

ROD AND JOAN SPEARS  
NAMED SIERRA MADRE  
2016 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR



Surprise, Surprise, Surprise! Surrounding the Spears are (left to right), past COTY Recipients Joe and Jacquie Pergola, Judy Webb-Martin, Rod Spears, Chamber Board Member Carol Canterbury and Joan Spears.  
Photo by Judy Webb-Martin

They thought it was going to be just another Thursday night out dining with friends, but little did Rod and Joan Spears know that there was a surprise waiting for them as they gathered at Nano's in Sierra Madre.

Carol Canterbury representing the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce and with the help of their friends former COTY winners Joe and Jacquie Pergola and Judy Webb-Martin, surprised the couple with the announcement and the evening was all big smiles after that!

The Chamber selected the Spears after receiving an overwhelming number of nominations for the couple.

The Spears moved to Sierra Madre in 1999 have immediately become involved in activities that support the preservation of Sierra Madre. Rod served as a Volunteer Firefighter and set up the city's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and is currently on the Library's Board of Trustees. Joan became a volunteer for the Police Department, an active member of the Civic Club and is currently on the Senior Commission. They have five children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The COTY award is granted to outstanding Sierra Madren(s) who are the personification of the town's spirit of volunteerism. The Chamber has bestowed this honor upon 54 citizens since 1966. Recent honorees include (partial listing) Clem and Nina Bartolai (2015), Dave Loera (2014), Joe and Jacquie Pergola (2013), Marlene Enmark (2012), Richard Mays (2011), Glenn and Amy Putnam (2010), Paul and Louise Nieby (2009), Angel Throop (2008), Pete Siberell (2007), Bud Switzer (2006), John Grijalva (2005), Hank Landsberg (2004), Rob Stockly (2003), Bill Messersmith (2002), Carol Canterbury (2001) and Marilyn McKernan (2000).

The COTY dinner honoring Rod and Joan will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Nano's 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, Ca. Reception at 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at 7:00. Tickets are \$30 per person/Tables of 10 \$275.00. Tickets are available at The Bottle Shop, Beantown and Savor the Flavor. You can also purchase them online after January 10th by going to the Chamber's website, [www.sierramadrechamber.com](http://www.sierramadrechamber.com).

Established in 1946, the Sierra Madre Chamber's Mission is: "To encourage a healthy business environment by advancing, promoting and supporting the businesses serving Sierra Madre." This includes providing a voice for local businesses when dealing with local government, creating networking opportunities monthly, supporting other non profit groups and sponsoring events such as the Wistaria Festival, Winter Festival and the COTY.

SIERRA MADRE WINS AGAIN.....WHILE THE CAT WAS AWAY!



By Bill Coburn and Susan Henderson

The Cat's Away", Sierra Madre Rose Float Association's 2017 entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade, was the town's 85th entry, going back to 1917. And, for the eleventh time in twelve years, SMRFA's entry has won an award, this year - The Mayor's Award described by the Tournament as "Most Outstanding City Entry."

*The float depicts what mice do when the cat is away,...play! According to the official description, "The mice have taken over the tea set. Three mice are playing with a spoon on the front of the float. It has become a teeter totter. One mouse is laying in the bowl of the spoon with a tartlet filled with custard, a blackberry, and a raspberry. The one in the middle enjoying the ride holding a sugar cube. And a little girl mouse on the end of the spoon handle is holding a petit four. In the middle of the float we have the teapot being poured by a mouse using a fork (with 2 wobbly sugar cubes as a fulcrum), to tip the teapot. In the rear of the float is a stack of 4 cups. The top cup is being spun by a mouse, causing the three below it to wobble dangerously" and comically! There were also sugar cubes on the inside of the tray that the Sierra Madre Rose Float Princesses rode on.*

One of six self built floats in the parade, the hard work of the Association's Board and Volunteers brought the vision of designer Richard Burrow's to life. Thousands of volunteer hours created the masterpiece.

RECENT SMRFA TROPHIES	
2006 - "The Wonder of Reading"	The Founders Banner Trophy
2007 - "Our Wonderful Wistaria"	Lathrop K. Leishman Trophy
2008 - "Valentine's Day"	Princesses Trophy
2009 - "Bollywood Dreams"	Lathrop K. Leishman Trophy
2010	"California Girls" Governor's Trophy
2011	"Suenos de California" Governor's Trophy
2013	"The Sky's The Limit" Isabella Coleman Trophy
2014	"Catching The Big One" The Mayor's Trophy
2015	"I Think I Can" The Mayor's Trophy
2016	"Rollin' On The River" Animation Trophy
2017	"The Cat's Away" The Mayor's Trophy

In 2006, the "Wonder of Reading", designed by Charles Meier, took the Founder's Banner Trophy, for the most spectacular float built and decorated by volunteers from a community or organization. In 2007, "Our Wonderful Wistaria" designed by Charles Meier was the winner of the Lathrop K. Leishman Award, for most beautiful non-commercial float. 2008's "Valentine's Day", again designed by Charles Meier, won the Princesses' Award, for most beautiful float 35' and under.

In 2009, SMRFA and Meier's streak continued with "Bollywood Dreams", which again brought home the Lathrop K. Leishman Award, for most beautiful non-commercial float. In 2010, "California Girls", designed by Dick Sappington, won the Governor's Award for best depiction of life in California. Sierra Madre also got the Governor's Award in 2011 for "Suenos de California", again designed by Meier.

Gorgeous as it was, 2012's Colorful Imagination did not garner any awards, but 2013's "The Sky's the Limit" put SMRFA back in the winner's circle, taking home the Mayor's Trophy. The Sky's the Limit was designed by Charles Meier from a concept drawing by Sierra Madre resident Maria Murray. In 2014, "Catching the Big One" was a winner. Charles Meier was once again the designer.

In 2015, SMRFA's entry "I Think I Can" based on the little train that could, and dedicated to Robert Young, longtime president of SMRFA who passed away in July of 2014, won The Mayor's Trophy. The entry included the phrase "Forever Young" at the back of the train in his honor. Then in 2016, "Rollin' on the River" took the Animation Trophy, described by the Tournament as "Best Animation

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Designer Richard Burrow seems to be having a little fun along with the mice !

And now, for the eleventh time in twelve years, SMRFA has done it again, with "The Cat's Away" taking the Mayor's Trophy! Congratulations SMRFA!

To see a fantastic pictorial history of how the float was developed, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sierra-Madre-Rose-Float-Barn/220533438025906>

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<b>Mon:</b>	Rain (80%)	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
<b>Tues:</b>	Rain (30%)	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
<b>Wed:</b>	Rain (70%)	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
<b>Thur:</b>	Rain (60%)	Hi 60s	Lows 50s
<b>Fri:</b>	Ptly Cldy (10%)	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 10, 2017  
6:30 pm

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

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

Your event must:

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

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

SIERRA MADRE CITY  
MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, JANUARY 10, 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 [city@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:city@cityofsierramadre.com) before 5:30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members. Sierra Madre City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (626) 355-7135

## Upcoming Public Meetings

City Council  
January 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Senior Community Commission  
Special Meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 3:00 pm

Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Commission  
January 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Planning Commission  
January 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Community Services Commission  
Special Meeting on Monday, January 23 at 6:30 pm

City Council  
January 24, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Oversight Board / CRA Successor Agency  
January 25, 2017 at 5:30 pm

Library Board of Trustees  
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TREE RECYCLING AND HOLIDAY  
TRASH SCHEDULE

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

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

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



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For further information, please contact Captain Donna Cayson with the Sierra Madre Police Department at [dcayson@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:dcayson@cityofsierramadre.com)

## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During this time period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 2 04 day and night time calls for service.

## Monday, December 26

At about 10:58 a.m. a report of vandalism was investigated in the 300 block of W. Sierra Madre Bl. On arrival, responding officers noticed that graffiti had been sprayed on a vending machine and a wall of the business by unknown suspect(s). Case referred to Detectives

## Tuesday, December 27

SMPD received a report of a hit and run in the parking lot in the Montecito Parking lot. At approximately 3:30 p.m. a witness reported that a moving vehicle had struck a parked vehicle, causing damage to the rear bumper and left the scene without stopping to leave the proper identification. This case forwarded to Detectives 6:57 p.m. Officers responded to a welfare check of a possibly intoxicated person at the intersection of Santa Anita and Arno. The officers determined that an injured male was pulled out of the Lannan Debris basin by two friends. Sierra Madre Fire responded, treated and transported the male to a local hospital for further treatment.

## Wednesday, December 28

A traffic stop was conducted at Sierra Madre Bl. and Michillinda Ave. at about 4:24 a.m. The driver had a suspended license and an outstanding warrant. The vehicle had a stolen license plate. Following a search of the vehicle, officers discovered drug paraphernalia. The driver was transported to Pasadena Jail and the vehicle was impounded. Case forwarded to Pasadena DA's office for filing consideration

## WINE, WOMEN &amp; WEALTH EVENT

January 11th at Jade's Fashion in South Pasadena

Wine, Women, and Wealth is a nationwide community of women led by many top female producers at Five Rings Financial. The goal is guiding women to financial success through education, support and mentoring. These lively events are being hosted across the country to connect with women who desire to take charge of their financial future, expand their knowledge, and build their confidence regarding money and wealth.

Amazing things happen when women team up – especially when you add fine wine to the mix. Whether you're at the end of your rope or the top of the corporate ladder, there is always more to learn about how you can make your money work for you.

This local event is co-hosted by Kayleigh Smith. We encourage you to attend in order to meet some of the amazing women in our community. Don't forget to bring lots of business cards! For FREE registration and a full calendar of upcoming events, view the calendar at [Eventbrite.co](http://Eventbrite.co) (Type in "Wine, Women and Wealth, South Pasadena, CA").

Wed, January 11, 2017  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM PST  
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More information about the scholarship and our past winners can be found at [www.insideedison.com](http://www.insideedison.com). You can also search the hashtag #EdisonScholars on Twitter and Facebook. The full details and scholarship application can be found online at [www.scholarsapply.org/edisonscholars/](http://www.scholarsapply.org/edisonscholars/).

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## Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis



"My New Year's resolution list usually starts with the desire to lose between ten and three thousand pounds." Nia Vardalos

Happy New Year, dear fellow Sierra Madre walkers! We're still saying it to folks we pass on the early morning cold streets, happy to see Christmas trees waiting to be recycled. Speaking of Nia Vardalos in the quote up there – she's the woman behind My Big Fat Greek Wedding which came out in 2002 and was a really fun movie. She made My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 last year and we finally got around to it on Netflix over the holidays. If you haven't seen it, it's funny and you'll enjoy it. Trust me. We also saw Passages with Jennifer Lawrence – the girl from Hunger Games, when daughter, Patti, son-in-law, Dave and their three splendid children, Nicole, Blake and Luke treated us on Christmas Day. Being the incurable romantic I am, I loved it. My movie/walking buddy, John, not so much...but he's an engineer, folks, which explains a lot!

We've been wine and dined and eaten enough cookies, cake, fudge, chocolate and various other Christmas goodies to make us want to leave the room if anyone else offers us dessert for months to come. Of course, by the time next week rolls around, I won't feel that way, but we've got to get back on track as far as food is concerned. New Year's Monday – parade and Rose Bowl Game Day (way to go, Trojans!) – was noteworthy for the amazing guacamole our grandson, Michael made. We're ashamed to report we just stood there by the bowl, shamelessly devouring chip after chip drowning in guacamole. By the way, I never saw Egg Nog ice cream anywhere over the holidays. And I really like that, too.

Wasn't the Rose Parade great this year? Best one ever, we think, and our float, The Cat's Away, design for the second year in a row by Richard Burrow, was perfectly stunning. The animation was beyond amazing with mice balancing on a teaspoon and cups teetering back and forth. The genius behind our animation is Dick Sappington, so if you run into him, tell him he totally rocks. The Cat's Away won the Mayor's Trophy and was the best city entry, national or international. Just between us, it really was the best one in the parade! Our Princesses, Samantha Grijalva, Camille Buckles, Sarah Adams and Ashley Conlon were so sweet in their Alice in Wonderland outfits and, believe it or not, the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association is already gearing up for 2018 and if you've got an idea that's so good you can't wait to share it, don't wait! Share it!

Getting back to this brand New Year and a few resolutions, here's what a really good writer/blogger friend of mine, Michelle Griep, suggested:

"It's a new year. Be awesome. Wear a helmet. Don't forget to call your mom."

Or your therapist. Whatever. Be real."

To that I would like to add: floss your teeth, write thank you letters for anything someone gives you, or for something nice someone does. Read your Bible. Yeah, I know, you've already read it, but it's not The Girl On The Train, friends, it's God's letter to us, telling us He loves us. Look around you. Notice stuff. Like flowers and trees and butterflies and bees. And people. Buy a tomato plant at OSH or Home Depot and put it in a pot in a sunny spot and water it once in a while and you'll be so excited when a tomato appears. Say nice things to people. Smile. Hug.

Eat healthier. Walk more. Look at sunrises and sunsets and what other people are doing in their yard. Be silly once in a while. Find a cause to believe in. I believe in the Union Rescue Mission. I believe in Children International where I share in the support of the cutest little nine year old girl in the Philippines, Ezekielia Crishay Palma, who is in third grade and sends me letters telling me about her life. I believe in Food for the Poor where a huge sack of rice is only \$12.00. I believe in St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and I believe in Smile Train, where \$250 can fix a horribly disfigured little child, born with a cleft palate, doomed to a life of pain and rejection.

Learn to do something new. Last year I learned about the joy of growing succulents. And how much fun it is to send board books to toddlers. My book club now embraces four little boys and my two Texas girls, who aren't toddlers but love new books. Amazon.com will send your book anywhere in the world to a little person...or a not so little person. And read. Read a lot. Get involved with the Sierra Madre Library's One Book-One City selection, The Rise of the Rocket Girls! Rejoice because you're alive! And for the last time: Happy New Year!

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Always popular, the workshop series at the

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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## Local Area News Briefs

### *Altadena motorcyclist Killed New Years*

Police arrested a Pasadena man early Sunday morning in connection to a crash that left a 57-year-old man dead.

According to police Shawn Antonio, 42, of Pasadena, turned left in front of the victim riding a motorcycle south on Fair Oaks Avenue around 4:30 a.m. The man was transported to a local hospital where he died. Police arrested Antonio on suspicion felony DUI and gross vehicular manslaughter.

The accident happened at the intersection of Fair Oaks Avenue and Washington Boulevard.

Anyone with more information is asked to call police (626) 744-4501.

### *First local candidate debate to be held at PCC*

The public will get the first chance Tuesday night to hear candidates running for City Council seats. District 5 Councilman Victor Gordo will debate Aida Morales and Krystal Lopez Podley. Incumbent Councilmember Andy Wilson will debate Alejandro Menchaca, Sheena Tahilramani, Bryan Witt and Phil Hosp.

The debate, 6:15 p.m. in the Creveling Lounge at PCC, 570 E Colorado Blvd.

### *Police make few arrests over the New Year's*

Police said only seven people were arrested Sunday, the night before the Rose Parade. Of these two people were arrested for trespassing after entering boarded up buildings along the parade route. Five were arrested for public intoxication.

Police said the low numbers relate to the parade being on Jan. 2 and restricting camping on New Year's Eve.

## Pet of the Week



Sammy (A410653) is a one-year-old, male, white and gray Australian shepherd mix. This adorable guy absolutely loves people. He'll drop low to the ground and wiggle excitedly when he sees you before lapping up all the affection he can get. He loves being petted, but his absolute favorite is belly rubs. Once he's had a chance to get to know you, he'll plop down at your feet to let you know it's time to rub his tummy! This lively pup also enjoys chasing a ball. And since he still has a lot of his puppy energy, he'd love an adopter with plenty of time for playing.

The adoption fee for dogs is \$125 and includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, and vaccinations.

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

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at (626) 792-7151 to ask about A4106563, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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

## Parade Sees Echoes of Success



Story and Photos By Dean Lee

Thousands of parade goers lined Colorado Blvd under dark threatening skies Monday for this year's Rose Parade themed "Echoes of Success—a fitting title for an almost flawless parade.

Again, this year the parade was filled with local entrees including La Canada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association entrée Backyard Rocketeer (pictured top) that won the Bob Hope Humor Trophy for most comical and amusing entry. The float played tribute the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and NASA as a boy dream of space with his dog while encountering an alien friend Robbie.

Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek and his family (pictured middle top left) made their way down Colorado Blvd. in a 1907 Autocar Bus with a 18 hp twin-cylinder engine, "For a 110 year old car, its allowed to smoke a little, Tornek joked after the parade. White smoke engulfed the bus as it turned through TV corner.

Tournament of Roses President Brand Ratliff and his family (pictured bottom right) were transported by the Borax wagon Twenty Mule Team, mimicking the events of 100 years ago—the anniversary of Borax's first appearance in the

Parade. Ratliff's father, Dick E. Ratliff was also Tournament president in 1999 and used the Borax team.

The 99th Rose Queen Victoria Cecilia Castellanos and the Royal Court Audrey Mariam Cameron; Maya Kawaguchi Khan; Shannon Tracy Larsuel; Autumn Marie Lundy; Natalie Rose Petrosian; and Lauren 'Emi' Emiko Powers, (Pictured middle right) made their way down the parade—all using a royal wave.

This year Trader Joe's Rose Parade float "All Aboard! 50 Years of Serving the Best..." (Pictured bottom left) made a nod to the past a Time Machine reference and the meter turning back to 1967, the date related to opening of the first Trader Joe's in Pasadena on Arroyo Parkway just a few blocks from the parade route. The float won the Tournament Special Trophy for Exceptional merit in multiple classifications.

This year's parade was on Jan. 2 because The Tournament of Roses has had a "Never on Sunday" tradition since 1893. Tournament wanted to avoid frightening horses that would be hitched outside churches and thus interfering with worship services so the events were moved to the next day, January 2. Though horses are no longer outside local churches, the tradition remains to this day.

## ALTADENA POLICE BLOTTER

### **Sunday, December 25th**

1:00 AM – Melody Mendez, 18 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the 500 block of W. Woodbury Road for possession of a controlled substance.

4:00 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 600 block of E. Calaveras Street. Suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the rear glass door. Stolen: unknown.

### **Monday, December 28th**

Boxing Day is celebrated.

### **Tuesday, December 27th**

12:29 AM – A discharge of a firearm at an inhabited dwelling occurred in the 100 block of W. Manor Street. Investigation is on-going.

10:32 PM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the area of Lake Avenue and Loma Alta Drive. Suspect(s) shattered the passenger window.

### **Wednesday, December 28th**

11:51 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 3100 block of Mesaloe Lane. Suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the window. Stolen: gold Rolex men's watch.

12:50 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 1900 block of Hill Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the residence by kicking the front door. Stolen: currency. 9:55 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 2200

block of Winrock Avenue. Suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the sliding door. Stolen: unknown.

### **Thursday, December 29th**

No significant incidents.

### **Friday, December 30th**

10:47 AM – Oscar Farfan, 23 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the area of New York Drive and Altadena Drive for possession of drug paraphernalia.

7:00 PM – A vehicle was reported stolen from the 2400 block of N. Lincoln Avenue. Vehicle described as a black 2014 Dodge Ram.

### **Saturday, December 31st**

8:56 AM – A vehicle was reported stolen from the 2200 block of N. Lincoln Avenue. Vehicle described as a red 2006 Chevrolet Silverado.

9:50 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 2100 block of E. Mendocino Lane. Suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the window. Stolen: gold ring with lapis stone, platinum ring, and driver's license.

2:00 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 1200 block of Sunny Oaks Circle. Suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the window. Stolen: unknown.

## An Homage to Julia Child

### *French Cooking Demonstration with Isabelle*

Allendale Branch Library presents "An Homage to Julia Child," a French cooking demonstration with Isabelle Camps-Campins, on Saturday, January 21, at 2:00 p.m. Isabelle Camps-Campins first heard of Julia Child when she came to California in 2006. Having spent her formative years in both Trinidad and Tobago and France, where girls learn to cook at a very early age, her path crossed only occasionally with world renowned chef Jacques Pepin. Through her visits to the Allendale Branch Library, Isabelle quickly discovered this bright and courageous woman who hailed from Pasadena: a woman who crossed fearlessly the great divide of the United States and France, bringing the rather intimidating French cuisine to a wide cross-section of American homes.

Isabelle is honored to show her respect for this bastion of French cuisine by demonstrating two dishes from Julia Child's book, Mastering the Art of French Cooking, Volume 2. The main dish is Bouillabaisse de Poulet (chicken poached in white wine with Provencal vegetables, herbs, and flavorings). Isabelle holds this dish, which hails from the large Mediterranean region of Provence, close to her heart, with all its robust and earthy flavors, used on a daily basis in most households. It will be served with a final touch of Rouille Sauce (a garlic, pimento, and chili pepper sauce). The first forty attendees will receive a ticket to sample the dishes presented by Isabelle.

The library will also present a display of books, audiobooks, and DVDs by and about Julia Child. For more information call (626) 744-7260 or visit [pasadenapubliclibrary.net](http://pasadenapubliclibrary.net).

## Free Health Fair for Seniors

The Pasadena Senior Center will hold a health fair Friday, Jan. 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. Services include glucose, blood pressure and hearing screenings as well as counseling and health/community resources. Bring your list of medications, doctors and emergency contacts for a free personal identification card sponsored by New York Life. For more information call 626-685-6732.

## City Marks Spot of the First Cheeseburger

City officials unveiled a plaque Thursday morning that marks the place in West Pasadena where historians say the first cheeseburger was made and served to a customer.

"Pasadena spends a lot a time focused on ceremonies, some of them are very serious, the founding of certain institutions, Caltech or the building of the Civic Center in the 1920s," Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek said. "Some of them are less serious like the Doo Dah parade. This one is somewhere in the middle."

The new commemorative inscription reads "On this site in 1924, sixteen year-old Lionel Sternberger first put cheese on a hamburger and served it to a customer, thereby inventing the cheeseburger. The 'Aristocratic Burger' at the Rite Spot is the first instance of a hamburger with cheese being served to a customer."

The plaque is now in front of the LA Financial Credit Union 1520 West Colorado Boulevard.

Pasadena Chamber CEO Paul Little said. "In the city where Julia Child was born, so many 'firsts' have happened and the world's attention is focused on New Year's Day, we thought it appropriate to commemorate the invention of the cheeseburger, as well."

The unveiling was done as a kickoff to Cheeseburger Week starting Sunday through Jan. 13.

Forty of Pasadena's favorite restaurants, lounges and burger joints will offer their signature burgers, some special creations and deals during Pasadena Cheeseburger Week.

For more information visit [pasadenarestaurantweek.com](http://pasadenarestaurantweek.com).



## Altadena Chamber Citizen and Business Of The Year

Gold has spent a lifetime putting neighbors together.

For the past three years, Open Studios Alta/Pasa/Dena has opened up the artistic treasure of Altadena and northern Pasadena to the wider community. Two weekends a year, Open Studios holds a free self-guided public tour where area artists share their studios and their art.

The event has blossomed -- the first weekend in December 2013 had 16 artists in four locations. The most recent tour, in December 2016, included 50 artists in 24 locations. The 2016 summer show had 76 artists participating, and there is a mailing list of more than 100 artists.

"When we first started it, it was to introduce artists to the community where we all work and play," Gothard said. "That way neighbors can know neighbors, friends can know friends, and artists can get together with like-minded folks."

The winners will be honored at the Chamber's Annual Awards and Installation Dinner on February 3, 2017, at the Altadena Town & Country Club.

## 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 to Jan. 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!

### **Friday Movie Matinees**

– Fridays at 1 p.m. Movies provide a window to a wider world that broadens our perspectives. Jan. 13: "Sully" (2016, PG-13) starring Tom Hanks and Aaron Eckhart. After making a heroic emergency landing on the Hudson River, airline pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and his copilot must justify their actions to the National Transportation Safety Board. Based on true events.

### **Throw It Away? No Way!**

– Today, 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. All are welcome! For more information or to volunteer as a repairer, email [contact@repair-cafe-pasadena.org](mailto:contact@repair-cafe-pasadena.org). This is a Zero Waste event hosted by Transition Pasadena ([www.transitionpasadena.org](http://www.transitionpasadena.org)).

**A Matter of Balance** – Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 10 to Feb. 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. Are you concerned about falling? Learn how to reduce the fear of falling and increase balance and activity levels during this interactive workshop that combines discussion, video and exercise. Reservations are required; call 626-685-6732.

### **Eat Smart for a Healthy Heart**

– Thursdays, Jan. 12, at 10 a.m. Improve your quality of life through healthier nutrition. Learn how to change what you eat by making smarter choices. Presented by Kathy Eastwood R.N. of Huntington Hospital.

### **Memory Loss Education Series**

– Tuesdays, Jan. 17 to Feb. 7, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Learn what can be done to help yourself and those you love deal with memory loss during a four-part series on brain health. Jan. 17: Memory Loss and Alzheimer's Disease. Jan. 24: Keep Your Brain Healthy. Jan. 31: Are They Doing That to Annoy Us? Feb. 7: **Communication and Dementia** – Connecting with a Person with Memory Loss. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Reservations are required; call 626-685-6730.

Founded in 1960, the Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that offers recreational, educational, wellness and social services to people ages 50 and older in a welcoming environment. Services are also provided for frail, low-income and homebound seniors.

For more about the Senior Center visit [pasadenaseniorcenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorcenter.org) or call (626) 795-4331.



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## TWO BROTHERS ARRESTED FOR RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY THURSDAY MORNING

Police jailed two brothers on Thursday as they fled from an alleged home burglary in Arcadia, officials said.

Jayshawn McKnight, 27, of Los Angeles and parolee Javon McKnight, a 30-year-old transient, were booked on suspicion of residential burglary, Arcadia police Sgt. Kirk Pedersen said in a written statement.

Officers responded to a burglary alarm about 10:30 a.m. in the area of Santa Anita and Grandview avenues, at the northern end of town, officials said.

As police were investigating the break-in, several witnesses reported seeing two men running

through nearby yards.

Arcadia police, aided by their counterparts in the Sierra Madre police department, set up a search perimeter and soon arrested the McKnight brothers in connection with the burglary, Pedersen said.

Javon McKnight, who is already on parole following 2015 convictions for burglary and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, was being held without bail pending his initial court appearance, according to officials and Los Angeles County Superior Court and booking records.

Jayshawn McKnight was being held in lieu of \$50,000 bail pending his initial court appearance, records show.

## SENIOR SEMINARS

Arcadia Senior Services is hosting FREE informational seminars on various topics concerning seniors at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. The topics and dates are as follows:

Thursday, January 12 at 1:30pm:

Learn LA Metro & Senior Discount Sign-ups

Presented by LA Metro

Thursday, January 19 at 1:30pm:

Golf

Presented by United Integrated Healthcare

To RSVP for either of these seminars or for more information, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

About the City of Arcadia

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



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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, December 25th, through Saturday, December 31st, the Police Department responded to 941 calls for service of which 123 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

**Sunday, December 25:**

Shortly before 10:55 p.m., an officer responded to the area of First Avenue and Foothill Boulevard regarding a domestic dispute. An investigation revealed a physical altercation occurred between a boyfriend and girlfriend, resulting in the boyfriend punching the victim and slamming her head into the dash of the vehicle numerous times. The 36-year-old male from Sierra Madre fled on foot and is outstanding at the time of this report.

**Monday, December 26:**

Around 2:05 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of Walnut Avenue regarding a burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects shattered a rear sliding glass door and entered the residence; however, they quickly fled due to the alarm activation. The investigation is ongoing.

At about 4:37 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Sharon Road regarding a fraud investigation. The victim received a phone call from someone claiming to be their oldest grandson. The victims wire transferred \$950 before discovering it was a scam. The victims were unable to provide any suspect information.

Just after 10:47 p.m., an officer responded to the 1100 block of West Orange Grove Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect broke the passenger window of the vehicle and stole a backpack and jacket. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

**Tuesday, December 27:**

Around 8:10 a.m., an officer responded to Orchid Thai Cuisine, 1311 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect shattered the front glass door, stole cash from the register, and fled undetected. The total loss was \$466.00. The investigation is ongoing.

Just before 3:08 p.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of West Palm Drive regarding the 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. The officer determined a 29-year-old male from Long Beach and a 34-year-old female from Whittier had the stolen package, property, and tracking device in their vehicle. The suspects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 9:25 p.m., an officer responded to an apartment complex in the 400 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a mail theft report. Witnesses reported seeing an unknown Asian male pry open a set of mail boxes and steal the victims' mail. The suspect was seen fleeing in a white, two-door Honda with tinted windows. The investigation is ongoing.

**Wednesday, December 28:**

Shortly after 2:00 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 600 block of East Norman Avenue regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed sometime between December 18th and December 28th, unknown suspect(s) smashed the rear sliding glass door, entered the nearly empty home, and fled with an unknown amount of property. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located. The victim was out of the country during the time of the incident.

At about 1:40 p.m., officers responded to a traffic collision in the 800 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a male driver who collided with the main gate of an apartment complex. Witnesses identified the suspect and officers located him in his home. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 76-year-old male from Arcadia had been driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage at the time of the collision. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

**Thursday, December 29:**

Just before 10:24 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Public Library, 20 West Duarte Road, regarding a trespassing report. The subject was causing a disturbance and had threatened an elderly patron before being asked to leave. The suspect left but returned 30 minutes later. The 23-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 3:33 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect scratched the victim's front and rear passenger doors. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

**Friday, December 30:**

At about 3:32 p.m., an officer responded to the 1100 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a suspicious male following the reporting party. The officer discovered the unknown male and vehicle matched a suspect involved in two lewd conduct incidents earlier in the week. The investigation is ongoing.

Just before 10:07 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1000 block of West Orange Grove Avenue regarding a burglary report. The officer determined an unknown suspect smashed a bedroom window, ransacked the residence, and fled with an unknown amount of property. The victim was out of town during the time of the crime. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

**Saturday, December 31:**

Shortly after 11:35 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Colorado Boulevard and San Antonio Road for having a broken brake light. A records check of the vehicle revealed it had been reported stolen out of the City of Hawthorne. The driver and occupants were detained and transported to the Arcadia Police Department; however, further investigation did not reveal sufficient evidence for a criminal complaint to be filed. The individuals associated with this case were released from custody and the investigation is ongoing.

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## CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING IN MONROVIA ON PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE, JANUARY 18

DUARTE, CA, January 5, 2017 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a Public Participation Hearing (PPH) covering California American Water's General Rate Case increase request on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel at 700 W. Huntington Drive in Monrovia. The hearing will begin at 6:00 pm taking place in the hotel's Salon B. The hearing will cover the proposed revenue requirement increase for its Southern California Districts. Duarte residents could see their water rates increase by anywhere from 19.34% to 28.26% in 2018; 4.17% to 5.80% in 2019 and 3.65% to 5.21% under the proposed rate increase request.

The PPH provides the public an opportunity to comment on California American Water's General Rate Case Application for 2018-2020. A CPUC Administrative Law Judge will proceed over the hearing and CPUC staff will also be in attendance. A court reporter will transcribe the comments during the hearing. Representatives from California American Water will also be there to present and explain their proposed request.

The CPUC's Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) will also be available to listen to public comments. The DRA is an independent division of the Commission whose role is to represent and advocate on behalf of public utility customers in order to obtain the lowest possible rates consistent with reliable and safe service.

Duarte residents are encouraged to attend the hearing, both to ask questions and share their thoughts or concerns with CPUC staff, and California American company representatives.

For more information, call California America Water, (888) 237-1333, or visit the company's website at [www.californiaamwater.com](http://www.californiaamwater.com).

## COMPASSIONATE RESCUE – CHANGING THE WORLD ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME



Pictured, from left, Compassionate Rescue Board Members, Alan and Voki Unel and Duarte Kiwanis President, Chery Reynolds. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at [drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com](mailto:drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com)

Alan and Voki Unel are remarkable people. As Board Members of Compassionate Rescue, they are helping change the world one community at a time. Their focus is on providing clean water to communities in need. This past year, in conjunction with Duarte Kiwanis, they targeted a village in El Salvador. The water in this community was so polluted, children were being diagnosed with liver ailments. Together,

Compassionate Rescue and Duarte Kiwanis were able to fund 8 large water filtering units for 8 schools in the village. These filters are designed to last five years and will provide clean water for the school children and their families. The filter manufacturer provided hands-on training along with the shipment to ensure this is truly a “sustainable” project - where the citizens “own” their own solution.

## HISTORIC SANTA FE DEPOT RENOVATION WORK SET TO BEGIN IN JANUARY 2017

If you will recall, the City has been working for the past several months on finalizing all of the design / building plans for the rehabilitation of the Historic Santa Fe Depot, which is planned to be utilized as a café / restaurant use once it is fully restored. We are excited to be able to share that we have been able to make significant progress of late, and this next week, on January 4, 2017, staff will be meeting with our selected development partners at Daylight Limited, LLC, and their contractor, Jorgensen Reeve Builders, to review our overall rehabilitation and renovation plans for the Historic Santa

Fe Depot located in Station Square. At the meeting, we plan on discussing site preparation, construction mobilization, construction timelines, and other related matters. In addition, based on preliminary discussions we have had to date, we anticipate that the renovation work at the Historic Santa Fe Depot will begin at some point in January 2017. We will be certain to keep everyone informed as to our progress moving forward, and to give everyone a sneak-peak as to what we have planned for the Historic Santa Fe Depot... check out the artists renderings of the rehabilitated facility included below!



## GANG-RELATED SHOOTING OCCURRED IN MONROVIA ON DECEMBER 28, 2016, MONROVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATING THE SITUATION

We wanted to let everyone know that a gang-related shooting occurred in Monrovia in the early morning on December 28, 2016. At 1:15 a.m., at 1324 South Alta Vista Avenue, a male Hispanic and a female were walking in front of the identified location. A vehicle with three as of yet unidentified African American suspects pulled up, and the individuals were reported to have yelled out “Duroc,” in reference to the Duroc Crips gang.

The suspects then proceeded to fire 5 rounds from a 9 mm pistol at the two victims. The male Hispanic was struck in the foot and in the upper leg, however, his injuries are thankfully not considered life threatening.

Also of note, the female was not struck by the gunfire.

The Monrovia Police Department has been investigating this issue, and we will be sure to monitor the situation in the community and provide updates as the investigation unfolds. It would be appreciated if you could please pass along the word about this incident to your friends and neighbors, and also, please encourage them to call the Monrovia Police Department with any information regarding the situation. Also, if anyone sees anything out of the ordinary, please don't hesitate to report it to the Monrovia Police Department, who can be reached at (626) 256-8000.



CELESTINO'S

It was a cold and rainy night, but I set my mind to patio dining. This past week I visited an old friend, Celestino's on South Lake. It's right there for the entire world to see, but for some reason I continue to pass by on a daily basis. Thankfully, my assignment for the week was to find the best of the best of the Italian family restaurant in the Pasadena area. I found it in Celestino's, truly a gem in Pasadena.

Let's start with the service. I arrived a bit earlier than my dinner companion, and the attention was so superb I thought I was the only one in the restaurant - "Would you like some ice tea? A glass of wine?" The restaurant has a covered front patio, a main dining room, and two areas that can be used for private parties or overflow, plus a covered patio area in the back. For dinner, this place was busy; I think my trend of fancy dinners instead of lunch is catching on. The restaurant itself is pure Italian with a service bar big enough to have a drink at while you are waiting for the table, and the walls are covered in paintings all representing the Italian Coast. And yes, of course, every table had white linen tablecloths and flowers.

Chef and partner Calogero Drago has set up the menu for a distinct "Italian Countryside" feel. Keep in mind we came for lunch, but Chef Drago did sneak in a few dinner specials (and some very warm and crusty sourdough bread with olive oil!). For starters we had the Insalata Frutti Di Mare, a mixed seafood salad with plenty of mussels, clams, calamari rings and shrimp. Next, a dish that (if you have been following my column) I have to order every time: Calamari Fritti (Celestino's includes the rings and the tentacles, yummy)!! When I see gnocchi on the menu I order it, and if the first twenty minutes were any indication on how the meal was going to be, I knew the gnocchi was going to be great. It was. Layered with lobster sauce and peppers this was the beginning of a beautiful relationship. This was not the end, however. I had asked the Chef for half portions, and I was beginning to think he didn't believe me. Next was the Pappardelle con Mezzenzane e Scamorza Affumicate (translation: fettuccini w/eggplant and smoked mozzarella). For those of you who are calling Celestino's right now for a reservation, I don't blame you, because next our server brought us a Mushroom Soufflé with Fontana cheese and black truffles. After that, I returned from heaven in time to try the Rack of Lamb on fresh mint. My head spun as my server forced us to try the dessert, canola {cannoli?}, which was terrific. Don't let the menu translation scare you; Celestino's service and the food are arguably the best that I have had in some time.

I feel the dinner prices are reasonable, but if you have a little extra dough to spend, there are over 200 wines by the bottle, many of them familiar names. For business or catching up with a friend I recommend lunch, for a night on the town or a romantic dinner I recommend dinner.

CELESTINO'S 141 S Lake Ave Pasadena, CA 91101



Julie's favorite family Recipes

HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLE COCONUT COOKIES

INGREDIENTS  
2 C all purpose flour  
2 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp salt  
2/3 C butter or coconut oil  
1 1/4 C sugar  
1/2 tsp vanilla extract  
1/2 tsp imitation or real almond extract (imitation safe for nut allergy)  
1 egg  
3/4 C crushed pineapple, well drained  
1/2 C shredded coconut, finely chopped

INSTRUCTIONS  
Preheat oven to 325 degrees.  
In a large mixing bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, and salt; set aside. In a separate bowl, use an electric hand or stand mixer to cream shortening, sugar and extracts together. Beat in the egg until mixture is fluffy.  
Blend in the pineapple and flour mixture. Drop by teaspoonfuls 3 inches apart onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Sprinkle with coconut.  
Bake for 18-20 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Let cookies rest on cookie sheet for 2 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

THE JOY OF YOGA  
BE YOUR OWN ARCHITECT



Happy New Year!  
Welcome to a fresh year, ripe with opportunities to move on and create the life that you want. Instead

see coming true in your life. Make the statement as if the event has already happened. For example, "I have excellent communication and loving interaction in all my relationships." Write the statement and say the statement as if every relationship were healthy in this way.

Last, bring your intentions and resolve into your yoga and meditation practice. Call upon the Divine energetic force of the universe to come into your life and remove any obstacles. In everyday life, practice self-compassion through your yoga practice. Practice in a loving, consistent way to bring nourishment to your body, mind, energy and spirit. In times of distress, come back to your statement of resolve. Realize that there's no black and white rule with our positive intentions, there may be times when we are completely off the beam. Come back to self-compassion and quietly fall back in line with your practice and what's important to you in the new year.

Most of all, come and do YOGA and gather awareness, connection and positivity through your practice.

Namaste,

Keely Totten

of making a list of resolutions, first find out what you want and prioritize. Then, it's time to get out the pen and paper! In yoga, there are two words that are used to fuel our own empowerment: intention and resolve (sankalpa).

Begin with your list of priorities and desires and set your intentions for the new year. These could be small things or big things. Ask questions such as, when do I feel the most ALIVE? What am I doing and who am I with? Along with the positive ideas, include the thing/behavior/ thought pattern that you do NOT want to do anymore. If these old habits are still hanging on, accomplishing our positive intentions is nearly impossible. Don't tackle them all at once, just pick one that you feel is holding you back and work on it. Make sure the list is complete and even includes seemingly impossible wants and desires. Be bold and courageous!

Second, create a positive statement of something you

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JUST FOR BEST FRIENDS

TO INSURE OR NOT TO INSURE?

A client asked me if I thought it made sense to get health insurance for a pet, and just as I was about to answer her question without skipping a beat, I realized I had no opinion whatsoever on the subject. After all, I'd never looked into buying pet insurance myself and I couldn't think of anyone I knew who had. Soon after that conversation, I got curious and decided to do a little research on the subject.

This came as a challenge to me, as I am hard pressed to invest my precious time shopping out health insurance even for myself, let alone for my dog. But, I was interested in learning more, so I did what I always tend to do when I get curious about any given subject - I Googled it!

First, let me just say I wish insurance companies would be so kind as to present their policy information in a similar or standardized fashion on their respective websites. I don't know if it is done intentionally, but for whatever reason each company has their own unique way of providing (or not providing) details on costs and coverage, making it very difficult for a simple-minded person like myself to shop comparatively.

Fortunately, I got lucky during my search when I hit on a website called consumeradvocate.org, which just so happened to be featuring pet health insurance on their home page. I've heard ABC news refer to Consumer Advocate now and then, while discussing certain products or services as part of their program, so the name rang a bell for me. The website was actually quite helpful. They listed the top 10 pet health insurance companies based on the number of stars they've earned through positive feedback received from current or previous customers.

Still, when I visited the websites of each insurance company listed, it was like trying to compare apples to oranges, due to the way they show (or don't show) the details of their plans. The tricky terminology used in the insurance industry doesn't help, either. But ultimately I was able to determine that they all seem to share one common denominator; across-the-board exclusion of pre-existing condition coverage.

Apparently the pet insurance industry has not followed the lead of our federal government's current health care reform plan which promises coverage of pre-existing health problems. This didn't necessarily come as a surprise to me, but there were several other exclusions listed for pets that did take me by surprise, and definitely made me wonder if paying for pet insurance makes any sense at all.

For example, nearly all of them exclude coverage for veterinary exams (really?), spaying and neutering (what a shame!), and last, but certainly not least, preventative care such as vaccinations, heart-worm medication, de-worming, grooming, flea control, dental care and anal gland expression. I don't know about you, but this list of exclusions just about sums up the list of potential health needs my dog might have at the vet. This leaves one wondering what the heck they do pay for.

I admit, it would be nice to have coverage in the case of an accident or some other type of

Happy Tails  
by Chris Leclerc

emergency, but to spend upwards of \$40 a month (I calculated an average of about \$1.50 a day) "just in case", simply doesn't make sense to me when I am already spending thousands a year for the care they exclude. Regardless of my opinion, I decided to share Consumer Advocate's list of top ten pet insurers, so you can do the research and decide for yourself.

As always, I like to remind folks that any information we might find on the internet is subject to the truth test. Make it a habit to confirm and validate what you read on the web by checking and cross-checking, tuning in to on-line chats about the topic, product or provider and making phone calls to talk to a real human before making a written commitment or completing any form of money transaction.

So here's a list of the 10 Best Pet Insurers, as featured on consumeradvocate.org:

- #1 - Healthy Paws: healthypawspetinsurance.com; 800-453-4054
- #2 - Pet Plan - gopetplan.com; 866-467-3875
- #3 - Trupanion - trupanion.com; 855-591-3100
- #4 - Embrace - embracepetinsurance.com; 800-511-9172
- #5 - Pet First - petfirst.com; 855-270-7387
- #6 - Pets Best - petsbest.com; 877-738-7237
- #7 - VPI - petinsurance.com; 888-899-4874
- #8 - Pet Partners - petpartners.com; 866-774-1113
- #9 - ASPCA - aspcapetinsurance.com; 888-716-1203
- #10 - Pet Premium - petpremium.com; 800-935-7280

I hope this list comes as helpful to you pet owners who may be looking to buy health insurance for your four-footed furry friends. I'm sure purchasing pet health insurance makes sense to some, but to others such as myself, maybe not so much. I guess it depends on the specific needs of your pet, and what you might be expecting for the future.

If you do happen to be in the market, I wish you good luck hunting. Oh and by the way, I'd love to hear from any of you who would like to share an experience you have had with pet health insurance - good bad or ugly. I think we can all learn from another pet owner's previous experience and resulting perspective. Now, go and give your pups and kitties a big hug for me and until next week, don't forget to love and let live!

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NEW YEAR NEW YOU  
a year of self-healing  
Delve into the ancient techniques that open the heart, soothe the soul and enliven the spirit.  
10 4-HOUR WORKSHOPS ONE PER MONTH IN 2017  
February 4 & 5 GET YOUR GLOW ON FROM THE INSIDE OUT!  
March 4 LUSTROUS, YOUTHFUL, RESTED YOU\*  
May 13 SHINY HAPPY PEOPLE  
June 3 HOME AS A SACRED SPACE\*  
July 8 SACRED PRACTICE  
September 9 GLORIOUS SLEEP  
October 14 STRENGTH & STAMINA  
November 18 THE DIVINE SPIRIT OF YOGA  
December 9 EMBODY YOUR YEAR OF HEALING  
\*extra \$20 materials fee  
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Happy Mew Year! The Rose Parade has come and gone, but LOLLY is in bloom and waiting for a forever home where she will be purr-fectly pam-purr-ed like a beautiful princess of the Royal Court. She is tabby & white, age about 9 months. Lolly is a total love-bug! She loves to cuddle, and is playful



and smart. She would be great with another cat, and we can advise. Call 909-561-7700.

Lifeline for Pets is a small no-kill rescue. We show some cats most Sunday afternoons at Petsmart, 3347 E. Foothill Blvd. in Pasadena, 12:30-3:30.

Adoption fee is \$100, which includes spay, microchip, exam & vaccines. Our cats are negative FELV/FIV unless otherwise indicated.

See more pictures, adoption info & application on our website, www.lifelineforpets.org. Sorry, we are not accepting cats at this time.

Katnip News!



WALK'N THE DOGS & MORE  
PET SITTING OF ALL KINDS  
DOG WALKS  
15 Min.-\$10 (small dogs) 30 Min.-\$15 45 Min.-\$20  
MORNING & EVENING DOG VISIT & WALK  
\$20 per visit \$35 day \* without a walk -\$15 per visit  
PET VISIT  
Feeding & Belly Rubs - \$15  
PET TRANSPORT  
3 mile radius of Sierra Madre- \$10  
\* \$5 for each additional mile  
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GETTING OLD PAYS OFF

Dear Savvy Senior,  
What types of discounts are available to baby boomers, at what age do they kick in, and what's the best way to go about finding them?

Almost 50

Dear Almost,  
One of the great perks of growing older in America is the many discounts that are available to boomers and seniors. There are literally thousands of discounts on a wide variety of products and services including restaurants, grocery stores, travel and lodging, entertainment, retail and apparel, health and beauty, automotive services and much more. These discounts – typically ranging between 5 and 25 percent off – can add up to save you hundreds of dollars each year. So, if you don't mind admitting your age, here are some tips and tools to help you find the discounts you may be eligible for.

Always Ask  
The first thing to know is that most businesses don't advertise them, but many give senior discounts just for the asking, so don't be shy. You also need to know that while some discounts are available as soon as you turn 50, many others may not kick in until you turn 55, 60, 62 or 65.

Search Online  
Because senior discounts frequently change and can vary depending on where you live and the time of the year, the Internet is the easiest way to help you locate them. To do a search, start by visiting SeniorDiscounts.com, which lists thousands of discounts that you can search for by city and state, and by the category you're interested in, for free. You can also look for discounts at TheSeniorList.com, which provides a large list of national and regional business chains that offer them, or you can Google them individually. Just go to Google.com and type in the business or organization you're curious about, followed by "senior discount" or "senior discount tickets."

If you use a smartphone, another tool is the Sciddy app (see Sciddy.com) that lets you search for senior discounts and can send you alerts when you're at an establishment that offers them.

Join a Club  
Another good avenue to senior discounts is through membership organizations like AARP, which offers its 50



and older members a wide variety of discounts through affiliate businesses (see AARPdiscounts.com). If, however, you're not the AARP type, there are other alternative organizations you can join that also provide discounts such as The Seniors Coalition or the American Seniors Association. Or, for federal workers, there's the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

Types of Discounts  
Here's an abbreviated rundown of some of the different types of discounts you can expect to find.  
Restaurants: Senior discounts are common at restaurants and fast food establishments – like Burger King, Chick-fil-A, Subway, Wendy's, Applebee's and Golden Corral – ranging from free/discounted drinks, to discounts off your total order.  
Retailers: Many thrift stores like Goodwill, and certain retailers like Banana Republic, Kohl's, Michaels and Ross stores offer a break to seniors on certain days of the week.  
Supermarkets: Many locally owned grocery stores offer senior discount programs, as do some chains like Albertsons, Kroger, Publix and Fry's Supermarkets, which offer some discounts on certain days of the week but they vary by location.  
Travel: Southwest Airlines provide the best senior fares in the U.S. to passengers 65 and older, while Amtrak offers a 15 percent discount and Greyhound offers 5 percent off to travelers over 62. Most car rental companies provide discounts to customers who belong to organizations like AARP, Royal Caribbean, Celebrity and Carnival cruise lines offer discount rates to cruisers 55 and over. And, most hotels offer senior discounts, usually ranging from 10 to 30 percent.  
Entertainment: Most movie theaters, museums, golf courses, ski slopes and other public entertainment venues provide reduced admission to seniors over 60 or 65. And the National Park Service offers a lifetime pass for those 62 and up for \$10 (see nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm).  
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.

KATIE Tse.....This and That



THE WITH-US GOD

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that you truly did experience some of the "peace on earth" that the angels proclaimed at Jesus' birth. So often Christmas is a frenzied time of preparation and anxiety brought about by the high standards we put upon the holiday. Unfortunately, New

Years is also often fraught with overblown expectations, disappointment, and loneliness.

I think some people are more prone to loneliness than others. Especially in large gatherings, there can be the sense of isolation and disconnect. One wonders, "Why aren't I having a great time? Everyone else seems to be." Despite all the technological advancements in social networking, there are still a lot of lonely people out there. Loneliness isn't just the absence of being around others. Sometimes it can result from a disconnection in a relationship. This is often due to a lack of authenticity and transparency. It's hard to be close to someone you don't feel is being real, or with whom you are afraid to be real. I know lots of people, but I only consider a handful of them "real people." I'm guilty of this as well. We all want others to have a good impression of us, and it takes real courage and emotional security to not put up a fake front in hopes of maintaining that picture-perfect image.

Not only is New Years a lonely time for many, but it is also depressing simply because it marks the end of another year. One of my pastors noted that the relentless passage of time feels as if we're all steadily marching toward an inevitable cliff. You can see it ahead of you, but you're powerless to do anything about it. Even if you aren't lonely, have a wonderful life, and everything is swell, that makes no difference as far as time is concerned. By "time," I mean "death." Because what is time other than the reminder that we are progressing closer to the edge of that cliff?

We don't like to think about these things, which is why there's so much celebration at New Years --to distract us from the obvious. We go about our lives, all the while silently crying out for something to save us from loneliness and death. Certainly death can't just be part of life, like loosing your baby teeth or learning to ride a bike. Why do we all recoil in the face of death if it's just a natural phenomenon? Why do we feel as if no time has passed when in fact decades have gone by?

It is because God put eternity in our hearts. He is eternal and outside of time, and because we are made in His image, so are we. Death is not normal and it was never part of His perfect design. Man brought death into the world by rejecting God's plan. But even before man made this fatal transgression, God always had a redemptive plan to save us from death and reconcile us to Himself.

That is the miracle of the Gospel! Jesus is the answer to the problem of death and loneliness. In contrast to other world religions and human relationships, Jesus does not require you to clean up your act before you come to Him. He is the only person who will always be completely real with you because He cannot lie (Titus 1:2). He is also not fickle, as so many of even the best of us are. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

He is also the only One with whom you can never be

anything but your real self. You can try to put up a false front with Him, but He knows your heart better than you do, so pretending is pointless. He will never be surprised by what you have done, because He knows the end from the beginning. There is great comfort and security in this. Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us." I read somewhere that the original Hebrew is more accurately translated "the with-us God." This never ceases to amaze me. God actually wants to be in relationship with us! And it's not because we're great, lovable people. The Bible teaches that the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked (Jer. 17:9). No, God loves us because He is our Father. He created us and He has only the best in mind for each and every one of us. In fact, He didn't even wait for us to love Him back before He made the greatest pronouncement of His love for us --the sacrifice of His perfect, beloved Son in our place. This is the miracle that saves us from death! Although this body may die, it can be transformed into a glorious new body like that of Jesus after He rose from the dead.

That is the good news of the Gospel, but you can't really appreciate it unless you know the bad news it was brought to fix. Although we are all eternal beings and will live forever, it will not be in the same location. Heaven and hell are real places. If we could do enough good works to get to heaven, then God did something unnecessary by sending Jesus.

The Bible is the record of God's redemption of humanity, accomplished exclusively through Jesus. It is exclusive because Jesus is the only way to God and heaven, but it is also inclusive in that its message of hope is for all people from the beginning of time. God does not send anyone to hell. People go to hell when they fail to take hold of the only lifeline God has provided to save them --Jesus. Even before Jesus died, the Bible teaches that He was slain from the foundation of the world, and that God passed over the sins of those who put their faith in Him in the expectation that He would send a Savior.

You cannot take a neutral stance on Jesus, you must make a decision. C. S. Lewis wrote that if one takes Jesus' claims to be God seriously (Matt. 16:15-17, 26:63-64, Mark 14:61-62, Luke 22:70, John 5:18, 9:36-37, 10:30, 33, 36, 19:7, etc.) there are only three possible conclusions: either He was a liar in His claims to be God, He was a lunatic who mistakenly believed He was God, or He truly was God. To skirt the issue by some platitudes about Jesus being a great teacher is to indirectly choose the liar or lunatic option.

It is my prayer that you choose the third conclusion, that Jesus is Lord, and that He would become Lord of your life today. He is the only way God has provided for your salvation, and He loves you so much that He died to make it possible for you to be in relationship with Him. He has promised to never leave you or forsake you because He is the only with-us God!

If you choose to accept Jesus as your savior you can pray this prayer and He will come into your heart and give you peace with God --today and forever! "Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

THE GOOD LIFE

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...January Birthdays\*

Gerald Day, Mary Tassop, Judy Webb-Martin, John Johnson, Mary Bickel, Marlene Enmark, Shirley Wolf, Ross Kellock, Ruth Wolter, Sue Watanabe, Sandy Thistlewaite, Bobbi Rahmadian, Fran Syverson, Shirley Wolff, Judy Zaretska and Becky Evans.

\* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required



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

YWCA San Gabriel Valley - Intervale Senior Cafe

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

Tech Talk: Will resume in the fall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SENIOR EXCURSION -

Proposed 2017 Trips

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

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Looking Up  
with Bob Eklund

## FAST RADIO BURST TIED TO DISTANT DWARF GALAXY

One of the rare and brief bursts of cosmic radio waves that have puzzled astronomers since they were first detected nearly 10 years ago has finally been tied to a source: an older dwarf galaxy more than 3 billion light-years from Earth.

Fast radio bursts, which flash for just a few milliseconds, created a stir among astronomers because they seemed to be coming from outside our galaxy, which means they would have to be very powerful to be seen from Earth, and because none of those first observed were ever seen again.

A repeating burst was discovered in 2012, however, providing an opportunity for a team of researchers to repeatedly monitor its area of the sky with the Karl Jansky Very Large Array in New Mexico and the Arecibo radio dish in Puerto Rico, in hopes of pinpointing its location.

Thanks to the development of high-speed data recording and real-time data analysis software by a University of California, Berkeley, astronomer, the VLA last year detected a total of nine bursts over a period of a month, sufficient to locate it within a tenth of an arcsecond. Subsequently, larger European and American radio interferometer arrays pinpointed it to within one-hundredth of an arcsecond, within a region about 100 light-years in diameter.

Deep imaging of that region by the Gemini North Telescope in Hawaii turned up an optically faint dwarf galaxy that the VLA subsequently discovered also continuously emits low-level radio waves, typical of a galaxy with an active nucleus perhaps indicative of a central supermassive black hole. The galaxy has a low abundance of elements other than hydrogen and helium, suggestive of a galaxy that formed during the universe's middle age.

The origin of a fast radio burst in this type of dwarf galaxy suggests a connection to other energetic events that occur in similar dwarf galaxies, said co-author and UC Berkeley astronomer Casey Law, who led development of the data-acquisition system and created the analysis software to search for rapid, one-off bursts.

Extremely bright exploding stars, called superluminous supernovae, and long gamma ray bursts also occur in this type of galaxy, he noted, and both are hypothesized to be associated with massive, highly magnetic and rapidly rotating neutron stars called magnetars. Neutron stars are dense, compact objects created in supernova explosions, seen mostly as pulsars, because they emit periodic radio pulses as they spin.

"All these threads point to the idea that in this



environment, something generates these magnetars," Law said. "It could be created by a superluminous supernova or a long gamma-ray burst, and then later on, as it evolves and its rotation slows down a bit, it produces these fast radio bursts as well as continuous radio emission powered by that spin-down. Later on in life, it looks like the magnetars we see in our galaxy, which have extremely

strong magnetic fields but rotate more like ordinary pulsars."

In that interpretation, he said, fast radio bursts are like the tantrums of a toddler.

This is only one theory, however. There are many others, though the new data rule out several suggested explanations for the source of these bursts.

"We are the first to show that this is a cosmological phenomenon. It's not something in our backyard. And we are the first to see where this thing is happening, in this little galaxy, which I think is a surprise," Law said. "Now our objective is to figure out why that happens."

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Sometimes in the morning, I listen to Dennis Prager on the radio talking about everything under the sun. Not long ago, he spent the morning having a discussion with listeners who called in about the love of their dog. Some loved their dog more than other people, and some said that while they loved their dog a lot, they placed people ahead of dogs. It was an interesting discussion, where Prager asked questions and listened, and, tried to find personal clarity on the issue of love of dogs. As Prager often says, he's far more interested in obtaining clarity on an issue than getting others to agree with him. At the end of the show, Prager concluded that people who have a great love for dogs do so only because they haven't developed the ability to love people. They, therefore – according to Prager's conclusion – are loving dogs as a second-best to loving people, because they lack, or haven't developed, the ability to love other humans.

Though Prager conclusion could be right in some of the cases, I knew it was incorrect. I am one of the dog lovers, and yet I do not regard myself deficient in the art of loving other humans. I think the reason that Prager came to this conclusion is most likely because he has never developed a close relationship with a dog. (However, I am just speculating on that point).

Dogs are such unique beings that there is absolutely no reason why people cannot have deep relationships and deep love for their dog, without sacrificing love for other humans. In fact, I see no reason why the inquiry must be framed that way at all!

In every case where I had a pet dog, the regarded the dog as a part of the family. I talked to the dog. I got to know its idiosyncracies. I learned that dogs are just like people. There are some generalizations that you can make about all dogs, and yet, each is an individual, with their own preferences, and fears, and food likes and dislikes, and patterns of behavior.

I think it was W.C. Fields who said you cannot fool dogs and children. This is because neither has the ability to lie or be deceitful. Furthermore,

dogs have the ability to detect as aspect of human nature that lies just beneath the surface which other humans usually don't detect, or choose not to. For example, I have often wondered why my dog will growl at one visitor to my home, but will be happy and playful with everyone else. What is the dog detecting? Even more, shouldn't I be listening to what my dog is telling me by that growl?

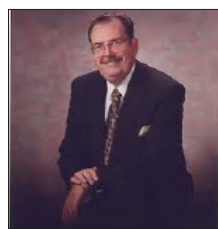
Once when I was driving along a busy street in the business district, my dog Ramah suddenly perked up and zoomed in on one man who was jogging. She began to wildly and angrily bark at that one man. Why? What did Ramah see, or smell, or detect, in that man which I did not? Whatever it was, you'd be wise to observe what your dog notes, and don't ignore it.

I had a dog who lived with me when I lived alone, and since he was an older dog, my schedule was always worked around him. I never stayed out too late, because he came in from his penned yard and came inside with me at night. I tended to his feeding and washed him. He was very much like a child. I developed a close and loving relationship with this dog – he was a purple ribbon pit bull named Cassius Clay.

I began to study Beatrice Lydecker's book, "What the Animals Tell Me," and I began to apply her principles of animal communication. All of this was a very revealing and insightful journey as I began to learn what it was like to think like a dog, and to attempt to view the world through his senses. And I felt such a great pain of loss when he died in my arms one Sunday evening.

And yet, none of that in any way deprived me of any deep human relationships. If anything, this enhanced my relationships at the time, and allowed me to have even better relationships than I would have otherwise. Cassius Clay taught me to be a better person!

I will continue to listen to the broadcasts of Dennis Prager on the radio in the morning, because he is a deep thinker who seeks the answers to some of life's most fundamental issues. But in this case about dogs, I encourage Prager to get to know a canine more intimately, and he'll realize that love of humans never needs to suffer just because you also love a dog!



## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

## IT'S DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN

New Year's Day was filled with lots of excitement, plenty of grandchildren running around and enough food on the table to eliminate world hunger. Actually, it did eliminate my ravishing hunger, at least for the day.

Both the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly simultaneously signed a deep sigh. My wife sat in her chair thinking and I, reclining in my chair musing. Believe me, we both had a lot to think about and muse over.

The difference between thinking and musing is quite profound. Thinking requires a lot of hard work while musing is closely related to amusing, although I am not quite sure about the connection. All I know is it takes less energy to muse than it does to think and I'm all for saving energy.

I had just gotten into a rather delightful muse when my wife made a very startling announcement. "Well," she said most thoughtfully, "I guess this is the start of a brand-new year."

I was too deep into my muse to do more than grunt affirmatively.

Then I began to think, which sapped me of a lot of energy at the time. Although my wife was not wrong in her observation (she is never wrong about anything) she was not exactly right. However, being the man of the house, not to mention not having enough energy to put up a good front, I did not call her on it. But I thought on it some more.

Everybody says this is a new year that has never been lived before. And I would like to challenge that kind of thinking. I have an eerie feeling that I have been here before.

I am not sure if my muse got mixed up with my thinking but at the end of the exercise, I came to several startling conclusions. The biggest conclusion is there is nothing new about the New Year.

Do not take my word for it, do some thinking on your own. Okay, it's a little too early in the year to do heavy thinking so maybe some light musing might be more in order.

If I remember correctly, and I must check last year's calendar, but wasn't it January last year at this time? In fact, I think for the past couple thousand years there has always been a January. Nothing new about January. In my lifetime, I have seen 65 Januarys. At the time, everybody said it was new. What I want to know is, when does the newness wear off? When is somebody going to stand up and honestly say, "Welcome to another old year."

Every time I have a birthday, people tell me I am a year older, but when another January comes around people try to tell me it is new. I think this year I am going to insist on my birthday that people tell me I am getting newer and not older.

Then, just as my muse was catching a second

wind, I thought of some other inconsistencies about this so-called New Year hoax.

If I remember correctly, last January there were seven days in a week; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. What I find rather strange is this new January has the same old days of the week. This is rather curious to me. Somebody is trying to sell me some old horse medicine for tea.

Now, if the year 2017 is supposed to be a new year why does it carry over the same old luggage of the old year? I think I smell a conspiracy here.

For example, if you went to buy a brand-new 2017 car, you opened the door, the hood and the trunk and everything was from a 2016 car, wouldn't you feel a little bit cheated? I know I would.

Not only does this so-called new January have the same days of the week, and you are not going to believe this one, it also carries the same numbers of the days. And, these numbers are still in the same order as it did in January 2016.

I believe there should be a Congressional investigation into this rather serious hoax being played on the American people. After all, if someone promises something to be new, and brand-new at that, it should be downright new.

I think I go along with Solomon, the wisest man in the world, who said, "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9 KJV).

This so-called "New Year," is simply the "Old Year" repackaged for the unsuspecting. For some people it will take six months into the "New Year" before they realize this awesome truth.

People make New Year's resolutions, which are simply the old resolutions from the year before. Some of them go back decades. Nothing really changes. By the time February, which is the same February as last year, rolls around those new resolutions are tainted with some serious aging.

But there is a greater than Solomon that I appealed to. He said, "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful" (Revelation 21:5 KJV).

I will leave the creation of "new," to the one who knows how to make all things new.

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**SECTION B**

## AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

### UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS REORGANIZES FOR 2017

MONROVIA, CA – At the first board meeting of 2017, the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) Board of Directors conducted its annual reorganization of officers. Director Ed Chavez was elected as President and Director Alfonso “Al” Contreras will serve as Vice President. Director Anthony Fellow, Ph.D., was elected to serve as Secretary and Director Charles M. Treviño as Treasurer.

Referencing his colleagues and the year ahead, Director Chavez stated, “With five consecutive years of unprecedented drought, we face many challenges moving forward as we continue to provide a reliable, affordable, and sustainable water supply to the San Gabriel Valley. It is going to require a strong and unified leadership. I look forward to continue working with my fellow Directors as we tackle these issues.”

Upon his reelection, this past November, Director Chavez is serving his third term on the board and will also serve as the district’s representative to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA). Director Chavez, an educator, is a former Board Member of the Bassett Unified School District, Mayor and Councilmember of the City of La Puente, and three-term member of the California State Assembly representing the 57th District. During his tenure with Upper District, Director Chavez previously served as the Board’s Secretary/Treasurer from 2009 to 2012 and Vice President in 2013 and 2014. Director Chavez represents Division 3 which includes all, or parts of, Avocado Heights, City of Industry, Hacienda Heights, La Puente, and South El Monte.

Newly elected to the board, Alfonso Contreras was officially sworn into the Board of Directors in December 2016 and will represent Division 4 of Upper District’s service area which includes all, or parts of, Azusa, Covina, Glendora, Irwindale, and West Covina. Director Contreras was first elected to the Board in 2002 and served two consecutive 4-year terms. In addition to being elected Vice President, Director Contreras will serve as the alternate representative to WQA, chair of Upper District’s Administration & Finance Committee, and vice chair of the Water Policy Committee.

Dr. Fellow is currently serving his seventh term on Upper District’s Board of Directors and will serve as the Board Secretary and vice chair of the Government & Community Affairs Committee. Dr. Fellow will also serve as Upper

District’s representative to the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, and an alternate representative to the San Gabriel Valley Water Association. Additionally, Dr. Fellow is serving his second year as an appointed member of the Association of California Water Agencies’ Federal Affairs Committee. Dr. Fellow represents Division 1 which includes all, or parts of, Arcadia, Bradbury, El Monte, Monrovia, Rosemead, and Temple City.

Director Charles M. Treviño was recently reelected this past November to serve a third term on the board. In addition to being elected as Board Treasurer, Director Treviño was also elected to serve as the Upper District representative on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. He will continue serving on ACWA’s Joint Powers Insurance Authority, the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, the San Gabriel Valley Protective Association, and as chair of Upper District’s Water Policy Committee. Director Treviño represents Division 2 which includes all, or parts of, Arcadia, Rosemead, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, South San Gabriel, and Temple City.

Representing Division 5 which includes all, or parts of, Baldwin Park, Duarte, El Monte, and Irwindale, Director Urias is currently serving his second term on the board. He will continue as the board’s representative to the San Gabriel Valley Water Association, an alternate to the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority, and chair of Upper District’s Government & Community Affairs Committee.

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### HELPING THE HOMELESS IN L.A. COUNTY



**By Joan Schmidt**

On a recent Thursday morning, I attended the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce’s Community Connection and Coffee. Guest Speaker, Richard Hopkins, East Valley Coalition for the Homeless, was quite informative; the statistics were disheartening, but there is help available.

Mr. Hopkins explained the annual Count of Homeless People done to determine the homeless number, where they’re distributed across the county, where they are staying and then report the data to HUD.

This “Count” is done on one evening, from 8:00 pm to midnight and needs 7500 volunteers. In 2016, there were 46,875 homeless—an increase of 5.7%. Although African Americans only make up 9% of the general population; they are 39% of the homeless. (27,188) Latinos are 27% (11,861), Caucasian are 26% (11,354), Asians (1%), American Indian (2%), and Pacific Islander (1%). Chronic homelessness is 31%; 30% suffer from mental illness and 23%, substance abuse. Another sad statistic is that 72% have been homeless for more than 20 years. And youths (ages 18-24) have been homeless for at least 10 years.

Why are so many homeless? Causes include automobile related (Broken down cars, behind in payments), lack of child support, high cost of housing, low wages, divorce, mental illness, Domestic Violence, physical disabilities, loss of Public Assistance Programs, family problems, drug and alcohol Problems, severe depression, poverty, job Loss, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, lack of affordable housing, roommates who can’t supply funds and low paying jobs.

However, we learned about the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless (ESGVCH), a faith-based 501c3 non-profit organization incorporated in 1994. Their mission is to bring hope and restore dignity to people without homes by providing shelter, alleviating hunger, assisting with basic daily needs and assisting families to regain housing. ESGVCH strives to raise community awareness and works collaboratively with other organizations to end hunger and homelessness primarily in the East San Gabriel Valley.

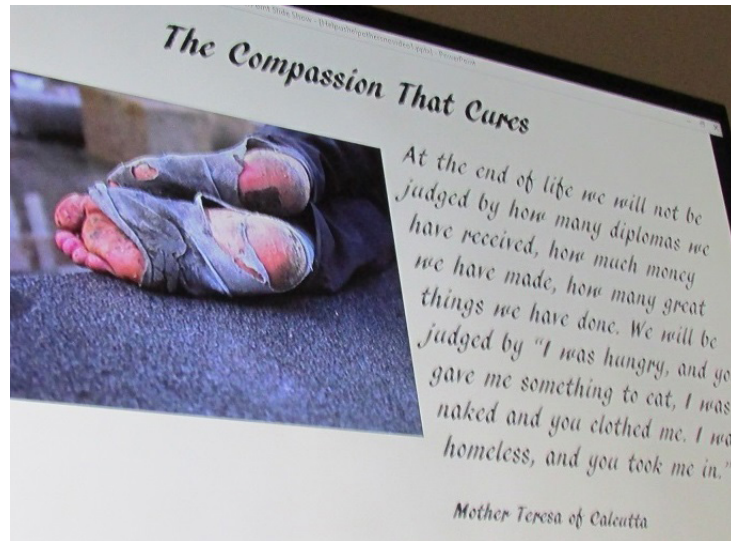
Since 1995, ESGVCH has provided night time shelter for persons with nowhere to go. From December 1st to March 1st the program operates with Churches who donate their facilities and provide volunteers who minister to the needs of their guests. Up to 220 guests are admitted each night. Last year

1032 unduplicated men and women attended the shelter with a total of 15,200 bed-nights (occupied beds) during the 91 day period. Services provided include meals, showers, clothing, medical and dental care, case management and referrals to other agencies who can provide additional needed services. Transportation is provided nightly at six pick-up spots in the East San Gabriel Valley. The following morning the guests are returned to the six pick-up spots.

What was sad to me was the low life expectancy: men, 47 years; women, 41 years. Besides the ESGVCH, there is an Emergency Assistance Center which welcomes walk-ins. Services include meals, showers, hygiene products, transportation, assistance and referral services. A designated number of motel vouchers are available each month, for families, elderly, and those who are ill or disabled. The Emergency Assistance Center is located at 1345 Turnbull Canyon Road, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. Phone is (626) 333-7204. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 am- 1:30 pm.

Donations are needed! Clothing: new tube socks, new men’s underwear (boxers), new women’s undergarments (sports bras and plus sizes), men’s pants (especially 34-44), XL, XXL, and XXXL, men’s T Shirts, Men’s Tennis Shoes (Size 8 and higher), PJ’s-tops and bottoms.

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### SEAN’S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

By Sean Kayden

## KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH NEW JAMS

**The xx – “Say Something Loving”** – One of the most anticipated records of the year is “I See You” from The xx, which is out on January 13th. The band’s third LP and first in nearly 5 years already debuted their fantastic first single, “On Hold” a couple of months ago. They follow up with “Say Something Loving.” The track samples the Alessi Brothers’ 1978 track “Do You Feel It?” and highlights the vocal chemistry of singers Oliver Sim and Romy Madley Croft, as well as Croft’s scant yet signature guitar playing. It’s a promising second release and an indication that the record may just live up to its lofty expectations. I sure hope it does.

**Dams of the West – “Death Wish”** - Chris Tomson, the drummer of Vampire Weekend is just another member of the band doing a side project. His solo entity doesn’t rely on electronics or a complex sound like his comrades’ individual endeavors or like Vampire Weekend themselves. Tomson, who plays every instrument here, occupies a sound more entwined in indie and garage rock roots. The first single off his forthcoming debut record, “Youngish American,” due out next month is called “Death Wish.” With lyrics like “Didn’t really start to floss until I was 31” and “I think I’m ready to be a father now, but I want to get some pizza first,” you have to be somewhat intrigued by the lyrical choices. At any rate, it’s a different type of song, one that doesn’t take itself too serious, but perhaps there is actually a seriousness embedded deeper within. Nonetheless, it’s a great jam no matter what.

**Ivey – “Last Week”** - Ivey is a groovy, four-piece alternative band from The Gold Coast of Australia that recently released their slick new single, “Last Week.” The hip alternative rock act has one EP under their belt and a few singles from last year. I totally dig the combined baritone

male vocal with a flattering female counterpart. It’s absolutely refreshing and alluring. While they do share the duo male-female vocal arrangement like The xx, Ivey specializes in pleasing, chorus-laden indie-pop. The two bands are words apart. “Last Week” leans in the sonic direction of Best Coast meets The Kooks. I know that these are two seemingly polar opposite acts that Ivey kind of lays in between. But hey, not a bad place to be, honestly.

**Shortstraw – “Thailand”** – Indie rock band, Shortstraw hails from Johannesburg, South Africa, but have a Southern California vibe throughout. The band has released a slew of singles within the past few months and their most recent one is “Thailand.” It’s probably safe to stay it will be off a future 2017 LP. With three full-length records already in their artistic vault, “Thailand” is just another lively, dance-worthy, indie-pop jam worth your attention. In the midst of a cold winter, this one will get you moving in the right direction. Presently, “Thailand” is the most fun, upbeat track of the season, a song seemingly appropriate for summer yet it works wonders any time of the year. Sign me up for this intoxicating jam.

**Little India – “Youngblood”** – Vancouver indie rockers Little India just released their debut LP “Neon Jungle” in late November. Their featured single is “Youngblood,” a danceable track that is catchy as hell. It’s another feel good song in not so good times. It’s the kind of song that will get stuck in your head for days and you have no qualms or complaints about it. The band could be compared to indie-pop breakthrough artists, Walk The Moon, but at the end of the day, leave comparisons to the wayside and enjoy Little India for the hip, fun, infectious adding band that they are.

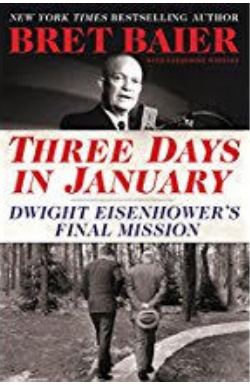
## Jeff’s Book Pics

By Jeff Brown

### Making a Difference: Stories of Vision and Courage from America’s Leaders

by Chesley B., III Sullenberger

As a follow up to his phenomenal New York Times bestselling memoir, Highest Duty, Captain Chesley B. “Sully” Sullenberger explores exactly what it takes to lead and inspire. In Making a Difference, one of the most captivating American heroes of this century—the courageous pilot who brought the crippled US Airways Flight 1549 safely down in New York’s Hudson River—engages some of the most accomplished men and women in the fields of technology, medicine, education, sports, philanthropy, finance, law, and the military in inspiring conversations on true leadership. With powerful thoughts and invaluable guidance from such notables as former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, legendary baseball manager Tony LaRussa, NASA Flight Director Eugene Kranz, and Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Making a Difference is a potential life-changer that stands with Katie Couric’s The Best Advice I Ever Got, Lee Iaococca’s Where Have All the Leaders Gone, Michael J. Fox’s A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Future, and other classic volumes that celebrate human achievement and triumph.



### The Dry: A Novel

by Jane Harper

“One of the most stunning debuts I’ve ever read... Every word is near perfect.” David Baldacci A small town hides big secrets in The Dry, an atmospheric, page-turning debut mystery by award-winning author Jane Harper. After getting a note demanding his presence, Federal Agent Aaron Falk arrives in his hometown for the first time in decades to attend the funeral of his best friend, Luke. Twenty years ago when Falk was accused of murder, Luke was his alibi. Falk and his father fled under a cloud of suspicion, saved from prosecution only because of Luke’s steadfast claim that the boys had been together at the time of the crime. But now more than one person knows they didn’t tell the truth back then, and Luke is dead. Amid the worst drought in a century, Falk and the local detective question what really happened to Luke. As Falk reluctantly investigates to see if there’s more to Luke’s death than there seems to be, long-buried mysteries resurface, as do the lies that have haunted

them. And Falk will find that small towns have always hidden big secrets.

### Three Days in January: Dwight Eisenhower’s Final Mission

by Bret Baier and Catherine Whitney

Bret Baier illuminates the extraordinary yet underappreciated presidency of Dwight Eisenhower by taking readers into Ike’s last days in power. Baier masterfully casts the period between Eisenhower’s now-prophetic farewell address on the evening of January 17, 1961, and Kennedy’s inauguration on the afternoon of January 20 as the closing act of one of modern America’s greatest leaders — during which Eisenhower urgently sought to prepare both the country and the next president for the challenges ahead. Those three days in January 1961, Baier shows, were the culmination of a lifetime of service that took Ike from rural Kansas to West Point, to the battlefields of World War II, and finally to the Oval Office. When he left the White House, Dwight Eisenhower had done more than perhaps any other modern American to set the nation, in his words, “on our charted course toward permanent peace and human betterment.” On January 17, Eisenhower spoke to the nation in one of the most remarkable farewell speeches in U.S. history. Ike looked to the future, warning Americans against the dangers of elevating partisanship above national

interest, excessive government budgets (particularly deficit spending), the expansion of the military-industrial complex, and the creeping political power of special interests. Seeking to ready a new generation for power, Eisenhower intensely Kennedy before the inauguration. Baier also reveals how Eisenhower’s two terms changed America forever for the better — perhaps even saved the world from destruction — and demonstrates how today Ike offers us the model of principled leadership that polls say is so missing in politics. Ike successfully guided the country out of a dangerous war in Korea, peacefully through the apocalyptic threat of nuclear war with the Soviets, and into one of the greatest economic booms in world history. Five decades later Eisenhower, an often forgotten giant of U.S. history, still offers vital lessons for our own time and stands as a lasting example of political leadership at its most effective and honorable.

## All Things

By Jeff Brown

## THE SUN STANDS STILL AS THE EARTH REVOLVES AROUND IT!

The sun is not standing still as the earth revolves around it. To start with, the sun revolves on its own axis, about one turn every 27 days. Then, along with our little solar system, the sun is hurtling through space around the Milky Way Galaxy at nearly 500,000 miles per hour. The Milky Way is moving about 1,296,000 miles per hour around the core of the cluster of galaxies of which it is

only a small part. At the same time, our cluster of galaxies is moving at enormous speed away from other galaxy clusters. Of course, according to Einstein’s theory of relativity, it is impossible to measure absolute motion in space because there is no object in the universe that is absolutely at rest, against which its motion can be measured. Good grief I’m dizzy!

# BUSINESS NEWS & TRENDS

## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



## HOW TO INCORPORATE FAMILY VALUES IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

Baby boomers know money isn’t the only important aspect of estate planning. For example, a 2012 study released by the Allianz Life Insurance Co. showed baby boomers wanted to leave their family more than just financial assets. Researchers found baby boomers identified family values as some of the most important things to pass down to heirs.

In 2012’s economic climate, it’s no wonder family values were at the top of the list. In economic downturns, financial inheritances are always more tenuous than the consistent worth of family values. Thus, family values (tax-free of course!), made the top of the list in importance.

But what is interesting is a similar study released by Allianz in 2005 which showed family values were also among the most important legacies boomers wanted to leave behind, even though the economy was more robust.

What these studies demonstrate is the enduring importance of family values, morals and meaningful possessions as part of a carefully crafted estate plan, regardless of the economic climate.

Do you have family values you wish to pass on? Of course you do! And yet you likely haven’t acted to ensure the legacy you are creating is the one you really want to leave behind.

Including family values in your estate plan can be easy, when it’s built into the process, though that is not the norm with most estate planning lawyers or with the DIY legal document services. You should consider including written memoirs, video or audio recordings of family stories in your estate plan. Think about it. These are the things most likely to be lost after your death. While your finances will be managed per estate law, intangible values and lessons have no protection and easily fade away soon after you die.

Could you imagine how valuable it would be to hear your family history directly in the words of your grandparents, great-grandparents or even earlier generations right now? What would that be worth? Can you even put a price on it?

I encourage you to think of estate planning not as just a set of documents. If you want to pass down a truly holistic legacy, one that manages and preserves both your finances and your family values, you absolutely can. Work with a lawyer who will guide you in creating a comprehensive estate plan that protects and preserves your whole wealth – not just your financial assets, but your family’s heritage, too. Your heirs will be all the richer for it.

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

## On the Marquee:

Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

### OPENING BEE-LUTHER-HATCHEE

By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano

After talking about Bee-luther-hatchee for years, we are now one week from opening! The journey from the first time I heard this play mentioned and sought it out to read it to opening night has been long and winding – with many ups and downs along the way. My commitment to producing this play has never wavered and now that we are about to share it with our first audiences, I’m excited and nervous.

As I’ve shared with you, I’m in this show as well as being its producer, a new double for me – and one I don’t think I negotiated as well as I might have (hard to step out and look at the big picture when I was so focused on creating the character of Sean Leonard). I’d forgotten how single-minded (and neurotic, I’ll admit) I become when I’m IN a show. It’s been a while and the chops were a little rusty, but I have to say I am loving acting again. It’s how I started and it brings such a special kind of joy to me. I won’t let it be another three years before I do it again. I’m so looking forward to sharing this character with audiences.

We put a terrific team together to build this show. We have a terrific cast – Olivia Cristina Delgado, Tamarra Graham, Jon Sprik, and Leilani Smith all of whom are wonderfully talented and really nice people. I am sure you will enjoy getting to know them on stage as much as I have. The designers have each spent so much time considering the various elements that comprise the whole experience – their work is beautiful and I am eager to share it. The crew, ably led by our Stage Manager, Derek Copenhaver, have worked long hours to bring this show to life. The Playhouse staff and volunteers led by our Technical Director, Todd McCraw have worked in concert to make

sure that all of the elements are ready. And our Director, Sandra McClain has brought her years of experience and particular insights to this show – it is so much more than I ever imagined for her participation.

Diane Siegel, whom I’ve written about often, has put together a scintillating series of outreach events to support and surround this show. We are so proud of how deeply into various communities this show will reach because of the work she has done.

And then, of course, there is the Sheri and Les Biller Family Foundation Grant which has made so much of this possible. Their support and faith in what we were creating has been more than encouraging – it has been life-giving. We honestly would not have been able to do it, but for their generosity.

And now it is up to YOU! I do hope you will see Bee-luther-hatchee. It is definitely the meatiest play we are doing this season – don’t let that deter your attendance – this is an honest play about a dishonest subject. It is filled with mysteries and provocative ideas. The arguments in the show are positively Shavian and thrilling in their honest and complete dedication to a point of view. You will be left debating the central idea long after the show is over. We will be having talk-backs after every show to allow for some audience debate and consideration of the ideas raised. I hope you’ll stay for them.

As always we do all of this for you – our faithful patrons. I look forward to seeing you from the stage and in your favorite seats, this time from a new vantage! For tickets please call Mary in the box office at 626.355.4318. Hope to see you soon!

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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 16-05 (MCTA 16-05) -  
DISCRETIONARY DEMOLITION PERMITS  
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 17.60.056 ("Discretionary demolition permit requirement of single-family homes and duplexes") 75-years and older, eliminating the exception allowing demolition of up to 25% of exterior walls and eliminating restriction requiring only single-family homes and duplexes to abide by the Discretionary Demolition Permit requirements, thereby expanding requirement to all structure types; and Amendments to the Building Code Chapter 15.04.115 Section 105.7-Demolition Permits and Penalty for demolition without a permit; and Chapter 15.52.060-Calculation of Fees, to eliminate the award of impact credits toward future development for structures that have been demolished without permits. Following a Planning Commission recommendation for approval, the proposed text amendment will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre  
Planning Commission meeting  
Thursday, January 19, 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.  
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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.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE NO. NS033071

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## DICK POLMAN CAN MEGYN KELLY THRIVE OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE?

When the news broke Tuesday that Megyn Kelly was leaving the Fox News bubble to pursue a broader audience at NBC, my initial thought was: Who cares? Talking heads frequently switch networks, and Americans increasingly get their news not from TV, but from social media sites.

But Kelly's imminent move is huge because it's Kelly. The very fact that NBC covets her polarizing "brand" is vivid evidence of how profoundly the broadcast media has changed since the kinder, gentler era of Uncle Walter Cronkite.

Back then, long before cable news and the Internet, the TV anchorman (always a man) was broadly and implicitly trusted across the political spectrum. In the words of journalist-historian David Halberstam, the anchorman "represented in a real way the American center ... a mass figure who held centrist attitudes for a mass audience." But today, the mass audience has been fractured and narrowcasted to the point where it's difficult to locate even a shrunken American center.

Years ago, a commercial network would never have pitched an eight-digit annual salary to someone like Megyn Kelly, whose every utterance infuriates millions of viewers. But in the current environment, NBC is fine with hiring someone who declared on air (in 45 segments) that the New Black Panthers were a major public menace, and that it was "a verifiable fact" that Santa Claus and Jesus were white (Santa is fictional, and scholars say that Jesus was of Mediterranean stock and looked like today's average Palestinian).

It's noteworthy that after the news of her hiring broke yesterday, Kelly's Facebook page was flooded with denunciations from both ends of the spectrum. That's de rigueur for any anchorman in our wildly disputatious nation — Uncle Walter would be shocked — but even more so for Kelly. Left-leaning critics called her a front of right-wing disinformation, and attacked NBC for rewarding her. But right-wing critics called her a fake conservative who'd sold out to the enemy.

Many in the conservative camp have long been mad at Kelly. They fumed when she questioned Donald Trump, during the first Republican debate, about his misogynist history; when she told Newt Gingrich that he needed to work on his "anger issues"; when she confronted Dick Cheney over his horrific Iraq track record ("You got it wrong"); when she tore into a male guest who called paid maternity leave "a racket" (her retort: "What a moronic thing to say"). They've long been ticked off that liberal commentators have praised Kelly as Fox News' lone "sane" anchor.

Indeed, part of her appeal — at least for those outside the Fox bubble — was that she seemed far more professional than the bloviating mouth-breathers (O'Reilly, Hannity) who bracketed her evening show. How that appeal, and her polarizing past, translates to NBC is anyone's guess.

Reportedly, she'll try to soften her image by launching a daytime weekday show (in her words, "a little Charlie Rose, a little Oprah, and a little me"), but that format has been a graveyard for lots of TV personalities, and it's debatable that anyone cares to watch her swap celebrity gossip. She has also been tapped to launch a Sunday evening show to compete with "60 Minutes," but that aging audience seems intractably loyal. She will reportedly join the NBC News team to cover major events, but that ensemble format (and the strong competing egos) could dilute her edgy brand.

But NBC is clearly hoping that Kelly can bring along some of her viewers — notably, Republican-leaning women — and thus broaden its ideological reach. For a broadcast news division on the cusp of the Trump era, a news division widely tagged as "liberal," hiring Kelly is probably smart. If she can boost the ratings by asking tough questions with a conservative sensibility, NBC's money would be well spent.

After Kelly's recent clash with Newt Gingrich, Trump social media director Dan Scavino tweeted a not-so-veiled threat: "Watch what happens to her after this election is over." Well, now we know.

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"Look, there have been times in human history when barbarians ruled and manners didn't. But what really ruled during these periods were selfishness and impulsiveness."

"You're going to have to explain."

"Did you know the word 'etiquette' originated under Henry XIV in the 1600s? Proper etiquette and manners define what social behavior is and isn't proper."

"I ain't following rules of behavior drafted up by snooty old French people."

"Then perhaps I can reference someone nearer and dearer to your heart: As a teenager, George Washington hand-copied 'The Rules of Civility,' a list started by French Jesuits in the 1590s that was translated into English around 1640."

"His mother probably put him up to it."

"The fact of the matter is that America has been more mannerly in the past than it is now. Until the 1960s, children were taught good manners in school. Adults defined themselves as ladies or gentlemen based on how well they practiced good etiquette — how considerate they were of their fellow human beings."

"Hey, my old lady grew up in that era and she don't know nothing about etiquette. We went to the ballet once and she forgot the sandwiches."

"But today, sir, civility is coming unraveled at the seams. People are rude, impatient and inconsiderate. Some say the lack of civility is caused by our fast-paced society. Others suggest that new technology is making it easier to be rude."

"Yeah, yeah."

"But I say it's also because we're living more isolated lives. We're getting more wrapped up in ourselves. And that is bad for our society."

"Who are you, Miss Manners?"

"To be honest, sir, Miss Manners speaks good sense. She, Judith Martin, says that manners and etiquette are the philosophical basis of civilization. She says that people must have a common language of behavior that restrains their impulses. This is how we prevent our communal lives from being abrasive, unpleasant, and even explosive."

"Sounds like something that nutty lady would say."

"Martin says that our legal system was originally intended to punish serious conflict involving the loss of life, limb or property, but now courts are forced to handle disputes that the proper use of etiquette used to prevent."

"I ain't following."

"She says that what used to be an insult, for instance, is now called slander. What used to be meanness is now called hate speech. And what used to be boorishness is now called sexual harassment. If our rules of etiquette were stronger, you see, fewer people would engage in actions that are now considered crimes."

"You think so, huh?"

"It's really not so complicated, sir. A civil society is one in which people are concerned for their fellow man. Manners and etiquette are a conscious way of exercising this concern."

"You're losing me."

"Look, we need to remember to say 'please' and 'thank you.' We need to open the door for strangers. We should turn off the cellphones at the movies and inside restaurants. At dinner, we shouldn't eat until the host does, we should never put our elbows on the table, and we should dab our mouths with the napkin, never wipe."

"Napkin? What is this thing you call 'napkin'?"

"I see we have our work cut out for us."

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## RAGING MODERATE by WILL DURST GOOD RIDDANCE TO BAD RUBBISH

It is our fervent hope here at Durstco that all you loyal readers join us in welcoming the elixir of opportunity that is 2017 and pray that it goes down smoother than that most recently departed year whose name has been wiped from our memory banks. It might have had something to do with a one, a zero, a two and a six. Not necessarily in that order.

"The Year That Shall Not Be Named" sucked like an industrial strength vacuum cleaner designed to inhale rocks the size of Saskatchewan, leaving a stench in its wake like a twelve-month moored garbage scow with none of the attendant charm. It was a Mt. St. Helens, Jamestown Flood, Titanic, Hindenburg, Mrs. O'Leary's cow kind of a year.

On a major league suckage scale of one to 10, the previous annum would rate at about 4.937. It was to suck like sewage is to stink. The suckiest of the sucky. Suckalicious. Suckatotic. Suck- O- Rama. With a sucktosity able to strip the chrome off the back bumper of a '57 Thunderbird.

Maybe it was that extra leap day that tipped the balance from the merely sucktastic to the sucklandish. Turning ordinary ugly into grievously heinous. But those 366 days of death and destruction and disaster and desolation and disease and despair and diabolical and discombobulation was only tempered by the fact that we survived. Barely, and not all of us. But then, the most fiendish always leave a few alive to tell the tale.

Or could Star Trek's James T. Kirk have gone back in time thoroughly messing things up again, causing a rift in the space-time continuum? That would certainly explain the Cubs winning the World Series, an orange clown becoming President, a third Kung Fu Panda film and Spam musubi on cauliflower rice.

The year that bridged 2015 and 2017 was to happy times what banana daiquiris are to reinforced concrete support beams. What barbed-wire wrapped bats are to panty hose. Inspector Clouseau and calm analytical judgment. Marbles and scissors.

Queen Elizabeth once referred to a particularly bad year, as an "annus horribilis" and the 31,622,400 seconds we recently escaped was exponentially that, with one of the "Ns" removed. The threat of another 52 weeks like the one we just endured makes you want to build a bunker in the back yard and fill it to the brim with Little Debbie Snack Cakes and bourbon. Not necessarily in that order.

Or perhaps the calendar most recently ripped off the wall was a plot by the Pharmaceutical Industry to sell more anti-depressants. Anyhow, whatever you want to call what recently sunk into blessed oblivion, almanac-wise, good riddance to bad rubbish. Don't let the doorknob hit you in the butt on the way out. Get while the getting's good. Even though it's way too late.

And a big fat wet sloppy kiss on both cheeks to 2017. Come on in, take off your coat. Sit down a spell. Put your feet up. We're counting on you to take the chill off the air. But, hey. No pressure. You have some awfully tiny shoes to fill. Star Wars 8 come this December already puts you halfway to the good.

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## PHIL KERPEN

## IT'S TIME TO REIN IN REGULATORS



I've written a book chapter and a lot of columns over the years on the Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act – a profoundly simple, powerful bill that would require regulators and bureaucrats to get their most expensive rules approved by Congress before they could take effect – and we've never been closer to seeing it signed into law.

The House is planning to take it up as one of the first orders of business in the new 115th Congress, and it is expected to pass, as it has in the House each of the last three Congresses. Each previous Congress it passed the House under a veto threat from President Obama, who was adamantly opposed to any of his regulatory handiwork being scrutinized by our elected officials.

Times have changed.

"I will sign the REINS Act should it reach my desk as President and more importantly I will work hard to get it passed," Donald Trump said in a statement his campaign provided me last year. "The monstrosity that is the Federal Government with its pages and pages of rules and regulations has been a disaster for the American economy and job growth. The REINS Act is one major step toward getting our government under control."

It took a while to get to this point. The REINS Act started as an idea in the head of a remarkable 78-year-old tea party activist in Alexandria, Kentucky named Lloyd Rogers.

In 2009, Rogers went to meet with his then-congressman Geoff Davis at a town hall meeting. Both were outraged about an EPA storm water management consent decree that cost the three northern Kentucky counties in a consolidated sewer district about a billion dollars, doubling water fees.

He handed Davis a piece of paper that quoted Article I, Section 1 of the United States Constitution: "All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives."

The paper also had a simple legislative proposal: "All rules, regulations, or mandates that require citizens, state or local government financial expenditures must first be approved by the U.S. Congress before they can become effective."

Davis took the idea back to Washington and huddled with his key advisers to develop the simple idea into a robust, workable piece of legislation. That idea became the REINS Act, and was made a part of the official Pledge to America document on which Republicans won control of the House in 2010.

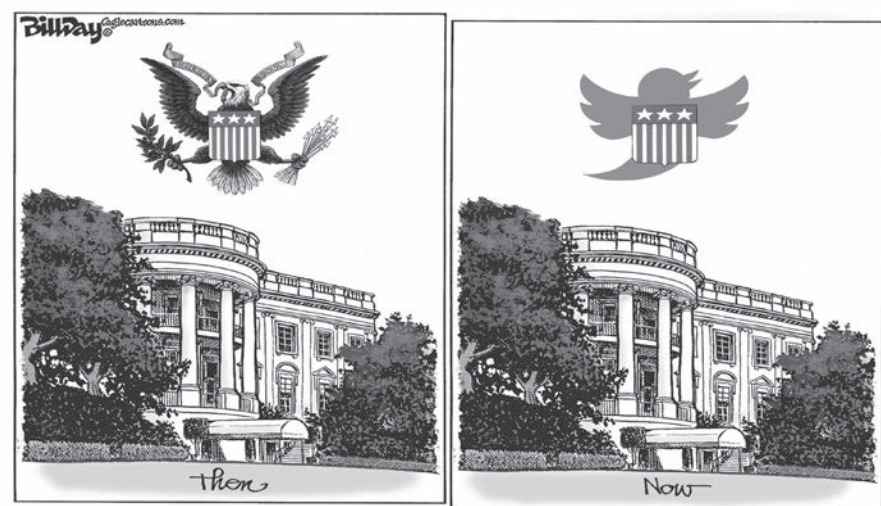
The REINS Act cuts to the heart of abuse of regulatory power by requiring any major regulatory action to pass the House and Senate and be signed by the president (or have a veto-override), before it can take effect. It seems obvious. The best ideas always do.

The REINS Act's first Senate sponsor was Jim DeMint, but when he retired it was fittingly taken up by Rand Paul, on whose campaign Rogers was a tireless volunteer. When Geoff Davis retired, the bill's lead sponsorship was taken over in the House by Indiana's Todd Young. This time around Doug Collins of Georgia is leading the charge in the House, while Paul and Young (newly promoted by the voters of Indiana) together lead the fight in the Senate under Mitch McConnell – a Kentuckian like Rogers, Davis, and Paul.

That Senate vote will be difficult, as many Democrats – aghast though they might be at the regulations and deregulations to come from Trump appointees in the federal bureaucracy – understand that lack of accountability is a great long-term advantage for their big government ideology. But ten Democrats running for reelection in 2018 are sitting in states that voted for Trump, and they may have a difficult time explaining to voters why they should re-elect someone unwilling to even vote on major regulations. And the House making it a top priority will build strong momentum for the Senate fight.

As we work to restore the U.S. Constitution, there is no better place to start than at the beginning, with Article I, Section 1. Thanks to Lloyd Rogers, a Republican Congress, and Donald Trump, we may be poised to do just that.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PORTILLO SERVICES, 15445 COBALI ST #37, SYLMAR, CA, 91342. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOHN PORTILLO 15445 COBALI ST #37, SYLMAR, CA, 91342. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: John Portillo, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/9/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/26/2016. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**File No. 2016298717**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CREST LAW FIRM, 7034 VAN NUYS BLVD, SUITE "C", VAN NUYS, CA, 91405. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEPHANNIE OBIOHA, 7034 VAN NUYS BLVD, SUITE "C", VAN NUYS, CA, 91405. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Stephanie Obioha, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/9/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/9/16. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**File No. 2016298170** The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BELLWOOD TRAVEL, 22915 SHERMAN WAY, WEST HILLS, CA, 91307. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FATHIMA NAZREENA RAZI, 22915 SHERMAN WAY, WEST HILLS, CA, 91307. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Fathima Nazreena Razi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/9/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/18/2008. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**File No. 2016298748**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JML AGENCY, 547 N MACLAY AVE, SAN FERNANDO, CA, 91340. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JENNY M. LOPEZ, 547 N. MACLAY AVE, SAN FERNANDO, CA, 91340. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Jenny M. Lopez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/9/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/16. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DRAKOPIA, 26500 AGOURA RD SUITE, 102-756,

CALABASAS, CA, 91302. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERIK TAYLOR, 5538 LAS VIRGENES RD #135, CALABASAS, CA, 91302. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Erik Taylor, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/9/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/20/16. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CITRIX, 26500 AGOURA RD, SUITE 102756, CALABASAS, CA, 91302. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERIK TAYLOR 5538 LAS VIRGENES RD #135, CALABASAS, CA, 91302. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Erik Taylor, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/9/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2016299446**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. DESI GOURMET COOKING, 2538 FAIRMOUNT AVE, LA CRESCENTA, CA, 91214 and 2. DESI GOURMET COOKING WITH MASTER CHIEF SHIPRA KHANNA, 2538 FAIRMOUNT AVE, LA CRESCENTA, CA, 91214. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VISHAL SHAH, 2538 FAIRMOUNT AVE, LA CRESCENTA, CA, 91214. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Vishal Shah, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/20/16. NOTICE- This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2016299762**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PRAYPARTYSCREAM, 1902 ARIZONA AVE, APT 7, SANTA MONICA, CA, 90404. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DANIELLE STEVENS, 1902 ARIZONA AVE, APT 7, SANTA MONICA, CA, 90404. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Danielle Stevens. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**File No. 2016300181**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CALEGLE INSURANCE SERVICES, 143 S. GLENDALE AVE STE 105, GLENDALE, CA, 91205. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HENRY GALOUSTIAN, 6426 VALMONT ST, TUJUNGA, CA, 91042. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Henry Galoustian, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2010. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2016300350**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AMO FOOD DISTRIBUTION, 5627 CAHUENGA BLVD, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA, 91601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARSHAK GHAZARYAN, 5627 CAHUENGA BLVD, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA, 91601. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Arshak Ghazaryan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2016301298**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GOLDEN CROWN TRADING, 10133 TUJUNGA CANYON BLVD #2, TUJUNGA, CA, 91042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LALAYEH DERZAGHERIAN MAHMOUDI, 10133 TUJUNGA CANYON BLVD #2, TUJUNGA, CA, 91042. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Lalayeh Derzagherian Mahmoudi. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NATIONAL CONTAINER DEPOT, 30700 RUSSELL RANCH RD, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA, 91360. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EZZOWN, INC, 30700 RUSSELL RANCH RD, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA, 91360. This Business is conducted by: a Corporation. Signed: EZZOWN INC, Rebecca Hennis, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL, 820 MAPLE AVE #2, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BENJAMIN YOUSEFI, 3023 ELVILL DR, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90042. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Benjamin Yousefi. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/14/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**File No. 2016302381**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HAMOVHOTOVCOM, 14212 RUNNYMEDE ST, VAN NUYS, CA, 91405. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AREVIK MNATSYAN, 14212 RUNNYMEDE ST, VAN NUYS, CA, 91405. This Business is

conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Arevik Mnatsyan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/14/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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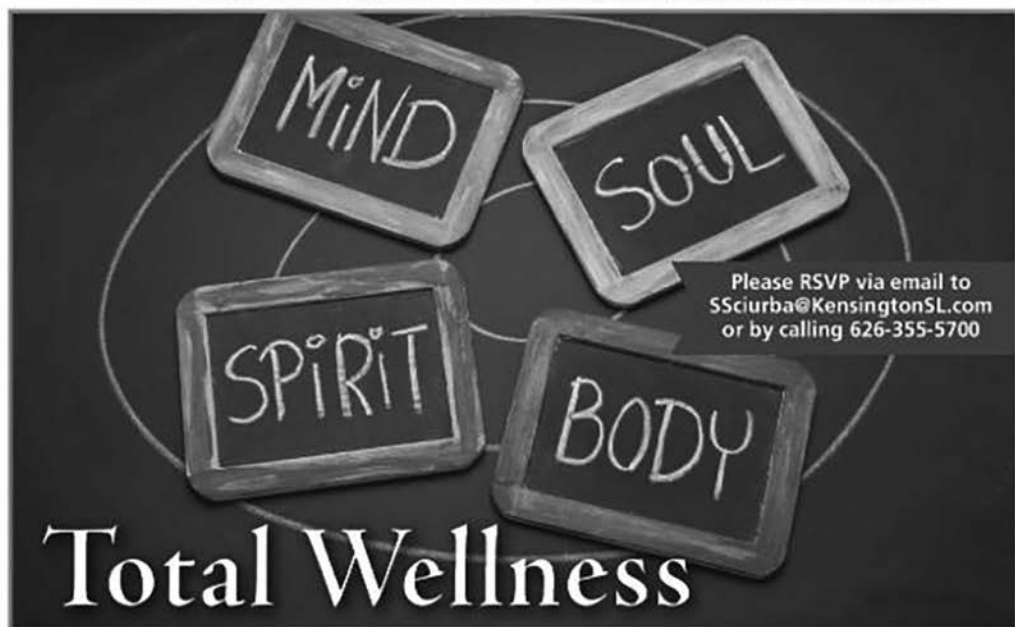
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**File No. 201632888**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. HAGOPIAN LAW GROUP, 24825 WOODED VISTA, WEST HILLS, CA, 91307 and 2. HAGOPIAN LAW GROUP, PO BOX 4346 WEST HILLS, CA, 91308.

Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SHANT HAGOPIAN, 24825 WOODED VISTA, WEST HILLS, CA, 91307. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Shant Hagopian. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/14/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/16. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2016302557**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: \$5 CLOTHING STORE, 1228 S. GLENDALE AVE.,

GLENDALE, CA, 91205. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDIK AVAKYAN 1228 S GLENDALE AVE., GLENDALE, CA, 91205. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Edik Avakyan. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/14/16. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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How do you like to celebrate...  ...your birthday each year?  Kids: color stuff in!

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What is the date of your birthday? In our country, we all have our own special day to celebrate what is special about us. It is our birth day. Yes, the party fun starts when we are turning one and continues as long as we live. We also get to celebrate birthdays for everyone in our family – and our friends' birthdays, too! We celebrate birthdays all year round.

In some countries, like Saudi Arabia, people do not celebrate birthdays due to religious beliefs. In other countries, like China, everyone celebrates his or her birthday together on the country's New Year's Day. Everyone turns a year older at the same time! Children there may receive gifts of money. On special birthdays very long noodles are served to bring long life.

What is the most delicious part of a birthday? The cake, of course! Everyone knows that you have to have a cake to celebrate!

I'll bet the surprise is a puppy! No, a ball! No, a game! No, a...

Open it!

What is the birthday surprise inside this box? Follow the dots to see.

On a birthday we:

1. celebrate the day a person was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. become one \_\_\_\_\_ older.
3. may decorate with \_\_\_\_\_ and streamers.
4. may wear colorful birthday \_\_\_\_\_ on our heads.
5. may hear the popular "Happy Birthday to You" \_\_\_\_\_ sung to us a few times.
6. make a \_\_\_\_\_ before we try to blow out the candles on our cake in one breath.
7. share cake and \_\_\_\_\_ with our family and friends.
8. may receive a \_\_\_\_\_ in the mail.
9. may get \_\_\_\_\_ and good wishes.
10. look forward to special birthdays that give us the right to apply for a driver's \_\_\_\_\_ or to sign up to vote!





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