleansing and re-dedication of the Temple occurred after the Jewish people's victory. It is believed that there was only enough consecrated oil to keep the lamp burning for one day but the small bottle of oil miraculously lasted for eight days. Hanukkah, also known as Chanukah, is referred as the Feast of Lights or Festival of Lights for this reason.

Moreover, the survival of Judaism over the many years is also celebrated during this period. The last day of Hanukkah, which marks the end of Hanukkah, falls on the eighth day of this period.

Many Americans of Jewish faith also eat food fried in olive oil, such as potato cakes, and different fried breads. Hanukkah dishes include sufganiot (Hanukkah donuts), potato latkes(pancakes), mandelbrot (this can be sliced like a hard bread), and rugelach (pastry that with different fillings). The first day of Hanukkah is the start of a celebratory period in which a four-sided toy called dreidel is used for games. The first night of Hanukkah is also a night when people sing traditional songs to celebrate Hanukkah. Gift-giving is also popular at this time of the year.



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Wed:	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Rain (50%)	Hi 60s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR 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.



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 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.

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

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

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

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

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

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

December 11, to December 18, 2016 During this time period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 2 51 day and night time calls for service.

Wednesday, December 14

At about 10:53 a.m. a physical altercation occurred between two male subjects in the 100 block of W. Carter Ave. The victim placed the suspect under a private person arrest and the suspect was arrested for PC 242, Battery and transported to the Pasadena Jail. Case forwarded the DA's office for filing consideration. 8:56 p.m. A theft of a package occurred from the front porch of a residence in the 500 block of Foothill Ave. sometime between the hours of 3:16 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on 12/13/16. Case forwarded to Detectives

Thursday, December 15

At about 3:15 a.m. a resident in the 1000 block of Vista Ave. Reported seeing a male suspect rummaging through his unlocked vehicle. The victim last saw the suspect running south on Oakwood Ave in the city of Arcadia. Case to Detectives 11:41 a.m. SMPD officers responded to an alarm activation in the 600 block of E. Orange Grove Ave. The suspect(s) broke the bedroom's sliding glass door and made entry into the house. The victim reported it appears that jewelry was taken from the home. Case to Detectives pending further investigation.

Thursday December 16

In the 500 block of Foothill Ave., the victim reported a case of fraud by an unknown suspect(s) who used the victim's identity without permission to charge a large sum of money via the internet from the victim's savings account. Case to Detectives 5:20 p.m. Residents walked into a burglary in progress in the 100 block of Oak Meadow Rd. The homeowner confronted one suspect as the suspect exited a bedroom. As the suspect ran from the house the homeowner saw three more males. The description of the suspects is four males, short with slim builds, wearing gray hooded shirts with the hoods covering their faces. The suspects left in a light blue or silver newer model BMW with dark colored rims. This case to Detectives for follow up.

Thursday, December 17

At about 10:16 a.m. an officer was dispatched to the 600 block of Ramona for a theft of a package report. The victim reported that on 12/16/16 a package was delivered between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. by USPS. At about 10:00 a.m. this date a neighbor from the 500 block of Ramona came to the victim's house to give her an empty box that she found in her driveway. Case closed pending additional leads to further this investigation Friday, December 18 Officers responded to a fight taking place in the 00 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd. On arrival, the intoxicated male became combative and uncooperative with officers. The suspect was arrested and transported to a local hospital for medical clearance. The suspect was issued a citation for drunk in public and released from the hospital.

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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 16-04 (MCTA 16-04) SECOND UNITS URGENCY ORDINANCE 1383-U
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council conducted a public hearing on December 13, 2016 and adopted Municipal Code Text Amendment 16-04 (MCTA 16-04) Urgency Ordinance 1383-U amending Chapter 17.22-Second Units. Urgency Ordinance 1383-U is effective immediately. The purpose of the MCTA is to achieve compliance with Senate Bill No. 1069 (SB 1069), which expands a property owner or developer's ability to build a second residential dwelling unit on their property and simultaneously restricts discretionary and regulatory authority over such development by introducing new development standards, including allowable floor area, garage conversion requirements, setback provisions, rental restrictions, fire sprinkler requirements, and utility connections. The Planning Commission, at its November 17, 2016 meeting, unanimously approved Resolution 16-11 recommending to the City Council approval of MCTA 16-04 and Urgency Ordinance 1383-U.

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

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 16-06 (MCTA 16-06) - GROUP LIVING FACILITIES
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 17.08 ("Definitions") Section 17.08.020 ("Words, terms, phrases defined"), Chapter 17.60 Section 17.60.030 ("Conditional Use Permits-When Required"), and a new Chapter 17.94 ("Group Living Facilities Subject to a Conditional Use Permit"). Following a Planning Commission recommendation for approval, the proposed text amendment will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration. The amendments would afford the City the ability to better regulate licensed and unlicensed group living facilities serving more than six (6) residents by imposing operational and distance requirements through a conditional use permit to preserve the residential character of neighborhoods and to provide some protection to a vulnerable population in the absence of State or Federal licensing or other regulatory oversight.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
Planning Commission meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2017
(Hearing begins at 7:00 p.m.)
All interested persons may attend this meeting and the Planning Commission will hear them with respect thereto.

PLACE OF HEARING

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act review pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, because it will impose greater limitations on development in the City and protect the aesthetic character of Sierra Madre, thereby serving to reduce potential significant adverse environmental impacts.

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



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Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis



"Have yourself a merry little Christmas, let your heart be light. From now on, our troubles will be out of sight." Ralph Blane & Hugh Martin

Remember that? Judy Garland singing to Margaret O'Brien in the 1944 movie, "Meet Me In St. Louis." You probably do as this is a perennial Christmas favorite movie, along with "Miracle on 34th Street" and "It's a Wonderful Life." Of course, we love "Charlie Brown's Christmas" and the original version of Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas. There's "Frosty" and "Rudolph," and we've enjoyed a bunch of Christmas movies on the Hallmark Channel, too.

The lights and decorations around town have been spectacular this year. This fabulous Santa, his sleigh and reindeer (pictured) are on So. Baldwin, just above Orange Grove. These folks also had terrific Halloween decorations and we truly admire everything they do. I'm giving a Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side award to Les, Barbara, Nina and their cat, Bentley - who live on the south side of Sturtevant, just east of Mountain Trail. They have a tiny little garden window which they decorate beautifully for each season. Their Christmas window this year is charming and they have lights all along their garden, showing that sometimes the best things do come in small packages!

We hope you've had 'a merry little Christmas' this year, and that your heart has been light. As we were out walking Sierra Madre last year, my Christmas light connoisseur walking buddy, John, and I, found a piece of paper on the sidewalk and this is what it said:

A Child's Prayer of Thanks

Dear God,
I'm thankful for all You give,
For food,
For love,
A place to live,
I thank You for my family too,
And I want You to know
That I love You.
Amen.

I have kept this out in our kitchen ever since

and think it expresses pretty much everything for which we can be thankful. We live in such a beautiful place, with our own personal mountains available for good long 'look' moments. We have friendly people who smile and say Hello! when you pass them on the street. We have beautiful homes on every street, so many trees - which are doing fairly well in spite of the drought, and a splendid Christmas tree, crèche, menorah and dreidel in Kersting Court.

While making Christmas Jam, lemon marmalade, and about a million cookies, I had my Child's Prayer of Thanks out where I could see it... and even managed not to get cookie dough all over it! Like you, we've dined with friends and family, enjoying a nice glass of something sparkly and... of course...taking good long looks at our personal mountains. We have truly had "a merry little Christmas" this year and are looking forward to blessings and joy in the year to come.

While I'm listing blessings, here are a few more: We had rain! There might even be more! Our health is good...we enjoy Walking Sierra Madre more than ever. It was 15 degrees earlier this week in Wylie, Texas where our daughter, Crissy, and her family live. It was 41 degrees here last Monday but we're not complaining! I've only gained three pounds while cooking, baking, wrapping and sending cookies, bread, apple butter and Christmas jam all over the place, and that's not bad at all! Merry Christmas, dear friends!

"Christmas! It's almost here! My favorite... favorite time of year!

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SIERRA MADRE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM



The Rotary Humanitarian STAR Award committee is pleased to recognize Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team, as the 2016 RHSTAR Trophy Recipient in the Disaster Relief and Recovery Category.

President: Arnold Gaffery
Nominated by: Wendie Johnston Ph.D., Pasadena Bioscience Collaborative

Nominated For: The development of search and rescue MapSar technology used across the country and around the world.

Maps are at the core of any Search and Rescue (SAR) operation. Geographic information system (GIS) software allows rescue personnel to quickly generate maps that depict specific aspects of a rescue operation and show what is happening on

the ground over time. The maps and operations data can be shared over a network to supply an enhanced common operating picture throughout the Incident Command Post (ICP).

Sierra Madre Search and Rescue played a key role in the launch of a new web portal that supplies search and rescue (SAR) personnel with GIS tools, educational materials, and a virtual community for learning and sharing.

The launch of the MapSar website is the result of a community of search and rescue personnel linked together by their use of GIS with a goal to build on that work and supply standards, documents, and training to the international SAR community with the invaluable job of finding lost people

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Christmas, New Year's, Closures Reminders for Pasadena

Due to Christmas Day and New Year's Day both falling on a Sunday during the current Holiday Season, Pasadena City Hall and most City services will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas Day and Monday, Jan. 2 in observance of New Year's Day. A toll-free "Visitor Hotline" at (877) 793-9911 operated by the Pasadena Convention and Visitors Bureau, www.visitpasadena.com, will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 29 and Friday, Dec. 30; and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 31, and Sunday, Jan. 1.

All motorists must obey all temporary "No Parking" signs posted for the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl. Vehicles will be towed at owners' expense, no exceptions. Unless otherwise posted as "No Parking" or restricted due to special events, all parking meters are free and time limits will not be enforced on Christmas Day. All parking meter enforcement resumes on Dec. 26. Likewise, all parking meters are free and time limits will not be enforced on Jan. 1 and Jan. 2.

Pasadena's Holiday Overnight Parking Citation Moratorium occurs from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m., through Jan. 3. No Parking restrictions on certain streets—will not be cited for overnight parking. Beginning Dec. 27, motorists are advised that 15 traffic signals along the 5.5 mile Rose Parade route will be altered—on Orange Grove, Colorado Boulevard and Sierra Madre boulevards—so that tall floats needing additional clearance can safely navigate through the intersections.

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2.

For emergencies call 9-1-1. For other incidents, "If You See Something, Say Something!" by calling (626) 744-4241.

Pet of the Week



Bruce (A410199) is a 2-year-old, male, black rabbit. This snuggly fellow always has one ear up, one ear down – all the better to hear you with! Bruce enjoys ear rubs and absolutely adores being held. He'll even calmly snuggle up on your lap for a quick snooze once he gets comfortable with you. Bruce also enjoys bouncing around our bunny enrichment kennel, hopping up and down our stairs and pushing toys around with his nose. When he's not busy being the life of our Critter House, Bruce enjoys munching on mixed green salads.

The adoption fee for rabbits is \$30 and includes the spay or neuter surgery and a microchip.

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 A410199, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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



Plaque Dedicates Obama's Former Home

By Dean Lee

Dignitaries added Barack H. Obama, the 44th U.S. President, to the list of historic people that have lived in Pasadena — unveiling a dedicated plaque last week in his name in front of a small apartment he lived in while in college from 1980-1981.

About 200 people attended the dedication, held Dec. 17 at 253 Glenarm Street, including Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek, and Council members Andy Wilson and John Kennedy.

"How lucky we are," said Wilson. "literally up the street is the home of Julia Childs, so the people who are not into politics but cooking, on Oakland Ave, we have Albert Einstein [residents], and if you're into science you go a few blocks away, on Holladay Drive, you have George Ellery Hale's office and observatory, the history of Pasadena is truly

extraordinary."

The plaque dedicated to Obama is at 253 Glenarm Street in Council District 7, a seat now held by Wilson.

The inspiration for the plaque came from Councilmember Steve Madison.

"We have had 44 Presidents in the history of our country," Madison said. "My guess is that if you added up all of the homes towns of all of our Presidents, it would be a surprisingly low number. So I think it's appropriate, proper and very fitting that we acknowledge the man and the office in this way."

Madison said he had first met Obama in late 2007, before becoming President.

"I mentioned that I was on the city council in Pasadena and his eyes lit up and he said 'I love Pasadena,'" Madison said. "He said, 'I lived in Pasadena my sophomore year when I was at

Occidental College."

Madison said he worked with the city manager's staff and the library staff to hunt down Obama's former address.

"Who knows, if some student from Blair High School will happen by this plaque and be inspired to do something great in the future," Tornek said. "It's a small piece of history but it's something else to remind people... what a special place Pasadena really is."

Kennedy, who has also met Obama a number of times, said "All of the ordinary good people of Pasadena are welcoming you [Obama] home... and you promised us that you would come to Pasadena again before you leave office. And we want to hold you to that promise."

Pictured, Councilmember Madison, top left, 253 Glenarm Street. D. Lee /MVNews.

Local Area News Briefs

Pasadena man killed, shooter at large

Police on Friday were still looking for a suspect that shot and kill a man in North West Pasadena Thursday night.

According to police Brandon Douglas was shot around 9:45 p.m. on the sidewalk in the 1200 block of North Fair Oaks Avenue. He later died at a nearby hospital.

Investigators said they are in the early stages and have no motive or information on the suspect's description. Anyone with information is asked to call 626-744-4241. Or anonymously at 800-222-8477.

Semi-truck lands on Gold Line tracks

A big rig crash early Thursday morning brought the 210 freeway to a crawl and suspended Metro Gold Line service between Lake and Sierra Madre Villa stations after the semi-truck went through the center divider barrier and landed on the tracks near San Gabriel Boulevard. According to authorities, the accident was reported around 5 a.m. blocking both tracks damaging parts of the Gold Line power supply system.

Police said there was another car involved. Neither of the drivers were injured. Speed was probably a factor they said.

Metro officials said they hoped to have the repairs done yesterday. Bus shuttles were in service between Lake, Allen and Sierra Madre Villa stations.

In Related news: Metro officials said earlier this year, the Metro Board approved \$11 million in funding to do the environmental and design work on raising some or all of the barriers between the 210 freeway and the Gold Line tracks.

Book Signing - Origami by Robert J. Lang

Jan 28, 2017 Saturday, 2 p.m.

Join origami master Robert Lang for a gallery talk about the beautifully complex folded art he created for his current installation at The Huntington. (The exhibit ends Jan. 29.) A book signing follows the informal talk. Free; no reservations required. Brody Botanical Center.

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, or call 626.405.2100.

Caltrans Selling SR-710 Corridor Homes

State Senator Anthony Portantino announced Monday that after a decade of work by local leaders on the dispensation of Caltrans owned properties along the SR-710 corridor, Caltrans has begun the process of selling the homes this week.

According to a statement, Veterans Realty Group has been selected as the contractor and in the coming days, eligible residents will receive a package that outlines the process, details for the home buyer education workshops, and includes the notice of offer to sell. The sale of homes will be conducted in three phases. Phase 1 is estimated to take a year and includes 42 homes mostly in South Pasadena and Pasadena.

"Like many, I am relieved to see this day finally here. The State was never equipped to be in the single family property business and these homes need to be in private

hands and benefitting the local communities I am optimistic that the 1950's decisions that put us in this situation are a thing of the past as our region has different needs and priorities. I am very glad that our audit helped bring public scrutiny to the 710 corridor that helped make this day happen," commented State Senator Anthony Portantino.

While in the Assembly Portantino initiated a state audit that highlighted many of the challenges and problems Caltrans faced while managing the properties. He has also been a longtime advocate for selling the many homes owned by the state for the unnecessary, discredited and out dated 710 freeway proposal.

More information can be found by calling (213) 897-8184 or by visiting Caltrans' website at dot.ca.gov/d7/business/710sales/index.html.



Pictured, Caltrans owned property 265 Waverly Drive and right, the end of 710 freeway stub in Pasadena.

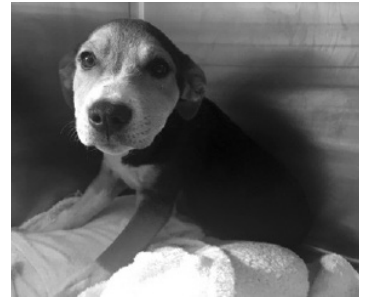
Hit-And-Run Puppy Seeks Christmas Miracle

Pasadena Humane Society hopes to reunite 4-month-old beagle with owner before the holidays.

The Pasadena Humane Society officials said Thursday the owner of a puppy injured in a hit-and-run car accident in South Pasadena. A 4-month-old beagle mix, now called "Miracle" by PHS staff, is suffering from a severe injury to her hind leg, but is in good spirits as she awaits major surgery.

Miracle was hit by a car in the intersection of Fair Oaks and Huntington. After the puppy was struck, she rolled underneath the car and landed on the sidewalk. A Good Samaritan ran to the puppy's side, while the car drove away. This good-hearted individual rushed the injured dog to the Pasadena Humane Society.

"We are pulling together all our resources to ensure Miracle receives the best care possible and we need your help," says Julie Bank, President/CEO of the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA. "We want to give her the best shot at having as



normal a life as possible after such a devastating injury."

PHS is hoping to find the Miracle's owner to reunite this sweet young dog with her family. No one has come forward yet and the puppy had no identification tags or microchip. Proof of ownership must be provided.

If we cannot locate the puppy's owner, she will be put up for adoption when she recovers from her injury. Interested parties can email adoptions@pasadenahumane.org and reference animal ID# A410205 for more information.

If you have any information about this puppy, her owner or the hit and run itself, please call the Pasadena Humane Society at 626.792.7151.

Free Events Roundup at the Pasadena Senior Center

There is something for everyone in January at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

You do not have to be a member to attend. Some events require advance reservations.

Smart Phones, Tablets and Computers—Any Questions?—Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 3 to 26, from 10 to 11 a.m. Get the answers you need about technology devices, whether you own them already or are considering a purchase.

Learning how to text, check voicemail, set an alarm, navigate the Internet and download apps is easier than you may think! A Toast to the Joys of Music—Tuesdays, Jan. 3 to 31, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tom Campbell will play guitar and sing songs in the Senior Center Lounge. Stop by and enjoy his covers of traditional country, country rock, blues, folk, gospel and classic rock originally made famous by Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Vince Gill, Elvis Presley, B.B. King, Neil Young, The Grateful Dead, The Rolling Stones and many more.

Scenic Walkers Club—Wednesdays, Jan. 4 to 25, at 10 a.m. Join this new group for a series of leisurely walks to enjoy the great outdoors and get some exercise. Alan Colville will give you a list of items to bring, let you know what to expect, provide detailed itineraries and arrange transportation. Destinations this month will include Descanso Gardens, Lower Arroyo Seco, Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden and Eaton Canyon Natural Area. For more information or to sign up, email alancolville@charter.net or call 626-221-3741.

Moving: Things to Know When Leasing or Buying—Thursday, Jan. 5, at 10 a.m. Moving can be daunting at any age. Learn what to focus on and what to consider before you decide to make your move. Presented by Pat Lile/Norma Mardelli, Realtor

Throw It Away? No Way!—Saturday, Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come to the Repair Café where tinkers, tailors and blade sharpeners will be on hand to repair your appliances, electronics, clothing, toys, tools, knives, jewelry and other items for free. There will also be a seed and seedling swap, gardening advice, music, special Really Free Market sale and more. For more information or to volunteer as a repairer, email contact@repair-cafe-pasadena.org. For more about the Senior Center visit pasadenaseniorenter.org or call (626) 795-4331.

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For the period of Sunday, December 11th, through Saturday, December 17th, the Police Department responded to 968 calls for service of which 128 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Monday, December 12:

Shortly before 10:34 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of West Duarte Road regarding a vehicle that had crashed into the garage of a residence. Upon contacting the driver, the officer noticed signs of drug use. The suspect refused to provide a blood sample, however, due to the past history and objective symptoms of drug use, the officer concluded the 48-year-old female from Hesperia was likely driving under the influence of a drug. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, December 13:

Around 1:50 a.m., officers responded to a solo vehicle traffic collision near the intersection of Las Tunas Drive and Live Oak Avenue. An investigation revealed the driver of the vehicle lost control, collided into a retaining wall, and overturned the vehicle. Three of the occupants were killed upon the arrival of officers and one occupant was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Just after 3:09 p.m., an officer responded to Sephora at the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a robbery report. The officer determined two female suspects concealed numerous items of merchandise in their shopping bags before exiting the store, failing to make payment. Upon exiting the store, the suspects used force to steal the items and flee. Both suspects fled in their vehicle but were located a short time later. Additional stolen merchandise was located inside the vehicle. The 22-year-old female from Clovis and 21-year-old female from Fresno were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At about 10:33 p.m., an officer responded to the 500 block of Santa Rosa Road 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 31-year-old male from Pasadena and a 31-year-old female from Fullerton were in possession of the stolen package, property, tracking device, drug paraphernalia, stolen mail, credit cards, checks, as well as personal information of more than 60 victims. The suspects arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just after 11:38 p.m., officers responded to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding the activation of a GPS tracker attached to a bicycle. The officer discovered the 31-year-old male from Monrovia was in possession of the stolen bike. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, December 14:

Around 10:00 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Holly Avenue and Camino Real Avenue for failing to stop at a stop sign. Upon contacting the driver, the officer noticed a meth pipe inside the vehicle in plain sight. A records check of the driver also revealed he was driving with a suspended license. The 50-year-old male from San Gabriel was cited and released in the field. The vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

Just before 9:46 p.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding an injury-related hit and run collision between a vehicle and a pedestrian. An investigation revealed the pedestrian was hit by a 51-year-old male from Pasadena who was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. He was arrested at his home and was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The victim passed away after being transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital.

Thursday, December 15:

At approximately 11:16 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1300 block of Greenfield Avenue regarding a burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect shattered a rear sliding glass door, ransacked the location, and fled undetected. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Around 12:39 p.m., an officer responded to Embassy Suites, 211 East Huntington Drive, regarding a subject attempting to rent a room with a fraudulent credit card. The officer determined the suspect obtained the victim's credit card information without her permission and charged unauthorized transactions to the credit card. The investigation is ongoing.

Shortly after 2:39 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1700 block of Orangewood Lane regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) smashed a rear sliding glass door, ransacked the residence, and fled with two envelopes containing \$100 cash. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located. The investigation is ongoing.

At about 7:34 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 200 block of South Third Avenue regarding a burglary report. The victim and her daughter returned to their residence and encountered the suspect in the kitchen. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect is a white or Hispanic male, 25 to 30-years-old, approximately 5'10" tall, roughly 190 pounds, with a dark colored mustache. He was wearing a light colored ski mask, dark colored gloves, and a dark colored backpack. The investigation is ongoing. The loss is unknown at this time.

Friday, December 16:

Just before 10:02 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1600 block of Oakwood Avenue regarding a commercial burglary report. The residence is under construction and, sometime during the previous evening, an unknown suspect forced open a pedestrian door and fled with an unknown amount of property. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At approximately 11:08 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Holly Avenue and Camino Real Avenue regarding the activation of a GPS tracking device. An investigation revealed a 37-year-old male from Pasadena and a 21-year-old female from Baldwin Park were in possession of the stolen package and its contents. The suspects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Shortly after 6:56 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Cambridge Avenue regarding an attempted residential burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed three suspects were scared off when they opened a rear door and the alarm siren activated. The suspects fled to an awaiting dark colored Chevrolet Tahoe.

All three suspects were wearing hooded sweatshirts and gloves. The investigation is ongoing.

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ANOTHER SHOUT OUT TO OUR 2016 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR!

Last week, the City announced our 2016 Employees of the Year, and I wanted to share the listing of winners with our community! These dedicated individuals were identified as deserving of recognition for their commitment during the past year, and we wanted to thank them – and everyone else on our team – for the commitment they have made to living our mission every day... to exist to serve the people of Monrovia to create a community that offers a premier quality of life... and for serving in a manner that exemplifies our commitment to teamwork through being humble, hungry, loyal, and smart!

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HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST – AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

The City's very popular annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest judging has been completed, and there were many incredible entries this year! Included as an attachment to this email is a document and map that outlines all of the individuals that entered the contest this year, along with our award winners! In addition, maps are also available on the City's website at, www.cityofmonrovia.org.

All of the Holiday Home Decorating Contest winners will be recognized at the December 20, 2016, City Council meeting, and all entries will have their homes lit until at least New Year's Day, so feel free to take time to tour the homes that installed some terrific holiday decorations!

The award winners are listed below, and congratulations to all who entered!

Most Effective Use of Lighting - 214 South Alta Vista

Avenue

Best Still Display - 205 Acacia Avenue

Holiday Spirit Award - 300 Block of North Alta Vista Avenue

Best Outdoor Display - 911 Crescent Drive

Children's Choice Award - 309 North Madison Avenue

Best Window Display - 208 South Mayflower Avenue

Best Decorated Outdoor Tree - 308 West Lemon Avenue

Snowman Award - 1517 Encino Avenue

Best Neighborhood Effort - Rochelle Avenue (2500 block)

Tim McKeenan "Best of the Season" - 541 Valmont Drive

Judges Award - Valmont Drive & Valmont Place

Santa's Workshop Award - 333 Norumbega Drive



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2) 205 Acacia Avenue	17) 217 East Fig Avenue
3) 272 North Primrose Avenue	18) 519 1/2 Almond Avenue
4) 300 Block of North Alta Vista Avenue	19) 507 East Lemon Avenue
5) 12 Hidden Valley Road	20) 376 Valle Vista Avenue
6) 911 Crescent Drive	21) 409 Meadow Lane
7) 309 North Madison Avenue	22) 529 Valmont Drive
8) 132 North Madison Avenue	23) 537 Valmont Drive
9) 208 South Mayflower Avenue	24) 541 Valmont Drive
10) 308 West Lemon Avenue	25) Valmont Drive & Valmont Place
11) 542 West Walnut Avenue	26) 333 Norumbega Drive
12) 809 South Mayflower Avenue	27) 380 Norumbega Drive
13) 622 Parker Avenue	28) 268 May Avenue
14) 639 Parker Avenue	29) 354 North Encinitas Avenue
15) 1517 Encino Avenue	30) 410 North Canyon Boulevard

Contest Winners

BEST STILL DISPLAY 205 Acacia Avenue	SNOWMAN AWARD 1517 Encino Avenue
BEST OUTDOOR DISPLAY 911 Crescent Drive	CHILDREN'S CHOICE AWARD 309 North Madison Avenue
BEST WINDOW DISPLAY 208 South Mayflower Avenue	SANTA'S WORKSHOP AWARD 333 Norumbega Drive
MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF LIGHTING 214 South Alta Vista Avenue	HOLIDAY SPIRIT AWARD 300 Block of North Alta Vista Avenue
BEST DECORATED OUTDOOR TREE 308 West Lemon Avenue	JUDGES AWARD Valmont Drive & Valmont Place
BEST NEIGHBORHOOD EFFORT Rochelle Avenue (2500 block)	TIM MCKEEHAN "BEST OF THE SEASON" AWARD 541 Valmont Drive

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

By Peter "St. Nick" Dills

Originally dubbed "the devils wine" because the bubbles tended to explode in the thin bottles, champagne has long been the choice (well, my choice) to celebrate special occasions for as long as I can remember. January 1st is National Champagne Day, and for good reason - more bubbles will be served from December 24th to January 1st than any other time of the year. Remembering that only grapes from the region of Champagne, France can be so-titled, our last review for the year celebrates bubbles from Champagne: Mumm Cordon Rouge Brut. This is a non-vintage winner - just like many blends I have written about from California, some of the best champagnes I've had are non-vintage. The wine maker has access to over 500 acres of grapes, and the Reims area of Champagne produces great juice year after year. The Mumm name is rivaled only by the House of Moët for champagne dominance. Though you might see me at the local market picking up a bottle of Veuve Cliquot, for \$10 less I can hardly notice the difference.

Of course, this is not a beverage I would recommend drinking on a regular basis, but for a very lasting memory of a great occasion, this champagne will surely create it! Many of you expressed the need for me to keep the prices down in this article - trust me I hear you loud and clear - but for a celebration I do like this champagne. The Cordon Rouge has a wonderful depth of flavor, though some say a little too sweet (I disagree). If stored properly and chilled to the right temperature you will enjoy this immensely. Save the strawberries and

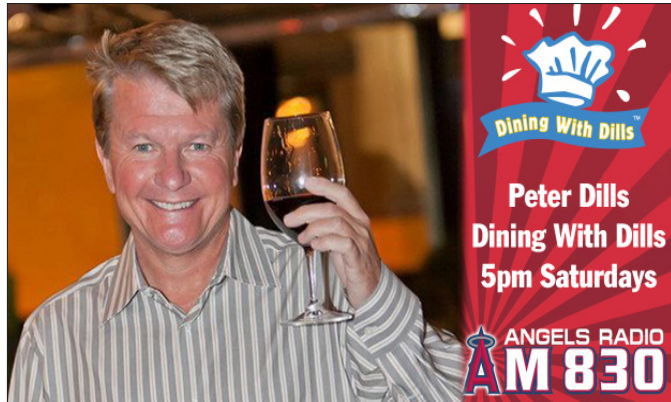


TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
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cherries for the prosecco, this is real champagne. Champagne goes also very well with fried food (the bubbles cut through the oils of the food) and will also compliment a nice bowl of salty popcorn. Yes, I said popcorn. One last tip for the holidays, your sparkling wine or champagne will not keep overnight, so once it's opened at the restaurant or your home plan on sharing with a friend to finish it.

Closure: Corked
Dills Score

Each week I will give you my Dills Score. Starting with a base of 50 points, I have added 8 points for color, 7 points for aroma or "nose", 9 points for taste, 8 points for finish, and 9 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating.

Total Score 91, retail \$44 on Sale, around \$34 at most area supermarkets

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Julie's favorite Family Recipes

RED LENTIL SOUP WITH NORTH AFRICAN SPICES

makes 4-6 servings

INGREDIENTS

4 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 large onion, chopped fine
Salt and pepper
¾ teaspoon ground coriander
½ teaspoon ground cumin
¼ teaspoon ground ginger
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
Pinch cayenne
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 garlic clove, minced
4 cups chicken broth
2 cups water
10 ½ ounces (1 ½ cups) red lentils, picked over and rinsed
2 tablespoons lemon juice, plus extra for seasoning
1 ½ teaspoons dried mint, crumbled
1 teaspoon paprika
¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro

DIRECTIONS

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and 1 teaspoon salt and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened but not browned, about 5 minutes. Add coriander, cumin, ginger, cinnamon, cayenne, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper and cook until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Stir in tomato paste and garlic and cook for 1 minute. Stir in broth, water, and lentils and bring to simmer. Simmer vigorously, stirring occasionally, until lentils are soft and about half are broken down, about 15 minutes. Whisk soup vigorously until it is coarsely pureed, about 30 seconds. Stir in lemon juice and season with salt and extra lemon juice to taste. Cover and keep warm. (Soup can be refrigerated for up to 3 days. Thin soup with water, if desired, when reheating.) Melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter in small skillet. Remove from heat and stir in mint and paprika. Ladle soup into individual bowls, drizzle each portion with 1 teaspoon spiced butter, sprinkle with cilantro, and serve

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

THE JOY OF YOGA HOLIDAY YOGA



The holidays can be an intense time with extra parties, errands, and visits with people we don't see often and it can be overwhelming.

Conversely, a lack of these extra events/merriment can bring its own set of emotions. During this time, it's best to figure out how to dial down the intensity and stay centered. So, how about a few essential holiday yoga poses?

For energy, try Utkatasana, or chair pose. On the inhalation, bring the arms in line with the ears. On the exhalation, bend knees and sit in a chair that's not there. Don't go too deep, and try to keep the chin tucked in but eyes lifted up straight ahead. Stay in the pose for just the inhale and exhale, release, unbend knees, come to stand. Try a few more times dynamically and then hold the pose, breathing steadily.

For grounding and balance, try Prasarita Padottanasana. It's a wide-leg forward fold. Step the feet about 3 1/2 - 4

feet apart and have the feet point straight ahead. On the exhalation, soften knees slightly and fold over between your legs. Take several steady breaths here. Try to draw shoulder blades together on your back to not over-round the back. Release the neck too, then release from the pose entirely after 8 breaths or so.

For centering, try Supta Matsyendrasana, a simple supine twist. Come to lie on your back and draw knees to chest. With knees to chest, roll over completely to one side (fetal position). Then, open up the top arm and look toward the arm that is outstretched. Hold steady for several breaths. Make sure to do both sides. For added centering, add a little abdominal work such as a low boat pose or something similar.

For digestion and to ease tension in the lower back, try Apanasana. Lie on your back and draw knees to chest. Stay for several breaths and feel free to move a little to massage the lower back.

Enjoy these yoga poses and come see us at Yoga Madre! Namaste, Keely Totten

JUST FOR BEST FRIENDS

PEASANTRY AND PETS A PERSONAL POSITIVE PERSPECTIVE



When I was 4 ½ years old I lived in Huntsville, Alabama with my 6 older siblings and my parents who'd just experienced a spiritual epiphany that prompted them to make a major change in their lives. My dad, who'd worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft as a tool & die maker for several years, suddenly decided to quit his job and go full time into a Christian children's outreach ministry. I have a handful of memories about what life was like in Florida prior to that change, but my clearest memories are of my experiences growing up in Alabama.

I was born the seventh of seven in West Palm Beach, Florida. It was 1963, a year remembered by most Americans as the year President Kennedy was assassinated. Being a baby at the time, of course I was unaware of what was going on in our country, or anywhere else for that matter. But later in life it somehow became significant to me, to include as part of "my story" the fact that I was born the same year President Kennedy was assassinated.

Regardless of the political status that prevailed when I was a small child, one thing I can say for sure is that my family was poor in dollars, but incredibly rich in blessings. We were blessed with an enormous amount of love and spiritual nourishment on the home front. Kindness to others took top priority in any lecture that I may have had to endure from my parents. "What we have is to be shared!", still comes to mind as part of what my folks endeavored to teach me, and for that I am grateful to this day.

My mom and dad also taught me how to get by with very little. Not to say that we suffered or went without, because amazingly, the miracles of provision that I witnessed through the faith of my parents is what has kept me believing in God after all these years. They were excellent examples of how one should live their life in faith; working hard and knowing that God will provide. Without their example, I often wonder what kind of person I would be today.

So, with those early memories all said and done, I am finally getting to the main point of this happy tale. In 1968 we were living in a duplex located in a rural area of Huntsville, Alabama (Toll Gate Road on Monte Sano Mountain, to be specific). The center wall had been demolished, turning it into a single-family dwelling with space enough to accommodate nine, leaving the center kitchen as the largest room in the house. I have some pretty amazing memories of sharing Christmases with my family in that home.

Now I regress, to give you a little history about my folks. My mom and dad grew up in Worcester, Mass. during the depression. My dad left photography school to serve in the Navy on the USS Missouri during WWII. As a young girl, my mother worked at her parents' restaurant while honing her skills singing and dancing on stage.

Soon after my dad returned from the war, he met my mom, they married and stayed that way for 60+ years until they both passed away. Because of their own life experiences, they had lots of valuable lessons to share with us kids about working hard, building a home, gardening and practical ways to manage money in order to feed a family and pay the bills. After all, God helps the man who helps himself, right?

So, in 1968, while we were living in that reformed duplex on the mountain, some friends offered us a couple of rabbits - a male and a female - as a gift to our family. Knowing it would be an awesome experience for us kids to have the responsibility and benefits of owning pets, as well as a little extra cash we would gain from selling some of the rabbits, my dad accepted their kind offer. He immediately went about building an enormous above-ground hutch for them to snuggle and nest in. As you can imagine, we kids were very excited when the rabbits arrived.

It didn't take long before we had our first brood of bunnies, and each of us got to pick one to be our very own. I remember selecting the runt of the litter. He had a silky brown coat, so I named him Cocoa. As the momma and poppa rabbits continued to proliferate, we were able to sell several of the

bunnies to our friends in the neighborhood at Easter time. I also remember my dad helping me tote a few of them to my second-grade classroom for show and tell. What a wonderful memory that is for me now.

Then one day when money had apparently gotten pretty tight for us, my dad came to us "little kids", as they used to call me and my sister (2 ½ years my senior), and explained that some of the rabbits might have to give up their lives in order to provide food for the table. At first I didn't understand what he meant. I knew the chickens we kept in a coop in a separate area were there to give us eggs and at times, give us meat...but the idea of a rabbit providing food made no sense to me.

My father was very careful to select rabbits we'd not chosen to be our pets. He performed the necessary task of slaughtering them early in the morning while we were still sleeping, to prevent us from seeing what had to be done. He knew we would probably notice there were rabbits missing and he'd have to address the issue at some point to clarify why he had to do what he did to feed the family, but he didn't want us witnessing the act.

I remember asking my dad where the rabbits had gone, and he carefully explained that we needed to eat some of the rabbits as a means of survival. I cried hard for a long time when it hit me that the rabbits had to die for my sake. As I grew older, it became easier to accept that some of those rabbits would have to sacrifice their lives to feed me and the rest of my family. I am told I get most of my sensitivity from my father, along with a few other special traits, so I can only imagine how it must have broken his heart to have to kill the rabbits for us to eat. It was only when we simply could not afford to buy meat, and it was done in the most humane fashion possible. My dad did what he had to do to feed us kids. I will always love him for taking on such a difficult task to give us what we needed.

Although I don't eat rabbits today, I believe that my father taught me a very valuable lesson. I learned at an early age how our food makes it's way to the table. Some kids are never told what goes on behind the grocery store counters. These days it is so easy to forget that nature is indeed what feeds us. We go to the store and choose from an enormous selection of foods prepared by other hands, and often don't give it a second thought.

No one wants to think about how a steak comes from a cow, or a pork loin is obtained from a pig. But, I believe that carnivorous humans should have to witness the process at least once in their life, to earn the right to consume the meat they eat. The same goes for the vegetables we consume. We should all have to experience the hard work that goes into planting and harvesting a garden that puts food on the table. It's a basic part of our survival and until we appreciate it, we are missing out on a very important precept of life.

I hope we can all learn to value the foods we eat, particularly those who eat meat. Although I would like to see our society move away from eating animals, I realize it is a very deeply rooted culturally accepted practice in our society. But it is so very important for us to remember the sacrifices being made on our behalf. Show respect to all animals. Be humane in your lifestyle by taking only what you need, and giving back what you can. Be grateful for what sustains you, and above all don't forget to 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/4kSTyctt7fk>

For more information on Zeke, please contact volunteer UHA adoption coordinator Catherine at 562-301-9184 or catherine@hope4animals.org.



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HOW TO SPOT AND FIX MEDICAL BILLING MISTAKES

Dear Savvy Senior,
After a recent hospital stay, I have a stack of confusing medical bills at home I need to decipher. I've heard these bills frequently contain mistakes. How do I spot them to ensure I'm not paying more than I need to be?

Cautious Carol

Dear Carol,
Medical billing errors and overcharging is not uncommon. According to the American Medical Association, 7 percent of medical bills in 2013 had errors, and other groups estimate that figure to be much higher. Unfortunately, untangling those mistakes is almost always up to you. Here are some tips and tools that can help.

Check For Errors

To help you get a grip on your medical bills and check for errors, you need to familiarize yourself with what your insurance does and doesn't cover. Then you need to carefully review the explanation of benefits from your insurer, and the invoices you receive from your doctor, hospital and/or outpatient facility providers.

These invoices need to be itemized bills detailing the charges for every procedure, test, service and supply you received. If you didn't receive an itemized invoice, request it from your health care providers. And if the invoices contain any confusing billing codes or abbreviations that you don't understand, ask them for an explanation. You can also look up most medical billing codes online by going to any online search engine and typing in "CPT" followed by the code number.

Once you receive and decode the invoices, keep your eyes peeled for these mistakes:

- Typos: Incorrect billing codes, a misspelled name or a wrong policy number.
- Double billing: Being charged twice for the same services, drugs, or supplies.
- Canceled work: Charging for a test your doctor ordered, then canceled.
- Phantom services: Being charged for services, test or treatments that were never received.
- Up-coding: Inflated charges for medications and supplies.
- Incorrect length of stay: Most hospitals will charge for the admission day, but not for day of discharge. Be sure you're not paying for both.
- Incorrect room charges: Being charged for a private room, even if you stayed in a semi-private room.



Inflated operating room fees: Being billed for more time than was actually used. Compare the charge with your anesthesiologist's records.

To make sure the charges on your bill are reasonably priced, your insurance provider may offer an online price transparency tool, or use the Healthcare Blue Book (healthcarebluebook.com) or Guroo (guroo.com). These are free resources that let you look up the going rate of many procedures, tests or services in your area.

Make Corrections

If you find errors or have questions about charges, contact your insurer and your health care provider's billing office. When you call, be sure you write down the date, time and name of the person you speak to and a summary of the conversation, in case you need to refer back to it at a later time.

If there's a billing code error or some other mistake that's easily correctable, ask your health care provider to resubmit a corrected claim to your insurance company.

Get Help

If you aren't able to resolve the dispute on your own, you may want to consider hiring a medical billing advocate to work on your behalf. To find someone, try sites like billadvocates.com or claims.org. Most advocates charge an hourly fee – somewhere between \$50 and \$200 per hour – for their services, or they may work on a contingency basis, earning a commission of 25 percent to 35 percent of the amount they save you.

If you're a Medicare beneficiary, another resource is your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). They provide free counseling and can help you understand your medical bills and Medicare coverage. To find a local SHIP counselor visit shiptacenter.org, or call 800-633-4227.

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...December Birthdays*

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

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



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

YWCA San Gabriel Valley - Intervale Senior Cafe

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

Tech Talk: Will resume in the fall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SENIOR EXCURSION - Proposed 2017 Trips

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

Excursion Refund Policy

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

Here's STRYDER, in his Christmas picture, waiting for Santa to hurry up and find him a new home. He's our 3-legged, FIV+ boy, age 2, and a total sweetheart. Will someone please find it in your heart to adopt this affectionate lap cat? All he wants is love & cuddles, & maybe another nice kitty or two. He is very loving and playful, but will be a bit shy at first. He gets along very well with other kitties. Technically, he is considered



be treasured and safe, all the rest of his life. There are more pictures of him, and his latest video, on our website, at www.lifelineforpets.org.

Katnip News!



Lifeline for Pets is a small no-kill rescue. We show some cats most Sunday afternoons at Petsmart, 3347 E. Foothill Blvd. in Pasadena, 12:30-3:30. NOTE: We will resume showing on Jan. 8, but we can still do a Meet & Greet-Call 626-676-9505 or visit www.lifelineforpets.org for adoption info. Adoption fee is \$100, which includes spay, microchip, exam & vaccine. Our cats are negative FELV/FIV unless otherwise indicated. Sorry, we are not accepting cats at this time. GOOD NEWS: Buzz & Bo Peep have been adopted!

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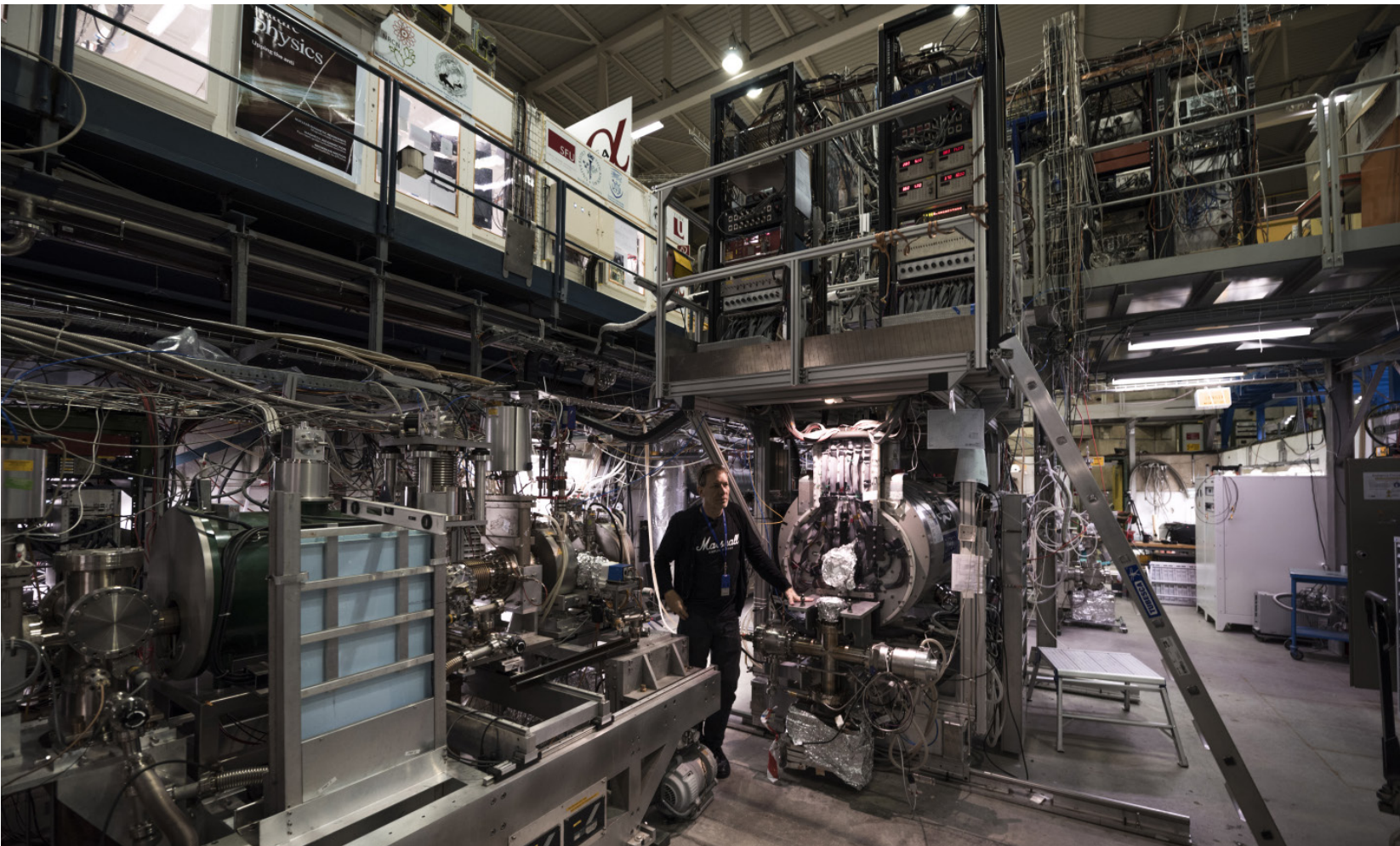
The ALPHA collaboration at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland, has reported the first-ever measurement of an antimatter atom's optical spectrum. This achievement opens up a completely new era in high-precision antimatter research. It is the result of over 20 years of work by the CERN antimatter community.

"Using a laser to observe a transition in antihydrogen and comparing it to hydrogen to see if they obey the same laws of physics has always been a key goal of antimatter research," said ALPHA spokesperson Jeffrey Hangst.

Atoms consist of electrons orbiting a nucleus. When the electrons move from one orbit to another they absorb or emit light at specific wavelengths, forming the atom's spectrum. Each element has a unique spectrum. As a result, spectroscopy is a commonly used tool in many areas of physics, astronomy and chemistry. For example, in astrophysics, analyzing the light spectrum of stars allows scientists to determine their composition.

With its single proton and single electron, hydrogen is the most abundant, simple and well-understood atom in the universe. Its spectrum has been measured to very high precision. Antihydrogen atoms, on the other hand are poorly understood. Because the universe appears to consist entirely of matter, the constituents of antihydrogen atoms—antiprotons and positrons—have to be produced and assembled into atoms before the antihydrogen spectrum can be measured. It's a painstaking process, but well worth the effort since any measurable difference between the spectra of hydrogen and antihydrogen would break basic principles of physics and possibly help understand the puzzle of the matter-antimatter imbalance in the universe.

Today's ALPHA result is the first observation of a spectral line in an antihydrogen atom, allowing the light spectrum of matter and antimatter to be compared for the first time. Within experimental limits, the result shows no difference compared to the equivalent spectral line in hydrogen. This is consistent with the Standard Model of particle physics, the theory that best describes particles and the forces at work between them, which



predicts that hydrogen and antihydrogen should have identical spectroscopic characteristics.

The ALPHA collaboration expects to improve the precision of its measurements in the future. Measuring the antihydrogen spectrum with high precision offers an extraordinary new tool to test whether matter behaves differently from antimatter and thus to further test the robustness of the Standard Model.

ALPHA is a unique experiment at CERN's Antiproton Decelerator facility, able to produce

antihydrogen atoms and hold them in a specially-designed magnetic trap, manipulating antiatoms a few at a time. Trapping antihydrogen atoms allows them to be studied using lasers or other radiation sources.

Antihydrogen is made by mixing plasmas of about 90,000 antiprotons from the Antiproton Decelerator with positrons, resulting in the production of about 25,000 antihydrogen atoms per attempt. Antihydrogen atoms can be trapped if they are moving slowly enough when they are

created. Using a new technique in which the collaboration stacks anti-atoms resulting from two successive mixing cycles, it is possible to trap on average 14 anti-atoms per trial, compared to just 1.2 with earlier methods. By illuminating the trapped atoms with a laser beam at a precisely tuned frequency, scientists can observe the interaction of the beam with the internal states of antihydrogen.

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

WHO IS SANTA CLAUS? PART II

[Nyerges is an author / lecturer / educator who has written such books as "Extreme Simplicity,"

"How to Survive Anywhere," "Guide to Wild Foods," and other books. Information about his books and classes is available at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com, or Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041]

Continued from last week...

Back in his homeland, Nicholas became known as a very generous bishop. Remember, he inherited wealth from his parents, and he would sometimes give gold and other valuables to those that he heard was in need. In one case, it is said that Nicholas tossed a bag of gold coins into a needy family's yard, anonymously. He was apparently humble, and didn't want to be seen giving money to people, so he did it secretly. He was so famous for wanting to give such gifts in private when he traveled the countryside, children were told to go to sleep quickly or Nicholas would not come with gifts. This, apparently, is the origin of telling children to go to sleep or that Santa will not come.

In one story, he apparently snuck into the home of a family where the three daughters of a poor man were about to get married. Nicholas put some gold into the stockings which the girls left by the fire to dry. This, apparently, is the origin of hanging up stockings on Christmas eve.

He was also well known for the gifts that he gave to newly married couples during the already established Christmas season.

And so it goes. Nicholas was a complex man, part of the new Catholic tradition which celebrated the birth of Jesus on the already-observed winter solstice. (Early Judeo-

Christians did not celebrate the birth of Jesus, a date that has been lost to history, but was definitely not December 25).

He died on December 6, 343, which is to this day known as "Saint Nicholas Day." Upon his death, he was buried in the cathedral of Myra. He is revered as a saint in most versions of Christianity and is especially honored in Eastern Orthodox Christianity.

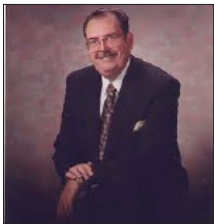
By the year 450, churches in Greece and Asia Minor were being named in honor of Nicholas. He was officially honored as a saint by the Eastern Catholic Church in 800. December 6 began to be celebrated as Bishop Nicholas Day in France by the 1200s.

As time went on, when ever someone received a mysterious gift, it would be attributed to Saint Nicholas!

The Dutch called Saint Nicholas "Sinterklass," which is the mostly likely manner in which the name Saint Nicholas gradually evolved into "Santa Claus." Along the way, Saint Nicholas was given some of the attributes of Odin, the Norse God, who could travel through the sky and who had a secret home somewhere around the north pole. Come to think of it, even the Superman story also borrowed from Odin. Remember how Superman sometimes goes to a secret cavern in the Northern coldlands and converses with his ancestors via ice crystals?

The image continued to morph over the years, with the Coco Cola company giving the world a somewhat sanitized and plumper Saint Nicholas-Santa Claus with their early 20th century ads. There we began to see the fatter bearded man in the red suit.

Today, the man you see in the mall is the modern condensation of fact and myth, embodying the generosity of one Catholic Bishop, the good will of all who gave gifts in his stead, and bits of the mythology of Odin.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS UP THE CHIMNEY

It hardly seems possible that another Christmas has come and gone. I think it comes quicker than it goes, but then that is just my opinion.

We were sitting for the last time around the Christmas tree which was about to be disassembled and I happen to say, "I can't believe Christmas is over. Where does the time go?"

To that, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, "The older you get, the faster time goes."

I remember as if it was yesterday when without thinking, which is usually dangerous for me, I once responded, "You must know."

I got the "stare" that encouraged me not to respond in that vein ever again.

However, and you didn't hear it from me, she is right. She is always right. The older I get, the faster time seems to go. I cannot believe that not only is Christmas past, but the whole year is passed. It is all just history now.

But, oh, what history it was.

Sometimes it is interesting to think back over the past year and remember some of the great occasions. By great occasions, I mean the minuses and the pluses. Some memories are good and some memories are, well, you know.

This is the genius of getting older. Now that I have another Christmas under my belt, I can mesh together two or three Christmases as though it was one Christmas occasion. After all, who is going to know, apart from the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage?

Whenever I begin the phrase, "I remember a Christmas when..." I need to look at my wife to see if she is listening. Of course, if she is not listening, I can go along and invent my own Christmas tree story. I like to do that.

There was the time when I first did this without noticing my wife was listening and at every turn of my story, she corrected me. By the time I was done telling "our" story, I did not remember what I said.

Years ago, however, I have learned how to tell these Christmas memories and not get into trouble. One of the great things about being a husband is that you are on a learning curve. If you just pay attention, you learn how to deal with certain situations. When it comes to Christmas stories and memories, I have mastered the learning curve.

I always begin it this way, "My dear," referring to my wife, "do you remember that Christmas when..." That is about all I have to say and she will take the story from there. Fortunately for me, or unfortunately, it just depends, I have no idea which way she is going.

Several times, I learned things about one of our Christmases that I did not know before. Maybe I did know it before, but I had forgotten it and I am

going to let it sit there. I am not going to infer that she made up any memory for the storytelling. I will not suggest that the memory she was talking about had nothing to do with our Christmas history.

That is just the kind of husband I am. I will never, ever, correct my wife about anything. Even when she makes a mistake in our checkbook, I do the "husband math," correct it and not mention it.

It is not all bad. Recently we were sitting drinking some coffee looking for the last evening at the Christmas tree thinking about Christmases in the past. Then I heard her chuckling. She does not usually chuckle like this, but it was a special occasion.

"Do you remember," she said still chuckling, "the Christmas tree that collapsed on Christmas morning?"

I had to stop and rewind my memory machine and then I remembered. It is amazing what you can remember when you have a little bit of incentive.

We had just moved into a new parsonage, it was our first Christmas there, and the children were rather young. Only one of them was going to school at the time. It was Christmas morning and as we got up the kids were so excited about Christmas and the Christmas gifts under the tree that they just went crazy.

My wife and I sat back, watch them and laughed as they were laughing together.

We were going to have an orderly opening of Christmas gifts, at least that was our plan. The kids, however, were so excited that they delved into the pile of Christmas presents, not knowing that behind them was the Christmas tree.

All at once, without any kind of warning, the Christmas tree fell over and almost hit one of the kids. There was a trio of screaming that I think would have scared Santa Claus himself.

Nobody was hurt, but three little munchkins were terribly frightened. They were so frightened they did not want to open up their Christmas presents.

Thinking about this, my wife and I chuckled most heartily. From then on, the children never overlooked the Christmas tree and with a great deal of caution opened up their Christmas presents.

In reminiscing about this, I thought of what the angel said to the shepherds that night so long ago, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people," (Luke 2:10).

The years come and go but the most important thing are the memories they leave behind.

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Christmas is also a time to
remember the reason for this season!

-Luther, Georgina, Lydia and Rocket



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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

PORTANTINO PROPOSES SEGMENT OF CA-134 FREEWAY TO BE NAMED AFTER PRESIDENT OBAMA

Glendale, CA – Today Senator Anthony J. Portantino introduced Resolution, SCR 8, which will name the segment of the CA-134 freeway between the Glendale CA-2 and the Interstate 210 Freeway the “President Barack H. Obama Freeway”. President Obama attended Occidental College in Eagle Rock from 1979 to 1981 and lived in Pasadena during his sophomore year. His attendance at Occidental College influenced his political trajectory and led him to become one of our most revered and respected Presidents in American history. President Obama is leaving office with tremendous approval from across our country.

For his contributions as a community activist, constitutional scholar, United States Senator and President, it is only fitting to honor our 44th President by naming a part of a freeway he most certainly used while living in the area. Over this past weekend, local activists in the 25th Senate

District suggested to Sen. Portantino that given the President's connection to Southern California and Eagle Rock in particular, it would be appropriate to memorialize his time in Southern California with a freeway naming. Sen. Portantino has spoken with Asm. Jimmy Gomez who currently represents Eagle Rock and he will be joining Portantino on this resolution. Portantino represented Eagle Rock while in the Assembly.

“I am honored to be in a position to bring appropriate respect to President Obama's leadership, his fond memories of living in the 25th Senate District, his college days in the 51st Assembly District and his tremendous legacy. California has a long history of designating our freeways as reminders of the accomplishments of important leaders who have shown character, strength, and passion. President Obama is a laudable person to showcase and for Southern Californians to appreciate,” commented Sen. Portantino.

THE FAITH THAT FOLLOWED A STAR

If ever there was an age motivated by magic, it was brought to our world in those olden times of our past. The generation that drew breath during these days had less reason for belief in their arduous season of suffering, but more gallant did their pulses gallop with belief. The events of this age plainly expressed far fewer ornaments of hope, but more stridently did flourish their indomitable expectations of courage.

It has been suggested that the world is a dramatic game of movements, with each player being characterized by the conduct of how they play. If one can fathom the world as such, he or she might imagine the most ingenious chess match ever devised. The standards of our practice and play has essentially remained the same since the beginning of time. Our ancestors of yesteryear yearned to conquer that game labeled “life,” just as we do. Granting our ancestors' instincts and intellect are equal to ours, and knowing that we arrogantly dismiss such meditations of theirs by complacently assuming our libraries of knowledge, entitles us to a degree of clarity more magnificent than the means of their possession. One might consider, however, that the shelves of our time are filled by more ignorance than the collect works of knowledge. The truth was as intensely alive in their age, as we might hope to discover it in ours.

In those decorated days of our past, there existed three men of the most extraordinary ambition. If the world was established with one of these men, it would be spoken of itself with an abundance of fortune. If two such souls were joined into the same such moment of time, an intense sense of coincidence would wet the lips of those who understood. However, the admittance of this third unselfish soul eradicated every implication of casual luck, inscribing the history that follows as a wondrous work of magic.

If the reader is affable to the idea, they may emphatically edit the word “magic” from the page and substitute the word, “miracle.” I shall not be the writer to argue the wisdom of such interpretations. I only speak of magic in the voice of a child who is wonderstruck by the world he sees in this story.

Three boys were born to the sands of the desert, sprinkled about a world where the cool of the night, and the delight of the wind, whispered away the burning sight of the sun. The three boys were not linked by any biology of parents, nor did they share the same city of sand, but their brotherhood was deeper than the bonds of blood; or the proximity of place. These three boys shared in the dearest yearnings to know God.

The vast places of empty desert and the continents of sand, were the citizens of the cities in the ancient age of kings, nourished by the night. They were dragged from darkness -- not by the light of terrestrial torches, but by those candles of the night that sheltered above the earth in the holy magic of stars. So natural where those nights in which three curious children joined as one, in their appreciation of the lights overhead. By the age of responsibility, these three men were known by the kings of their land as the single-minded seekers of knowledge, and the ultimate testers of the truth. By the advantage of daylight, they scoured the sacred scrolls of the Old Testament and studied the pronouncement of prophets. By God's Holy night, they charted the Heavens, and those nomadic stars that sailed the dark ocean above.

They understood the prophetic words of Daniel, discerningly identifying the time of the great King's coming arrival. They fully believed the scriptures, and they saw their faith endorsed by the advent of a star -- a star which spoke of this new King. They assembled with action, each going to their prospective Kings, and informing their rulers of the glorious birth of the peace loving prince. Each King made instruction that these men should journey forth with a supply of gifts to honor the “King of all Kings.” The three men embarked from each of their places with their caravan of camels. After forty days of travel, a wonderful lake of water appeared from the sand. The first caravan of camels tented for the night by the shore of this magical body of water. Not soon after, a second train of animals arrived to revel in the delightful appearance of a crystal clear lake that surfaced from the dry sand like the Garden of Eden to their thirsty throats. As this second set of settlers raised their tents for the night, a third convoy of camels adopted positions beside the water's edge. The first man who had entered this place, invited these wandering travelers to dine as guests in his tent. It was soon discovered, that each of these three men were following the same star that appeared to them in the East.

From then on, the three men, from their three separate places, followed the star as one. Their travels remained remarkably smooth from that moment

forward, and they could feel in their chests, the physical happiness of their hearts as they entered Jerusalem to inquire of King Herod, “Where is the child to be born King of the Jews?”

Herod was ignorant of the Micah's prophesy of the savior's birth, and inquired of his chief priests this question, to which they said, “Bethlehem.” Leaving the city of Jerusalem, the three traveled toward Bethlehem, as the star of the East and the curious light it cast each night, went on before them. The men stopped to rest their camels for the evening outside of Bethlehem. From the place where the men stood, they could clearly see the torches of the little town swaying in the soft touch of the wind. Their eyes tracked the blades of grass that chased up the gentle hillside. They examined those places that clustered with scattered white pebbles -- the majestic starlight's white pearls of glorious wonder.

A little after the tents were set, they stood and admired the welcoming world of almond, cedar, oak, and pleasant assortment of palm trees which decorated their landscape. As their campfire actively matured in warmth, a flock of sheep wandered down from the heights of the hill with their devoted shepherd in tow. The men, being of great curiosity as to what they would find in Bethlehem, called to the shepherd, and inquired of the city and the nature of its people. Once they were sufficiently answered in full, they moved to the question about the birth of a King. The countenance of the shepherd changed, as he told them of how it all happened: “It started much on a night like this, the glory of an angel appeared to me and the other shepherds of this hill, declaring, ‘This very day in King David's hometown a savior was born to you.’” Then the shepherd looked to the sky as a complete sense of magic occupied his eyes, slightly hesitating before resumed his story, “A host of angels descended on us, while in the full praise of God! Then the angels commanded us to go forth into Bethlehem and to locate the savior, who is sleeping upon a bed of hay, and we did as the angels told us and found the child, to be named Jesus.”

It was then, that one of the men said to the shepherd and the other two he was traveling with, “It was from these very fields, as David watched over his sheep, that Samuel called him into his Father's home and anointed him King of Israel. God has made this shepherd before us a witness to the great Lamb of God, Jesus, who shall lead all nations from the penalty of sin.” The men were astonished, and now understood why this man, and the occupation of this shepherd, would be regarded as the most prudent to be summoned to the birth of God.

The telling of this story made the men eager to see the child, so they hastily packed all of their items and started off toward the little town of Bethlehem. As the men stepped upon the road, the magical light of the star which had guided them to this place, appeared once again, brightening the path before them. Under the noble spell of this sacred light, even the camels of this caravan buoyantly bounced upon the road toward Bethlehem.

After passing through the heart of Bethlehem, the light of star settled upon the roof of a small house. The men knocked upon the wooden door, and as Joseph opened it, offering entrance, the men beheld the sight of Mary and her child. They instantly went to their knees and knelt before the child as they worshipped Jesus. Each of these men presented a gift from their kingdom which was common for a king to receive: one gave gold, the other frankincense, and the last man, myrrh.

The magic of this age was written by the hidden hand of Heaven, and of all the living chess pieces that walk this world. One thing was certain: they were three of the best to ever play the game. So great does their glory still exist, that they are enduringly identified by us as wise men. It was the action of study, and a measurement of faith, that placed these wise men upon the table of time. They are placed at that magnificent moment of historical magic, for the enrichment and glory of our knowledge. They could not have begun the game, nor known for certain as science tells us something is certain, but each of these wise men's moves and whole of their faith, navigated them across the world's chessboard to post them at that perfect place before their King.

May your path be pointed by the light of God, and may your faith be of such wisdom that it lifts you to the door of Heaven.

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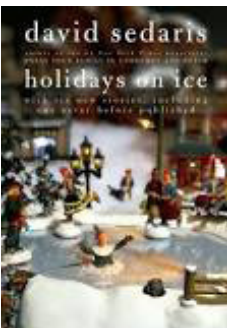
Christmas Days: 12 Stories and 12 Feasts for 12 Days by Jeanette Winterson
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Holidays on Ice by David Sedaris
David Sedaris's beloved holiday collection is new again with six more pieces, including a never before published story. Along with such favorites as the diaries of a Macy's elf and the annals of two very competitive families, are Sedaris's tales of tardy trick-or-treaters ("Us and Them"); the difficulties of explaining the Easter Bunny to the French ("Jesus Shaves"); what to do when you've been locked out in a snowstorm ("Let It Snow"); the puzzling Christmas traditions

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they do not simply appear within this Presence but as this Presence. Finally, we are led to see that it is in fact this very Presence that takes the shape of our experience from moment to moment while always remaining only itself. We see that our experience is and has only ever been one seamless totality, with no separate entities, objects, or parts anywhere to be found.



All Things By Jeff Brown

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BUSINESS NEWS & TRENDS

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



WHAT IS A TRUST?

Black's Law Dictionary defines a trust as "An equitable or beneficial right or title to land or other property, held for the beneficiary by another person, in whom resides legal title or ownership, recognized and enforced by courts of chancery."
Say what?
Okay, ridiculous legalese aside, a trust is simply an agreement, between two parties, regarding assets. The first party, the trustor (also called the grantor or settlor), creates the trust and puts assets into the trust. The second party, the trustee, agrees to manage the assets held in the trust for the benefit of – you guessed it, the beneficiaries identified within the trust document. And on a very basic level, that's all there is to it.
But of course trusts can be very lengthy and quite complicated. A good trust must meet the trustor's goals, account for the trustor's specific assets, and be set up to achieve favorable legal, tax, and asset protection results for the beneficiaries. The trustee manages the assets per the terms

written into the trust. The trustee also distributes the assets, or a portion thereof, to the beneficiaries when and how the trust specifies. The trustee takes on a fiduciary duty which mandates he or she follows the terms of the trust and carries out the wishes of the trustor.
There are many different types of trusts but probably the most common is the revocable living trust ("RLT"). Why? Well because one person can serve in all three roles (trustor, trustee, and beneficiary) during their lifetime.
For example, Peter could set up a trust, put his assets into the trust, manage those assets, and also benefit (receive income) from those assets. Peter can plan to transfer those assets to his minor son, Paul, when he dies. To accomplish this Peter would name his sister, Mary, as his successor trustee. May would then manage the trust assets for the benefit of Paul, until Paul is old enough to manage the assets for himself.

Pretty cool, huh? But why would someone want to go to the trouble of setting up a trust? Well, because the trouble of setting up a trust is generally miniscule compared to the mess, expense, and yes, trouble left for loved ones when someone dies without a trust. I'll go into more detail regarding the benefits of a trust in my next article. In the meantime, I wish you and yours a wonderful holiday filled with lots of love and laughter.
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JOHN L. MICEK



- It's Not What You Say, It's How You Say It

Another year, another fake ‘War on Christmas’ is almost in the books.

On Sunday morning, a great many of us will wake up, pad quietly downstairs, pour some coffee and wish our spouses and children a Merry Christmas.

Others among us will light candles, recite prayers, and wish each other a Happy Hanukkah.

Others won’t do anything at all.

But what is certain is that government agents won’t come tumbling down the chimney. No one will try to stop you from giving your kid that Hatchimal thing -- assuming you could find one.

Yet, every year, at just around this time, we get hopelessly exercised over whether someone wishing us “Happy Holidays” instead of “Joyeux Noel,” is that final signal that the barbarians are at the gates, the last confirmation that western civilization is about to go tumbling into the abyss.

We’ve spent months staring at each other across the battlements. Clinton supporters. Trump supporters. The determinative minority who cast their ballots for Jill Stein. That guy who voted for Gary Johnson.

None of us agree on anything. So we argue about stuff like this.

But you’d think, at least, we could agree that it’s not how we extend our good wishes to each other during the holidays, rather, it’s the authenticity of the sentiment behind how we say those words that really counts.

I am no less in earnest when I wish those whose religious inclinations are unknown to me “Happy Holidays,” than when I tell a Christian friend “Merry Christmas.”

The warmth behind both is equally genuine. As I am sure it is with everyone else.

Because, as I am so vividly reminded at this time of year, not everyone celebrates Christmas or even Hanukkah, for that matter.

It’s not being politically correct. It’s just being polite.

And, while we’re at it, if the biggest beef you have at this time of the year is whether the clerk at Target wishes you “Happy Holidays” or “Merry Christmas,” I’m calling shenanigans.

When others are sweating the bills and get-

HAPPY HOLIDAYS,
MERRY CHRISTMAS

ting food on the table, or, worse, dodging bombs in Aleppo, that is a #FirstWorld-Problem of the highest order.

Mere verbiage shouldn’t stand in the way of us being decent to each other.

Our shared humanity should be enough to bring us together - no matter how we celebrate about the holidays or how we extend our good wishes to others.

That’s particularly true after the brutal and endless campaign cycle that we’ve just gone through.

Sadly, we’re probably going to spend the next four years arguing with each over ... well ... everything.

So you’d think we could put down our spears just long enough to get sloppy together on egg nog and wake up as a country wondering what we did at the office party the night before.

Because when you think about it, Christmas is maybe one of three times all year when Americans are truly united.

The second is the Fourth of July, where we collectively try to convince ourselves that Budweiser isn’t truly awful.

And the third is the Super Bowl, where we join together as one people to proclaim that the Dallas Cowboys are the root of all earthly evil.

Yeah ... I know ... Belichick. I’m a Patriots fan, and even I get that.

Still, that’s the beauty of the season. For just a couple of days, we can put our differences aside to blast “Christmas is the Time to Say I Love You,” by Billy Squier, because, of course.

You don’t have to be Christian to be overwhelmed by the solemn beauty of a mid-night mass. You don’t have celebrate the nativity to be held spellbound by the giddy beauty of twinkling Christmas lights.

Nor do you have to be Jewish to accept the fundamental truth that a well-done latke is its own kind of miracle.

Because when someone looks you in the eye sometime between now and the turn of the New Year, and you feel the warmth radiating off them, that their hope that your all your Christmases (or Hanukkahs or whatever) are bright, is actually physically palpable, that’s the spirt of the season right there.

Happy Holidays. Merry Christmas. However you celebrate, or even if you don’t, I wish you and yours peace.

See you in 2017.
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RAGING MODERATE
by WILL DURST



REPUBLICANS ARE THE
MASTERS OF NOT GETTING
OVER THINGS

And now a few choice words for all Republicans advising Democrats to “stop whining about the election and get over it.” Oh, really. Get over losing a presidential election to a high-strung petulant flake soon to be in possession of the nuclear codes? Get over a man destined to be leader of the Free World

tweeting frivolous 3 am insults at Alec Baldwin?

Exactly how does one get over that, pray tell? A fistful of barbiturates? A four-year nap? An eternal tray of mango Margaritas? Love it or leave it? Like it or lump it? The shuffling off of mortal coils? Climb a tower? Couple rounds of Russian roulette?

Perhaps an example of how Republicans get over something would help grease the skids here. Pull something out of your vast experience of “getting over it” for us. Like how you got over Barack Hussein Obama’s two election wins crying about his citizenship for eight years like little babies with colic whose diapers needed to be changed? That kind of getting over it?

Because, correct me if I’m wrong, but I seem to remember Mitch McConnell boasting that his first order of business as Senate Minority Leader was to deny Obama a second term. Epic fail on that getting over.

I also seem to remember the GOP Congress refusing to pass anything that would smack of giving Obama a single legislative victory including obstructing bills they previously proposed. Classic case of cutting-off-your-nose-to-spite-your-face getting over it there.

I seem to remember Republicans trying to repeal Obama Care over 60 times. You mean that kind of getting over it? Does the term “getting over Benghazi” have any meaning here? Because if that’s the kind of bipartisan hand- holding you’re looking for, you’re about to get your wish.

Republicans aren’t just sore losers, they’re lousy winners too. If Hypocritical were an Olympic sport, the GOP would be deemed ineligible, having lost their amateur status right around the middle of Ulysses S. Grant’s first term. Republicans are to “getting over it” what Martha Stewart is to vertical zinc mines and Wayne Newton is to rock & roll.

Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by 3 million votes after being gang tackled by Wikileaks, an orange clown, the FBI and Russia. You mean Democrats aren’t supposed to report getting mugged by a foreign power? Isn’t failing to report a felony illegal? Are you advocating aiding and abetting here? But then again, nobody really cares, since the Russians are white. Or is it the oil?

Now Donald Trump is griping that nobody ever mentioned the possible hacking of the election until after he won. Wrong! There’s footage of him during the second debate saying maybe the hacking of the DNC’s emails wasn’t done by the Rooskies, but some 400- pound guy on a bed. Did he forget or is he just plain oblivious?

The Trumpeteers have perfected whining to such an art form that Kellyanne Conway’s gelatinous platitudes should be part of the permanent collection of New York’s Metropolitan Museum. We all know that if the tables were turned, Trump would be accusing Hillary of not only personally conspiring with Putin, but so deep in bed with him she could suck her comrade’s toes. Which, co- incidentally, are tiny.

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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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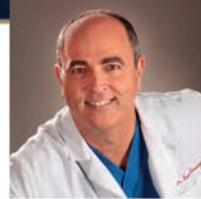
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