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

City of Sierra Madre NEVER makes outbound calls asking for payment or a customer's credit card information. City of Sierra Madre NEVER visits residential customers to solicit program enrollment or ask for payments.  
If we do need to make a water quality check, we will inform you first or respond if you request this service. City of Sierra Madre employees never enter a home to check for water quality. Always ask utility employees for proper identification and look for City of Sierra Madre vehicles.

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

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE "The Joy of Jan Reed"

The public is invited to a celebration of the life of beloved Sierra Madrean Jan Reed on Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 3 to 6 p.m.



The event will be held in the Sierra Madre Room and the Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre.

## ARCADIA TACKLES COYOTE ISSUES

At the February 7, Arcadia City Council meeting, one of the items on the agenda was how to deal with the growing presence of Coyotes in the city. City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto provided the council with a comprehensive report and requested direction from the council as to how to proceed. (To view the full report, go to: <https://www.arcadiaca.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=9114>) . The report noted previous attempts by Arcadia to address the problem in 2010 and included the review of a new technique in Coyote Conflict Management.

In the pamphlet from the National Parks magazine entitled “Coyotes and the City”, it is noted that the coyote is a versatile animal, capable of easily adapting to its environment.  
As a result, the report states, “the urban coyote will often eat human garbage, pet food, road kill, and domestic pets, including cats and dogs. As is more commonly the case in urbanized environments, coyotes have been known to actively hunt cats and small dogs, and are able to leap fences as high as 8 feet to prey on domestic animals. Less frequently, bolder packs of coyotes have been known to shadow joggers and even approach humans while walking their pets on a leash. While extremely unusual, coyotes have been known to attack humans, including an incident in the City of Montebello this past summer.

In the end, the council voted to hire a contractor with the responsibility for dealing with the city's Coyote problem. That was Tuesday. On Thursday, People For The Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) sent a letter to Arcadia Mayor Tom Beck and the City Council objecting to the city's plan to ‘trap and kill coyotes’.

Below is the text of that letter:  
PETA's headquarters has been informed that the Arcadia City Council has voted to hire a contractor to trap and kill coyotes. On behalf of our hundreds of members and supporters in Arcadia, we urge you to halt any plans to kill coyotes immediately. Ultimately, trapping and killing initiatives are ineffective at controlling coyote populations, as surviving pack

members simply breed in order to replace lost family members while more coyotes move in from outlying areas for the available resources. Furthermore, trapping of any kind (including cage trapping) is extraordinarily stressful for any wild species, and snare traps are particularly inhumane, since ensnared animals often sustain horrific injuries in their frantic attempts to escape, even chewing or twisting off their own limbs. Killing or otherwise removing animals also tears wild families apart, leaving orphaned young to starve. And such devices are notoriously indiscriminate, posing definite risks to companion animals and “nontarget” wildlife, including protected species.

Making areas unappealing via deterrents and curtailing food sources will encourage coyotes to move on naturally. Ammonia-soaked rags placed in dens will successfully “evict” coyotes, as they loathe the smell. Residents should be advised that trimming vegetation away from buildings, trails, and fence lines will eliminate or at least reduce the number of hiding places for coyotes as well as their prey. Sonic deterrents such as YardGard™, motion-activated sprinklers, flashing lights, and outdoor radios (all available at garden stores) also work effectively to deter coyotes and their prey. The



Bird-X Transonic Mole will further deter burrowing animals who are a food source for coyotes, and the presence of rodents can be mitigated by keeping dumpsters locked, trash and compost securely contained, and grass cut shorter as well as by feeding animal companions indoors. Finally, a prohibition on feeding wildlife should be strictly enforced.

This integrative approach is the only effective means of coyote control, and its nonlethal nature makes it acceptable to the public. We hope to hear soon that Arcadia will abandon this killing initiative. The letter was signed by Kristin Rickman, Cruelty Casework Associate Manager for PETA,

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

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR FEBRUARY 14, 2017  
6:30 pm

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

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



### SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 14, 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

- February 9, 2017 – Public Safety Committee Mtg. 6:00 pm

#### Upcoming Community Events

- Friday, February 17th – Friends of the Library Wine Tasting at Alverno Villa
- Tuesday, February 21st – 6:30 pm Mayor's State of the City Address – City Hall
- Sunday, March 12th – Wistaria Festival
- Saturday, May 27th – Mount Wilson Trail Race

## NATURE FRIENDS



Nature Friends, Los Angeles Branch, will be hosting a talk by author and naturalist Christopher Nyerges, on Saturday, February 18, at 4 p.m., at their Sierra Madre clubhouse, located at 423 Yucca Trail, Sierra Madre.

Nyerges, who has authored 16 books, will speak about his educational work with wild foods, self-reliance, and survival, and will share a short video. Nyerges has led wild food and survival skills walks since 1974.

Nature Friends, which was established in Vienna in 1885, built their Sierra Madre clubhouse in 1923, where it serves as a nature sanctuary and retreat center.

Nyerges' talk will be followed by question and answer period, and a potluck. There is a \$5 fee for members, and \$7 for non-members. For more details, call (626) 355-0117, or check the web site at [www.naturefriendsLA.org](http://www.naturefriendsLA.org).

Nature Friends, 423 Yucca Trail, Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (626) 355-0117 [naturefriendsLA.org](http://naturefriendsLA.org)



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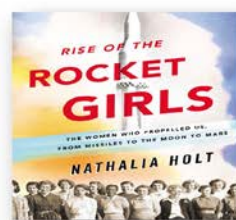
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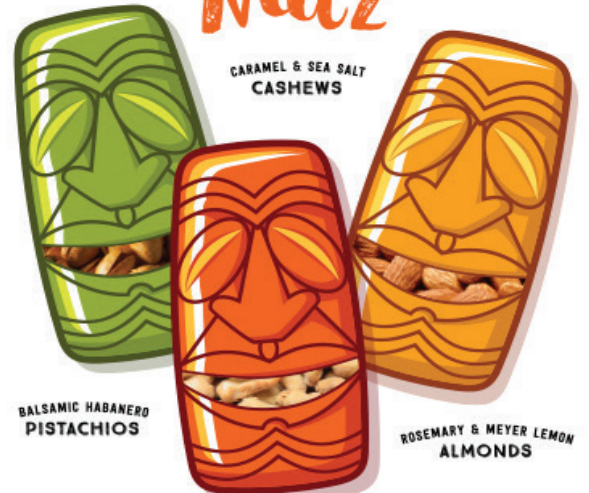
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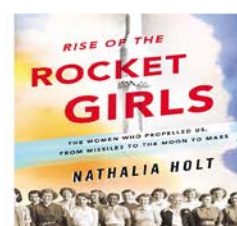
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Nathalia Holt

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Auditorium

Nathalia Holt, Ph.D. is a science writer and the New York Times bestselling author of *Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars, and Cured: The People Who Defeated HIV*. Her work has appeared in a variety of publications including The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Atlantic, Slate, Popular Science, and Time. She has trained at the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT, Harvard, USC, and Tulane. She lives with her husband and their two daughters in Boston.



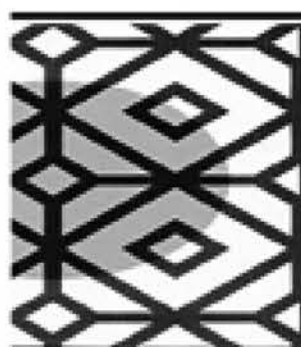
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DATE	TIME	LOCATION	PROGRAM
Wednesday, February 1	7:00 pm	Sierra Madre Public Library	JPL: Powered by STEAM with Dr. Steve Cornford
Thursday, February 2	Noon-6:00 pm	Sierra Madre Public Library	Build and Launch Paper Rockets
Monday, February 6	1:00-2:00 pm	Hart Park House Senior Center	Build Paper Rockets and Launch at Memorial Park
Saturday, February 4	4:00-6:00 pm	Sierra Madre Public Library	"October Sky" Viewing Party
Thursday, February 16	4:00-5:00 pm	Community Recreation Center	StarLab Dome STEAM Club
Thursday, February 16	5:00-6:00 pm	Community Recreation Center	StarLab Dome Journey to Mars
Saturday, February 18	4:00-6:00 pm	Sierra Madre Public Library	"Iron Giant" Viewing Party
Saturday, February 25	7:00 pm	Sierra Madre Elementary	Meet the Author: Nathalia Holt, Ph.D.

DESCRIPTION	AUDIENCE
Senior JPL Engineer, Dr. Steven Cornford, works on the conception, building, testing, and design of spacecraft and their components.	Everyone
Stop by during Library hours to build a paper rocket. Use a template or test a new design and launch them on the patio.	Everyone
Just for seniors! Build paper rockets and launch them in the park.	Seniors
Bring your favorite lawn chair and blanket and cozy up to watch "October Sky" in the Library. Free refreshments and drawing.	Everyone
Register starting February 1 for this unique STEAM Club event where kids get to visit the moon in the StarLab Dome.	Ages 9-12
Adults will love this unique trip to Mars in the StarLab Dome.	Adults
This cartoon classic is sure to make you relive your childhood! Don't forget to bring your favorite lawn chair and enjoy snacks and a drawing.	Everyone
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News From Your Community For Your Community

## Local Area News Briefs

### Armed Robbery suspect arrested on Super Bowl Sunday

Police arrested a Pasadena suspect Sunday on six counts of felony armed robbery after a weeklong crime spree.

According to police Terry Wayne Wilson began an alleged armed robbery crime spree on January 27. Over a seven day stretch, Wilson robbed three Subway Sandwich stores, and a Domino's Pizza store in Pasadena. On Feb. 4, in the early evening, Wilson robbed a retail shoe store in Temple City. A vehicle and suspect description was given to the Pasadena Police Department's emergency services operator.

Pasadena patrol officers stopped a vehicle matching the description and witnesses and victims positively identified Wilson and his vehicle as the suspect involved in all five armed robberies police said.

Wilson pled not guilty Wednesday and is being held on \$250,000 bail and is in custody of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department.

### Former Pasadena Police Woman Honored Turns 100

Police Chief Phillip Sanchez and members of the Pasadena Police Department honored Marguerite Haskins at her home Thursday morning in Chino and presented her with a certificate of recognition on her 100 birthday.

Marguerite served the Pasadena Police Department in the role of "Police Woman" from 1942 through 1948. She resigned from the Pasadena Police Department in 1948 but returned to the city of Pasadena in 1965 and worked as a fire alarm dispatcher and clerical assistant.

"It is absolutely a privilege and honor to participate in someone's 100 year milestone but even more special for us as she served our great department and community at a time when our country was embroiled in WWII. Sanchez said.

## Pet of the Week



Cody (A411530) is an 11-year-old, neutered male, tan Labrador retriever mix. This sweet dog ended up in the shelter after his owner sadly passed away, and he's now looking for a loving home to spend his golden years. Cody loves affection. Whether he's being petted or cuddling in a volunteer's lap, Cody adores spending time with people of all ages. Smart as a whistle, he's more than happy to show off his mastery of sit, stay or down for a treat! Cody qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program, so his adoption fee is just \$20 for adopters age 60 and up.

The adoption fee for dogs is \$125, which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, and vaccinations. Cody also qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program, so his adoption fee is just \$20 for adopters age 60 and up.

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

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at (626) 792-7151 to ask about A411530, 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).



## Holden Introduces Bill to Stop 710 Freeway Tunnel

By Dean Lee

With a backdrop of local city council members, community leaders, and non-profit organizations, State Assemblymember Chris Holden announced Thursday Morning the introduction of Assembly Bill 287 that prohibits the construction of a freeway tunnel for the 710 corridor gap between the 10 and 210 freeways.

The bill also creates an I-710 Gap Corridor Transit Zone Advisory Committee and looks to alternative transportation options for the area.

"As our state and cities integrate smart growth, new technologies and transit oriented development into our evolving transportation infrastructure, large freeway projects like the State Route 710 tunnel are no longer necessary or environmentally sustainable," Holden said.

Not everyone was reassured about the bill stopping the 710 freeway project. One person asked about the possibility of Caltrans funding a new study for a freeway surface route through the area.

Holden said, "First and

foremost it will remove the freeway tunnel as an option, that will be clear. Then we put the power in the hands of the advisory committee to make recommendations, people will be appointed to it from all of the corridor communities and the members that represent the area, Caltrans will have its appointees, so will L.A. Metro... but their numbers will be dwarfed by those serving on this advisory committee."

The announcement of AB 287 took place in South Pasadena at the Gold Line station.

"Dedicated community members, activists, from South Pasadena neighborhoods have spent a half century fighting this outdated... devastating polluting freeway... said South Pasadena Mayor Michael Cacciotti. "All of us as Californians, L.A. County, San Gabriel, have a constitutional god given right to breath clean healthy air."

Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek said "His [Holden] bill contemplates taking a look at the alternatives, not simply objecting to a solution that people are not willing to consider anymore

but rather want are we going to do... the solution of the tunnel is clearly not the answer... I think this process that Chris has suggested is exactly right."

Holden said he hoped to have the bill to Governor Jerry Brown by summer.

Councilmember Steve Madison has said that if the 710 freeway corridor is stopped the city would request that Caltrans give the land back to Pasadena, the current freeway stub, between the 210 Freeway and California Blvd.

## Altadena Safe Drug Drop Off

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department offers a Safe Drug Drop Off program where both controlled and non-controlled substances are accepted. Take medications/drugs to the Altadena Sheriff's Station for safe and anonymous disposal. The mailboxes are located on the west side of the Altadena Sheriff's Station and are designated for anonymous drop-off of all types of drugs.

You can also return your medications to a pharmacy near you. Some pharmacies offer take-back and/or mail-back programs.

Medications/drugs that can be dropped off: Prescription medications Illegal drugs

Over-the-counter medications Aspirin, ibuprofen, etc. Cold/flu remedies Birth control pills Hormone replacement drugs Veterinary medicines Codeine, phenobarbital, and anabolic steroids, narcotics, tranquilizers, etc

Medications flushed down the toilet or in drains pass through the sewer system and eventually enter our streams, lakes, and rivers. Medicines and synthetic hormones have been detected in trace amounts in bodies of water. This could lead to increased bacterial resistance to antibiotics and interference with growth and reproduction in aquatic organisms such as fish, frogs and all marine life.

The presence of medications in the environment is a complex issue and the risk to humans and the environment is still being determined. With tens of thousands of medicinal products on the market and more being developed each year, the long-term risks have not been determined on the effects on the environment. However, in order to minimize the potential negative and irreversible impacts, it is important that we limit the disposal of waste medications to the sewer.

Altadena Sheriff's Station is located at 780 E. Altadena Dr., the cross street is El Molina Ave.

## Library to Show Film 'Young Mr. Lincoln'

Enjoy a showing of the film Young Mr. Lincoln, which follows the future president through his early law career. Afterward there will be a discussion by Paul Bergman, Professor of Law Emeritus, UCLA School of Law.

Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium 285 E Walnut St.

## Reminders for Lincoln, Washington Birthdays

Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that City Hall and many City services will be closed Monday, in observance of Lincoln's birthday, and Monday, Feb. 20, for Washington's birthday. Specific closures, reminders and exceptions are listed below.

The Pasadena City Council will not meet on either Monday. The City Council and the Pasadena Unified School District will hold their annual joint meeting on Thursday at City Hall.

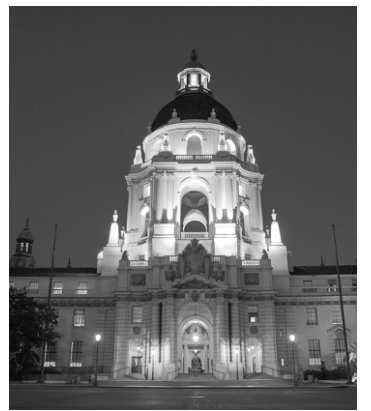
Pasadena's Citizen Service Center, (626) 744-7311, [www.cityofpasadena.net/Citizen-Service-Center](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/Citizen-Service-Center), will remain open both days, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., for calls from the public.

Pasadena residents and businesses with any power emergencies should call the Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) Department at (626) 744-4673 and for water-related emergencies call (626) 744-4138. PWP's regular Customer Call Center will be closed for the holidays, but customers can access their accounts and pay bills online at [www.PWPweb.com](http://www.PWPweb.com) or by calling (626) 744-4005.

The City's Municipal Services Payment Center at City Hall will be closed both days, as will the Parking Office, for citation payments, at 221 E. Walnut St.

Trash, recycling and yard waste pickups will be on the regular schedule, including bulky item pickups.

Pasadena Transit and Dial-A-Ride buses will operate on



regular schedules for both days. On Feb. 20, all parking meters will be free, and parking time limits will not be enforced. Parking meter enforcement will resume Feb. 21. All parking meters will be in operation, and time limits as well as all parking violations will be enforced on Feb.13. Violations for red curb parking, overnight parking and blocking fire hydrants will continue to be enforced on both holidays.

All Pasadena Public Library sites will be closed Feb. 12-13 and Feb. 19-20 in observance of the holidays.

All community centers operated by the City's Human Services and Recreation Department will be closed both holidays.

For life-threatening emergencies, remember to always call 9-1-1. "If You See Something, Say Something" by calling the Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241 for non-emergencies.

## Chamber to Host City Council Candidate Forum

*Forum will feature candidates for Council District 5 and Council District 7*

The public is invited to attend a live forum featuring the candidates for election to the Pasadena City Council. The event will be held at the Boston Court Performing Arts Center at 70 North Mentor Avenue in Pasadena on Monday, at 6:30 p.m. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-admitted basis beginning at 6:00 p.m. The forum will end by 8pm.

The candidate forum is being sponsored by the Old Pasadena Management District, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, Playhouse District Association and South Lake Avenue Business Association.

Ishmael Trone, chair of the Board of Directors of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, will moderate the forum discussion. Confirmed to participate (as of this date) are Victor Gordo (incumbent)

and Krystal Lopez-Padley, who are running for the District 5 council seat, and Andy Wilson (incumbent), Phil Hosp, Alejandro (Alex) Menchaca and Bryan Witt, who are vying for the District 7 council seat.

The forum will focus on issues related to the local economy, jobs and employment, workforce development, economic vitality and downtown development. Questions will be provided by the Old Pasadena Management District, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, Playhouse District Association and South Lake Avenue Business Association. Those audience members in attendance will also have the opportunity to submit questions.

The event will be taped for later broadcast by Pasadena Media, which oversees the Public, Education and Government (PEG) cable television stations serving Pasadena. It will be available on YouTube and through Pasadena Media's website at [www.pasadenamedia.tv](http://www.pasadenamedia.tv).

## Free Events Roundup at the Pasadena Senior Center

There is something for everyone in February at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. You do not have to be a member to attend. Some events require advance reservations.

**Tax Time - Wednesdays and Fridays, through April 14, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.** Representatives from the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program will assist low- to middle-income seniors ages 50 and older in preparing their federal income tax returns. Appointments are required: 626-795-4331. Please note there is no age limit for this service.

**Diabetes Empowerment Education Program - Thursdays, Through March 2, from 2 to 4 p.m.** Whether you or someone you care about is diabetic or pre-diabetic, this series will encourage you to make lifestyle changes while learning more about your diabetes and how it affects your health. Workshop topics include diet, exercise, medication issues, managing complications and the impact of diabetes on eyes, teeth and feet. Reservations are required: 626-685-6732.

**Friday Movie Matinees - Friday Feb. 17, at 1 p.m.** Everyone enjoys movies and the pleasures they bring. Feb. 17: "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993, PG) starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. A widowed man's young son calls a radio talk show with a wish that his father will find a new wife.

**Tech Support from Girl Scouts - Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m.** Girl Scout

Troop 611 from Chandler School will make a short presentation about Apple smart phones and tablets as well as Galaxy and Samsung, then will give one-on-one advice and answer all your questions to help you get the most out of your devices. Free reference booklets created by the troop will be available to take home. For more information call 626-685-6728.

**Low-Impact Cardio Training, Bollywood-Style! - Thursday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m.** BollyX is a Bollywood-inspired dance and fitness program that combines dynamic choreography with the hottest music from around the world. The 50-minute, low-impact cardio workout gets you moving and motivated. Prior dance experience is not required - just a positive attitude and the desire to improve your coordination and mind/body awareness.

**The Importance of Planning Ahead - Thursday, Feb. 16, at 10 a.m.** Many people try to be prepared for the unexpected yet turn a blind eye to the topic of what to do when a love one passes away. By planning ahead, you can prepare yourself and your loved ones emotionally and financially. Learn the steps to take ahead of time as well as the processes involved, and get your questions answered. Presented by Forest Lawn.

Pasadena Senior Center is a nonprofit organization that offers recreational, educational, wellness and social services to people ages 50 and older.

## Social Justice Advocate to be PCC Graduation Speaker

Pasadena City College Officials announced this week that Julissa Arce, a writer, social justice advocate, and former investment banker who made headlines when she revealed her undocumented immigration status, will serve as the guest speaker for PCC Commencement ceremony.

Arce was chosen from a list assembled by a committee of faculty, administrators, and students by Superintendent/President Rajen Vurdien.

Arce started her career on Wall Street as an analyst at Goldman Sachs. A rare woman of color in a male-dominated field, she found success as an investment banker, even gaining promotions during widespread turmoil in the field during the Great Recession. When she reached the office of vice president at Goldman Sachs, it was revealed that she was in fact an undocumented immigrant from Mexico.

In the years that followed, Arce turned to advocacy to help those who would follow in her footsteps. She published a book,



Julissa Arce

My (Underground) American Dream (Entre Las Sombras del Sueño Americano), and began speaking out for immigrant rights in a number of forums. She has spoken at TEDx and the Forbes Reinventing America Summit, and her writing has appeared on CNN, The Hill, Refinery29, and Fusion, among other outlets.

She is the chairman and co-founder of the Ascend Educational Fund, which offers scholarships and mentorship to immigrant students in New York City, regardless of their ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status. She also serves on the board of directors of the National Immigration Law Center and CollegeSpring. In August 2014 she took the Oath of Allegiance and became an American citizen.

PCC's Commencement ceremony is scheduled for Friday, June 16, at 7 p.m. in Robinson Stadium.

## ALTADENA POLICE BLOTTER

### Monday, January 30th

7:45 PM - A vehicle was reported stolen from the 500 block of W. Alberta Street. Vehicle described as a blue 2008 GMC Yukon. Vehicle was recovered on 2/1/17 by LAPD Southeast Division.

10:00 PM - A robbery occurred in the 2300 block of Lake Avenue. Suspect armed with a handgun contacted the victim as she was exiting her vehicle and demanded her belongings. Fearing for her safety, the victim handed over her purse and the suspect fled the area. Suspect described as a male Hispanic between 5 feet 1 inches and 5 feet 3 inches. Suspect was armed with a small black handgun. Stolen: gray and white tote bag containing a black wallet, credit cards and currency.

### Tuesday, January 31st

7:00 PM - A residential burglary occurred in the 400 block of E. Altadena Drive. Suspect(s) entered the residence

by removing a window screen. Stolen: red safe, gold necklace, diamond ring and currency.

### Wednesday through Friday February 1st-3rd

No significant incidents.

### Saturday, February 4th

12:00 PM - A grand theft occurred in the 800 block of E. Woodbury Road. Stolen: electrical wires, gate motor and a metal black bar.

5:20 PM - Manuel Rubalcava, 28 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the area of Lake Avenue and Dolores Street for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

6:50 PM - A residential burglary occurred in the 1500 block of N. Altadena Drive. Suspect(s) entered the residence via a window. Stolen: beige cloth bag containing vehicle parts and currency.

11:00 PM - A grand theft occurred in the 3900 block of Fair Oaks Avenue. Stolen: (5) Zeiss camera lenses; various millimeters and (7) black radios.

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## METHODIST HOSPITAL’S ANNUAL MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION SET FOR FEBRUARY 28 AT SANTA ANITA PARK

ARCADIA, Calif. – (February 9, 2017) - Methodist Hospital Foundation's 22nd annual Mardi Gras celebration is coming to Arcadia on February 28 at 6 p.m. at Sirona's in Santa Anita Park with proceeds supporting digital mammography services at Methodist Hospital. "Mardi Gras is a fun and lively celebration enjoyed by community leaders, physicians, local businesses, and community members for the past 22 years," said Sherry Wang, event co-chair and former chair of the Methodist Hospital Foundation. "Over time, the event has evolved into a significant fundraising endeavor and has grown in attendance each year." Co-chairing the event with Ms. Wang are Mary Bigley and Erica Cornejo.

Guests enjoy delicious food provided by a variety of top San Gabriel Valley restaurants, as well as libations, a festive parade, crazy costumes, plenty of dancing, live music, an exciting silent auction, mysterious raffle boxes, and a few surprises, all for a great cause. As they did last year, the 80z All Stars, a premier 1980s California tribute band, will provide entertainment for the fun-filled event.

Mardi Gras will also honor and crown Dr. Stephen and Patty Soldo as "King and Queen of Mardi Gras 2017" for their long-time dedication to Methodist Hospital. They have given generously of their time and resources and the hospital is fortunate to be able to acknowledge their many years of service to the community.

The Methodist Hospital Foundation considers part of its mission to include providing comprehensive breast care. Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers



among American women with about one in eight women developing invasive breast cancer during their lifetime. In order to continue that mission, it is important to upgrade the hospital's diagnostic mammography services and proceeds from Mardi Gras will further this effort. While Methodist Hospital continues to offer breast surgery and reconstructive surgery to patients, the hospital plans to acquire digital mammography – the most advanced technology available – which will enable the hospital and our radiologists to provide the community with the best possible diagnostic breast care services.

Tickets to Mardi Gras are \$125 and a portion of this cost is tax deductible. To purchase Mardi Gras tickets and explore sponsorship opportunities, go to [www.methodisthospital.org/mardigras](http://www.methodisthospital.org/mardigras).

## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

*For the period of Sunday, January 29th, through Saturday, February 4th, the Police Department responded to 1,063 calls for service of which 135 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, January 29:

1. Shortly before 8:12 a.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy bicycles with tracking devices to combat the increase in bike thefts throughout the city. An investigation revealed a 57-year-old male from Los Angeles was in possession of the stolen bicycle and GPS tracker. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
2. Around 2:10 p.m., officers responded to residence in the 300 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a disturbance report. Officers encountered the suspect attempting to enter his ex-girlfriend's residence by kicking the front door. The 26-year-old male from Arcadia refused to comply with the officer's orders and physically resisted them. He was eventually arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Monday, January 30:

3. At about 9:51 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and Santa Anita Avenue for having broken brake lights. A records check of the driver revealed the 33-year-old male from Van Nuys was on probation and, during a consensual search of the vehicle, was found to be in possession of a glass smoking pipe. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. During the booking process, it was determined the suspect provided a false name to the officer and was on parole. This additional violation was added to the list of charges.
4. At approximately 11:35 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Camino Real Avenue for not having a front license plate. A records check of the occupants revealed the driver was on probation and a male passenger, a 28-year-old from El Monte, was on parole. During a consensual search of the vehicle, a female passenger, a 30-year-old from Temple City, was in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. The male passenger on parole was also found to be in possession of a controlled substance. Both were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Tuesday, January 31:

5. Around 1:34 a.m., an officer responded to the 300 block of Las Tunas Drive regarding a suspicious subject. The officer located the suspect and witnessed him spray painting the words, "Never Sober" on the curb. The 21-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
6. Just before 1:34 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1700 block of Louise Avenue regarding a burglary in progress. A vehicle related to the burglary was located and officers found the suspects with the victim's stolen property. An 18-year-old female from Los Angeles and a 24-year-old male from Los Angeles were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Wednesday, February 1:

7. Shortly after 3:34 a.m., an officer responded to a residence

in the 700 block of West Camino Real Avenue regarding a theft from vehicle report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered the unlocked vehicle and stole the victim's purse and key fob. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

8. At about 7:23 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 200 block of West Longden Avenue regarding a fraud report. The victim stated an unidentified suspect opened a cellphone account in her name, and also used her credit cards on two different occasions. The victim does not know how the suspect obtained her personal information.

### Thursday, February 2:

9. At approximately 6:00 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Santa Anita Avenue and Colorado Boulevard regarding a carjacking that had just occurred. The officer discovered that while the suspect was taking a test drive in a vehicle from the Rusnak Mercedes Benz Dealership, the suspect threatened the salesman causing the salesman to abruptly exit the vehicle. The suspect, a 32-year-old male from Arcadia, then fled in the stolen vehicle. The vehicle was recovered a short time later in the City of Arcadia.
10. Around 6:25 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a robbery that occurred near 24 Hour Fitness, 125 North First Avenue. The victim stated the suspect approached him, forcefully removed the victim's backpack, and fled to an awaiting vehicle. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 6'1", and 250 pounds. He fled in a maroon sedan. The investigation is ongoing.

### Friday, February 3:

11. At about 5:10 a.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a stolen vehicle report. The officer determined an unknown suspect broke a window and stole the victim's Honda Civic sometime during the previous evening. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.
12. Just before 3:59 p.m., an officer responded to the 00 block of Alta Street regarding a vehicle burglary report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect smashed the victim's front passenger window and fled with an after-market radio. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were found.

### Saturday, February 4:

13. Shortly after 12:19 p.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Lemon Avenue and Santa Anita Avenue for speeding. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. Through a series of tests, the officer concluded the 44-year-old male from Inglewood was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The passenger, a 57-year-old male from Inglewood, was so intoxicated; he was unable to care for himself. Both males were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
14. Around 7:16 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 700 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a burglary report. While the officer was investigating the burglary, Dispatch received an alarm activation in the 900 block of Sunset Boulevard. Upon arrival, officers witnessed a male suspect exiting the residence. They attempted to detain the suspect and a short foot pursuit ensued. A 51-year-old male from Hesperia was eventually detained. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The investigation concluded the suspect was responsible for the burglary that occurred on Fairview Avenue.

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## THE SANTA ANITA YMCA HERE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY



Pictured from left, Eric Boyd, and Duarte Kiwanis Secretary, Tina Carey.

Eric Boyd, the Executive Director of the Santa Anita

YMCA shared an amazing history with the Duarte Kiwanis Club. The YMCA was initially started in 1844 in London, England. The Industrial Revolution had started in earnest, and young men from all over Europe had come to London to work in the new factories. However, when the work day ended, the young men had no outside activities other than the local pubs and fighting each other. The YMCA was created as a way to provide alternative activities - in a positive way - to these young men. Eric shared a beautiful sword that has emblazoned on it a triangle, symbolizing the three aspects of life - Spirit, Mind and Body. The concept being that "if a person is out of balance, they are less than God meant them to be."

The YMCA in the US is the largest provider of group swim lessons, and the largest provider of childcare (outside of government supported organizations).

The Santa Anita YMCA serves Arcadia, Monrovia, Bradbury, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa - and no one is turned away due to inability to pay.

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at [drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com](mailto:drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com)

## IN 2016, MONROVIA EXPERIENCED A NEARLY 20% INCREASE IN PART I CRIMES WHEN COMPARED AGAINST THE PRIOR YEAR IN 2015

Recently, staff was able to complete our review of crime rates in Monrovia during calendar year 2016, and the results were striking and disconcerting. When compared with 2015, Monrovia experienced a total increase of 19% in our Part I crimes. Digging a bit deeper into the numbers, an overview of the public safety issues we experienced last year includes the following details:

In 2016, Monrovia experienced a total of 893 Part 1 crimes, whereas in 2015, we had only 750 Part 1 crimes. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) designates the most major crimes that plague society in the United States as Part 1 crimes

There are eight (8) Part 1 crimes, including murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft, and arson.

The 19% increase in crime means that Monrovia had 143 more victims of crime in 2016 than the prior year in 2015.

The most significant increase in criminal activity were:

- 120 more larceny incidents in 2016 than the prior year in 2015, a 24% increase
- 29 more burglary and attempted burglary incidents than the prior year in 2015, a 28% increase
- 11 more assault incidents in 2016 than the prior year in 2015, a 50% increase
- 4 more rape and attempted rape incidents in 2016 than the prior year in 2015, a 100% increase

It is important to note that we are seeing similar and even greater increases in Part 1 crimes throughout Los Angeles County and in the State of California. Law enforcement personnel have attributed these significant increases in criminal activity to the impact of State legislation that has been approved during the past few years, including AB 109, Proposition 47, and

Proposition 57. Collectively, those three measures have impacted our law enforcement efforts in the following manner:

Early release from prison of tens of thousands of criminals from throughout California, the majority of whom are from LA County

Changes in State law that have made any shoplifting, theft, forgery, or fraud – where the value of the crime does not exceed \$950 – a misdemeanor

The personal use of illegal drugs, such as cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine, have all been reclassified in California as misdemeanors

For Monrovia specifically, during the past several decades, the City engaged a number of important initiatives to reduce criminal activity, including implementation of a gang injunction and expansion of our overall Community Activist Policing bureau programs. Those efforts and initiatives made a real impact, as we saw crime trends decrease significantly over time.

The chart below illustrates how the crime trends have evolved since 1995 (when we had 1,672 Part 1 crimes). Of note, in 2015, we had our lowest recorded rate of criminal activity, when we had only 750 incidents of violent and property crime. Unfortunately, we have 143 more incidents of Part 1 crimes in 2016, and the trend and outlook as we move into 2017 is a continued increase in significant criminal activity.

Given the changes in State law and the associated impacts on crime here locally in Monrovia, staff has been assessing different strategies through which we can address this challenging situation as 2017 continues to unfold. As these strategies are developed, we would continue to urge that all residents stay vigilant!

## MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

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

**Weapons Offense** February 2 at 9:50 p.m., an officer was flagged down in the 300 block of W. Maple by a male subject. The subject told the officer that a male Hispanic and a male Black confronted him at a fast food restaurant at Huntington and Mayflower. The suspects accused him of taking a bicycle and brandished a pistol. The suspects then fled in a gray Nissan Altima and headed east through the alley.

**Domestic Violence** – Suspect Arrested February 3 at 12:41 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1500 block of Alamitas Avenue regarding a male and female who had been arguing. The female stated that the male became upset with her and grabbed her around the throat. He also threatened to kill her if she called the police. The male suspect was arrested for domestic violence and taken into custody.

**Criminal Threats** February 3 at 5:52 a.m., police dispatch received a phone call from a suspect who was making threats regarding violence against the high school. Officers were deployed to the high school for security and to investigate. No verified threat could be established. The school resource officer stayed at the high school throughout the day. No suspects were located. The investigation is continuing.

**Petty Theft** – Suspect Arrested February 3 at 5:30 p.m., a petty theft was reported at a business in the 300 block of W. Huntington. A male adult stole merchandise from the store. Officers arrived and located the subject, who had no identification on him. He was arrested and taken into custody. The subject was identified and later released on a citation to appear in court on the charges.

**Public Intoxication** – Suspect Arrested February 3 at 7:08 p.m., officers responded to a park in the 300 block of S. Myrtle regarding a male subject yelling at families in the park. The officers determined the subject was drunk and he was arrested for public intoxication.

**Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance – Suspect Arrested** February 3 at 10:16 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 400 block of E. Colorado regarding a subject causing a disturbance. An area check was conducted and the subject found. Through investigation, officers determined the subject was under the influence of drugs. The suspect was arrested.

**Warrant – Suspect Arrested** February 3 at 10:46 p.m., an officer was on patrol at a park in the 100 block of W. Palm when he contacted a subject. A computer check revealed the subject had an outstanding warrant. The suspect was arrested for the warrant.

**Public Intoxication – Suspect Arrested** February 4 at 12:53 a.m., a vehicle was reported to police that was parked on the street and facing the wrong way. An officer located the vehicle and found a male subject asleep behind the wheel of the vehicle. The keys were not in the ignition and the engine was cold. The male was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for being drunk in public.

**Shoplifting – Suspect Arrested** February 5 at 1:23 p.m., loss prevention at a business in the 500 block of W. Huntington called police to report a shoplifter. They observed a subject select an item from inside the store and leave without

paying. They followed the subject out of the store, but lost sight of him as he entered another location. Officers responded to the location and located the suspect, who was found to have several outstanding warrants also. He was arrested and taken into custody.

**Residential Burglary** February 5 at 1:52 p.m., a residential burglary was reported in the 200 block of N. Mountain. The victim left her residence for a few hours and when she returned, she discovered her room and a hallway closet had been ransacked. The loss was jewelry. The investigation is continuing.

**Attempt Burglary** February 6 at 7:37 a.m., the owner of a business in the 100 block of E. Chestnut called police to report an attempt burglary at the business. Someone had tampered with the chain link fence that encloses his compressor and the rear door of his business. The suspect pried the chain link fence open and attempted to pry open the rear door, but was unsuccessful and there was no loss. The investigation is continuing.

**Shoplifting – Suspect Arrested** February 6 at 10:41 a.m., a shoplifting incident was reported at a business in the 1600 block of S. Mountain. A suspect entered the store, selected merchandise from the shelf and attempted to make a fraudulent return of the stolen merchandise. The suspect was arrested and taken into custody.

**Trespassing – Suspect Arrested** February 6 at 11:58 a.m., a resident in the 1400 block of S. Magnolia Avenue called police to report her daughter was trespassing on her property. The investigation revealed the suspect was served with a valid no trespassing order and had gained entry into the property by unknown means. She was located inside the location in violation of the order and was arrested.

**Elder Abuse – Suspect Arrested** February 6 at 3:30 p.m., during a follow up investigation of a reported elder abuse incident, the suspect was contacted and interviewed. The suspect admitted to taking checks and cashing them from her elderly family member's bank account, totaling over \$3000. The suspect was arrested and is being held pending her court appearance.

**Commercial Burglary** February 7 at 6:04 a.m., a burglary was reported at a business in the 100 block of E. Chestnut Avenue. The suspect gained entry into the building by forcing open the rear door. A laptop and hand drill were taken. The investigation is continuing.

**Assault With a Deadly Weapon / Criminal Threats – Suspect Arrested** February 7 at 11:49 p.m., officers were dispatched on the report of an assault with a deadly weapon at a business in the 600 block of S. Myrtle. The suspect entered the business and approached an employee. He pointed a knife at the employee and made terrorist threats, saying he wanted to kill her. The suspect moved toward the employee in a threatening manner and then fled on foot. Officers searched the area and located the suspect. He was arrested and taken into custody.

**Attempt Vehicle Burglary** February 7 at 7:38 p.m., officers responded to a business in the 700 block of E. Huntington regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim parked his 2015 Lexus in the parking lot and went into the business. When he returned to the vehicle, he noticed his window had been smashed. Surveillance video shows two suspects arriving in a black Jeep Cherokee. One of the suspects was seen in the video breaking the driver's side window and the two suspects flee when the alarm on the vehicle sounds. The investigation is continuing.

## FOOTHILL MWD OPENS K-12 STUDENT ART CONTEST

Foothill Municipal Water District (Foothill MWD) is conducting its 6th annual K-12 student art contest with the theme of competition adhering to the phrase: "Water Is Life". This is a fun, educational project that serves to inspire student creativity and the stewardship of our precious water resources.

The contest is open to all K-12 students attending a school located within the Foothill MWD service area. This includes schools located within La Crescenta-Montrose, the City of La Cañada Flintridge, and Altadena.

All art entries for the 2017 "Water Is Life" Student Art Contest will be separated into three groups (Grades K-3, 4-6, and 7-12) prior to judging. The grand prize winning entry for each group will receive \$100 for the student and a \$50 gift card for the sponsoring teacher. This event is co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and all winning entries will be submitted to MWD for a second round of competition to be included in the 2018 "Water Is Life" Student Artwork Calendar.

Deadline for entries is Monday, April 3, 2017, including postmarked submissions. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of Foothill MWD. For further information about the contest, including all rules, judging criteria, and other prizes, please visit [www.fmwd.com](http://www.fmwd.com) and click on "Student Art Contest Information" on the main page.

Foothill Municipal Water District provides imported water to Crescenta Valley Water District, La Cañada Irrigation District, Mesa Crest Water Company, Valley Water Company, Lincoln Avenue Water Company, Las Flores Water Company and Rubio Cañon Land & Water Association. Kinneloa Irrigation District, another retail agency, takes no water from Foothill.



## BOSCO TECH HOSTED 45TH ANNUAL MATH COMPETITION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ON FEBRUARY 4

ROSEMEAD, CA. – February 8, 2017 - Don Bosco Technical Institute (Bosco Tech) hosted its 45th Annual Mathematics Competition for fifth through eighth grade students on Saturday, February 4. The annual event offered awards to the highest scoring individuals and teams in large and small school divisions and Level I (grades 5-6) and Level II (grades 7-8). Approximately 300 students took part in this year's event. Participating schools included: Barnhart School, Beatitudes of Our Lord School, Bitely Elementary School, Christ Lutheran School, Epiphany School, Immaculate Conception, Jefferson Middle School, Los Angeles Leadership Academy, Macy Intermediate, Mesa Robles Middle School, Mountain Track Middle School, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Catholic School, Pasadena Rosebud Academy, Polytechnic School, Portero Heights Elementary, Precious Blood School Catholic School, Ridgecrest Intermediate, St. Andrew School, St. Benedict Catholic School, St. Dominic Savio School, St. John the Baptist, St. Thomas Aquinas School, St. Thomas More, Sts. Felicitas & Perpetua Catholics School, Sts. Peter and Paul, San Gabriel Mission Elementary, Shively Middle School, Sierra Madre Middle School and Sky Mountain Charter School.

The students who placed individually came from the followings schools: Large-School Individual Student Results (Level II) Christ Lutheran School Sierra Madre Middle School Sierra Madre Middle School

Large-School Individual Student Results (Level I) Ridgecrest Intermediate Polytechnic Mountain Track Middle School

Small-School Individual Student Results (Level II) Sky Mountain Charter School Precious Blood Catholic School Sts. Felicitas & Perpetua Catholic School

Small-School Individual Student Results (Level I) Beatitudes of Our Lord Catholic School Beatitudes of Our Lord Catholic School Sts. Felicitas & Perpetua Catholic School

The following schools' teams placed:

## COLLABORATE PASADENA HIRES DIRECTOR

Collaborate Pasadena (CollPAS) is pleased to announce the hiring of Lisa Cavelier as its new Director. For the past two years the initiative has operated with a part-time leadership team and has now grown to the point of bringing on a full-time Director. Through an extensive search process, Lisa was selected to lead the initiative which is focused on increasing partnerships and collaboration that support the shared vision of helping kids to succeed in school and in life. Lisa's expertise in Pasadena-based community organizations, fundraising abilities and strong leadership skills made her the perfect candidate to significantly move Collaborate PASadena forward in 2017.

Mayor Tornek

"We are delighted to have Lisa on board with Collaborate PASadena and impressed with the enthusiasm she has brought to the initiative. With Lisa at the helm, Collaborate PASadena is well-equipped and prepared to accomplish its goals."

Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent Brian McDonald

"As we continue to deepen partnerships so that children and families thrive, I am pleased to welcome Lisa to Collaborate PASadena. She is a proven leader with vision and the ability to bring people together."

About Lisa Cavelier

With a nonprofit management career spanning more than 25 years, Lisa Cavelier brings an impressive history that includes stints as an assistant to the US Ambassador to France; Executive Director of the Nancy Reagan Foundation; Chief Operating Officer for the California Art Club; Vice President of Guest

Large-School Team Results (Level II) Christ Lutheran School (110 out of a possible 200) Sierra Madre Middle School (103 out of a possible 200) Macy Intermediate (90 out of a possible 200)

Small-School Team Results (Level II) Sts. Felicitas & Perpetua Catholic School (108 out of a possible 200) Barnhart School (105 out of a possible 200) Precious Blood Catholic School (103 out of a possible 200)

Large-School Team Results (Level I) Christ Lutheran School (44 out of a possible 120)

Small-School Team Results (Level I) St. Dominic Savio Catholic School (53 out of a possible 120) Beatitudes of Our Lord (52 out of a possible 120) Sts. Felicitas & Perpetua Catholic School (50 out of a possible 120)

The Top Team in both Level I and II were awarded \$250 for their school's mathematics clubs on behalf of Printefex, Inc. Bosco Tech congratulates Level I winners, St. Dominic Savio Catholic School and Level II winners, Christ Lutheran School.

"Bosco Tech wishes to thank you this year's participants and commend the students for their effort and enthusiasm," said Valeria De Luna, Bosco Tech Director of Admissions. "We also want to recognize the parents and teachers who so well prepared and supported these hard-working young people."

Celebrating its sixty second year, Bosco Tech is an all-male Catholic high school that offers an innovative curriculum allowing students to exceed university admission requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of five applied science and engineering fields. Each year for the past several years, one hundred percent of the graduating class has earned college acceptances. Visit [www.boscotech.edu](http://www.boscotech.edu) or call (626) 940-2000 for more information.

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

the beginning of January and offers this perspective, "With my love for this community and my strong support for Collaborate PASadena, I am excited to join this effort! I plan to build on the great work that has been done so far, and take the CP message to every corner of Pasadena – ultimately to fully impact every child for success in school and in life."

About Collaborate PASadena Collaborate PASadena's core vision is that the children of Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre all grow up in a safe, stable and supportive environment that prepares them for success in school and in life. The backbone of this initiative includes the participation of the City of Pasadena, Town of Altadena, City of Sierra Madre, Pasadena Unified School District, area non-profit

organizations, local businesses and Chambers of Commerce, faith-based organizations, parents, students and institutions of higher education. The structure includes Work Groups and a Leadership Council that facilitates the collection of data, providing first-hand reports and feedback, and offering guidance and support.

Collaborate PASadena is sponsored by the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Unified School District. The fiscal sponsor of the initiative is the Flintridge Center, a long-time Pasadena organization focused on reducing violence and improving lives in the community. For More Information Collaborate PASadena [www.collaboratepasadena.org](http://www.collaboratepasadena.org) Email: [info@collpas.org](mailto:info@collpas.org) Telephone: 626-449-0839, 117

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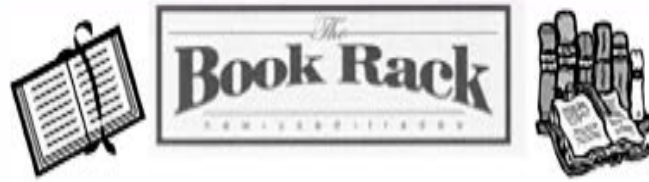
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## BREAKING THE ICE TO GIVE ANIMALS A BREAK IN LIFE

Nothing makes me happier than to hear stories about people who go out of their way to assist animals in need, and with the mind-boggling number of shelter pets being euthanized in our country every day, I can't think of a better way to help than to do what one can to save the lives of those animals waiting for their deadline on death row.

To me it is especially heart-warming when celebrities use their fame and fortune to help benefit programs that can prevent shelter animals from meeting their ultimate doom behind bars. Indeed, actors, artists and athletes who take the time out of their busy lives to share their celebrity power and resources in order to benefit rescued animals are among my favorite humans. It would be so easy to ignore the need, and no one would judge them if they didn't pitch in, yet they do it because they are truly compassionate about the cause.

One man who chose to make a difference for the better on behalf of the animals is National Hockey League's St. Louis Blues captain, Dave Backes. Although I have to admit I am not a huge sports fan, hockey is one sport that I do enjoy watching. That might be because my dad played hockey when he was growing up in Massachusetts, and later when I was young, he took me to several UAH hockey games in Huntsville, AL. They were the standing college league champs at the time, so it was a very exciting experience for me to witness their repeated victories, season after season.

Dave Backes has used his sports celebrity status to help break the ice between would-be pet shoppers and shelter pets, by exposing the fact that, just because a dog or cat ends up in a shelter does not make it an undesirable pet. In fact, on the contrary most of the animals that are ultimately adopted from shelters turn out to be among the most grateful and loyal pets you could possibly hope to own!

A veteran of almost 500 NHL games, Backes has succeeded in taking rescue to the next level, by becoming a tireless supporter of animal rescue and by setting an example and sharing his own personal experience with adopting shelter pets himself. Backes got his first taste of animal rescue as a young boy when his family took in a small Poodle a neighbor no longer wanted. With that seed planted early in his life, Backes' interest in animal rescue truly took hold when he and his wife Kelly were students at Minnesota State University, Mankato. That's when he began volunteering at a local shelter.

When Backes and his wife moved to St. Louis, Mo., to be part of the Blues organization in 2007, they sought out ways to become involved in the community and found Five Acres Animal Shelter in St. Charles. During their time of involvement with the shelter, they worked on numerous projects, including a \$1 million capital campaign to finance the construction of two new buildings. Recently, Kelly and David stepped away from their duties on the Five Acres' board to concentrate on the next step, the formation of their very own rescue organization!



Backes now shares his and Kelly's good work in organizing an animal rescue as a template for players in all four major sports to use in starting more rescue facilities in cities throughout the United States. What an awesome way to play it forward! A major part of that good work is educating the public on animal adoption, and networking with others who are equally compassionate about the cause.

At the heart of Backes' goal to proliferate the idea of adoption, is his effort to convince people who are considering pet ownership that rescued animals actually make excellent pets. His desire is to prove through his own experience and that of millions of other Americans who have adopted rather than shopped, that shelter pets waiting for forever homes are equally worthy and valuable to any pet you might find by shopping from backyard breeders or puppy farms. Indeed, many adopted shelter animals have proven to have less health problems and even less behavioral issues than those bred and sold intentionally.

I hope David and Kelly Backes will continue to succeed in breaking the ice to help countless more shelter animals find homes before it's too late. The idea that a pet is better because it was bred from a well-known sire, or because it has all the proper marks for its breed is simply passe. It's time for all of us to re-think the concept of pet ownership. We humans have allowed far too much "accidental" breeding to occur by not spaying and euthanizing, and we have also exacerbated the problem through encouraging intentional breeding by shopping and not adopting.

Let's all get on board with David and Kelly Backes and use whatever resources we have to help educate others on the value of adopting rescued shelter pets. I, myself am a witness to the fact that adopting versus shopping can be one of the most uplifting experiences in life. Knowing that I was able to save the lives of such grateful souls as my two girls, Tater (may she rest in peace) and Molly brings me an immense amount of joy. I only wish I could save more. We all need to do our part to turn the table on mass euthanasia in our country. Simply put, it is a cruel and unusual practice.

Kudos to you, David and Kelly Backes, for using your celebrity powers for such an awesome cause. Keep up the good work, and thank you for having so much compassion for the animals! Love and let live.



## AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY - BARK FOR LIFE! SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017 - 10AM – 1PM

WHAT: BARK FOR LIFE – A Canine Event to Fight Cancer

WHERE: Arcadia Dog Park (Eisenhower Park) located on the corner of Colorado Boulevard and Second Avenue: 601 N. Second Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006.

WHO: All dog owners and (and lovers); the Hope Can Cure Cancer Club from Arcadia High School; the American Cancer Society Relay for Life; and the City of Arcadia's Recreation and Community Services Department.

WHEN: Saturday, March 4, 2017

Registration begins at 9:15am; Opening Ceremonies start at 10:00am

Registration: \$15.00 per dog, \$10.00 for the second dog!

The City of Arcadia along with the Hope Can Cure Cancer Club from Arcadia High School is hosting a Bark for Life Event. Bark for Life is a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. Bark for Life is directly related to Arcadia's Relay for Life and shares the theme, "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back." So bring your best canine friends and join us for a fun-filled day starting with a walk, and continuing with demonstrations, contests, and games. Please remember

dogs must be on a leash and please be ready to clean up after your four legged friends.

By supporting Bark for Life, you help the American Cancer Society save lives, and that helps us move closer to our ultimate goal of creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays. To register your dog, please visit: [www.relayforlife.org/barkarcadia](http://www.relayforlife.org/barkarcadia). The cost is \$15 for your first dog and \$10 for your second dog.

For information contact: City of Arcadia, Recreation and Community Services, 626.574.5113 or Carter L. Spruill at [barkarcadia@hotmail.com](mailto:barkarcadia@hotmail.com) or call 323.309.3954.

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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GOOD NEWS: Adopted: Cherie, Chubby, Kumi, Ashton, Maggie & Chaplin!

## Katnip News!



## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

### THE JOY OF YOGA (SWEET) CHILD'S POSE



Child's pose, or balasana, is one of the best poses in yoga. It's a forward fold that stretches the lower back, improves digestion, and encourages withdrawal of the senses (Pratyahara).

Because it is such a useful pose, it's important to know how to get comfortable in it. To begin, come onto all fours -- hands and knees. Inhale deeply and, as you exhale, lie your forearms down as you bring your bum back toward your heels. Your chest moves on top of thighs. This action requires deep flexion in the hips, knee flexion, and plantar flexion of the ankle and foot. It's common for the upper back to be tight and rounded. Arms can stay outstretched in front or you can bring them alongside your body, resting on the top of the forearms and flipping the palms face up. Ideally, the forehead is resting on the floor. It is meant to be relaxing. To assist with comfort in this pose, here are a few modifications that can make ALL the difference:

1. If your seat does not rest comfortably on your heels, place a folded blanket on the tops of your calves as an extra

cushion between backs of thighs and calves.

2. To provide more space and comfort for the belly, bring big toes together in the back and spread the knees wide.  
3. If your forehead does not rest completely on the floor, place a blanket or block underneath your forehead in an effort raise the floor up to meet your head.  
4. Try a variation. An alternate to the classic forward fold is reverse child's pose—apanasana, or knees to chest. Come to lie on your back and simply bring knees to chest. Hug the arms around the knees. You still get all the great benefits of the pose: improved digestion, grounding, and nice, safe stretch for the lower back.  
5. Supported child's pose is lovely. Place a bolster underneath the chest and belly. Come to sit on your heels and lay your chest onto the bolster. Look left and rest on the right side of your face, after several breaths, change sides. Enjoy child's pose as a restful, calming forward fold. It's a pose of letting go, surrender, and conscious resting. It's the GO-TO for resting in a yoga class. Breathe steadily and freely in whatever modification you choose. Make sure to find comfort and what works for your individual body. See you in class, friends!

Namaste,  
Keely Totten

## THE MISSING PAGE Real Life Tips from Life's Instruction Manual

### A PATH TO KINDNESS

Have you ever had an argument with someone that you love? I have. The field of relationships can be daunting.

Whenever we seek to meet and connect with another, we can sometimes feel at risk. The risks are myriad. We risk rejection, being misunderstood, being hurt or being used. Focusing on the negative is tempting. When your beloved has said or done something that you find hurtful, it's hard not to take the most negative point of view. In the field of possibility; the opposite viewpoint could also be true. There could be another way to look at the issue, another perspective. Or we could let go of our anger. We could seek connection, friendship, and support.

In exercising our freedom of choice, may I recommend developing the habit of scanning for joy? Rather than looking for everything that is wrong or could go wrong, why not look for the things in your life and relationship that is going well? Cultivating the habit of looking for something to appreciate in your beloved will extend the life of your relationship and deepen

the passion. If we can learn to do this when times are good, it will be easier for us to lean toward kindness when we experience disappointment, frustration or anger.

One way to express kindness during an argument is to pause and remember that this is your beloved, then perhaps rather than focus on the negative behavior consider their intention behind the activity. It is unlikely that your beloved is trying to hurt or annoy you. So consider if there is another way to interpret their behavior?

Today I'm grateful that I can seek and choose the path to kindness.

Did you like this article? Please share it with someone you love.

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Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones. All in the name of St. Valentine, but who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate the passion of this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentines, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men — his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. His love for love lives on each February.

I realize that the stay at home experience will not fly with everyone's

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better half, so let's go dining

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Dear Savvy Senior,  
What are the IRS income tax filing requirements for retirees this tax season? My income dropped way down when I retired last year in 2016, so I'm wondering if I need to even file a tax return this year.

New Retiree

Dear New,  
There are several factors that affect whether or not you need to file a federal income tax return this year including how much you earned last year (in 2016), and the source of that income, as well as your age and filing status.

Here's a rundown of this tax season's (2016) IRS tax filing requirement thresholds. For most people, this is pretty straightforward. If your 2016 gross income – which includes all taxable income, not counting your Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately – was below the threshold for your filing status and age, you probably won't have to file. But if it's over, you will.

Single: \$10,350 (\$11,900 if you're 65 or older by Jan. 1, 2017).

Married filing jointly: \$20,700 (\$21,950 if you or your spouse is 65 or older; or \$23,200 if you're both over 65).

Married filing separately: \$4,050 at any age.

Head of household: \$13,350 (\$14,900 if age 65 or older).

Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child: \$16,650 (\$17,900 if age 65 or older).

To get a detailed breakdown on federal filing requirements, along with information on taxable and nontaxable income, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "Tax Guide for Seniors" (publication 554), or see IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p554.pdf.

## Special Circumstances

There are, however, some other financial situations that will require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirement. For example, if you had earnings from self-employment in 2016 of \$400 or more, or if you owe any special taxes to the IRS such as alternative minimum tax or IRA tax penalties, you'll probably need to file.



To figure this out, the IRS offers an interactive tax assistant tool on their website that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. It takes about 15 minutes to complete.

You can access this tool at IRS.gov/filing – click on "Do you need to file a return?" under the Get Ready tab. Or, you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040. You can also get face-to-face help at a Taxpayer Assistance Center. See IRS.gov/localcontacts or call 800-829-1040 to locate a center near you.

## Check Your State

Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, don't assume that you're also excused from filing state income taxes. The rules for your state might be very different. Check with your state tax agency before concluding that you're entirely in the clear. For links to state tax agencies see Taxadmin.org/state-tax-agencies.

## Tax Preparation Help

If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 or visit IRS.treasury.gov/freetaxprep to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax preparation at more than 5,000 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call 888-227-7669 or visit AARP.org/findtaxhelp. You don't have to be an AARP member to use this service.

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

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...February Birthdays\*

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\* 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

**Hawaiian & Polynesian Dance Class:** Every Tuesday morning from 10a.m. to 11a.m. Join instructor Barbara Dempsey as she leads you in the art of

Hula.

**Bingo:** Every Tuesday beginning at 1:00p.m. Cards are only \$0.25 each! Everyone is welcome to join. May be canceled if less than five people.

**Free Blood Pressure Testing:** 2nd Tuesday of the month from 11a.m. to 12p.m. No appt. is necessary.

**Brain Games:** Thursday, January 19th, 10:30a.m. - 11:30a.m., improve your memory and strengthen your brain. Activities facilitated by Senior Volunteers.

**Free Legal Consultation:** Wednesday, January 25th from 10:30a.m. to Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. He specializes in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates, and Injury. Appointments are required by calling 626-355-7394.

**Sing-A-Long:** Music brings joy to the soul! Come join us Thursday, January 12th, 10:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. No music skills needed!

**Senior Club:** Every Saturday at the Hart Park House Senior Center. Brown Bag Lunch at 11:30a.m.

**Chair Yoga:** Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 to 11:45a.m. with Paul Hagen. Third Monday of each month, a variety of balance exercises are practiced. All ability levels are encouraged and welcomed. A suggested donation of \$5 at one of the classes is requested, but is not required.

**Case Management:** 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 Hart Park House Office at 626-355-7394.

**Birthday Celebrations:** Every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Hart Park House, share some free birthday cake provided by the Sierra Madre Civic Club.

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

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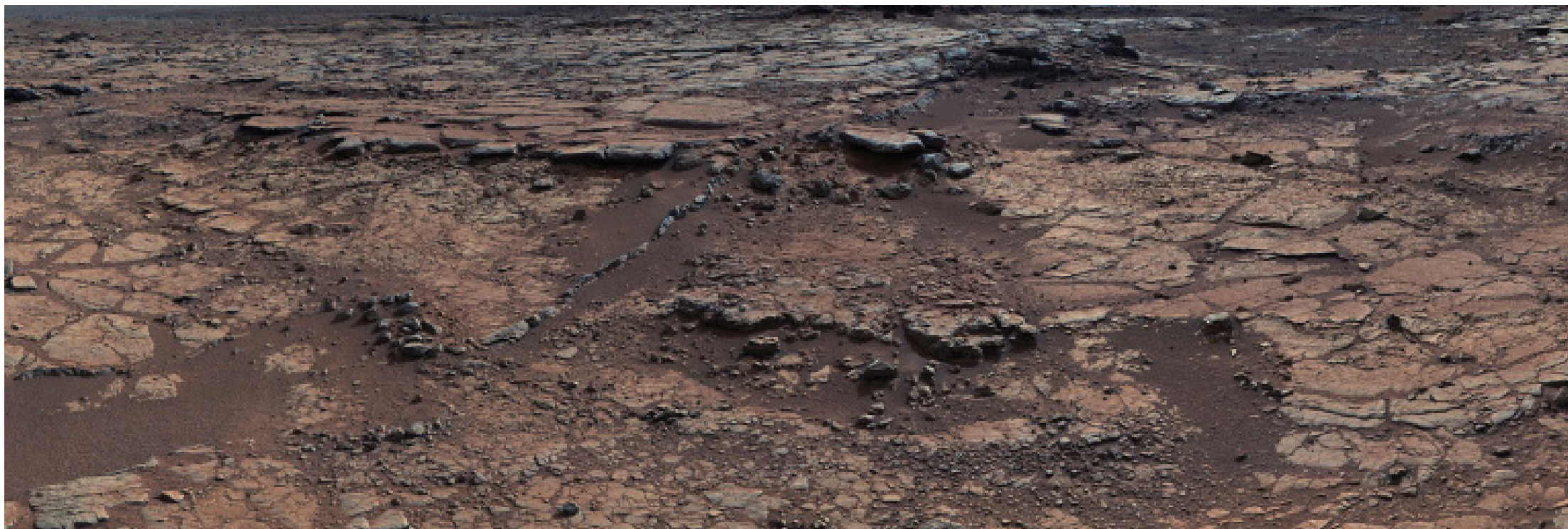
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Looking Up  
with Bob Eklund

## CURIOSITY ROVER SHARPENS PARADOX OF ANCIENT MARS



Mars scientists are wrestling with a problem. Ample evidence says ancient Mars was sometimes wet, with water flowing and pooling on the planet's surface. Yet the ancient Sun was about one-third less warm, and climate modelers struggle to produce scenarios that get the surface of Mars warm enough for keeping water unfrozen.

A leading theory is to have a thicker carbon-dioxide atmosphere forming a greenhouse-gas blanket, helping to warm the surface of ancient Mars. However, according to a new analysis of data from NASA's Mars rover Curiosity, Mars had far too little carbon dioxide about 3.5 billion years ago to provide enough greenhouse-effect warming to thaw water ice.

The same Martian bedrock in which Curiosity found sediments from an ancient lake where microbes could have thrived is the source of the evidence adding to the quandary about how such a lake could have existed. Curiosity detected no

carbonate minerals in the samples of the bedrock it analyzed. The new analysis concludes that the dearth of carbonates in that bedrock means Mars' atmosphere when the lake existed could not have held much carbon dioxide.

"We've been particularly struck with the absence of carbonate minerals in sedimentary rock the rover has examined," said Thomas Bristow of NASA's Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California. "It would be really hard to get liquid water even if there were a hundred times more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere than what the mineral evidence in the rock tells us." Bristow is the principal investigator for the Chemistry and Mineralogy (CheMin) instrument on Curiosity and lead author of the study, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Curiosity has made no definitive detection of carbonates in any lakebed rocks sampled since

it landed in Gale Crater in 2011. CheMin can identify carbonate if it makes up just a few percent of the rock.

For the past two decades, researchers have used spectrometers on Mars orbiters to search for carbonate that could have resulted from an early era of more abundant carbon dioxide. They have found far less than anticipated.

"It's been a mystery why there hasn't been much carbonate seen from orbit," Bristow said. "You could get out of the quandary by saying the carbonates may still be there, but we just can't see them from orbit because they're covered by dust, or buried, or we're not looking in the right place. The Curiosity results bring the paradox to a focus. This is the first time we've checked for carbonates on the ground in a rock we know formed from sediments deposited under water."

The new analysis concludes that no more than a few tens of millibars of carbon dioxide could

have been present when the lake existed, or it would have produced enough carbonate for Curiosity's CheMin to detect it. A millibar is one one-thousandth of sea-level air pressure on Earth. The current atmosphere of Mars is less than 10 millibars and about 95 percent carbon dioxide.

"This analysis fits with many theoretical studies that the surface of Mars, even that long ago, was not warm enough for water to be liquid," said Robert Haberle, a Mars-climate scientist at NASA Ames and a co-author of the paper. "It's really a puzzle to me."

When two lines of scientific evidence appear irreconcilable, the scene may be set for an advance in understanding why they don't agree. Curiosity is continuing to investigate ancient environmental conditions on Mars.

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges  
HIKING IN THE SNOW TO MT. LOWE

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I had never been to Mount Lowe before, though I'd been to Echo Mountain many times. This was the mid-1960s. My friend George from the neighborhood was in the Boy Scouts and he'd been up there with his troop. So one winter day he offered to lead the way to the old Mount Lowe Camp.

We hiked to Echo Mountain from the top of Lake Avenue, and then hiked into Castle Canyon where there was a lot of snow! I realized I was unprepared for snow when we were about halfway to Inspiration Point and my feet were already wet and cold. I was wearing some old suede shoes, which were not waterproof. My friend assured me that we were "almost there," but every step was getting more and more difficult, and my feet were cold. I also saw the value in snowshoes during that hike, since my feet kept sinking into the holes in the snow that I made with every step. I was working hard step by step.

Since then, I have worn cramp-ons on my boots, as well as primitive snowshoes that I have fabricated from willow branches. But I did not have snowshoes on that first cold day to Inspiration Point and Mount Lowe Tavern. Occasionally, where we could not readily see the trail due to the thick drifts of snow, we would step out too far and our foot would go right through the snow and we'd have to jump back to keep from falling off the cliffs.

My friend began to tell me about the "tavern" -- I had not heard of it before. He was explaining the people who went there, and what they did, and for some reason, he did all his explaining in the present tense. I had pictures of a modern ski lodge up there, and I was mentally counting the change in my pocket and wondering if I'd have enough for a hot chocolate and maybe, just maybe, I'd have enough money so I could buy some chicken noodle soup.

I was looking in the direction of where my friend said it was, figuring I'd be the first one to see the smoke coming from the chimney. Imagine my great shock when we hiked up to the little saddle of Inspiration Point and he said, "We're here."

"We're where?" I exclaimed, visibly disappointed. "Inspiration Point. This is where it was. And the old tavern is actually down where the camp is now." His use of tense seemed more accurate now, and after a few questions, I realized to my chagrin that I would be having no hot soup or chocolate that cold afternoon.

My feet were completely wet, and numb, and only moving around kept me feeling somewhat comfortable. It seemed a little easier hiking that quarter mile down to the old tavern site. There was a lot of snow, and there was much more left of the old tavern back then than you will find today. It was a wonderful and mysterious place with the stone walkways, and walls, and little trails. Only the cold kept me from exploring even more, though I returned many times to the tavern site in the years that followed.

On that day, we struggled to make a small fire,

using up all our matches. We had a tiny fire, which we fed pine needles, and we managed to get it bigger but we didn't get any warmer. I think that all the fire we generated was merely steaming off the water in the wood, and we felt very little heat. George had some dried soup which we tried to cook, and I recall having a "lunch" of lukewarm "soup" with crunchy noodles. But I was cold and



Fireplace in Ye Alpine Tavern, Mt. Lowe

This is the scene Christopher thought he would find on his first cold trek to Ye Alpine Tavern.

hungry and even crunchy not-hot soup was better than nothing.

Occasionally a wind would pass through the area and we'd hear the loud wind in the treetops and lots of icicles and snow would drop from the trees. It was very much a Christmas scene. After a while of not-getting warm by the not-warm fire, we kicked some snow over it, and ran most of the way back down to the city.

On a more recent visit to Echo Mountain just a few years ago, I was hiking with my hiking class from Pasadena City College. It had been a drizzly and cold day, and after we explored the ruins, we went over by the large fireplace area to have our lunch. We were surprised that a man in a t-shirt was sitting nearby, and he'd cleaned out the fireplace for his shelter. We started talking, and we were admiring all the arrowheads he'd just made from the bits of glass he'd collected from around Echo Mountain.

He said he was very skilled in wilderness survival, and he made some sort of a bet with a friend about whether or not he could spend 10 days in these mountains with nothing but the clothes he was wearing. That was apparently his second day there. He knew about some edible plants, though there wasn't much to collect. He had the tools for making fire with a bow and drill, and he'd made a quickie bow and some arrows, and had nearly finished making a batch of arrowheads.

He said he was going to catch squirrels to eat, and maybe other animals. We were all mighty impressed and asked him lots of questions. I know that I would not want to spend 10 days in the snow in my t-shirt, so I gave him my magnesium fire starter, and then we departed. I told him I wanted to hear how he did in those 10 days, and gave him my address and phone number. I never did hear from him again, though I assume that if things got really tough, all he had to do was walk a few miles down to the city. It was winter, and some snow had actually fallen close to Echo Mountain, so it would have been a cold 10 days.

If you're planning any winter hikes, always carry basic gear, such as some extra food, water, fire-starter, a small pot and stove, first aid kit, and extra clothes. Always tell someone where you're going and when you're planning to return.



## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

## THE STRANGE MYTH OF MULTITASKING

I have been pondering a delicate question this week. Why is it I can only do one thing at a time? If only I could do several things at a time, I could get more accomplished.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is an expert when it comes to multitasking. Although I have lived with her for over 45 years, I still do not know how she does it. She is better than a circus juggler and can juggle a dozen tasks at the same time.

Not me, that is for sure!

I like to do many things, but I have to do them in order and one at a time. That is how I have always done things even though I have tried to juggle two things at one time but it has never been successful. Usually, both of them fall to the floor and I have to start all over again.

Every day I make a list of things I need to do and start working on them one by one. I am looking forward to the day when I will be able to accomplish everything on my list.

Maybe I am just trying to do too much.

Like the other day, I needed to go across town to pick up something at one of the office supply stores. Usually, I am not allowed to go into the grocery store by myself. However, when my wife found out I was going to go across town, she asked me if I would stop at the grocery store and pick up a few things. Then she handed me a list, and said, "Get everything on the list and only those things on the list."

Then she gave me one of "those looks."

It is hard for me to go into a grocery store and not pick up a few things that I want. I have never seen any ice cream that I did not want. However, when I am on strict orders with a shopping list, I don't have any leeway at all.

It started out rather well. She handed me the list and I put it in my pocket and headed for the front door. As I was going out, I heard her say, "Remember, only those things on the list."

I chuckled to myself and myself chuckled back. I was on a mission and I knew I could accomplish it.

My favorite office-supply store is Staples. Everybody there knows me by name because it is almost a second office for me. I have often suggested that they have some coffee there for their customers, but if that would happen, they would never get rid of me.

Staples was my first stop. When I got in there I walked by the pen section. I never can walk by the pen section, I always have to stop and examine all of the pens they have there. I have a nice pen collection and I am always looking for some pen that I do not have. You never know when you are

going to find something that you do not have.

I love the fountain pen section. As I was looking at the fountain pens, I saw one was on sale. For someone like me who is addicted to pens, especially fountain pens, this was the end of the road.

It was a beautiful pen and was only half price. How in the world could I resist this?

As I examined the pen, I realized I did not have one like this in my collection. Even if I did have one like this in my collection, the temptation to purchase would be overwhelming.

Therefore, I did what any pen obsessed person would do. I took it to the counter, talk to the cashier about this wonderful pen and told her how it would add dignity to my pen collection. She chatted back and told me that it was a beautiful pen.

Finally, I paid for the pen and walked out to my truck.

All I could think about was that wonderful new fountain pen. I could not wait to break in this new fountain pen, which is a delicate ritual that I enjoy so much. I was so happy and excited about it.

When I got home, I hurried inside so I could show this brand-new addition to my pen collection to my wife and have her join me in admiring it.

She glanced at it somewhat nonchalantly and then stared at me with one of those stares. It was one of those stares that indicated I was in trouble. I could not for the life of me figure out why I was in trouble.

With both hands on her hips and staring at me she said, "Where are the groceries I asked you to pick up?"

"Groceries?" I had forgotten all about the groceries. In fact, I had forgotten about why I went to Staples in the first place.

As I headed for my truck a Scripture came to me, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

It is hard for someone like me to focus on two things at a time. Therefore, I need to focus on what my hand can do, rather than what I cannot do.

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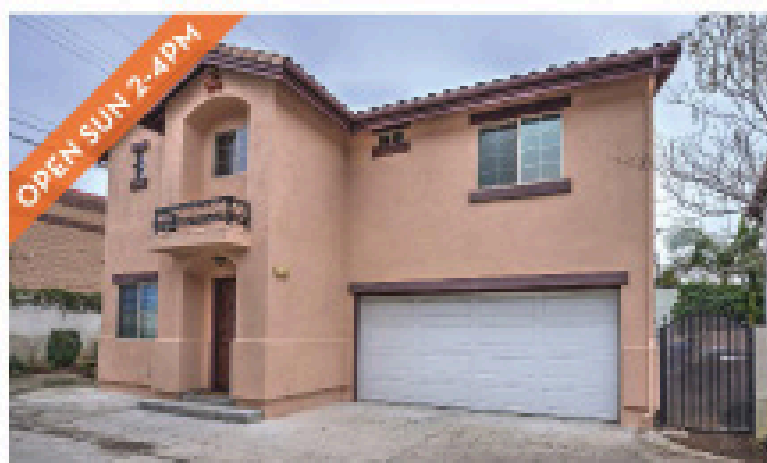
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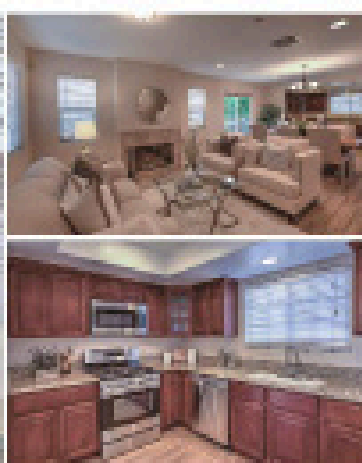


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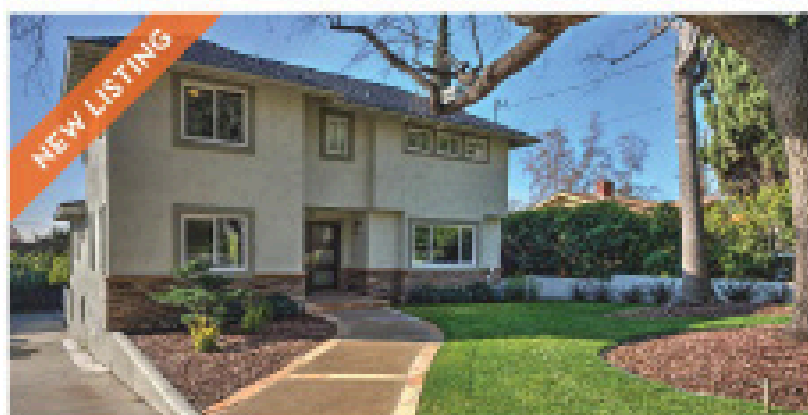
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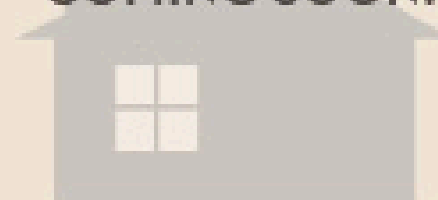
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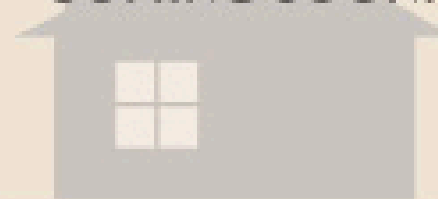
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## AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

### DEDICATION OF THE SANTA FE TRAIN DEPOT



By Joan Schmidt

Last Thursday, it was bright and sunny—just like the mood of everyone who came out to witness the dedication of the Santa Fe Train Depot in Monrovia.

It was a great event. Representing the great city of Monrovia were Mayor Tom Adams, Mayor Pro tem Alex Blackburn, Council Members Gloria Crudginton, Becky Shevlin and Larry Spicer; City Manager Oliver Chi, City Clerk Alice Atkins, City Treasurer and Historian Steve Baker, and Police Chief Jim Hunt. Monrovia-Arcadia-Town Council Members included Chair, Dave Hall; Vice Chair, Terrence Williams (Also representing the School Board); and Council Member Joan Schmidt Clayton.

The current Depot was built in 1926. It is a Spanish Colonial Revival and was used as a “combo” depot for both passenger and freight trains. It was owned by the Atchison-Topeka-Santa Fe Railroad and has a “sister” station in Claremont. (That city is also planning to restore its depot.) The first depot was a wooden building constructed in 1886 and its use began in 1887.

Each of Monrovia’s Council Members had a part in the festivities and when Mayor Pro Tem Blackburn spoke, he told of fellow Council Member Gloria Crudginton’s passion for this project. It also must be mentioned that Gloria and her husband are part of the Monrovia Historical Preservation Society and that group’s determination to restore the building.

Mayor Tom Adams explained what a difficult journey it was to get this project off the ground. There was a lot of negativity about the cost of restoration and the condition of the building. But MONROVIA is special and did NOT allow this building to be razed. Tom also had praise for City Manager Oliver Chi and his integral role in this process. “There were a lot of tough negotiations and difficult decisions.”

The contractors are Samuelson and Fetter. (One can visit their website and see they are local and some of their great projects in Monrovia.) Reid Samuelson and Blaine Fetter were there as well as their sons.



Blaine told the audience what a vast undertaking this project was. He and his wife Lynda already purchased four homes of this period and restored them. He told us that Monrovia was a very special City “with a soul” and when their company finished restoration of the depot, Monrovia will have a “new heart.”

The project should be completed in five months, looking at a summer opening. There has not yet been a restaurant chosen and Blaine said they are open to suggestions. They want something, “special and different.” The building is a “ghost” and they hope to “bring it back to life.”

Presentations were by Hector Elizalde for Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Kristri Lopez for Senator Anthony Portantino and Ryan Senneff for Supervisor Kathryn Barger.



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Creative Arts Group is proud to present the premier gallery exhibition: “EMERGING WOMEN” - a collection of exciting modern and often historically significant works of art inspired by and selected from the recently published, groundbreaking 4-volume set of books: *Emerging From the Shadows: A Survey of Women Artists Working in California 1860-1960*. The exhibition, curated by author Maurine St. Gaudens, consists of stimulating and captivating paintings and sculpture all created by women artists working in California as well as throughout the United States, Mexico and Europe; most of whom were previously unknown. The majority of the 80+ works have never been seen by the public before this thought-provoking exhibition which will leave you asking why were these talented artists left in the shadows and forgotten?

St. Gaudens, a respected painting conservator and artist, is the granddaughter of noted San Francisco

jeweler, Maurice Saint Gaudens and third cousin of esteemed sculptor, Augustus Saint Gaudens. Growing up encouraged and surrounded by the art, she established the Maurine St. Gaudens Studio in Pasadena. In addition to her work as a Fine Arts conservator, she has curated numerous art exhibitions throughout Southern California and has served as a consultant and manager for various artists’ estates.

“Emerging Women” opens Saturday, March 18, 2017, with a reception from 7-9 pm. The exhibition will continue through April 26, 2017. In addition, Maurine St. Gaudens, along with her colleagues Joseph Morsman and Maureen Siegel Sprowles, will be at Creative Arts Group on April 7, 2017, from 7-9pm to participate in a Q & A discussing the artists presented in *Emerging from the Shadows* and the influential role these adventurous women played in the development of the arts culture in California.

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On the Marquee:

Notes from the Sierra MadrePlayhouse

THE ACTING BUG

**By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano**

When I was twelve, I was cast as King Richard the Lionhearted in a school performance of Robin Hood. I was thrilled that I was the only member of the cast who had a costume change (from disguised friar to King) – my mother, less so, as she was responsible for making TWO costumes. I remember so clearly the moment that I revealed myself as the King by lowering my hood. I remember feeling free and, strangely – or prophetically, being exactly where I belonged. Belonged being the operative word. The play was so well received by the school that we were asked to do a “command performance” for the PTA in the evening.

In high school I was cast as Atticus Finch in our production of To Kill a Mockingbird (loyal patrons will remember that I reprised this role some 45 years later at SMP!) I remember so vividly the moment that I stepped downstage during the trial to give my summation to the jury and caught the light in my eyes and realized that the audience was listening, waiting for me to speak. I felt so powerful as the vehicle for telling that story. I felt so at home on that stage - and in that moment. Time stopped. It was that moment that made me want to make this my life.

I have had the good fortune to have many more remarkable experiences on stage – in a production of Othello in Conservatory, in Cymbeline at Utah Shakes, in Henry V at Ashland, in Opus at the Fountain Theater here in Los Angeles. And in every play I have done at SMP. From the Stage Manager in Our Town (my introduction to SMP – which got me through my mother’s death during the run), to Atticus, to Jerry in God’s Man in Texas, and now as Sean in Bee-luther-hatchee.

I haven’t been on stage in three years – I will never again let it go so long. Acting is indescribably fulfilling for me (though were you to see me minutes before a performance you might think you were looking at a condemned man – I get so nervous and anxious.) It is transporting and cathartic and liberating and fun – oh, so much fun – and it is HARD. I’ve forgotten how hard it is.



Hard because it calls for a degree of concentration that we are not often asked to provide. And the moment that concentration breaks – even for the briefest of seconds – catastrophe looms.

My eyes fall on someone that I know in the audience, I say a line a little differently, I overhear a comment from the house, something falls backstage, an ambulance goes by, your scene-partner skips a beat or gives you a different cue, all of these are invitations to “step away” for a moment. But if you do, you’ll miss your next cue or mangle the next line or be late in responding or you’ll initiate a cross at the wrong moment and then if you aren’t careful to bring yourself back these can cascade as you begin to think about your missteps! And yet, the peril is worth it. Telling a story, sharing an idea, exploring a theme with the audience, being “in the moment” with you scene-partners, being “someone else” for a little while is why I fell in love with this. It’s why I will always be an actor first.

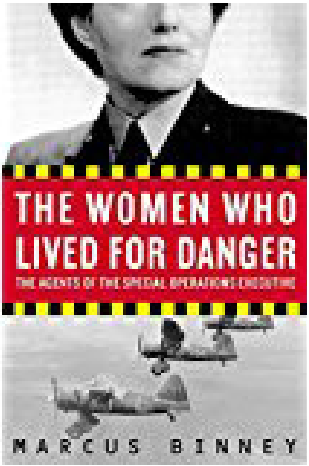
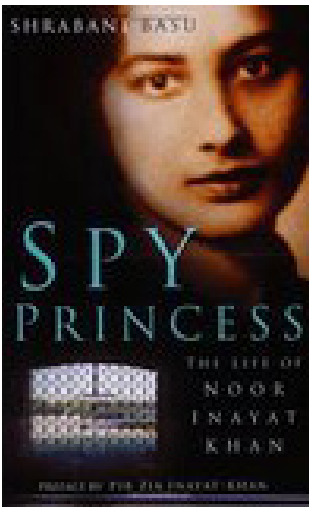
As always we here at SMP do all of this for you – our faithful patrons. I look forward to seeing you from the stage and in your favorite seats, at Bee-luther-hatchee! There are very few performances left – we close next Saturday, February 18. I do hope you’ll come – and stay to talk to me afterwards. For tickets please call Mary in the box office at 626.355.4318. Hope to see you soon!

Jeff’s Book Pics

By Jeff Brown

**Spy Princess: The Life of Noor Inayat Khan** by Shrabani Basu

This is the remarkable biography of Noor Inayat Khan, code named “Madeleine”. The first woman wireless transmitter in occupied France during WWII, she was trained by Britain’s SOE and assumed the most dangerous resistance post in underground Paris. Betrayed into the hands of the Gestapo, Noor resisted intensive interrogation, severe deprivation and torture with courage and silence, revealing nothing to her captors, not even her own name. She was executed at Dachau in 1944. “Spy Princess” details Noor’s inspiring life from birth to death, incorporating information from her family, friends, witnesses, and official records including recently released personal files of SOE operatives. It is the story of a young woman who lived with grace, beauty, courage and determination, and who bravely offered the ultimate sacrifice of her own life in service of her ideals. Her last word was “Liberte”.



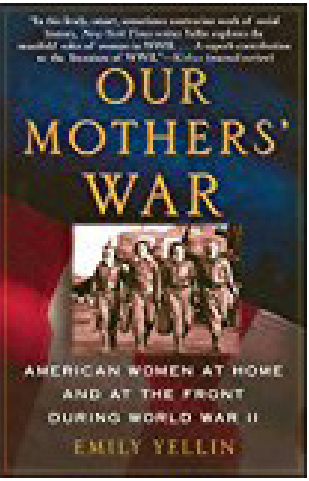
**The Women Who Lived for Danger: The Agents of the Special Operations Executive** by Marcus Binney

The Special Operations Executive was formed by Winston Churchill in 1940 to “set Europe ablaze.” In the SOE women were trained to handle guns and explosives, work undercover, endure interrogation by the Gestapo, and use complex codes. In The Women Who Lived for Danger, acclaimed historian Marcus Binney recounts the story of ten remarkable women who were dropped in occupied territories to work as secret agents. Once they were behind enemy lines, theirs was the most dangerous war of all, as they led apparently normal civilian lives while in constant danger of arrest. They organized dropping grounds for arms and explosives destined for the Resistance, helped operate escape lines for airmen who had been shot down over Europe, and provided Allied

Command with vital intelligence. SOE women agents came from all walks of life: from the dazzling Polish Countess Krystyna Skarbek (alias Christine Granville) and the American Virginia Hall, who was from a rich Baltimore family, to Marguerite Knight, a secretary in Walthamstow. Petite Lisa de Baissac lived next to Gestapo headquarters in Poitiers playing the part of a quiet widow, while twenty-year-old student Paola Del Din was sent to find a way through the German front line in Florence. Hot-tempered Paddy O’Sullivan deflected a German officer from examining her suitcase by making a date with him, and Alix d’Unienville feigned madness when captured. The stories of these women agents -- some famous, some virtually unknown -- are told with the help of extensive new archive material. Their exploits form a new chapter of heroism in the history of warfare matched only by their determination, resourcefulness, and ability to stay cool in the face of extreme danger.

**Our Mothers’ War: American Women at Home and at the Front During World War II** by Emily Yellin

Our Mothers’ War is an eye-opening and moving portrait of women during World War II, a war that forever transformed the way women participate in American society. Never before has the vast range of women’s experiences during this pivotal era been brought together in one book. Now, Our Mothers’ War re-creates what American women from all walks of life were doing and thinking, on the home front and abroad. These heartwarming and sometimes heartbreaking accounts of the women we have known as mothers, aunts, and grandmothers reveal facets of their lives that have usually remained unmentioned and unappreciated. Our Mothers’ War gives center stage to one of WWII’s most essential fighting forces: the women of America, whose extraordinary bravery, strength, and humanity shine through on every page.



SEAN’S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:

By Sean Kayden

RETAIL SPACE - YOU CAN CATCH A LOBSTER WITH EGGS BUT NOT EGG SALAD

Retail Space is the amalgamation of Brooklyn-based duo, Isabelle Burnet and Jacob Rosse.

The notion of quitting their day jobs to pursue their daydream became a reality for the two as they are set to release the strangely entitled sophomore record, “You Can Catch A Lobster With Eggs But Not Egg Salad.”

**Artist:** Retail Space  
**Album:** You Can Catch A Lobster With Eggs But Not Egg Salad  
**Self-Released**  
**Release Date:** February 10th, 2017

The synth-pop group showcases their many strengths and talents with delicate storytelling, effective beats, and pushing their eclectic sound to new heights. Comparable to female-male duos such as Sylvan Esso and Tennis, Retail Space demonstrate a real knack for lyric writing since the record was pitched as a story about the end of a relationship between two people, with “one sinking into the depths of the sea and the other watching it from land.” The eleven tracks evolve into something quite exquisite, subtly alluring, and wonderfully executed. The journey from beginning to end is a vibrant and absorbing one that takes patience and a keen ear to fully appreciate it every step of the way. “You Can Catch A Lobster With Eggs But Not Egg Salad” isn’t a love story record, but a story about love and the diminishing of that very love.

The album begins with the lush and fluid, “Blue Jeans.” It’s a nostalgic endeavor that shines throughout with Burnet’s longing, appealing vocals only to be matched with Rosse’s enchanting arrangements that feel contagious and glistening. Next up is “Calling Out Your Name For Nothing,” a gleaming alternative-pop jam that can be measured with great depth and insight. With lighthearted vocals, crisp guitar tones, and subdued drums, Retail Space starts off

very strong with the first two tracks here. “Can’t You Tell How Much It Means” features Rosse on the vocals and it’s a nice switch up to say the least. His vocals are a bit deeper with more conviction to boot with a dreamlike, Fleetwood Mac style vibe to the arrangements. Nonetheless, “Can’t You Tell How Much It Means” breathes a rejuvenated life into the genre. It’s a highlight off the record and one that deserves much attention. “Don’t Ask Me Why” has Rosse in the frontman position again supplied with harmonies from Burnet. This one slows things down with an unhurried flow and more emphasis on story than sound. It still puts the listener in a hypnotic vortex with careful precision and grace.

“How Far Would You Go” has Burnet back in the driver seat and the dreamy tones are kept in tact. A contemplative track seeking answers to many of life’s questions between two lovers, “How Far Would You Go” effortlessly seeps into the listeners’ minds and hearts. “Underneath” has Retail Space once again placing the listener in a dreamy state of mind as it moves along with gorgeous, colorful tones that create such a strong visual portrait. “Tide Tables” turns it up with an infectious drumbeat and a faster movement than previous tracks. One of the finer tracks here is called, “Pinky Swear.” It’s a tightly crafted, warm toned artistic piece of work that is hypnotic and the sprightliest configuration found on the record. “When You Were Gone” closes out the record in a melancholy sort of way. Not maudlin or sappy, but in a heartening and pondering approach. It’s real subtle and honest whilst wrapping up the record in a very quiet and unobtrusive manner. That’s how the record, for the most part, kind of is throughout. It never overstays its delightful welcome nor does it falsely take a misguided direction or approach in what it’s trying to convey and set out. “You Can Catch A Lobster With Eggs But Not Egg Salad” sheens with unique attraction, a solicitous approach to songwriting, and sentiments that linger well after its peaceful conclusion.

All Things

By Jeff Brown

MORE RUPERT SPIRA QUOTES

From the viewpoint of the earth, the sun comes and goes, whereas it is, in fact, always present. Likewise, from the viewpoint of the body and mind, our essential nature of pure Awareness comes and goes, but, in its own experience of itself, it is ever-present.

All experience is illuminated, or made knowable, by the light of pure Knowing. This Knowing pervades all thoughts, feelings, sensations and

perceptions, irrespective of their particular characteristics. We are this transparent, unchanging Knowing.

Our self – luminous, open, empty Awareness – cannot be enlightened. It is already the light that illuminates all experience. Nor can a separate self be enlightened, for when the separate self faces the light of Awareness, it vanishes, just as a shadow does when exposed to the sun

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



(RE)DEFINING FAMILY:  
ESTATE PLANNING FOR  
THE POST-NUCLEAR  
FAMILY

Blended families, unmarried couples, assistive reproductive technology (ART) and same-sex marriages all challenge the traditional concept of “family” – at least as it’s been known for legal purposes.

Significant changes in the way we define family culturally means families are often left without the valuable protection they need, in the event of a death or incapacity of a loved one.

As these legal definitions and our personal situations expand, so do the priorities of the modern estate plan.

No longer is estate planning just for the wealthy, who wish to save money on their taxes; it’s for all of us who want to ensure our legal system recognizes and protects the one’s we love.

For example, if you are in a life partnership you may be “married” in the eyes of your community, but not in the eyes of the law. As such, your partner

would have no legal right to see you or make decisions on your behalf, if you were hospitalized.

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If you are part of a blended family (meaning one or both spouses have children from a prior relationship) or have children who aren’t biologically both yours and your spouse’s (or non-spouse partner), you need to include provisions in your estate plan that clearly define the inheritance rights of all children, biological or not.

It is vitally important that you clearly state any legally established relationships between you, your spouse (or non-spouse partners and loved ones) and your children, biological or otherwise, to ensure your wishes will be carried out in the event of your death or incapacity. If you do not do this, your kids could end up in the care of someone you would never want and taken out of the home of the non-biological parent they are living with.

Whatever your family’s configuration may be, estate planning is your chance to safeguard the people you love and your assets on your own terms and per your own definitions. With the uncertainty of the current political and social climate, developing a carefully crafted plan tailored to your family’s needs is more important now than ever.

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Case No. 17STPB00687

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY ELLEN ISOARD

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by David Berrent of Pais Montgomery Fiduciary in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that David Berrent of Pais Montgomery Fiduciary be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 1, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: WALTER WELDON MAURICE

CASE NO. 17STPB01017

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of WALTER WELDON MAURICE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CYNTHIA E. GITT in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CYNTHIA E. GITT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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**TOM Purcell****WHEN THERE WAS ROMANCE**

When I was a boy, my mother loved listening to American crooners on our old wooden stereo console — Dean Martin was her favorite. Though I hated his “old people” music as I kid, I listen to it frequently on satellite radio when I’m driving my truck. Here’s why: Dino celebrated romance, “a feeling of excitement and mystery associated with love,” says [Dictionary.com](http://Dictionary.com). And if modern music is the measure, romance is dead.

I point to Billboard Magazine’s Hot 100 list. Last week’s No. 1 hit was “Shape of You” by Ed Sheeran. His song is popular, no doubt, because of its eloquent lyrics:

I’m in love with the shape of you  
We push and pull like a magnet do  
Although my heart is falling too  
I’m in love with your body  
And last night you were in my room  
And now my bedsheets smell like you...

No. 2 on the charts was “Bad and Boujee” by American hip hop group Migos. Many of the lyrics for the song are unpublishable in a family newspaper, but, with edits in parentheses, these lines will do:

(Fornicating) on your (derogatory term for a woman that sounds like witch) she a (prostitute, prostitute, prostitute)  
Cookin’ up dope in the crockpot, (pot)...

Ah, modern romance. Things sure have changed since Dino dropped off the charts. Whereas today’s top hits celebrate human nature at its most base, Dino’s music spoke to the heart. Consider the lyrics to “Amore,” which means “love” in Italian:

When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie  
That’s amore  
When the world seems to shine like you’ve had too much wine  
That’s amore

In 1964, when The Beatles’ new sound made them the most popular band on Earth, Dino knocked “Hard Day’s Night” out of the top spot on the charts. He did so with “Everybody Loves Somebody,” an old-fashioned song that still resonates with all age groups:

Everybody loves somebody sometime  
Everybody falls in love somehow  
Something in your kiss just told me  
That sometime is now

Whereas many of today’s hit songs are vulgar and cynical, Dino’s songs celebrate the subtle dance of the spirit between a man and a woman — the magic that occurs when two complementary natures collide.

Dino’s songs celebrate mystery — the deep interest and curiosity a man holds for a woman and a woman for a man.

They celebrate optimism — the hope that one day a special person will enter your life and sweep you off your feet, a person you will love forever.

The simple, intense lyrics of his song “Sway” sum up this longing well:

Other dancers may be on the floor  
Dear, but my eyes will see only you  
Only you have the magic technique

When we sway I go weak  
I know Dino had his peccadilloes in his personal life, but his music remains untainted. With every passing year, as coarseness seeps into our culture a little more, his songs hold more power over me. Their sweetness and respectfulness uplift me.

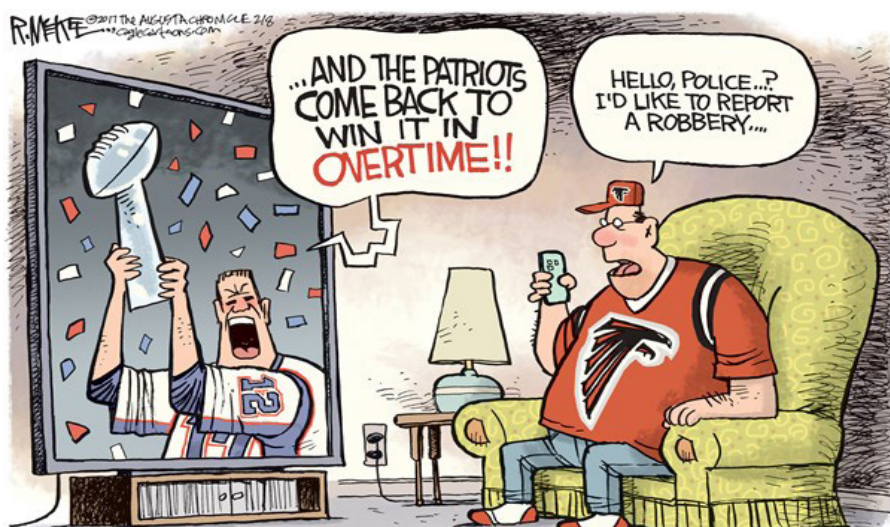
We need to get back to that spirit — the spirit of romance. I can’t think of a better day to do so than Valentine’s Day.

All we need to do is study the older couples who attend the annual Dean Martin Festival in Steubenville, Ohio, Dino’s hometown.

As the Dean Martin impersonator takes the stage — a fellow so convincing you think the old crooner is there in the flesh — they saunter to the front of the stage holding hands. They begin to sway with a sweetness and easiness that couples knew long ago.

When there was romance.

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**LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN****DICK POLMAN****ON THE SUPREME COURT, DEMOCRATS SIMPLY LOST**

When Senate Republicans decided last year to ditch their constitutional duty - by stifling President Obama’s eminently qualified Supreme Court nominee, denying him even the courtesy of a hearing - they took a big political risk. They gambled that the voters wouldn’t punish them on election day.

Turns out, they were right. Their unprecedented power play paid off.

And that’s why the minority Democrats are currently up the creek. They can fume all they want about how the GOP stole Merrick Garland’s seat - justifiably so - but their options for blocking Trump nominee Neil Gorsuch are basically nonexistent. Senate rules require 60 votes for passage, which means that Mitch McConnell needs eight Democrats to say yes. But if Democrats dig in, McConnell can always change the Senate rules and put Gorsuch on the court with a simple majority vote - 51 Republicans saying yes, no Democrats needed.

How come Senate Democrats have so little leverage about the future of the high court? Because elections have consequences, and the 2016 election is Exhibit A.

Last year, Democrats calculated (or hoped, or assumed) that voters would be outraged about the GOP’s work stoppage on the Garland nomination. McConnell and his allies insisted that Garland was DOA simply because Obama was a lame duck in his final year, that presidents don’t get to put anyone on the court in their final year. The Republicans lied, of course, because lame duck Ronald Reagan got to put Anthony Kennedy on the court, with bipartisan support, in his final year.

Democrats figured that the 2016 electorate would rail at the injustice of the GOP stance on Garland, and that Democratic-leaning voters, in particular, would cast ballots en masse with the court’s future direction in mind.

That didn’t happen.

According to the national exit polls, 21 percent of all voters cited the Supreme Court as the “most important” factor in their voting decision. In that cohort, Trump swamped Clinton by 15 points. Overall, 70 percent cited the Supreme Court as an “important” factor, and Trump beat Clinton there too.

Those stats jibe with what we learned on the ground last year. Social and religious conservatives, who fixate on the Supreme Court far more than their liberal counterparts, opted to ignore Trump’s serial lying and moral failings, because he was their best hope for a post-Scalia conservative bench. Evangelical Christians, in particular, recognized that Trump was a detestable human being, but Mike Pence worked hard, and successfully, to hose them down and stoke them up.

Even the Republican establishment folks who personally loathed Trump got in line on the court issue. John Boehner, the ex-House speaker, said last fall that Trump’s behavior “disgusted” him. Nevertheless, “The only thing that really matters over the next four years or eight years is who is going to appoint the next Supreme Court nominees...The biggest impact any president can have on American society and on the American economy is who’s on that court.”

So while the average Democratic-leaning voter dozed off about Merrick Garland’s hostage status, the average conservative voter got assurances that Trump would deliver on tilting the court. Promise made, promise kept.

McConnell, in his role as Trump enabler, says that Trump’s nominee should be “confirmed based upon the completely outstanding credentials that we’re going to see,” which is galling, of course, because Gorsuch will occupy the seat that was meant for Garland, whose completely outstanding credentials, as a lower-court judge, had long been vetted and supported by Republicans.

But there’s no point in lashing the Republicans for their success. They got their voters stoked about the court, Democrats did not. If party leaders had driven home the “stolen seat” message; if the Democratic-leaning citizens who stupidly stayed home, or wasted their votes on Jill Stein and Gary Johnson, had instead paid sufficient attention to the Garland farce; if they had made peace with Clinton’s imperfections and sensibly viewed her as the best vehicle for tilting the high court leftward, then the odds are high that Trump would never be where he is.

And Senate Democrats would not be reduced to firing blanks.

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**MAKING SENSE  
MICHAEL REAGAN  
RELAX, MR. PRESIDENT**

Donald Trump is driving everyone in Washington nuts with his mad presidential style.

Republicans in Congress are getting jumpy.

The powerless Democrats are so desperate they actually think Senator Elizabeth Warren is the future of their party.

The mainstream liberal media are overacting to Trump’s dumb daily morning tweets like they are official edicts coming from the ghost of Joe Stalin.

The media are so hysterical they see Trump’s comments about “so-called” judges or his complaints about a biased judiciary as signs that he is a despotic imperial president intent on blowing up the federal government’s balance of powers.

Meanwhile, Time magazine has Trump’s evil rightwing guru Steven Bannon on the cover looking like Darth Vader.

And David Frum’s cover story in the Atlantic about President Trump -- 20 minutes into his presidency -- is headlined “How to Build an Autocracy.”

Let’s all relax.

Let’s all take a deep breath.

Let’s all get a grip.

Rome wasn’t made in a day and America is not going to be saved or destroyed by President Trump in a month.

The most important relaxing needs to start at the top with President Trump.

He’s been acting like he has four days left in office, not four years.

He’s been issuing executive orders and making ten announcements a day about trade, terrorism, immigration, oil pipelines, the border wall, relations with Russian, Israel, Mexico and who knows what.

For your own good, Mr. Trump, you have to slow down the pace of making America great again to a gentle sprint.

I don’t agree with everything you are doing, Mr. President, but you need some friendly advice. First, you need to stop trying to do so many things so quickly.

You need to give the public and everyone else time to absorb and understand what you are doing, so you’ll have more people on your side.

You wouldn’t be having a problem with the so-called Muslim ban if you not done the rollout so quickly.

Second, you need to know that Washington is like a \$4 trillion aircraft carrier. It can’t be stopped, turned around or sunk quickly or easily – and maybe not at all.

Third, you knew from the start that the mainstream media were not going to be on your team.

Now, one of your most important jobs is to not give the media any free ammo to fire back at you or your administration.

So, President Trump, that means stop talking about illegal voters.

Stop picking fights with federal judges – especially three hours after you file an appeal with them.

Stop talking about whether the murder rate is up or down unless you actually know what you’re talking about.

And if you are going to refer to certain networks as purveyors of “fake news,” even when they are exactly that, don’t be surprised if they fact-check everything you say and start referring to you as “The fake president.”

The danger in the long run is that you’re spending all your political capital in the first month. Your base is secure — and happy with whatever you say or do. But you’re trying to do stuff so fast you’re missing the most important thing – communicating with the rest of the country about what you’re doing and why.

So choose your words and tweets wisely, Mr. President. Cool it and start acting like the president of the United States. You were elected by all 50 states and their people.

I know it’s not your style, and I know you got to be president in part because you shoot your mouth off so well.

But you need to take some advice from my mother, Jane Wyman, who told me many a time, “If you have nothing good to say, keep your mouth shut.”

Meanwhile, Mr. President, you’ve been working too hard. It’s time you took a mini-vacation or at least took a weekend off.

Maybe you could call up Mr. Obama and join him for a round of golf or have him show you how to kite surf.

I can guarantee no one working in Washington’s swamped news media would complain that you were dodging your duties.

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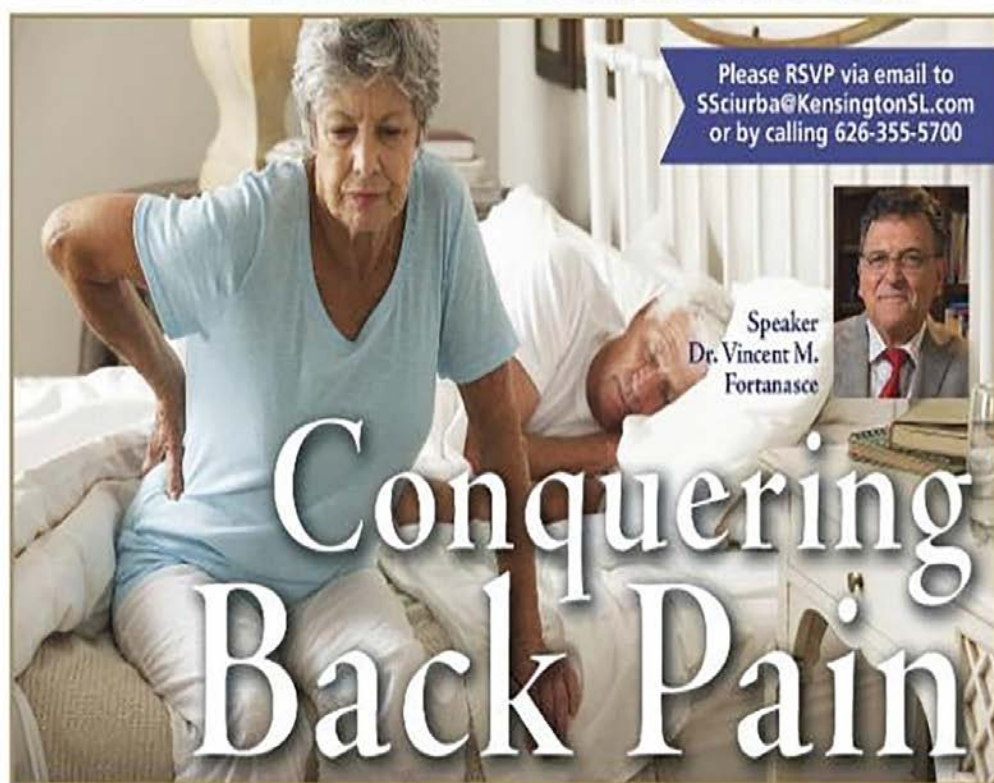


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