

MAYOR GOSS SPEAKS TO THE CITY

Editors Note: This is Mayor Gene Goss State of the City Address in its entirety as delivered last month. In it he not only focuses on the accomplishments of the past, but also discusses the city's future. He also introduces the town's new city manager, Gabriel Engeland.

My fellow Sierra Madreans, it is my honor to address you tonight as Mayor of our wonderful city. Before we get down to business, I would like to thank St. Rita School Principal Joanne Harabedian and St. Rita School Choir Director Joseph Augustynski and the members of the Choir for the wonderful music tonight. I would like to especially acknowledge one member of the choir tonight, my son Maxwell. Also, I'd like to thank Boy Scout Troop 110 for conducting the flag ceremony tonight. I would like to thank staff, specifically interim City Manager Elaine Aguilar for helping me prepare this address. Finally, I want thank my wife Lisa for always being there for me and especially for supporting me throughout my tenure on the Council

--They say that the first rule of public speaking is to keep it short. So that is my goal and, If I don't achieve it, I apologize in advance  
Tonight I will discuss some of the recent successes of the City, beginning with some staffing and financial information, and a bit later I will address some of the significant challenges we will be facing in the coming year and beyond. I'll finish explaining why I have much optimism for our future.

to begin with good news - I am pleased to report that the State of the City is sound! We have made significant progress in all areas of city governance. City Manager - Before I address the specific areas it is necessary for me remind you of some really good news that many of you are already aware of. As of March 14, The City of Sierra Madre will have a new City Manager. His name is Gabriel Engeland. He and his family are moving to Sierra Madre from Trinidad, Colorado, where he has been serving as their City Manager. Gabe - as he likes to be called, has an exceptional educational background and a wide breadth of experience, especially in finance and public works and infrastructure. The City Council believes that he will be a perfect fit for us. We are all excited at the prospect of his arrival. I would like to again thank retired City Manager Elaine Aguilar for agreeing to stay on as Interim City Manager until Gabe joins us. Elaine, your willingness to help us in this way has been huge!

Now I'd like to talk about the The Current State of Governance Activities in Sierra Madre  
Or...To put it differently - What exactly will our New City Manager be facing as she joins us in March?

Let's look at City Finances: I'm pleased to report that the City has healthy General Fund Reserves (these are our rainy-day funds, what's in the bank.)

Last fiscal year 2015/2016 - the City's General Fund ended the year on June 30th with a deficit, due to the reduction in revenue from the City's Utility Users Tax. The deficit was anticipated by the council. We had heard from the public that they did not want services reduced in light of the April 2016 election and the possibility that a new UUT would be approved by the voters. The voters did approve, by over a 70% margin, the 10% UUT Measure in the April 2016 election. But that was 10 months into the fiscal year, so even with the passage of the ballot measure, naturally it has taken some time for our revenue to catch up.  
Tonight, I am pleased to report that The Budget

is projected to be balanced for the current Fiscal Year!  
I know, we know, that every dime the City receives comes from the work and sacrifices of our City's citizens. This Council has been extremely careful in spending these precious resources the same way we steward our own family's resources. We know you expect nothing less.  
Additionally here are some other financial and administrative accomplishments this past year: The City Treasurer has evaluated and approved investing of city funds to increase our investment returns.  
We implemented new banking services reducing bank charges and increased investment returns.  
The City has provided timely interim & year-end financial reporting - This is the earliest the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report has been completed!  
In Human Resources the City implemented a new HR recruiting software -NeoGov that has improved the City's recruitment efforts.

We now have a two year MOU with the Police Department, and a new MOU with our Classified Employees.

We have also reviewed and updated all City waiver forms and agreements to ensure the City is protected during city-wide annual events. Finally, the City completed the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

Police  
We have come a long way since this time last year. As you recall, at the prospect of the possible contracting out to the Sheriff's Department owing to declining revenues, almost half our department left for other departments, thus precipitating a true crisis. The passage of the UUT Measure last April enabled us to begin recruiting officers and the slow process of rebuilding the department began.  
Tonight, I am elated to report that The Sierra Madre Police Department is almost completely staffed! We are appreciative that the LA County Sheriff's department was able to assist us, but we are even more pleased to have our own SMPD back! A word about our recruitment successes: Academy Police Recruits - For the first time in the history of SMPD, the city sponsored two police recruits to attend police academy. One of our recruits was voted to be the Honor Recruit by academy staff, other recruits and overall standings in the 22-week academy. Last Tuesday night we welcomed in our two new dispatchers, our two new officers, including the Honor Recruit, and our recently promoted sergeants. The City Council was impressed by all of these new department members. I believe that the quality of the department will be better than it's ever been.  
Also, I'd like to acknowledge The Public Safety Committee, which was formed a little over a year ago. Its members have been extremely diligent and the committee's work has been extremely helpful in addressing public safety issues in the City, specifically issues having to do with our Police and Fire Departments.

Fire Department  
We now have a completed Fire department Strategic Plan - that's a major move forward. The City purchased and installed 11 new Automatic External Defibrillator's (AEDs) throughout the city. The buildings that received the AEDs were the library, the lobby in the fire and police facility,  
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CITY MANAGER ELAINE AGUILAR RETIRES LEAVING BEHIND AN IMPRESSIVE LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Friday was Sierra Madre City Manager Elaine Aguilar's last day. As she was making room for the town's new manager I had the opportunity to sit down with her for a final, formal interview.

Aguilar, who is looking forward to retirement, began her tenure with the City of Sierra Madre in August, 2007. In fact, she was the feature story on the front page of this paper. ([http://mtnviewsnews.com/old/mvobs/v01/MVObs\\_2007\\_08\\_04.pdf](http://mtnviewsnews.com/old/mvobs/v01/MVObs_2007_08_04.pdf))

In looking back over the years, she has accomplished a lot, overcoming the challenges that anyone in such a position would be faced with, plus the unique challenges one faces when at the helm of governing the notoriously political town of Sierra Madre. Regardless, Aguilar has persevered through the tough times and rejoiced during the good ones. "I love this town. I loved every minute of working here and I'm going to miss it."

A few weeks ago, Sierra Madre Mayor Gene Goss in his State of the City Address acknowledged many of the accomplishments achieved during Elaine's tenure as City Manager. (See related story page 1).

Aguilar was at the helm when Sierra Madre endured 3 natural disasters - the Santa Anita Fire in 2008, Debris and Mud Flows the following year, and the 2011 Windstorm. She led the town through successful and prompt recoveries, tapped into all available state local and federal resources to assist and then went on to establish the emergency public notification program, "Ready, Set, GO!" for Sierra Madre that has been replicated by many communities.

Transparency is a very large concern for residents of Sierra Madre and Aguilar enhanced transparency and public access to City information - via the redesigned city website, with access to agenda items for all Council and Commission meetings, video streaming of City Council meetings, weekly City Manager Report is online, and implemented use of social media.

She also: Improved financial information - City

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progressed from a 20 page, basic annual audit to a 175 page Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that includes additional detailed city financial information.  
· Improved communication with the public - successful community events to provide information about the City's General Plan Update (General Plan Town Hall Forums), water department (Water Department Walk & Talks) and the City's finances (A dozen Budget Town Hall Meetings and production of "Measure UUT" informational materials.)  
· Implemented new internal controls, to ensure the timely preparation of City financial information, such as the quarterly financial reports and city audits and budgets.  
· Oversaw the completion of infrastructure and facility improvements: installation of new water mains, reconstruction of water reservoirs, street resurfacing projects, new playground equipment at city parks, new restrooms at Bailey Canyon Park and Memorial Park, and new drought tolerant garden at City Hall  
· Completed a major renovation of the Senior Center/ the Hark Park House, the Sierra Madre Room at the Community Center, and the Children's room at the Library.  
· Implemented budget reductions, and restructuring that resulted in major cost savings and much more. (See Mayor's State of the City)  
One thing has been said over and over again regarding Elaine Aguilar's time in Sierra Madre and her retirement, "She is leaving the city in much better shape than it was when she came here."

REMEMBRANCE  
HARRY T. ENMARK  
August 24, 1930 - March 5, 2017

Harry, 86, was born in Jamestown, New York and passed away at home in Sierra Madre, following a brief hospital stay.

Harry was preceded in death by his son Jon Enmark in 1990 and step daughter Juli Nickoley in 1991.

Survivors include his wife of thirty eight years: Marlene, his daughters Catherine Addé (Christopher), of Sierra Madre and Michelle Black, (Craig), of Jacksonville, Oregon and Palos Verdes Estates, step-daughter Valerie Workman, (Paul) of Norco and step-son, Darren Nickoley (Yolanda) of Covina. There are seven grandchildren: Addi, Chelsea, Alexander, Madeleine, Hayley, Cassandra, Travis and great grandchild: Lila.

Harry arrived in California in the early 50's to attend Northrop Aeronautical University. Upon graduation, he joined the U.S. Air Force serving for four years at various bases including Hawaii's Hickam Air Force Base and the island of Eniwetok during the hydrogen bomb tests.

Married to first wife Carole, they settled in Sierra Madre in 1963 to raise their three children. His career spanned forty years with Cal Tech Jet Propulsion Laboratory as Space Systems Engineer working on flight projects including but not limited to: Voyager, Galileo and more recently the first Mars Rover. In the early days of his career, he returned to college at night to earn his Bachelor of Science in Engineering at Cal State Los Angeles.  
His ever curious mind provided him with any number of interests, from building toys for his children to camping, cycling, building telescopes and carpentry. Harry drove his Alaskan camper to Alaska when he retired, and he and Marlene also enjoyed RVing around the U.S. He had two favorite hobbies. One was his Ham



Radio (he supplied communication for the Baja 500 among other events) and held his license since boyhood. The other was flying two of his Ultralite airplanes which he built himself.  
Soaring through the heavens now - rest in peace Harry, Dad, Grandpa. We love you.  
His resting place will be at the Sierra Madre Memorial Garden Pioneer Cemetery, after a private family ceremony, at the end of March. A celebration of his life is also being planned with details to follow.

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Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

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

#### Upcoming Community Events

- Thursday, March 9th – 6:00 pm Public Safety Committee meeting (Conference Room)
- Saturday, March 4th – MWTR Resident Registration
- Monday, March 5th – MWTR Open Registration
- Saturday, March 11th – Environmental and Natural Resources Commission Film Festival
- Sunday, March 12th – Wistaria Festival –Downtown Sierra Madre
- Tuesday, March 14th – Reception for new City Manager Gabe Engeland, City Hall at 5:30 pm
- March 24 – 26 Huck Finn Campout, Fishing Derby, Family Fishing

### SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

February 26th – March 4th

During this time, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 254 day and night calls for service.

February 28, 2017

A resident saw an unknown female prowling on their front porch in the 0 block of Auburn Ave. The resident contacted the unknown female and the subject said she was at the wrong house. The subject then walked to the adjacent house, entered the neighbors' unlocked vehicle that was parked in the driveway, and began looking through the vehicle. The resident re-contacted the subject and she said she was looking for batteries. The resident then called the Police Department to report the incident. Officers responded and located the subject who was a transient from Santa Monica. The subject was arrested for attempt theft.



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All submissions are due prior to, or no later than Thursday, March 23, 2017. Recommendations are now being accepted for this recognition and will only be eligible for new candidates who have not been honored in prior years. Forms may be picked up and returned to the Hart Park House Senior Center located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., or please mail and/or walk in to Sierra Madre City Hall, c/o Older American Nomination, Community Services Department, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

The Commission will review nomination forms and select an honoree at their regularly scheduled meeting open to the public in the City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday, April 6th at 3:00 p.m.

The honoree will also be recognized at a city reception held in their honor on Friday, May 12th, 2017. Further details will follow.

Previous Honorees: Dick Johnson, Joan Crow, Jerry & Nan Carlton, Pat Alcorn, Fran Garbaccio, Ken Anhalt, Eph Konigsberg, Russ Anderson, George Throop, Loyal Camacho, John Grijalva, Joylouse Harte-Smith, James Heasley, Midge Morash, James Tyler, Isabella Paegal, Bonnie Garner, Rose Fafach, Ed Wellman, Celeste McCleary, Dorothy Tillquist, Doris Webster, Elsie Dammeyer, George Mauer, Karl Teigler, Laurie Cooper, Lucille Flanders & Ann Tyler. For more information, please contact the Hart Park House Senior Center (626) 355-7394; or the Community Services Department at (626) 355-5278. [www.cityofsierramadre.com/cityhall/departments/community\\_services\\_department/](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/cityhall/departments/community_services_department/)



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## Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis



"I don't mind going back to daylight savings time. With inflation, that hour will be the only thing I've saved all year."

Victor Borge

"An extra yawn one morning in the springtime, an extra snooze one night in the autumn is all that we ask in return for dazzling gifts. We borrow an hour one night in April (or this year, March); we pay it back with golden interest five months later."

Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill had a much better attitude about daylight savings, or daylight shifting as my walking buddy and official clock setter, John, would say. We wonder, year after year, if this is really necessary, and wish somebody somewhere would do away with it. Anyway, remember to set your clocks ahead an hour tonight as daylight savings is upon us again.

Walked down to Ascension Church last Tuesday to vote and were dazzled with the tiny green leaves on every barren tree. Spring is definitely coming, friends and neighbors. We put in some pansies and snapdragons yesterday and I'm pulling weeds everywhere I walk around our yard. I'm afraid we lost two avocado trees due to drought, one in the front and one in the back. Even after having been gloriously rained on, there's no sign of leaves on them. Hate when this happens! My new Barbra Streisand rose has produced a bud and we can't wait to see the flower when it blooms. The asparagus fern is wrapping its nasty greedy thorny stems around everything and one needs a haz-mat suit to get it off the mock orange, azaleas and gardenia bushes. Not a single daffodil yet and the Dutch Iris have created a forest of greenery but no signs of flowers to come. However, the camellia my Dad bought me about 15 years ago, which I planted in the totally wrong spot, has bloomed for the second time in its life! My Dad would be so pleased.

Did you see the little piece on Page 2 of last week's Mountain Views News? About a new Craft Brewery coming to town? Went down to Montecito to check out where this is going to be and found the signs for RT Rogers Brewing Company in the first two units of that nice center on the south side of the street (38 Montecito) where Susan Wallis has her Stained Glass studio. What a delightful artist Susan is. She takes orders and does exquisite custom stained and leaded glass. If you haven't met Susan and you're thinking a stained glass panel in one of your doors would be a great idea, go see her. A craft brewery in there would be really neat and there's the public

parking lot right across the street. I'll be talking to the RT Rogers Brewery guys soon, I hope!

The Wistaria Festival is tomorrow and all I can say is I hope all our local wistaria, and most especially our world famous historic wistaria vine, work really hard to put out some flowers. I took a look at all my favorite wistaria spots: The one up on Grandview where this week's picture was taken. It's from last year and I know you can't see the color, but trust me, it's deliciously purple. It looks pretty good in front of city hall but the fence where it grows in front of Gooden School and in front of the Kensington are still thinking about blooming, not actually doing it. It's going to be a beautiful day tomorrow so plan to spend the day around town for the car show, live music, a little shopping, shuttle trips up the hill to see the vine, and there will be food! Oh my yes! So many great places to dine 'round town.

I've got my Kindle copy of Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, From Missiles to the moon to Mars and I'll be starting it today. Rocket Girls, of course, is our "One Book One City" book, the true story of the women of JPL who helped launch America into space. Quoting from our Library Newsletter, "In the 1940s and 1950s, when then new JPL needed mathematicians, they recruited a group of young women who transformed rocket design, helped bring about the first American satellites, and made the exploration of the solar system possible." I'm looking forward to starting this. Some of the Rocket girls lived and still live in Sierra Madre. You might even know one of them.

"The Waiting Room of Hope." Don't you love that! Friend Sue Nikas is finishing her new CD and that's one of her titles. Here's another nifty thought I got from a comic in the Times, "One regret that I am determined not to have is that I did not kiss you enough." That's by Daniel Ladinsky from "Darling, I love you."

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## CITY OF SIERRA MADRE ANNOUNCES NEW CITY MANAGER, GABRIEL ENGELAND

Sierra Madre, CA - After an extensive recruitment and interviewing many excellent candidates, the City of Sierra Madre has selected its top candidate—Gabriel Engeland--to serve the community as its new City Manager; The City Council unanimously selected Mr. Engeland, who will assume the post effective March 13, 2017. Gabriel has been on a City Manager "track" in his professional career for the past six years, and most recently has been serving the City of Trinidad, Colorado as its City Manager since 2015, where he oversaw a staff of 178 employees and a budget of \$38.9 million dollars. Trinidad is a full-service city, including police, fire/paramedic, electric utility, water utility, waste water, gas, library, golf course, and landfill, in addition to the general fund services of public works, human resources, finance and budget, development and economic

services; Trinidad has a population of 10,000 and a service area of approximately 15,000. Gabriel has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Kansas (ranked #1 in US News and World Report for city management and urban policy).

Mr. Engeland intends to fully engage with the community and make Sierra Madre home with his wife and daughter. "I am excited to be part of team Sierra Madre and my wife and I are looking forward to our move to this wonderful community."

Mr. Engeland will be taking over for the recently retired City Manager Elaine Aguilar who retired in December 2016 after serving as Sierra Madre's City Manager for the past 9 years. Ms. Aguilar agreed to stay on as Interim City Manager until March 13, 2017.

## 2017 BOOKMARK CONTEST: WHY IS SIERRA MADRE SUPER?

Local students are invited to enter the City Bookmark Contest and win cash prizes this month; March 1 - 31, 2017.

"Why is Sierra Madre Super?" is the theme. Children are asked to draw and write about what makes Sierra Madre unique and special to them. Artwork may be designed with any tools but must be completely original work. Entries should depict and describe specific places, events or people in Sierra Madre and express a love of the City.

Children in grades TK through 8th that attend school in Sierra Madre, live in Sierra Madre, or who have a Sierra Madre Public Library card are eligible to enter. Winning entries will be displayed in the

Library and winners will receive a certificate and cash prize at a ceremony in their honor. Selected winning entries will be professionally printed.

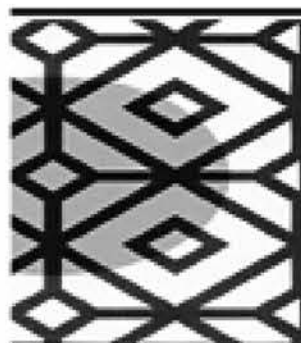
Entry forms are available at the Sierra Madre Library, in the Library page of the City's website, and at schools in Sierra Madre. Entries are due by March 31, 2017 at the Library.

For more information, contact Youth Services Librarian Christine Smart [csmart@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:csmart@cityofsierramadre.com)

Read, Discover, Connect @ Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024, (626) 355-7186, [www.cityofsierramadre.com/departments/library](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/departments/library)



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## Local Area News Briefs

### Woman robs Pasadena eatery using fake gun

Police arrested a Pasadena woman Thursday night, just minutes after she used a BB gun modified to look like a assault rifle to rob Lucky Boy restaurant on Walnut Street.

According to police customers flagged down officers at about 7:50 p.m. reporting the crime. As police immediately searched of the area, Palace Edna Williams, ran from some bushes, but was caught near the Oakland Avenue. Williams was found with money, possibly from the restaurant and the rifle was found wrapped in a rag in the bushes.

She was booked and held in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

### South Pasadena Officers Detain Student for Criminal Threats

Officers responded to the South Pasadena High School Friday morning for a criminal threats investigation that placed the school on lockdown.

According to police, a snapshot taken from a social media post, revealed a possible generalized threat against the school. The suspect was identified as a seventeen year old male student.

Officers responded to his residence to locate him, but were unsuccessful. Additional information was obtained as to the suspect's whereabouts and he was eventually contacted by phone. Officers made contact with him and took him into custody at the police station. The lockdown at the school was lifted Friday afternoon. The investigation is ongoing. If you have any further information, call SPPD Detectives at 626-403-7280.

## Pet of the Week



Mr. T (A413301) is a one-year-old, male, golden hamster-whose full of energy! Mr. T loves to explore his surrounding, sniffing out every nook and cranny while he looks for the best place to hide away his food. When he's tucked out from all that adventuring, there's nothing Mr. T likes more than settling down with his favorite treat – sunflower seeds. Although Mr. T loves sunflower seeds, it's important to remember that they should only be used as a treats! A balanced hamster diet should also include plenty of dried fruits and veggies. The adoption fee for hamsters is \$5.

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 A413301, 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.

## District 7 Council Election Goes into Runoff

Incumbent Andy Wilson will now face candidate Phil Hosp in a runoff for the District 7 council seat as both failed, during Tuesday's election, to get more than 50 percent, plus one, of the vote needed to win outright.

The two will now face a run-off election April 18.

Wilson, a local technology entrepreneur and co-founder of Innovate Pasadena, got 1,063 votes, 44 percent, and Hosp, a lawyer and Iraq war veteran, received 1,005 votes at 41.63 percent.

The next closet candidate was Alejandro Menchaca, a lawyer, with 7.75 percent.

Wilson said, with five people on a ballot, he was not surprised they went to a runoff. He also said that Hosp ran an aggressive campaign.

Wilson has said that zoning and development rules need to respect Pasadena's history and



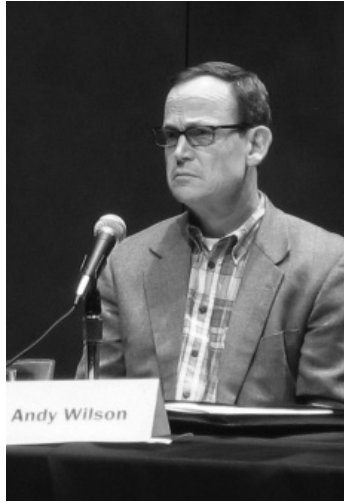
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infrastructure should encourage more walking and biking. He described himself as slow growth.

Wilson is endorsed, by both, Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek and former Mayor Bill Bogaard.

Hosp has said he wants to stop irresponsible development and considers the 710 Freeway Tunnel Project a disaster that will "make traffic worse, negatively impact the environment and drain valuable resources."

Hosp has publicly accused Wilson of conflicts of interest saying Innovate Pasadena "received \$95,000 in City of Pasadena taxpayer funds. Wilson uses his City funded "non-profit"



Wilson

to host events and parties and to relentlessly promote himself and his business interests."

Hosp also said Wilson tried to roll back the city's minimum wage ordinance and used his council position while seeking three employment opportunities, including Executive Director of the Tournament of Roses.

Longtime District 5 incumbent Victor Gordo won with 64.06 percent, beating, local writer Krystal Lopez Padley, receiving 32.72 percent and activist Aida Morales with 3.22 percent.

## Womens History Month Symposium

In celebration of Women's History Month, the Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women invites the public to attend a free symposium entitled "First 100 Days-Impact on Women" from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 16, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 132 N. Euclid Ave. A guest reception will be held from 6-7 p.m. prior to the presentation.

Featured guest speaker is Caroline Heldman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Politics at Occidental College. Ms. Heldman is co-author of the book "Rethinking Madame President: Are We Ready for a Woman in the White House?" and has written numerous articles for other publications. City Councilmember Margaret McAustin, District 2, is scheduled to participate along with Commission members. The event is open to all.

For more than three decades, members of the Commission, who are appointed by the Mayor and City Council, serve the City by advising on the special needs and concerns of women of all ages, races, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, faith orientation and social demographics. The Commission makes recommendations to the Council on legislation to promote and ensure equal rights and opportunities for all women and girls in Pasadena.

The symposium is sponsored by the Adelante Youth Alliance; All Saints Episcopal Church; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; California state Sen. Anthony Portantino, 25th District; Health Care for All; League of Women Voters, Pasadena; National Women's Political Caucus; Pasadena En Espanol; Planned Parenthood of Pasadena; Women in South Pasadena Political Action (WISPPA) and the YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley.

## Button Trees at the Library

Buttons don't really grow on trees! But they can in your imagination. Have fun creating your own button tree using paper, yarn and buttons for leaves and flowers. All materials provided.

Thursday, March 16 at 3:30 p.m. at the Hill Avenue Branch 55 S Hill Ave, Pasadena. For more information call (626) 744-7264.

## Black History Parade Re-Scheduled To March 18



Pasadena's 35th annual Black History Month Parade has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 18. The City's Black History Month Parade is one of the largest and oldest in the United States. This year's theme is "35 Years—Recognizing Our Accomplishments, Still We Rise."

The parade begins at 10 a.m. at Charles White Park in Altadena, heads south on Fair Oaks Avenue and ends by about 1 p.m. at Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Temporary road closures for streets crossing Fair Oaks Avenue will be in effect along the route. Motorists are asked to use caution while driving in the area.

Community Grand Marshalls are Mr. and Mrs. Perry and Melanie Bennett. Community Youth Grand Marshall is Ms. Lindsay Cooper and Celebrity Grand Marshall is Ms. Linda "Peaches" Tavani. Special recognition will be given to Mr. Sheldon Epps, Artistic Director Emeritus for the Pasadena Playhouse, and jazz musician Mr. Billy Mitchell.

The family friendly parade

is free and open to all. If you cannot attend, the parade will be recorded and broadcast in its entirety by Pasadena Media, [www.pasadenamedia.org](http://www.pasadenamedia.org) on KPAS, the City's government cable access TV channel and streamlined online.

About 70 entries are scheduled to appear, including high school marching bands; drill and dance teams; several car and motorcycle clubs, social service organizations, the famous Buffalo Soldiers Cavalry team, various City officials and departments. The Wells Fargo Stagecoach team is also scheduled to appear, weather permitting.

The Parade is organized by the City's Human Services & Recreation Department in collaboration with the volunteer Black History Parade Committee. The parade had originally been set for February 18, but was postponed due to weather. The regular, post-parade festival is being scheduled for the annual Juneteenth Celebration this year due to the onset of work for the Robinson Park Recreation Center project.

## E-Waste Recycling Event

Residents and businesses can safely dispose of electronic waste and have personal and business documents shredded at the City's popular free e-waste event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 18. The event will be held in Parking Lot I outside the Rose Bowl Stadium near Brookside Park, 360 N. Arroyo Blvd.

E-waste items include computers, keyboards, printers, monitors, laptops, docking stations, scanners, shredders, fax machines, computer mice, telephones, televisions, flat screens, VCRs, DVD players, PDAs, cassette players, tape drives, stereos and household

batteries. Many of these products have parts that can be recycled.

The public can bring a maximum of five legal-size boxes for shredding. Sensitive documents such as receipts, checks, pre-approved credit applications, credit card statements, outdated tax returns, pre-printed envelopes, return address labels and business cards are items that can be shredded.

For more information about the free e-waste collection and document shredding event, visit [cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks](http://cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks) or call (626) 744-7311.

## 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.

**Citizenship Classes – Wednesdays through May 17, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.** Make your dreams come true by attending these sessions to become a U.S. citizen! The first classes cover some of the American history and U.S. government questions on the citizenship exam along with discussions about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. The four remaining classes cover more questions on the exam as well as strategies for completing the application for citizenship and having a successful interview.

**Friday Movie Matinees – Fridays, March 17, at 1 p.m.** Everyone enjoys movies and the pleasures they bring. March 17: "Thoroughly Modern Millie" (1967, G) starring Mary Tyler Moore and Julie Andrews. Two recent transplants to the Big Apple in the 1920s find excitement and adventure, but not quite what they expected.

**Osteoporosis: Separating Myth from Fact – Thursday, March 16, at 10 a.m.** Learn the risks, symptoms, warning signs, treatment options and more. Presented by Dr. William Chiang of Huntington Hospital.

**Low Vision Screenings – Thursday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Low vision screenings are designed to assist partially sighted people in the

selection of magnifiers and other devices to improve reading and other visual tasks. Registration is required for one-hour appointments; call 626-795-4331. Presented by the Braille Institute.

**Health Fair – Friday, March 17, from 9 to 11 a.m.** Services include glucose, blood pressure and hearing screenings as well as counseling and health/community resources. Bring your list of medications, doctors and emergency contacts for a free personal identification card sponsored by New York Life. For more information call 626-685-6732.

**LA Opera Talk: "The Tales of Hoffmann" – Monday, March 20, at 1 p.m.** An LA Opera community educator will take participants through Jacques Offenbach's "Les Contes d'Hoffmann" (The Tales of Hoffmann). Driven by drink and self-delusion, the poet Hoffmann his affairs with three women who represent three aspects of love: the mechanical doll Olympia, the consumptive singer Antonia and the courtesan Giulietta. All the while, four villains who try to ruin him represent four characteristics of malevolence.

**Macular Degeneration and Other Eye Conditions – Thursday, March 23, at 10 a.m.** Learn about free services and solutions to help you cope with vision loss. Presented by the Dale McIntosh Center.

**A Pain in the Neck! – Thursday, March 30, at 10 a.m.** Do you have neck pain? Learn easy and comfortable exercises to reduce cervical pain and make your neck feel better. Presented by Vincent Physical Therapy.

For more information visit [pasadenaseniorecenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorecenter.org) or call (626) 795-4331.

The Pasadena Senior Center is a nonprofit organization for people 50 and older in a welcoming environment.

## Online Tickets to 'Explore JPL' Available Today 9am



Based on positive feedback received last year, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California, is again using an online ticketing system for the public to sign up to attend this year's "Explore JPL." During the event, JPL will open its doors to the public for one weekend. To ensure a safe, enjoyable experience, advance tickets are required.

Tickets are free but limited, and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, with a maximum of five tickets per requestor. No one will be admitted without a ticket. Visitors to JPL during the event -- to be held May 20 and 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. -- must have their tickets in hand, and anyone age 18 or older must show a matching ID. Tickets are not transferable and cannot be sold.

The tickets -- which will be for specific time slots -- will be available online at 9 a.m., at: [explore.jpl.nasa.gov](http://explore.jpl.nasa.gov). The site also has additional information.

"A Ticket to Explore JPL" takes visitors through some of the marvels of robotic space

exploration. Highlights include a life-size model of the Mars rover Curiosity; various robots on display; JPL's machine shop, where precision spacecraft parts are built; and the Microdevices Lab, where tiny technology is being developed to revolutionize space exploration.

Although children under 2 do not require a ticket, note that experiences at the event are not intended for very young guests.

Vehicles entering NASA/JPL property are subject to inspection. Visitors cannot bring these items into NASA/JPL: weapons, explosives, incendiary devices, dangerous instruments, alcohol, illegal drugs, pets and all types of skates, skateboards, and Segways. Bicycling to NASA/JPL is welcomed, but not inside the event, as the venues are crowded with pedestrians. Bike racks will be provided near the main entrance. No bags, backpacks or ice chests are allowed, except small purses and diaper bags. Drones are not allowed to fly over NASA/JPL under any circumstances.

## ALTADENA POLICE BLOTTER

### Sunday, February 26th

6:08 AM – A vehicle burglary occurred in the 2100 block of Lincoln Avenue. Suspect described as a male wearing a gray baseball cap, blue-gray sweater and light colored jeans. Suspect was seen leaving the area driving a steel blue Mazda 4-door. Suspect entered the vehicle by shattering the window. No items were stolen.

2:30 PM – Robert Amir, 40 years old of Glendale was arrested in the 2200 block of Lincoln Avenue for petty theft.

### Tuesday, February 28th

6:30 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 1700 block of Skyview Drive. Suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering a window. Stolen: unknown items.

### Wednesday, March 1st

10:30 PM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 2300 block of Arroyo Boulevard. Damage: shattered window and scratched paint.

### Thursday, March 2nd

12:23 PM – A strong armed robbery occurred in the 10 block of W. Woodbury Road. Suspect described as a female, 5 feet 6 inches, 120 pounds, black hair and brown eyes. Stolen: food items.

4:44 PM – Robert Barrios, 32

years old of Pasadena and Robert Shelton, 23 years old of Pasadena were arrested in the area of Sacramento Street and Raymond Lane for drinking in public.

### Friday, March 3rd

1:20 PM – A grand theft from a vehicle occurred in the 1900 block of Midwick Drive. Stolen: red Honda lawnmower, weed cutter and metal chain.

5:45 PM – A grand theft from a vehicle occurred in the 1700 block of Alta Crest Drive. Stolen: dark blue suitcase, clothing, cosmetics and ski boots.

9:30 PM – An assault with a deadly weapon occurred in the 700 block of E. Sacramento Street. Suspect, Michael Wayne Taylor, 58 years old of Altadena was arrested for the assault.

### Saturday, March 4th

12:05 AM – Mark Davison, 51 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the area of Raymond Avenue and Washington Boulevard for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

12:45 PM – Addy Smith, 27 years old, transient and Rachel Napolitano, 36 years old, transient were arrested in the area of Midwick Drive and Mendocino Street for residential burglary.



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## ARCADIA UNIFIED SAVES TAXPAYERS OVER \$40 MILLION BY BOND REFINANCING



ARCADIA-- Arcadia Unified School District’s Board of Education voted unanimously at its February 28 meeting on a resolution that will save Arcadia taxpayers over \$40 million.

The savings will come by way of refinancing bonds that were obtained through the Measure I, Facilities Bond. Approved by voters in November 2006, Measure I, or the Arcadia Neighborhood Schools, Health, Safety and Repair Measure, authorized \$218 million of general obligation bonds to be spent solely for the improvement and modernization of Arcadia Unified School District (AUSD) schools and facilities. Fiscal management of the bonds has been overseen by AUSD Business Services, headed by Assistant Superintendent Christina Aragon.

“We constantly keep an eye out for opportunities to be sound stewards of Arcadia taxpayer money,” said Assistant Superintendent Aragon. In light of the bonds’ call date occurring this year, AUSD Business Services partnered with a financial advisor to examine the option of refinancing.

“By refinancing these bonds, we will be able to take advantage of current interest rates that are lower than those originally available in 2007,” Aragon explained. “It will come at no cost to AUSD, and although it will not directly benefit AUSD, it will save Arcadia taxpayers over \$40 million in taxes. The savings are exclusively for the taxpayers.”

The savings will be seen over the life of the repayment plan, which will save taxpayers, on average, 10 percent each year from taxes related to these bonds.

Measure I funding was approved for the purpose of making structural improvements to AUSD schools. To date, every project on the district’s original capital improvement list has been completed, with every AUSD school receiving upgrades to classrooms and school facilities. Upgrades have included the following: improved technology and renovations in every classroom in the district; enhanced safety features, including additional security lighting and fencing; upgraded landscaping and sidewalks; new phone and master bell systems; the Arcadia Performing Arts Center; improved utility and power infrastructure; new library and media centers; electronic marquees at every school; enhanced student support facilities and services; and several other needed restorations and repairs district-wide.

“The upgrades we have been able to make to our schools and facilities have created amazing learning spaces for our students and have equipped teachers with state-of-the-art teaching tools. None of this could have been accomplished without Arcadia taxpayers’ support of our schools. It makes me very happy to know we constantly adhere to best practices of fiscal responsibility in our oversight of taxpayer money,” said AUSD School Board Vice President Fenton Eng.

Post-resolution approval, AUSD Business Services will secure these taxpayer savings, with a presentation of the results of the refinancing anticipated to occur at the AUSD Board of Education meeting on May 9, 2017.

## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

*For the period of Sunday, February 26th, through Saturday, March 4th, the Police Department responded to 1,057 calls for service of which 139 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, February 26:

1. Shortly before 1:35 a.m., an officer responded to the 300 block of West Longden Avenue regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy packages containing bait property and tracking devices to combat the increase in package thefts from residential areas. An investigation revealed a 32-year-old male from La Puente, a 32-year-old female from El Monte, a 22-year-old female from La Puente, and a 20-year-old male from Whittier were in possession of the stolen package, property, tracking device, and stolen mail from Arcadia residences. The suspects was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. A records check of the 32-year-old male from La Puente revealed he was on Post Release Community Supervision.

2. Around 6:04 p.m., an officer responded to T-Mobile, 101 Huntington Drive, regarding a fraud report. The victim stated a former roommate obtained her personal information and fraudulently opened a cellular account in her name. The victim believes the suspect, a female from Rosemead, has left the country.

### Monday, February 27:

3. At approximately 7:13 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 00 block of East Duarte Road regarding a stolen trailer report. The officer discovered unknown suspect(s) stole a “Grady Construction” trailer from the location sometime during the previous weekend. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

4. Just after 1:09 p.m., an officer responded to the 700 block of Sunset Boulevard regarding a vandalism report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) spray painted “INK,” “626,” and “LTG” near a driveway during the previous night. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

### Tuesday, February 28:

5. Around 1:07 a.m., an officer responded to Motel 6, 225 Colorado Place, regarding a robbery report. The victim stated his ex-boyfriend forcibly stole her phone, and then proceeded to kick and choke the victim. The 31-year-old male from Pomona was gone by the time officers arrived and is outstanding at the time of this report. The investigation is ongoing.

6. Just before 8:50 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 00 block of Alice Street regarding a burglary report. Officers determined an unknown suspect smashed the rear sliding glass door of a vacant residence, ransacked the location, and fled empty-handed. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

7. At approximately 11:05 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a battery that occurred in the 300 block of South Baldwin Avenue. An investigation revealed two physical altercations occurred between a husband and wife on separate occasion resulting in the husband choking his wife. The 38-year-old male from Arcadia is outstanding at the time of this report. The investigation is ongoing.

### Wednesday, March 1:

8. Shortly after 2:39 p.m., an officer responded to Ralph’s, 211 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a theft report. The officer discovered three unknown suspects stole a cart full of merchandise and fled in a white Oldsmobile van.

The suspects are described as two 25 to 30-year-old Hispanic females, approximately 5’4”, both with large builds. The third suspect is described as a 40 to 45-year-old Hispanic female, roughly 5’5”, with a medium build. The investigation is ongoing.

9. At about 7:01 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Huntington Drive and Centennial Way regarding a subject causing a disturbance. The officer located the subject and detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. The officer determined the 62-year-old male from Palm Desert was unable to care for himself. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Thursday, March 2:

10. At approximately 1:58 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of East Huntington Drive and Second Avenue for not having a license plate or the proper registration stickers. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol and marijuana emitting from the suspect. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 26-year-old male from San Gabriel was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and marijuana. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

11. Around 4:21 p.m., an officer responded to Burlington Coat Factory, 1201 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a shoplifting report. On two separate occasions, the suspect selected store merchandise, exited the store without paying for the items, then returned to the store and attempted to return the items. The suspect fled by the time officers arrived.

The suspect is described as a Caucasian male, approximately 50-years-old, 5’4” tall, roughly 200 pounds, wearing a LA Dodgers hat. The investigation is ongoing.

### Friday, March 3:

12. At about 1:26 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 00 block of Christina Street regarding a domestic dispute. An investigation revealed a husband and wife were arguing when the altercation turned physical and the husband punched the victim in the arm. The 41-year-old male from Arcadia is outstanding at the time of this report. The investigation is ongoing.

13. Just before 2:49 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a burglary report. The officer determined the unknown suspect removed the window and screen, entered the home, and fled empty-handed. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

### Saturday, March 4:

14. Shortly after 11:34 a.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of Kingsley Drive regarding a vehicle burglary report. The victim stated an unknown suspect entered his unlocked vehicle, ransacked the interior, and fled with an unknown amount of property. DNA was located at the scene and the suspect, a 22-year-old male from Pasadena, was later arrested.

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## MONROVIA POLICE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION (MPOA) SURPRISES A MONROVIA SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENT WITH A WHEELCHAIR AT MAYFLOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Through our School Resource Officer program with the Monrovia Unified School District (MUSD), the MPOA became aware of a special needs child who required access to a specialized wheel chair. The child, Jose DeAnda, is a 9 year-old who is afflicted with cerebral palsy. Jose, a 4th grade student at Mayflower Elementary School, was able to borrow a special wheelchair for an hour a day while at school. The wheelchair allowed Jose to move around under his own power, and Jose’s family tried to purchase him his own special wheelchair. Unfortunately, his insurance company denied the claim for the special wheelchair, and his family was unable to afford the equipment.

When our School Resources Officer, James Ruano, heard about Jose’s story, he coordinated a response with the Monrovia Police Officers’ Association. MPOA raised the funds needed

(\$3,500) to purchase the special wheelchair for the family. The chair, manufactured by Rifton, allows Jose to be in a forward standing position. He is able to propel himself under his own power with the wheelchair, which gives him a sense of freedom to explore his surroundings. Police Officer Ruano also contacted the manufacturer, and through that discussion, was able to get the wheelchair for a discounted price, saving over \$1,000.

Last week, Mayflower Elementary School had a special school assembly. With the attendance of Sid Garcia of ABC7 News, and Jose’s family and friends, the gift was presented by the Monrovia Police Officers’ Association as a total surprise to Jose!

What a terrific outcome for this overall situation, which highlights just how integrated our law enforcement personnel are here in the Monrovia community!

## MONROVIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES 2017 MAYOR’S WATER CONSERVATION CHALLENGE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE WATER CONSERVATION - SIGN-UP TODAY FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN HUNDREDS OF GREAT PRIZES!

We are excited to share that the City will be participating in the National League of Cities 6th Annual National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation! The program will take place from April 1 – 30, 2017, and as part of the program, we will be coordinating with the National League of Cities to encourage all residents to enhance our water conservation efforts.

The overall National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation is a friendly competition that takes place between participating cities from across the country with a goal of encouraging residents to sign-up online and pledge to reduce water consumption, energy use, and pollution. Those who do sign-up and pledge online between April 1 – 30, 2017, will be entered in a contest where you can win hundreds of great prizes – including home irrigation kits, home improvement store gift cards, and even a brand new Toyota Prius!

For your chance to win, and to make a pledge to start conserving water, be sure to sign-up online between April 1 – 30, 2017, at the following link: <http://www.mywaterpledge.com/campaign/national-campaign>

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## SCE CONDUCTS MAINTENANCE POWER OUTAGES ON MARCH 14TH AND 15TH AFFECTING 313 CUSTOMERS

On the dates of March 14th and 15th,, a total of 278 residential customers, 35 business, and 2 traffic signals will be involved in a 9 hour maintenance outage conducted by Southern California Edison. This scheduled maintenance will begin on Tuesday, March 14th at 8:00 pm and end at 4:30 am on Wednesday, March 15th. SCE notified city officials and mailed notices to every affected household of the intended shutdown. Edison describes boundaries for the planned outage to include Central Avenue on the south side and west of Crestfield Avenue. This outage will allow SCE to make needed upgrades and repairs to increase their reliability.

To prepare for the planned outage, SCE advises customers to shut off or disconnect all sensitive electronic equipment, such as computers and fax machines, before the outage begins. Notify security and/or phone companies that provide businesses with service as the outage will ffect alarm systems and may affect private phone systems. Customers should make sure that they could override or manually operate their security gates or garage doors. Plan to minimize the opening of refrigerator and freezer doors during the outage to maintain temperature. If customers plan to operate an emergency generator, notify SCE before the outage so SCE can protect its employees from possible electrical back feed. To notify SCE of a generator, call 1-(800) 990-7788. For more information and status on a planned outage, visit [www.sce.com/outage](http://www.sce.com/outage) or call 1-(800) 611-1911 and reference Planned Outage #813337.

## 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.*

**Battery / Possession of a Controlled Substance / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia / Warrants – Suspects Arrested** March 2 at 5:29 p.m., dispatch received several calls reporting two male adults fighting in the 100 block of Norumbega Drive. Officers arrived and located one male adult, and while speaking with him, discovered he was on probation. During a pat-down search, he was found to have drug paraphernalia in his possession. Another officer located the second male suspect nearby, who was found to have several warrants. While speaking with the second suspect, a female approached. She was found to have several warrants and had methamphetamine in her possession. All three suspects were arrested.

**Theft From a Vehicle** March 2 at 7:25 p.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 900 block of Crescent. The vehicle was parked in the victim’s driveway with the doors unlocked. The suspect entered the vehicle and took a backpack containing miscellaneous school supplies and a bag containing clothing that was going to be donated. The investigation is continuing.

**Possession of a Controlled Substance / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Suspect Arrested** March 3 at 3:30 p.m., officers responded to the report of a male adult slumped over the wheel of a parked vehicle in the 200 block of Linwood Avenue. Officers located the vehicle and an adult male inside, who was unresponsive. The officers made entry into the vehicle and saw a loaded syringe sticking out of the inner thigh of the driver. Officers were able to revive the subject, who admitted to being addicted to heroin. The suspect was arrested and the vehicle was stored. Defrauding an Innkeeper March 3 at 10:14 p.m., a male subject ordered a dinner meal at a restaurant in the 800 block of W. Huntington and then left the location without paying. The investigation is continuing.

**Defrauding and Innkeeper** March 3 at 11:27 p.m., a male subject ordered food at a restaurant in the 1100 block of E. Huntington and was unhappy with the order. He was given a discount on his bill, but still left the location without paying. The investigation is continuing.

**Suspicious Subject / Warrant / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Suspect Arrested** March 4 at 12:54 a.m., officers responded to the 400 block of W. Huntington regarding the report of a suspicious subject in the area. They arrived and contacted the subject. A computer check revealed he had an outstanding warrant and he was arrested. While searching the suspect, he was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Weapons Offense** March 4 at 11:13 a.m., a security guard from a business in the 100 block of W. Foothill flagged down an officer who was driving by on Myrtle. He informed the officer that a subject in a silver charger had just sped through the parking lot and almost hit

him. The officer turned into the parking area to look for the vehicle and was stopped by a patron, who reported that the same subject in the silver charger had tossed a handgun out of the vehicle window as it sped through the parking lot. The officer recovered the weapon, which was not registered, and an extensive search was conducted for the vehicle, but it was not located. Neighboring agencies were contacted to see if they had any reports of a recent shooting. The investigation is continuing.

**Battery / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Suspects Arrested** March 4 at 3:04 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of Norumbega on the report of a family disturbance. Officers arrived and separated three adults and spoke with them. They were all disruptive and combative with each other. One subject was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and a second was arrested for battery.

**Counterfeit Currency / Warrant – Suspect Arrested** March 4 at 4:13 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 300 block of W. Huntington on the report of subjects bathing outside. The officers arrived and located several subjects possibly involved in the reported activity. While speaking with the subjects, the officers located counterfeit U.S. currency belonging to one of the subjects. He was arrested and taken into custody. He was also found to have an outstanding warrant.

**Driving Under the Influence** – Suspect Arrested March 4 at 10:07 p.m., an intoxicated female in a vehicle was reported at a business parking lot in the 1600 block of S. Mountain. Officers arrived and located the subject. After investigation, the female driver was arrested for driving under the influence and was taken into custody.

**Vehicle Burglary** March 5 at 12:24 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported at a business parking lot in the 900 block of W. Huntington. The victim parked her vehicle in the parking lot and when she returned, she found the driver side window had been shattered and her purse, which she left in the vehicle, was gone. The investigation is continuing.

**Vehicle Burglary** March 5 at 6:15 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 1600 block of Royal Oaks. The resident parked and locked her vehicle in front of her home. She looked out the window and noticed a subject standing by her vehicle and pulling a toolbox from the back seat. The suspect fled in a vehicle. The victim went out to her vehicle and found the rear window had been smashed, allowing the suspect to gain access. The investigation is continuing.

**Vandalism** March 5 at 12:19 p.m., a resident in the 100 block of N. Myrtle called police to report a vandalism incident. Sometime during the early morning hours, an unknown suspect shattered the front passenger side window of his parked vehicle. No property appeared to have been taken. The investigation is continuing.

**Vandalism** March 5 at 12:55 p.m., a resident in the 700 block of W. Foothill parked his vehicle in front of his apartment complex and went in for the night. When he returned in the morning, he found one of his tires had been slashed with a sharp object. The investigation is continuing.



## HIGH POINT ACADEMY LAUNCHES FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT MARCH 23 SCIENCE SPECIALIST CREATES INNOVATIVE STEM-BASED "PASSPORT" PROGRAM

Pasadena, March 3, 2017: High Point Academy has announced the inauguration of its new Science Night for parents and students from Grades 3-6. The event is aligned with the school's "joy of learning" mission, and has been specifically designed to awaken the joy of experiencing science, for students and their families alike.

"Today, when children immerse themselves in hands-on doing, few disciplines capture the excitement of learning quite the way science does," explained Head of School Gary Stern. He added that the new Science Night taking place at 6:30-8 pm on Thursday, March 23rd was developed to focus on stimulating STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) activities,

On that night, 3rd through 6th grade students and their parents will be invited to engage in an exhilarating exploration of numerous science and STEM-based activities developed for them by High Point's 7th and 8th grade student scientists. The event was conceived and coordinated by HPA science specialist, Krista Huezo, working in conjunction with the junior high students. Mrs. Huezo, who has taught middle school science and math for the last 17 years, earned her BS in biological sciences from UC-Santa Barbara. "I love to make learning fun and memorable for students," she declared. "I am especially proud to be part of the nurturing and close-knit High Point community where teachers are always supported and encouraged to find new and exciting ways to inspire students."

On Family Science Night, junior high students will run the six science stations spread across the campus, and 3rd through 6th grade students and their parents will collaborate in hands-on science undertakings. They will take home creative projects that they complete and will receive a "science journal passport stamp" for each. In addition, they will earn special incentives to engage in the plethora of science projects available to them that evening. Projects will run the gamut from creating a unique polymer ball, to building an LED circuit using a pencil. The night's activities will culminate in a 100-cup tower contest, with the tallest tower winning.

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## HOW DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES CAN HELP STUDENTS LEARN

(StatePoint) Did you know that advanced digital technologies can help grade school and high school students become better prepared for college and careers?

From interactive platforms and applications to high-tech hardware, digital learning is empowering educators and helping prepare students for their futures. Here are a few new learning tools that are transforming education today.

### Do the Math

Graphing calculators are getting an enhanced look and feel, enabling students to solve the most challenging equations and enhance their understanding of math. For example, cutting edge calculators, such as fx-CG50, the newest model in Casio's calculator portfolio, offer a three-dimensional graphing function that allows students to view their graph from various angles to better analyze their shape. Other new capabilities include cross-section and zoom functions for greater analysis. Students can also plot graphs over pictures of real-life scenes on a full color textbook-style display, making math education a more visual experience.

### Go the Distance

These days, classroom style learning doesn't always have to take place within the four walls of a physical classroom. Distance learning offers a greater number of people access to the same educational opportunities, and is made possible by new technologies.

Educators and schools are embracing platforms like Blackboard and Schoology to help connect students with educational content 24 hours a day. These platforms also enhance traditional classroom learning. Known as blended learning, students still attend class,

but can hone their skills and knowledge during off-hours at a



personalized pace with technology-mediated instruction.

### Music to One's Ears

Music education isn't what it used to be, thanks to new technology and gear. For example, Chordana Play, a new app, can be linked with several Casio electronic keyboards as a learning tool for beginners and advanced musicians. The app displays notes graphically in real time, along with the correct keyboard positions for both hands. Users are welcome to import song data into the app and expand their repertoire over time. To learn more, visit CasioMusicGear.com.

As technology evolves, enhanced tools and processes are changing the way educators teach and students absorb content. And these changes also are making teachers more efficient, enabling greater freedom for students to benefit from a more personalized approach to learning.

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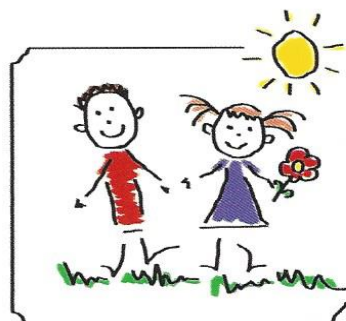
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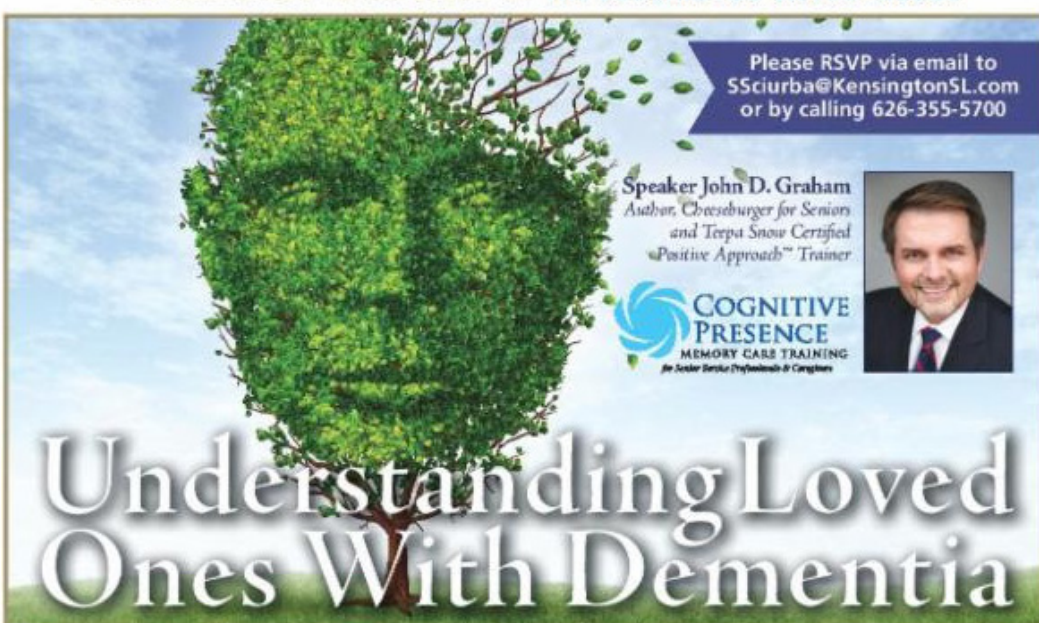
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About John D. Graham: With a life spent in senior services, author John D. Graham is a compassionate voice. His perspective is informed with his vast array of experience in senior advocacy and in leadership of senior living organizations. In sharing his expertise, via *Cheeseburgers for Seniors: Top 10 Reasons Your Parents Don't Want to Move to Senior Living*, with the burgeoning baby boomer population, he outlines pitfalls and warning signs, and offers alternative, proactive approaches. While some of these things can be uncomfortable to consider, lack of understanding and proper planning often leads to an undesirable outcome—an unpleasant lifestyle that could be avoided by making informed life choices. After completing *Cheeseburgers for Seniors*, you will be fully informed on the basic framework for building a quality senior-living experience.

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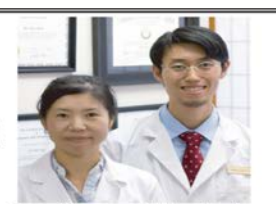
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## PRESIDENTIAL PUPS

*A Humorous Look at America's 'First' Best Friends*

Having a canine in the 'first' family is by no means a new concept. Indeed, there've been numerous 'first' best friends, dating back to when our original commander-in-chief, George Washington was in office. What has changed over time, however, is the kind of canine you might find lying beside the president's easy chair.

This week, I thought it might be kind of fun to share my preposterous (hopefully humorous) perspective on a few of the dogs that have had the privilege of being 'presidential pups'. Hear me out with an open mind...it's my personal twist and it's just for kicks.

I'll start at the very beginning with none other than George Washington himself. Did you know that his best friends were hound dogs? I was thrilled to hear this, since I am a huge fan of the hounds! Those were the days when the president lived in a mansion in New York (and later, Philadelphia). I guess back then the house rules must have been more liberal for the kind of pets the president could have in the house.

Presidents apparently had lots of pets in those early days, or at least George Washington did. Did you know he had seven dogs? That's practically a pack! There were 3 American staghounds (looks like a cross between a deerhound and a greyhound) and 4 black and tan coon hounds. He was a true hound lover...my kind of guy!

And in case coon hounds aren't funny enough already, the names Washington gave his wonderful wiggle-wagglers were even funnier. Ole George must have had a sense of humor. He named his coon hounds "Drunkard", "Taster", "Tipler" and "Tipsy". Tells you a little something about where his mind was, eh?

What a raucous it must have been, those long-eared sloppy-lipped hounds crooning away with their drawn-out bays echoing through the huge hallways of the first mansion as Mr. President tried to draft an important speech. And how do you think they may have behaved when the servants delivered gourmet meals on silver platters, to Martha's immaculate dining room?

And imagine how horrible it must have been for his housekeepers, chasing those 'first' four-leggers through the rooms of that massive mansion with rags in hand, wiping spittle away each time those silly hounds shook their heads, leaving their signatures sprawled across the walls and adding special features to those original Hudson Valley oil paintings! I know from personal experience, that stuff sticks like glue if you don't catch it while it's wet.

I have to laugh when I imagine that scene...

like bulls in a china shop, those precarious pups romping rambunctiously among grouchy groups of snooty guests who'd come for cocktails and dinner at the 'first' mansion. Now I know my imagination has run wild with me. What really happened and what may have happened, had I been the 'first handler' for those hilarious hounds are, no doubt, two starkly different scenarios.

Then there was president John Adams with his two best buds,

"Juno" and "Satan". Wow, now that's an interesting choice of name for a dog...Satan! Poor thing never stood a chance with a label like that. I'm sure it must have been inspired by the dog's shiny black coat, or at least I hope so.

Decades later, in 1861, Abraham Lincoln came to the Whitehouse along with his 'first' friend, "Fido". I wonder if that was already a popular dog name at the time. Could be Abe set the trend. Maybe he's responsible for making the name, "Fido" a generic tag for countless pups to come. Regardless, I think it's kind of cute...that there ever was a 'first dog' named "Fido".

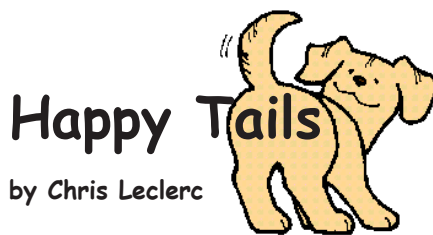
Considering the bad rap assigned to a particular breed in recent years, you'll understand why I smile and feel the urge to hug our dear past-president Theodore Roosevelt for his choice of dog...his best friend was a bulldog terrier. Of course, back then they still called them bulldog terriers, before people did the hideous things that gave them a bad rap.

Good for you, Teddy! I wish more presidents (or just plain people, for that matter) understood the dog within rather than judging them for their outer appearance. Particularly since the fault is not their own. Indeed, the blame belongs to the 'pit'iful people who trained bulldog terriers to fight. Too bad people are so hard to train!

During our nation's early formative years, dogs were 'functional components' of the first family. They were given specific jobs and each was, presumably, expected to perform that job or risk being booted out. There were lots of jobs for dogs back in the day. Hunting & retrieving, protecting livestock, securing the property and chasing away unwanted rodents, to name just a few.

But the Whitehouse was eventually graced with the presence of some precious pampered pets that got to live there for that sole purpose... simply to be pampered. My favorite example is that of Lyndon B. Johnson. Did you know he had what they then called a mutt named "Yuki"? That's right, Johnson was apparently one of the 'first' trend-setters for shelter pet adoption! Who knew?

As I scrolled through the long list of presidential pups, I thought it interesting that most of America's 'first friends' have been spaniels. There must be something about the spaniel's personality that makes it the preferred presidential pup. Perhaps they are super lovable and humble enough not to steal the show. I mean, you know how leaders despise being undermined...particularly by a canine. Although, during the current term, that may not be such a tough trick for any dog!



## LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND

Brutus may have a tough guy name, but in reality he's a big lovable shy guy! Brutus enjoys the simple things in life, meaning if he can spend the whole week relaxing, he will! Sleeping and hiding/playing in boxes seem to be his favorite pastimes. Brutus is a little shy meeting new people, but if you give him a little bit of time, he'll happily accept some petting and head scratches.

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## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

THE JOY OF YOGA  
ESTABLISHING A ROUTINE

To really bring yoga and well-being into daily life, a routine must be established. No matter if you're

naturally consistent and disciplined, or 'go where the day takes you' - we all need to establish a routine to maintain health and happiness.

This can be approached many ways. From the lens of yoga and Ayurveda (sister science to yoga), we can look at a few general areas: (1) personal yoga and meditation practice, (2) sleep, (3) food.

First, let's look at sleep. Sleep is one of the pillars of life and daily function. Too little, too much, or sleep that's not restful have an impact on all the physiological systems of the body. As a general rule, setting a bedtime/wake-up time to allow 7-8 hours of continuous sleep is best. Thinking and emotional balance come easier when rested. Going to bed by 10:30 pm and waking before 7 am is a good reference.

Second, a home yoga and meditation practice don't have to take a long time to be effective. Movement of the body first thing in the morning

is incredibly helpful in shifting energy in a positive way. Yoga works its wonders because it changes energy. It's best to do a short asana practice first, and then sit down for a breath practice and meditation. The mind should be alert yet calm going into meditation. Stay in meditation between 5 and 30 minutes daily.

Finally, the food we take in plays a huge role in our health. Food contains energy and nourishment from which we function. If bad stuff is going in, our best self is not likely to come out. Honor the beautiful, divinely-inspired temple you were given. Eat freshly made cooked meals with organic foods. Limit the quantity of food per sitting to allow the body to digest properly.

If you feel off balance, look at these three areas and see where you stand. Find a routine with sleep, practice, and food that brings vitality, happiness, and peacefulness into your life.

Namaste,

Keely Totten  
E-RYT 500, Reiki Master Practitioner  
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## THE MISSING PAGE

*Real Life Tips from Life's Instruction Manual*



## IT'S NOT THE EFFORT

I live in an older home and caring for such a home can be challenging. Beloved architectural details require

more work than their Plain Jane cousins. Chair rails and wainscoting are dust catchers. Crown moldings, hardwood floors, and floorboards are hosts to dust bunnies. Well, my lovely porcelain tile showers recently me reminded of a lesson. I had been scrubbing the tile grout with a toothbrush because I thought it was the best way to clean small spots in between tiles. I tried hard, I added caustic chemicals, while I rubbed brushed and scrubbed. I had mediocre results. This week the heavens opened to me and revealed another way.

I bought a new scrub brush, and it's amazing! Just a couple of strokes of this brush removes the grime I had been struggling to eliminate.

Sometimes, we need to make the easy way welcome and allow a solution in an unexpected form. Just as the fly that wants to escape the house, needs to stop banging against the closed window, and to fly to the open door. We sometimes need to make ourselves open to different possibilities.

Do you sometimes feel stuck? Are you simply bored with your routine? Is there something that you are longing to experience? Doing life the same way day after day may no longer be working for you. What could you do to make your daily experience more fulfilling? Is trying no longer working?

We may need to use a different tool in our

toolbox.

To accomplish anything you need a clear vision because having a vision will motivate you. Next, you'll need clarity, and the best way to get clear is to write about your vision and create a vision statement. A vision statement is a personal document that you use to design your life. In it, you record all of the things that light you up and get you excited. You must include every area of your life relationships, creativity, employment, and health. Write down everything with great detail and keep going until you feel a sense of joy and passion. The next step is to choose which area you want to explore first and then take a step. Perhaps start some research on your new adventure, but it is imperative that you take action and keep going.

As an empowerment coach, I help my clients welcome more love, fun, creativity, and wealth into their lives with the amazing tools in my toolbox. I am going to be at the Wisteria Festival in downtown Sierra Madre at the Mountain Views News table, Sunday, March 12th, from 11 am to 1 pm. I would love to meet my readers! Please come by and say hello.

Lori A. Harris is a lawyer and empowerment coach that helps women that women live their best lives. You can get more tips and find out more about her at [www.LoriAHarris.com](http://www.LoriAHarris.com) and download her free app the Gratitude Train in Google Play and the App Store.

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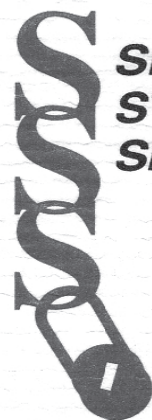
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## ST. FRANCIS

I thought winter was almost over, is it Spring time? Being a good guest I often ask what type of wine is the host or birthday boy's favorite, and half the time the answer is merlot. When you look at supermarket wine offerings these days, many major chains seem to be focusing on wines, so why then is the space allocated to merlot so small compared to other varieties of wine? I have deduced my own theory that not only is the price point narrow compared to other wines, but the aging potential is longer so you might run into a merlot that is a few years old. Supermarket sales of merlot have risen from around 3% in the 90's to about 13% last year - a big jump but still a small selection.

I have been a big fan of St. Francis Winery for some years -- I even visited the winery on a recent visit to Santa Rosa to the Charles Shultz Museum. St. Francis' 2013 Sonoma Merlot fit all right notes with me, having benefitted from heavy rains that May and followed by a cool summer. I closed my eyes on my first taste and could actually taste the aromas of cherry and licorice, finished by soft tannins. The St. Francis website suggested a pairing of goat cheese or duck, but my market was out of duck so had rotisserie chicken which went very well with it. I do suggest decanting the wine for a few minutes before drinking.

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## THE ABCS OF PICKING A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL POLICY

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Can you provide any advice on choosing a Medicare supplemental policy to help cover things outside of Medicare? I'll be 65 in a few months and could use some assistance.  
Looking for Help

Dear Looking,  
If you plan to enroll in original Medicare, getting a supplemental policy (also known as Medigap insurance) too is a smart idea because it will help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles. Here are some tips to help you choose an appropriate plan.

### Medigap Plans

In all but three states (Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin), Medigap plans, which are sold by private health insurers, come in 10 standardized benefit packages labeled with the letters A, B, C, D, F, G, K, L, M and N.

Plan F is the most popular policy followed by plan C because they provide comprehensive coverage. Plans K and L are high-deductible policies that have lower premiums but impose higher out-of-pocket costs. Plan F also offers a high-deductible version in some states. And a popular middle ground policy that attracts many healthy beneficiaries is plan N.

For more information on the different types of plans and the coverage they provide, including Medigap options in Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, see Medicare's "Choosing a Medigap Policy" guide at [Medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/02110-medicare-medigap.guide.pdf](http://Medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/02110-medicare-medigap.guide.pdf), or call 1-800-MEDICARE and ask them to mail you a copy.

### How to Choose

To pick a Medigap policy that works best for you, consider your health, family medical history and your budget. The differences among plans can be small and rather confusing.

To help you choose, visit [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov), and click on "Supplements & Other Insurance" at the top of the page, then on "Find a Medigap policy" and type in your ZIP code. This will give you a list of the plans available in your area, their price ranges and the names, and contact information of companies that sell them. But it's up to you to contact the carriers directly to get there specific pricing information.

You can also compare Medigap prices on most state insurance department websites (see NAIC.



org/state\_web\_map.htm for links), or you can order a personalized report from Weiss Ratings for \$99 at [WeissMedigap.com](http://WeissMedigap.com).

Since all Medigap policies with the same letter must cover the exact same benefits (it's required by law), you should shop for the cheapest policy.

You'll get the best price if you sign up within six months after enrolling in Medicare Part B. During this open-enrollment period, an insurer cannot refuse to sell you a policy or charge you more because of your health.

You also need to be aware of the pricing methods, which will affect your costs. Medigap policies are usually sold as either: "community-rated" where everyone in an area is charged the same premium regardless of age; "issue-age-rated" that is based on your age when you buy the policy, but will only increase due to inflation, not age; and "attained-age-rated," that starts premiums low but increases as you age. Community-rate and issue-age-rated policies are the best options because they will save you money in the long run.

You can buy the plan directly from an insurance company, or you can work with a reputable local insurance broker.

### Drug Coverage

You also need to know that Medigap policies do not cover prescription drugs, so if you don't have drug coverage, you need to consider buying a separate Medicare Part D drug plan too. See [Medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://Medicare.gov/find-a-plan) to compare plans. Also note that Medigap plans do not cover vision, dental care, hearing aids or long-term care either.

### Alternative Option

Instead of getting original Medicare, plus a Medigap policy and a separate Part D drug plan, you could sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan that provides all-in-one coverage. These plans, which are sold by insurance companies, are generally available through HMOs and PPOs. To find and compare Advantage plans visit [Medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://Medicare.gov/find-a-plan).

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

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**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.

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



## SENIOR EXCURSIONS MARCH EXCURSION

\*\*\*Save the Date\*\*\*

### WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL

Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017

Time: 9:15a.m. to 2:30p.m.

Meeting Location: Hart Park House

Cost: \$20.00 (Not Including Lunch)

Description: Get up close and personal with the stunning theaters and spaces. The docent-lead tours take visitors through much of the interior space and throughout the gardens while presenting the highlights of the architecturally stunning building. Please Note: Tour does not include the auditorium due to the constant rehearsal and performances. Lunch will be on your own near Union Station or Olvera Street. Participants should bring money for lunch and souvenirs. Final registration date is Monday, March 20th.

Level of walking: High;

### APRIL EXCURSION - SAVE THE DATE

#### Tanaka Farms Strawberry Tour (Irvine)

Date: Thursday, April 27th

Time: 9:30a.m. to 2:30p.m.

Meeting Location: Hart Park House

Cost: \$20.00 (Not including Lunch)

Come experience a real working farm in the heart of Orange County. Tour includes a guided wagon ride around the 30-acre Farm. Learn about and sample different fruits and vegetables in season. Pick and eat fresh, juicy strawberries. You will be given a one-pound container to fill with berries. Things to consider:

- Wear comfortable shoes that you don't mind getting dirty.
- The farm is not handicapped accessible; and wagon rides on dirt roads will be bumpy.... and lots of bending to pick berries.
- Bring your sack lunch to eat at the picnic tables.
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This summer, an ice chest-sized box will fly to the International Space Station, where it will create the coldest spot in the universe.

Inside that box, lasers, a vacuum chamber and an electromagnetic “knife” will be used to cancel out the energy of gas particles, slowing them until they’re almost motionless. This suite of instruments is called the Cold Atom Laboratory (CAL), and was developed by NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. CAL is in the final stages of assembly at JPL, ahead of a ride to space this August on SpaceX CRS-12.

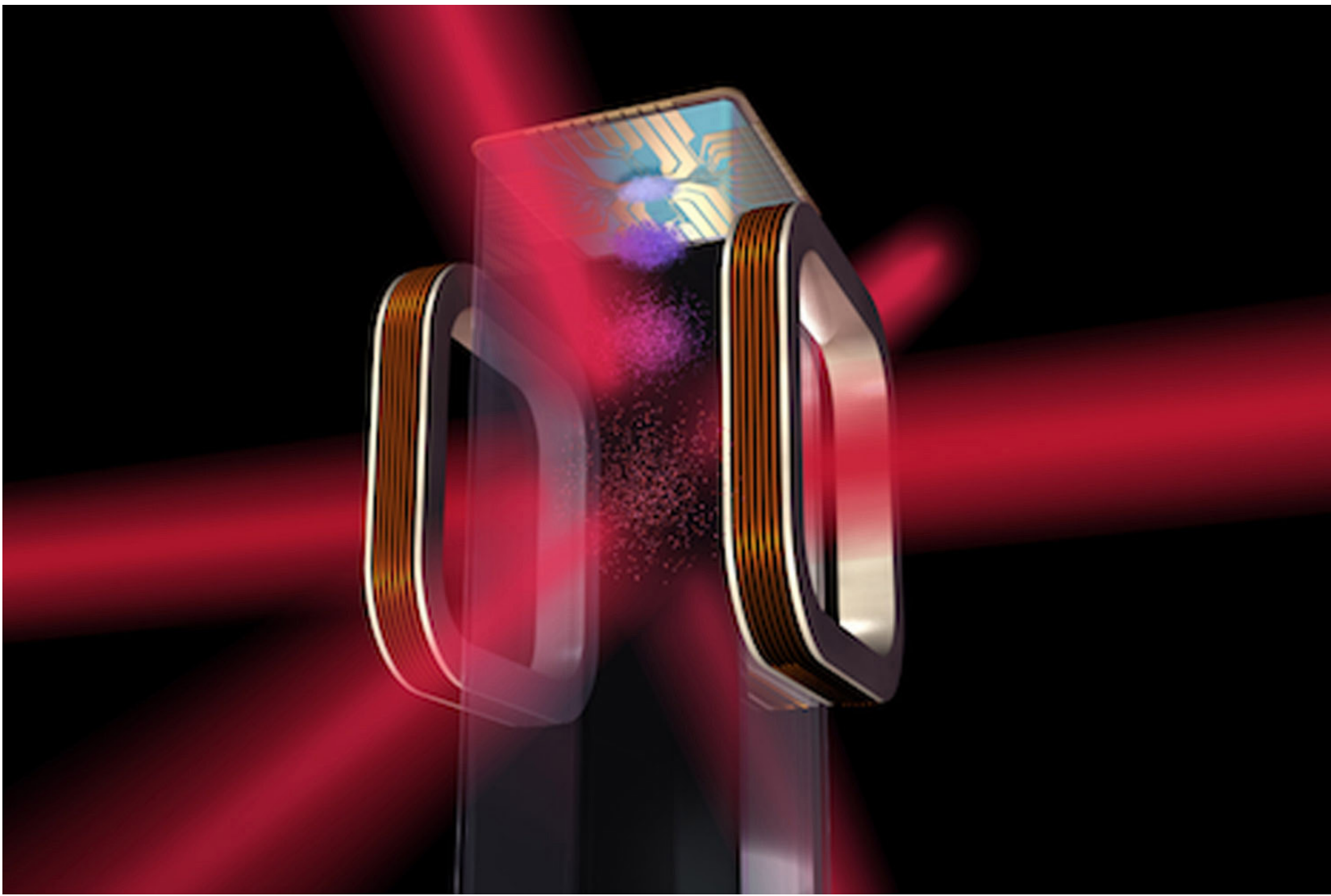
Its instruments are designed to freeze gas atoms to a mere billionth of a degree above absolute zero. That’s more than 100 million times colder than the depths of space.

“Studying these hyper-cold atoms could reshape our understanding of matter and the fundamental nature of gravity,” said CAL Project Scientist Robert Thompson of JPL. “The experiments we’ll do with the Cold Atom Lab will give us insight into gravity and dark energy—some of the most pervasive forces in the universe.”

When atoms are cooled to extreme temperatures, as they will be inside of CAL, they can form a distinct state of matter known as a Bose-Einstein condensate. In this state, familiar rules of physics recede and quantum physics begins to take over. Matter can be observed behaving less like particles and more like waves. Rows of atoms move in concert with one another as if they were riding a moving fabric. These mysterious waveforms have never been seen at temperatures as low as what CAL will achieve.

NASA has never before created or observed Bose-Einstein condensates in space. On Earth, the pull of gravity causes atoms to continually settle towards the ground, meaning they’re typically only observable for fractions of a second.

But on the International Space Station, ultra-cold atoms can hold their wave-like forms longer while in freefall. That offers scientists a longer window to understand physics at its most basic level. Thompson estimated that CAL will allow Bose-Einstein condensates to be observable for up to five to 10 seconds; future development of the technologies used on CAL could allow them to last for hundreds



of seconds.

Bose-Einstein condensates are a “superfluid”—a kind of fluid with zero viscosity, where atoms move without friction as if they were all one, solid substance.

“If you had superfluid water and spun it around in a glass, it would spin forever,” said Anita Sengupta of JPL, Cold Atom Lab project manager.

“There’s no viscosity to slow it down and dissipate the kinetic energy. If we can better understand the physics of superfluids, we can possibly learn to use those for more efficient transfer of energy.”

The results of these experiments could potentially lead to a number of improved technologies, including sensors, quantum computers and atomic clocks used

in spacecraft navigation.

The Cold Atom Lab is currently undergoing a testing phase that will prepare it prior to delivery to Cape Canaveral, Florida.

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NOTE: NYERGES WILL BE AT THIS WEEKEND WISTARIA FESTIVAL AT THE MOUNTAIN NEWS BOOTH. HE WILL SHOW SOME WILD PLANTS, AND HAVE HIS BOOKS FOR SALE.

With our abundance of rain this winter, our landscape appears markedly different from last years’ near-desert landscape. Now every yard is green, and wild plants have appeared in alleys, hillsides, parks, and backyards.

This is the ideal time to learn about many of the common wild plants which you can use for food or medicine. Unfortunately, some of the best wild foods are disguised as “weeds,” and are typically pulled up and discarded as soon as they appear in yards. If you’re interested in being a bit more self-reliant, and using some of these nutritious foods in your diet, then here’s a bit about three of the common wild edibles currently very common.

SOW THISTLE (Sonchus oleraceus)

When most folks see a sow thistle, they think



it’s a tall dandelion, since the flowers are nearly identical to dandelion. Sow thistle is from Europe, and it grows everywhere. It gets typically a few feet high, with clusters of the yellow dandelion-like flowers. The leaves of sow thistle are tender and palatable in salad (unlike dandelion, whose leaves must be cooked). Sow thistle leaves are also great in stews, egg dishes, soups, etc. Sow thistle is nearly as nutritious as dandelion, though its still an excellent source of Vitamin A and calcium.

CHICKWEED (Stellaria media)

Chickweed is an annual plant from Europe which sprouts up after the rains, so you begin to see it in very early spring in every yard. You can seasonally



enjoy this tender plant in salads. I make salads from chickweed whenever I can, adding dressing, tomatoes, whatever. Yes, you can cook it in soup, or with eggs, but it’s really best raw. It has tender stems, with a fine line of white hairs along one side of the stem. Leaves are opposite and they come to a tip. There are five deeply cleft petals on each little flower. Very, very common.

MALLOW (Malva neglecta)

Mallow is a European native which is found all over the U.S. It’s recognized by its round leaves with fine teeth on the edges, and most people think it’s an ornamental geranium. It can be found in alleys, parkways, empty lots, along the freeways, seeming to like disturbed soils. It’s very, very common this season. The leaves are mild and can be added to salads, or any cooked dish, such as soup, or stews. The leaves are a good source of iron, calcium, and Vitamin A. The little fruits can also be picked and eaten fresh, or they can be picked when mature and cooked to create a sort of “poor man’s rice.” Common mallow is related to another European plant, the marsh mallow. Marsh mallow roots used to be boiled to create an egg white substance, which is whipped to get an old fashioned cough remedy. (Yes, modern marshmallows have no marsh mallow extract and are just another junk food.) You could boil the roots of common mallow to make your own cough remedy, though it probably won’t froth up like the European marsh mallow plant.



OUT TO PASTOR  
A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

HEARING AND LISTENING ARE NOT  
NECESSARILY THE SAME

As big as my ears are, you would think I would be able to hear everything I am listening to.

I like to think I am hearing what I am listening to but I have so many illustrations that prove otherwise. I’m not sure what it is, but I am working on it with the help of the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

It was on a Friday and I was very busy trying to get things done for the weekend. Some in our domicile can multitask and then the other can hardly do one thing at a time.

I’m not quite sure how my wife does it, but she can do half a dozen things at the same time and get them all done perfectly. It is like one of those jugglers at the circus who can keep half a dozen balls in the air at the same time.

Not me. I can’t even keep one ball in the air at the same time, let alone half a dozen.

I was busy trying to get ready for the weekend when the wife came in and said, “Can we borrow your truck on Monday?”

I grunted and nodded my head in the affirmative. “We need to move some furniture to a storage unit.” Now, in those two sentences she used the word “we” but I heard the word “I.”

I am okay with her borrowing my truck and doing whatever kind of business she needs to do. A marriage works that way. One has a truck and the other borrows said truck.

I should have thought something was up, but you know how it is with us men. We do not think unless backed into a corner and we cannot do anything else. All through the weekend when I saw my wife, she would look at me and smile and nod her head. I smiled and nodded my head back at her. After all, isn’t that what a good relationship is all about? Smiling and nodding your head at each other.

As I recall, it was a rather pleasant weekend and then it was over.

Early on Monday morning my wife came into the living room where I was watching TV and drinking my morning cup of coffee. I can’t start any day without my coffee. Whoever invented coffee should actually get a Nobel Peace prize.

My wife came in and looked at me and said, “Are we ready to go?” Then she smiled and nodded her head in my direction.

At the time, I had no idea whatsoever of what she was talking about. Where were we going to go? I had no plans for the morning. It was my one morning to chill out and catch up on my resting.

“You know,” she said with a big smile all over her face. “We are going to borrow your truck and move some furniture to a storage unit.”

“We,” I said very quizzically. “Who is the we? And what are we going to do?”

Then she explained to me that on the past Friday I had agreed with her that we would use my truck and move some furniture to a storage unit. Now, for the life of me I did not remember that. All I remember was the word “I.” All things being equal, I assumed she was asking if she and somebody else could borrow my truck and then she and somebody else would move some furniture to a storage unit.

My failure was I did not think to ask who that somebody else was. I had no idea that that somebody else was me.

If you want to have an argument with your wife, think twice about it and then forget about it. Even when you can prove she is wrong, and I never can, she is always right. The best thing to do is to go along so that you can get along.

So, “we” borrowed my truck and then “we” moved some furniture to a storage unit. It took us all morning and not being in the best shape of my life, I was kinda wore out. I never worked so hard in my life that I could remember. All I did that morning was nod my head and smile until we were finished.

It was about noontime when we finished and when we got into the truck she said to me, “Goodness, it’s lunchtime and I haven’t prepared anything for lunch. Do you suppose we could go out for lunch?”

To this day, I wonder if that wasn’t the plan all along. “We” would borrow my truck and “we” would move furniture and then “we” would go out to lunch. That’s where the “we” stopped.

As we finished our lunch the waitress brought the bill and the “we” changed to “me.”

Driving home from the diner my wife sighed very deeply and said, “We sure had a wonderful morning didn’t we?”


I nodded and smiled and kept driving.

Musing along the way I could not help but think that sometimes listening and hearing are two different things.

I believe Solomon understood this very well when he wrote, “A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels” (Proverbs 1:5).

I may be hearing what my wife is saying, but I may not be listening to what she is saying. The not listening is what really gets you into trouble.

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017**

**SECTION B**

## AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

### TAKE THE LEAD EXPANDS ITS REACH AMBER NELSON JOINS WOMEN'S NON-PROFIT AS LEADERSHIP AMBASSADOR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

(New York, NY)—Amber Nelson, president of Lingo Consulting, Inc. based in Los Angeles, California, has joined Take The Lead as Leadership Ambassador Program Director.

Take The Lead is a leading women's leadership nonprofit headquartered both in New York, New York and Scottsdale, Arizona and co-founded and publicly launched in 2014 by Gloria Feldt and Amy Litzenberger.

Nelson's work over the past 20 years has focused on helping organizations and individuals learn and leverage their lingo through research, marketing and communications consulting. Her company, Lingo Consulting, Inc. is devoted to effective communications via research, writing, and training. Her clients include Transamerica, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, General Mills, Boston University Alumni Association and the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

At Take The Lead she will focus on deepening the impact and reach of the organization's cornerstone Leadership Ambassador Program. An innovative component of the non-profit, this program brings highly trained entrepreneurs and industry experts into a wide array of businesses and organizations across the country. Each Leadership Ambassador undergoes vigorous training and is certified in turn to teach the organization's core skill building and inspirational curriculum. Helping women in corporations, nonprofits and other organizations take their next step towards the C-Suite, The Leadership Ambassadors present carefully tested program materials in keynotes, seminars and webinars designed by Gloria Feldt and based in part on her bestselling book No Excuses: Nine Ways Women Can Change How We Think About Power.

"Amber's achievements in her own business and her acute understanding of what challenges women face in the workplace have impressed us from the beginning," Gloria Feldt, President and Co-Founder of Take The Lead says. "We are looking forward to seeing how her keen intelligence and savvy marketing instincts will help us all grow this vital part of our programming at Take The Lead."

For more than 20 years, Amber Nelson has



helped brands, businesses, and individuals find the right words to demonstrate their strength. She knows first-hand that finding your voice leads to exercising your power, especially for women. A member of the Leadership Ambassador team herself before this new position, she understands the program from the inside and will be designing new ways for the program and its Leadership Ambassadors to better serve a widening community of women and organizations aspiring to reach career and parity goals.

"As a marketing, communications and research consultant" Amber Nelson observes, "I've collaborated with all kinds of businesses and brands to find their language of resonance, their strength and their place in the marketplace. Now, I'm delighted to focus my attention and expertise on evolving the Leadership Ambassador program to the next level."

### "626 GOLDEN STREETS" EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS



**By Joan Schmidt**

Last June, there was a great event planned to celebrate the extension of the Metro Gold Line 17+ miles from Pasadena to Azusa. The extension included stations at South Pasadena, San Marino, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale, and Azusa, and it was completed on schedule. The idea for the event came from South Pasadena Mayor Michael Cacciotti more than three years ago. The streets along the route would be closed to traffic and people could bike or walk any part of the route. Along the way there would be activity booths, live music, dancing, fitness classes-zumba and yoga, food booths, professional chalk artists, Gabe the Sasquatch and just a great time to be had. But torrential rain caused a postponement of the original scheduled event.

This past Sunday, however, 626 Golden Streets did happen! There were afternoon showers but that did not deter 100,000 people who rode bikes, walked or ran along the 17+ miles route. Our local

officials were out in force. In Duarte, I saw Mayor Margaret Finlay, Supervisor Kathryn Barger and Senator Portantino on bikes. Councilmember Tzeitel Paras-Caraci is always a lot of fun and was on a tricycle with her son following close behind. Over in Arcadia, Mayor Tom Beck was among the joggers.

This great event was for people of all ages. The youngest kids rode bikes with training wheels or tricycles, teens were on one-wheeled electric skateboards, unicycles, and there were 600 runners of a half marathon. What a great event this was, and I for one am thrilled to see the Metro Gold Line extension. It gives people other transportation options and keeps more cars off the road. Thanks to Metro Gold Line, several cities and staff and sponsors-Kaiser Permanente, 89.3 KPCC, Southern CA Public Radio, Matt Denny's Alehouse Restaurant, San Gabriel Mountains Forever, and Southern CA Gas Company for making this great event possible.

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**By Artistic Director, Christian Leban**  
“We can’t take any credit for our talents. It’s how we use them that counts.”  
Last week’s essay also began by quoting from Madeleine L’Engle’s book *A Wrinkle in Time*. I keep surprising myself with how many simple, yet profound, quotes from this book resonate for me. The one above puts me in mind of the wonderful team of artists that assembled to put this play on the stage who USE their talents in all the ways that really count.  
This is the biggest show (in terms of cues and effects) we’ve ever done at the Playhouse and I will be forever indebted to the extraordinary designers who’ve work so hard and so long (we’ve been regularly staying at the theater until 3:30 in the morning – and even pulled a few all-nighters to get this show up.) And the effects are dazzling – so much more than a small understaffed theater like ours has any hope of creating – but create them we did.  
Sean Paxton composed our music – and it is delightful. The Wrinkle/Meg theme he wrote puts me in mind of Dr. Who. It pulses and drives and makes me smile in anticipation every time I hear it. The music he wrote for Mrs. Whatsit’s transformation into the flying horse is majestic and soaring. The final moments are so fulfilling. He was able to punctuate small moments and underscore grand ones.  
Chris Moscatiello supplied all of the crazy sounds I asked of him from the ridiculous to the sublime – imagine my asking you to create four different kinds of disappearing door sounds, squeaky galoshes, the sound time travel makes, school bells, and the sound of magic flowers being plucked from the ground, plus dozens of others! He never batted an eye – he worked tirelessly to make them all just what was needed AND dazzling.  
Vicki Conrad costumed this monster of a show where actors jump from one character to another in an instant and need to be running around the building while they do it! She brought the characters to life and made them look as real or as wild as was appropriate. From pajamas for the kids to the drab dresses of Camazotz she creates worlds.  
Rebecca Hairston put more lighting instruments in our grid than we’ve ever used before. She created lighting that is sometimes so beautiful that it takes your breath away – and sometimes so sinister that you sense that danger is just around the corner. She is indefatigable – she works so hard to get the limited resources that we have to look like what you would expect to see at the bigger theaters and she does it all with a wisecracking wit and endless good humor.  
Matt Hill did double duty as set and projection designer – and wait till you see what magic he creates from the three different projectors we are using. Watch Meg walk down the stairs, fly through the universe, approach a haunted house, and walk the streets of Camazotz through his projections. He has taken all of my requests and given me more than I had a right to expect AND he threw in a couple of surprises that have become some of my favorite moments in the show.  
This team has been a gift. They have shared their talent and their professionalism with me and our cast all in hopes of creating something magical for you, our patrons. Working with them has been such a pleasure. I’m very proud of the work we have created, and I’m very grateful to them all. All of this has been managed so expertly by our Stage Manager Kelsey O’Keefe and her Assistant Emily Hoplauf – I’ll tell you more about them in another posting.  
As always we here at SMP do all of this for you – our faithful patrons. I look forward to seeing you and the young people in your life (this show will truly captivate them) in the audiences. We open March 10 and run Friday nights and Saturday matinees through April 22. For tickets please call Mary in the box office at 626.355.4318 or go to [SierraMadrePlayhouse.org](http://SierraMadrePlayhouse.org). Hope to see you soon!



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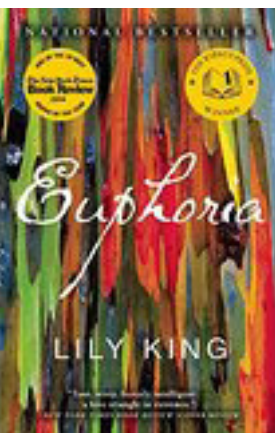
Jeff's Book Pics

By Jeff Brown

**The Nightingale** by Kristin Hannah  
FRANCE, 1939

In love we find out who we want to be. In war we find out who we are. In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France ... but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive. Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious eighteen-year-old girl, searching for purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets G etan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France, and she falls in love as only the young can ... completely. But when he betrays her, Isabelle joins the Resistance and never looks back, risking her life time and again to save others. With courage, grace and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. The *Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.

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All Things

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



generally called Automatic Temporary Restraining Orders or "ATROs" and they impact how you can change prior estate planning documents and what you can do with future estate planning decisions while your divorce is in progress. Talking with your divorce lawyer about these issues (or making an appointment to meet with your Family Trust Attorney before you file for divorce) is a wise decision.

2. If you've already filed for divorce, you may want to revoke any existing powers of attorney and health care directives giving your soon to be ex-spouse control over your assets and medical decision-making if you were to become incapacitated, as well as execute what we call a "divorce will", which is a "temporary" Will that would cover the disposition of your assets in the event of your death during your divorce. Again, talk to an attorney about the temporary documents which can be executed while you are in the divorce process, so you don't suffer any lapses in the valuable protections your estate plan provides. 3. Be sure to update your "temporary" documents once your divorce is final, and all asset dispositions have been handled, to take into account your new reality.

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THERE WILL NEVER BE A TRUMP PIVOT. EVER.

After his speech to a joint session of Congress last week, where President Donald Trump successfully managed to read, from a teleprompter, a speech that someone else had written for him and not sound barking mad, some members of the Beltway punditocracy fell all over themselves to declare thusly:

It had happened -- that magic moment we'd all been waiting for: Trump had, finally, and at long last, made the presidential pivot. He'd finally moved past reality TV host and become something approximating statesmanlike. Please.

By the weekend, Trump was back to his old tricks, ranting on Twitter, without a shred of evidence, that former President Barack Obama had ordered a wiretap of Trump Tower.

As expected, Trump's thus-far groundless complaints devoured the weekend's news cycle and deflected attention away from the woes of embattled Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the endless drumbeat of questions about Trump's -- and his inner circle's -- ties to Russia.

But it also provided formal confirmation of something that should be screamingly obvious to anyone who doesn't spend their weekends hurtling up and down the Acela corridor:

Donald Trump will never "pivot" and become presidential.

Ever. The sooner the Beltway punditocracy accepts this and stops crediting him for getting through a speech without saying something completely unhinged, the safer and better off we're all going to be as a nation.

Since exploding onto the public stage more than 18 months ago, someone, somewhere has declared a pivot to the presidential at least a dozen times.

Donald Trump is 70 years old. If he'd actually pivoted that sharply that many times, he'd need a double-hip replacement.

In case you're skeptical, the good folks at Slate, last August, compiled a list of alleged Trumpian pivots and resets.

It's worth reading in full. But here are a few highlights:

The earliest such instance was last March where Trump finally embraced the teleprompter during a speech to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. He was hailed for his sober embrace of policy. Two days later, he made fun of Ted Cruz's wife on Twitter, Slate reported.

Or, there was that time last May where Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell supposedly performed a magical intervention, telling Trump to "cool it."

Three days later, Slate recounted, Trump suggested Bill and Hillary Clinton were killers and he followed it up by accusing an Indiana-born judge hearing a fraud case against Trump of being biased against him because he was of Mexican descent.

Last July, Trump picked now-Veep Mike Pence as his running-mate, which apparently signaled some kind political maturity. During their first public appearance, Trump ignored him for 15 minutes and then reminded the crowd that Pence had backed Ted Cruz over him during the primary season.

Pence, readers will remember, was also apparently last to know about former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn's Russia problem.

Perhaps only Ben Kingsley's Vice President Jim Nance in the 1993 presidential spoof "Dave" has suffered more indignities.

Which brings us to the most recent alleged Trumpian pivot.

The proximate cause, we were told, was Trump pausing to honor war widow Carryn Owens, whose husband, Navy SEAL, William Ryan Owens, was killed in a botched raid in Yemen earlier this year.

Owens is a hero, no doubt about it. And his wife and family have endured an unspeakable tragedy.

But the sustained ovation Trump prompted came only hours after he threw his generals under the bus and tried to evade responsibility for the botched raid. It was an act whose political cynicism knows few parallels.

It also managed to deflect attention to a speech, while calm and measured in its tones, that actually offered little variance from the standard Trumpian script: Tough talk on immigration and an ongoing fear of the other.

Yes, there were some things to like about it - such as a \$1 trillion infrastructure proposal. But that glossed over Trump's creation of an office focused on crimes by undocumented immigrants, a move that was straight-up fear-mongering.

"Trump, dare I say, gracefully handed the spotlight to Owens -- even taking a few steps back to let her have that moment," Washington Post columnist Chris Cillizza wrote. "For a candidate, a man and a president who has shown a stunning inability to ever make it about anyone other than him, it was a very deft move."

In other words, he didn't completely bungle it.

Which may be the best we can ever expect from him.

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A BIG LITTLE LIE FROM FOX-TRUMP MEDIA



Sometimes it's possible to tell a big story in few words — as evidenced by an episode earlier this week that nicely illustrates this president's addiction to infauxmation (via Fox News) and blatant lying (via Twitter).

Basically, it's a closed loop. Fox News pumps bilge into his brain, and he spews it out through his fingers. Here's how it works:

At 6:12 a.m. Tuesday, Trump was watching cable, as he is wont to do, and he saw this breaking news on Fox: "A win in the war on terror. The Trump administration just killed a former Guantanamo Bay detainee released by Barack Obama. Yasir al-Silmi, once considered the worst of the worst, killed in a U.S. airstrike in Yemen. He had been released back in 2009 even though the Department of Defense recommended that he stay behind bars. One hundred twenty-two prisoners released from Gitmo have returned to the battlefield."

It was a classic Fox pseudo-story, and it got Trump's full attention — no surprise, given his current heightened obsession with President Obama. It's true that Yasir al-Silmi was released by Obama; it's true that he was a recidivist who'd returned to terrorism. But when Fox said that 122 prisoners released from Gitmo have returned to terrorism, it left the impression — without explicitly saying so — that Obama had freed them all.

So Trump thumbed his phone and explicitly decreed on Twitter that Obama had freed them all.

Trump didn't bother to run a fact-check, even though presidents have unparalleled access to data and stats. Nah, he just tweeted on impulse and animus:

"122 vicious prisoners, released by the Obama Administration from Gitmo, have returned to the battlefield. Just another terrible decision!"

According to facts that are readily available in the real world — facts attributed to the U.S. director of national intelligence — 113 of those 122 Gitmo prisoners, "confirmed of re-engaging in terrorist activity," were actually released from Gitmo by ... George W. Bush.

And of the 86 Gitmo prisoners who are "suspected on re-engaging in terrorist activity," 75 were released by George W. Bush.

I suppose this is not a surprise, given Trump's obsession with spewing fake news about Obama — ranging from his multi-year falsehoods about Obama's place of birth to his evidence-free contention that Obama illegally wiretapped his Manhattan tower — but it's instructive nonetheless to track Tuesday's episode from Fox News' insinuation to Trump's outright concoction.

This is the world we now live in, and I almost feel sorry for Sean Spicer (almost), because it's his job to mop up for his boss' BS. At a press briefing a few hours after Trump's big little lie, Spicer was asked: "Will the president offer a correction to his tweet this morning that states that 122 prisoners were released from Gitmo by the Obama administration and then returned to the battlefield?"

Spicer's reply: "Yes, I mean, obviously the president meant in totality the number that had been released on the battlefield — that have been released from Gitmo since — individuals have been released. So that is correct."

If you can fork your way through that word salad, you'll discover that Spicer did two contradictory things: He basically acknowledged that Trump had lied, but he also appeared to insist that Trump's lie had been inadvertent, because "obviously the president meant in totality the number."

Whatever. The bottom line is that we're stuck with a president whose habit is to pollute the information stream by taking stuff from Fox News and conflating it into fake news. In recent years numerous studies have concluded that Fox devotees are less well-informed than those who get most of their news from other outlets.

It's our national tragedy, and an assault on truth itself, that a Fox superfan is occupying the White House.

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MAKING SENSE  
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Sausage is being made in Washington. But you don't want to watch.

Whether you're a Democrat or a Republican, liberal or conservative, watching Washington's sausage being made will make you lose your appetite for democracy.

Whether it's rewriting tax policy or repealing and replacing Obamacare, I've always imagined the process starts somewhere in the basement of the Capitol Building. . .

A bunch of politicians who couldn't scramble an egg for their own breakfast are stuffing their favorite kinds of pork and spices into a gigantic meat grinder.

They argue about whose ideas are better and make private deals with each other. All their ingredients get smashed and squished together. Stuff falls on the floor.

Some guys who want to please their special friends back home sneak in crazy stuff at the last minute. Others take important stuff out for the same reason.

The whole dirty legislative process is too gross for anyone with high morals or political principles to watch, but in the end it turns out a piece of sausage that everyone in the country has to eat whether they like it or not.

American sausage is not perfect and never will be. And for the last century way too much of it has been made by liberals in Washington.

Now Republicans are trying to reverse things by replacing Obamacare with a huge new law that will bring market reforms, lower costs and patient choice to health care.

The whole country has been watching Speaker of the House Paul Ryan and the House as they try to make their Repeal & Replace sausage — on TV.

Even with their majorities and a Republican in the White House, Republicans have a lot of tough work to do.

Speaker Ryan, as he explained Thursday, will have to pull out every parliamentary trick in the book to slow-walk the Republicans' conservative sausage through Congress.

It's also going to take President Trump and every Republican in Washington to unite and work hard to overcome the opposition of Democrats and the liberal media.

The president has to take the lead.

He needs to meet with the Republican caucus, get everyone on the same page with him and lay down the law to any conservatives who are thinking of not supporting Repeal & Replace.

Too many "pure" conservatives in the Senate, the House Freedom Caucus and at think tanks have been criticizing R&R, calling it "Obamacare Lite" and complaining that it doesn't do X or Y or Z.

But Republicans who are expecting R&R to be perfect out of the box, or expect it already to be totally finished and tied with a nice red bow, are dreaming.

What's most important is they need to remember Ronald Reagan's 80-20 doctrine, which said that in Congress no one ever gets 100 percent of what they want in their sausage.

In the real world that's the way the lawmaking process works. Conservative Republicans have to be willing to give a little, be happy to get 80 percent now and work on getting the remaining 20 percent they want later.

Republicans can't blow this opportunity or they might as well forget tax reform and any other big dream for the next four years.

They need to find a way to come together to make Repeal & Replace work.

They also have to stay off Fox News and CBS and do their complaining in private. Let the Democrats, the pundits and the liberal media do the public criticizing.

When Republicans add their criticism to the mix, the public perceives Republicans to be in absolute disarray while the liberals who gave us Obamacare are unified and look like they know what they are doing.

The only time we should hear a public statement from a Republican Congressman who doesn't like the House's Repeal & Replace legislation is after it has passed.

Then he can say, "You know it might not be perfect but it's a heck of lot better than where we were headed under Obamacare."

Until that great day, if a Republican doesn't like the way Paul Ryan is making the R&R sausage, he should just shut the hell up.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017032011  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REY'S PAINTING, 726 S. GAGE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90023. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MISAEL REYES-MURILLO, 726 S. GAGE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90023. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Misael Reyes-Murillo. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/07/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017030822  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JUAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, 14545 FRIAR ST, STE #101AF, VAN NUYS, CA, 91411. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN LEYVA, JR. 23440 VIA BARRA, VALENCIA, CA, 91355. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Juan Leyva Jr., Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/07/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017031570  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GREENLANE SENIOR RELOCATION, 5330 DERRY AVE SUITE O, AGOURA HILLS, 91301. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MY DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, 5330 DERRY AVE, SUITE O, AGOURA HILLS, CA, 91301. This Business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. Signed: My Delivery Company LLC, Russell Argue, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/07/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017031698  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: H & M AUTOBODY & PAINT SHOP INC, 1050 S LA BREA AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90019. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) H & M AUTOBODY & PAINT SHOP INC, 1050 S LA BREA AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90019. This Business is conducted by: a Corporation. Signed: H & M Autobody & Paint Shop, Inc, Bela Gershenstien, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/07/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017032271  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE FLYLYF, 9638 ARLETA AVE, ARLETA, CA, 91331. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUIS GONZALEZ, 9638 ARLETA AVE, ARLETA, CA, 91331. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Luis Gonzalez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017032239  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HART2HEART, 12454 KLING STREET, STUDIO CITY, CA, 91604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HART2HEART PHYSICAL THERAPY INC., 12454 KLING STREET, STUDIO CITY, CA, 91604. This Business is conducted by: a Corporation. Signed: Hart2Heart Physical Therapy Inc, Kimberly L. Hartt, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 823/16. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017033111  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WEALTHSPRING PARTNERSHIP, 15 OUTRIGGER ST #203, MARINA DEL REY, CA, 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RUSSELL TODD MARKOWITZ, 6110 NEVADA AVE #413, WOODLAND HILLS, CA; JAIMSYNE BLAKELY, 15 OUTRIGGER ST #203, MARINA DEL REY, CA, 90292. This Business is conducted by: a General Partnership. Signed: Russell Todd Markowitz, Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017033039  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TKPR & MARKETING, 10583 DUNLEER DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90064. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TINA KARIMI, 10583 DUNLEER DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90064. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Tina Karimi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/7/2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017033246  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VALLEY BROTHERS CARPET CLEANING, 8423 ETON AVE, CANOGA PARK, CA, 91304. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WALTER WILLIAM YOUNG, 8423 ETON AVE, CANOGA PARK, CA, 91304; LINDA LEE YOUNG, 8423 ETON AVE, CANOGA PARK, CA, 91304. This Business is conducted by: a Married Couple. Signed: Walter William Young, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017033312  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LIGHT IT UP, 12256 CATENIA DR, GRANADA HILLS, CA, 91344; LIGHT IT UP LA, 12256 CATENIA DR, GRANADA HILLS, CA, 91344. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LIGHT IT UP INC., 12256 CATENIA DR, GRANADA HILLS, CA, 91344. This Business is conducted by: a Corporation. Signed: Light It Up Inc, Pablo A. Romeo, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017033313  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AMT TRANSPORT, 14002 SAN JOSE ST, SAN FERNANDO, CA, 91340. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN M. TORRES SR., 14002 SAN JOSE ST, SAN FERNANDO, CA, 91340. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Juan M. Torres Sr., Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/2017. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017033314  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALTUS, 125 XIMENO AVE APT 9, LONG BEACH, CA, 90803; ALTUS AERIAL MEDIA, 125 XIMENO AVE APT 9, LONG BEACH, 90803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TYLER GERVASI, 125 XIMENO AVE APT 9, LONG BEACH, CA, 90803. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Tyler Gervasi, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017033556  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WINGS SENIOR THESES FILM, 18111 NORDHOFF ST, NORTHBRIDGE, CA, 91330; WINGS SENIOR THESES FILM, 733 S ADAMS, APT. B, GLENDALE, CA, 91205. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KASSANDRA AGUILAR, 733 S ADAMS ST. B, GLENDALE, CA, 91205. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Kassandra Aguilar, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/09/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/07/17. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017034071  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WESTERN AUTO PARTS, 14245 VALERIO STREET, VAN NUYS, CA, 91405. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PEDRO GARCIA MENDOZA, 14245 VALERIO STREET, VAN NUYS, CA, 91405. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Pedro Garcia Mendoza. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/09/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017033678  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ANGELENO ELECTRIC, 9567 LEV AVE, ARLETA, CA, 91331. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEJANDRO VARGAS JR, 9567 LEV AVE, ARLETA, CA, 91331. This Business is conducted by: an Individual. Signed: Alejandro Vargas Jr., Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/09/17. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017-034713  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MAIL BOX & POSTAL 441 HUNTINGTON DR, SUITE 107, ARCADIA, CA, 91006. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SMART FEL INC, 441 E. HUNTINGTON DR, SUITE 107, ARCADIA, CA, 91006. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: SMART FEL INC., Jian Cheng, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/09/2017. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RAY F. SWIFT CASE NO. 17STPB01738

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RAY F. SWIFT. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHELLE J. WOODWARD in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHELLE J. WOODWARD 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 with limited authority. (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 in this court as follows: 04/05/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017-034712  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ABOUT SENIOR SOLUTIONS, 525 SOUTH MYRTLE AVE, SUITE 218, MONROVIA, CA, 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) McWIN ENTERPRISES, INC, 525 SOUTH MYRTLE AVE, SUITE 218, MONROVIA, CA, 91016. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: McWIN ENTERPRISES, INC., MARY MCDONALD WINNERS, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/09/2017. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2007. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2017-029012  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE SCHEFFEY GROUP 228 N. EL MOLINO AVE., PASADENA, CA, 91101. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SCHEFFEY ENTERPRISES, INC, 228 N. EL MOLINO AVE., PASADENA, CA, 91101. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: SCHEFFEY ENTERPRISES, INC., Blake E. Scheffey, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/03/2017. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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Across

- plant with leaves that have 3 small leaflets
- bishop in Ireland (2 words)
- large island west of Great Britain
- green, white and orange striped
- important food
- large, stringed instrument
- serpents

Down

- color of spring leaves; grass
- holiday month
- will grant you a wish if you can catch it
- short oak club
- used for smoking

pipe  
Saint Patrick  
Ireland  
green  
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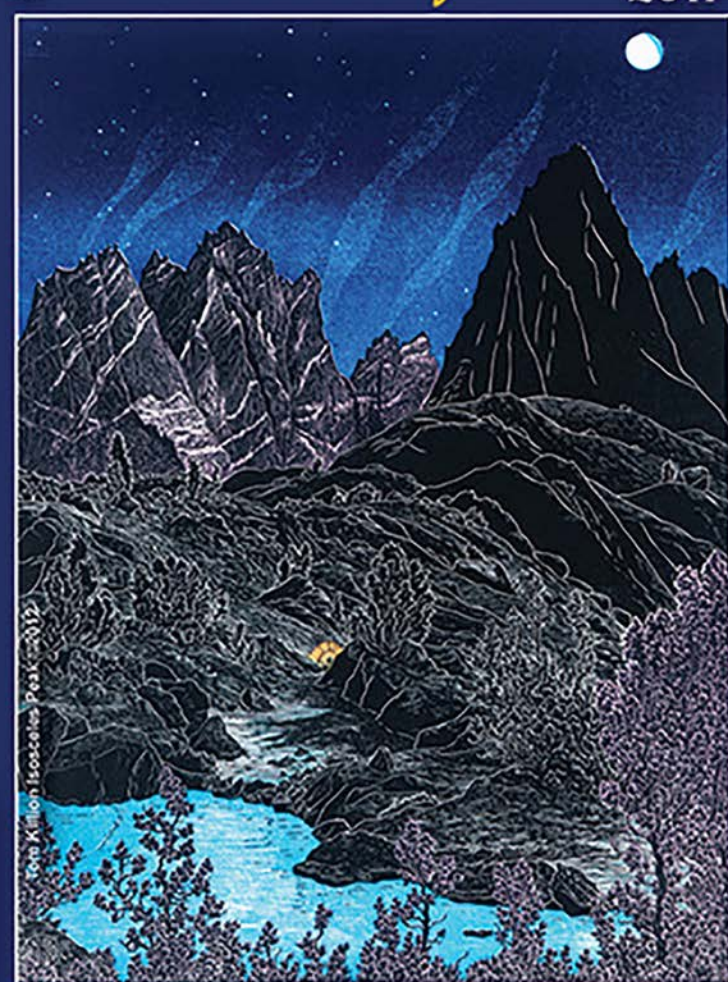
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## Celebrating Sierra Madre's Most Well Known Landmark

### The Vine

#### Sierra Madre's 122-Year Old Wistaria\* Vine By Phyllis Chapman

In 1894, William and Alice Brugman purchased a home on what was then called Piedmont, which is now called W. Carter Ave. The house had been built one year before by builder Amos Trussell for his daughter Winona and son-in-law Edward B. Jones when they married. It was the first wedding celebrated in early Sierra Madre.

The Trussells and the Jones had a change of plans, sold to the Brugmans and moved away. To enhance her new home, Alice Brugman and her neighbor Mrs. W. B. Crisp, drove by horse and buggy to the R. H. Wilson Pioneer Nursery in Monrovia and for \$.75 purchased a gallon can of wistaria. It was the Chinese Wistaria variety (Wisteria sinensis). She planted it in a corner of her front porch remarking to her neighbor: "They say Wistaria grows fast." And grow it did.

Mr. Brugman, a mining engineer, was in Mexico when the vine was planted. He died in 1899 and Mrs. Brugman sold the home in 1906. The property changed hands until it was purchased in 1913 by Henry T. and Estelle Fennel. Mr. Fennel, who was a bit of a horticulturist, loved the vine, and gave it devoted care, even building support trellises.

Although the Wistaria is a vigorous grower, the added support of the trellises may have contributed to this vine's phenomenal growth. The arbors prevented the end tendrils from hanging down and causing the tender terminal buds to die from the added weight. Wistaria requires good drainage, certainly provided by this hilly, terraced location. There may also be an underground spring providing water to the tap root.

The vine eventually destroyed the original home, growing into the walls and fireplace and causing the roof to collapse. Mr. Fennel built a new home 200 feet to the north (the present upper home) and trained the vine to grow up to, but not covering the new residence. A portion of the foundation of that original home was saved to continue to provide support for the vine as its branches extended such a distance.

When the vine was in bloom, the Fennels would invite friends to come and enjoy the blossoming plant. Visitors also came from Pasadena's main hotels: The Green, The Huntington, and The Raymond. In 1918, the Fennels opened the vine to the Sierra Madre Chapter of the American Red Cross, which sponsored a very successful fundraiser to help the war effort. 12,000 people attended the event. This was the beginning of many Wistaria festivals that took place year after year. Sierra Madre became known as the Wistaria City. Many local organizations, including the Board of Trade (now the Chamber of Commerce), the Woman's Club, the Masons and Eastern Star, the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Dept., etc. were involved.

Many homemade items, fancy work, ceramics, artwork, gift books, and Wistaria fragranced perfume, hand lotion and bath salts were sold at booths under the vine. Luncheons and teas were served, often with young Japanese women wearing their kimonos.

The hard work and money earned at the vine by the Woman's Club paid off the mortgage of their first clubhouse. One year the Fire Dept. parked 30,000 cars on the parking lot that existed in Floral Canyon. (This is now Sierra Meadow Dr.). Easter sunrise services were among vine activities. People came from all over the world and extra street cars were added to handle the crowds. Among the famous were Fritz Kreisler, Janet Leigh, Mary Pickford, and Norman Rockwell. These two helped select the festival's Wistaria Queen. Packard Automobile Co. used the vine as a backdrop to advertise its automobile.

On December 5, 1936, Carrie Ida Lawless purchases the vine property from Mrs. Fennel, who was now a widow, for \$17,000.00. December 5th was Mrs. Lawless' birthday, and according to one account, she was making a present to herself of the world's largest bouquet. Also a widow, her husband William J (Bill) Lawless was mayor of Sierra Madre during 1928-29. She, herself, was a successful businesswoman having founded the Weaver Jackson Beauty Co. in Los Angeles and was active in the community, serving as president of the Woman's Club and the Garden Club.

Mrs. Lawless spent a small fortune (around \$100,000) enhancing the grounds of her new property and caring for the vine. When the festivals were held they often lasted for the weeks the vine was in bloom, not just for one day. Mrs. Lawless, a patron of the arts, also sponsored vine activities all year long.

She hosted art exhibits, musicales, and poetry readings. Nearby residents objected to the constant activity

and took their complaints to the City Council. Nothing was done as Mrs. Lawless presented the argument that the vine existed before these neighbors purchased their properties.

In recognition for her contributions to the community, the Garden Club planted another Wistaria in the terraced garden on the west side of what is today the Solt's garden. It blooms a bit later than the original vine and the plaque commemorating the occasion is gone.

When Mrs. Lawless died in 1942, she provided for the vine by leaving a legacy to her nephew and heir, Bruce McGill, to continue care of the property with a committee headed by the Garden Club President. In 1944, the property was purchased by Richard and Marian Thayer. Marian is the daughter of M. Penn Phillips, a well-known developer of desert property. In 1944 the vine was overgrown and in poor condition. Richard Thayer planned to chop it up and get rid of it. A protest was raised and an association was formed to protect the vine, with money provided to pay property taxes and provide year-round care for the vine.

In 1961, after Richard Thayer died, the lot was split. Marian married builder Ronald Cook who developed the west side of the property with homes and built the present Solt home for he and Marian in 1962. The upper home was sold to Joseph and Marie Feeney who raised eight children there. In 1972, Ron and Marian sold the lower home to Bob and Nell Solt. In the late 1990s, Joe Feeney died and Maria sold the property. It was purchased in 2003 by the present owners, Dan and Dana Dorrance.

By the 1970's Vine Festival activity had about ended. It started up again in the late 70's when sponsored for one day each year by the Chamber of Commerce. The Sierra Madre Beautification Committee was the yearly sponsor in the 1980's. Approximately 500-600 people attended the festival each year. In the spring of 1989, Huell Howser came to film the vine for his program Videolog, which aired on KCET. The next year, approximately 6,000 people came to view the vine. The festival organizers were unprepared for such a turnout; lines stretched for two blocks. Howser returned in 1992 to film again for his California Gold program. Sierra Madre and the Chamber of Commerce quickly organized and combined the annual Vine viewing with a downtown street fair. A shuttle bus is provided, and people procure tickets to see the vine at a pre-scheduled time.

The Guinness Book of World Records has named the Vine the World's largest flowering plant. It is estimated that at the height of bloom it has 1.5 million blossoms with 40 blossoms per sq. ft., weighs 250 tons and has branches that extend 500 feet. Wistaria is a member of the pea family though its seeds resemble a flat bean. Seed pods burst open in the summer. The plant is deciduous, losing its leaves in the winter. Wistaria seeds were brought from China by Marco Polo in the 13th century.

Today, the vine covers approximately one acre. Over the years, it has shown distress and seemed to be dying. Experts have been brought in from Cal Tech, Occidental, and Cal Poly Pomona. Correct pruning, treatments with hormones, and vitamin B have helped the vine to recover and to flourish. To help maintain the Vine's health, records of vine growth and care are now kept on a computer log. The Vine seems to produce its greatest flowering after a cold winter followed by a sudden hot spell.

*What is the correct spelling for wisteria—wisteria or wistaria?* In the Sunset Western Garden Book it is spelled wisteria. Sierra Madre has always spelled it wistaria. According to L. A. County Arboretum and Botanic Garden senior biologist Jim Bauml and Librarian Joan De Fato, the plant was named to honor Caspar Wistar (1761-1818), an American physician and teacher, who taught at the University of Pennsylvania. Among his accomplishments, he wrote the first text-book on anatomy. When the name of the genus Wisteria was put into the books, it was incorrectly spelled, says De Fato. So, one could say that all along, Sierra Madre has correctly spelled Wistaria!



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The Festival features tours of the world's largest blossoming plant, certified by the Guinness Book of World Records. Each year, the property owners upon whose land the vine sits open their homes to allow thousands to view the vine. Dozens of Sierra Madre residents volunteer to act as docents at the property, telling the story of the vine, which was originally planted from a 1-gallon pot that was purchased for \$0.75 in 1894.

In addition to the tours of the vine, the two main downtown streets of Sierra Madre are closed to traffic so that crafters and artists can set up booths to display and sell their wares. This year we have added a free Vintage Car Show to the festivities. Downtown village shops are open, and musical acts perform at multiple outdoor venues. Memorial Park is transformed into a combination Kids/Food zone and a hub of information about local non profits.

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SIERRA MADRE'S MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

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We have also reviewed and updated all City waiver forms and agreements to ensure the City is protected during city-wide annual events. Finally, the City completed the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

**Police**

We have come a long way since this time last year. As you recall, at the prospect of the possible contracting out to the Sheriff's Department owing to declining revenues, almost half our department left for other departments, thus precipitating a true crisis. The passage of the UUT Measure last April enabled us to begin recruiting officers and the slow process of rebuilding the department began. Tonight, I am elated to report that The Sierra Madre Police Department is almost completely staffed! We are appreciative that the LA County Sheriff's department was able to assist us, but we are even more pleased to have our own SMPD back! A word about our recruitment successes:

**Academy Police Recruits** - For the first time in the history of SMPD, the city sponsored two police recruits to attend police academy. One of our recruits was voted to be the Honor Recruit by academy staff, other recruits and overall standings in the 22-week academy. Last Tuesday night we welcomed in our two new dispatchers, our two new officers, including the Honor Recruit, and our recently promoted sergeants. The City Council was impressed by all of these new department members. I believe that the quality of the department will be better than it's ever been.

Also, I'd like to acknowledge The Public Safety Committee, which was formed a little over a year ago. Its members have been extremely diligent and the committee's work has been extremely helpful in addressing public safety issues in the City, specifically issues having to do with our Police and Fire Departments.

Fire Department

Fire Department





We now have a completed Fire department Strategic Plan – that's a major move forward. The City purchased and installed 11 new Automatic External Defibrillator's (AEDs) throughout the city. The buildings that received the AEDs were the library, the lobby in the fire and police facility,

the Hart Park House, City Hall, the YAK and one was placed in each of the two sergeant's cars.

And, as a temporary alleviation of some staffing challenges, the department increased part-time hours for Engineers and Paramedics. I will address the challenges facing our Fire Department later in my remarks.

The Public Works Department has been very busy this year:

We replaced water mains in Idle Hour and Skyland Drive, and on Michillinda and repaired hundreds of leaks in our water mains.

We purchased (and utilized) water main leak detection equipment – to locate leaks before they come to the surface. This has been very effective.

We obtained state regulatory approvals to use imported water for groundwater recharge, so we could begin to pump water from the aquifer, into the city's water system; instead of putting the water straight into the water system, greatly reducing problems with discolored water. Getting on top of the water discoloration problem that came with the importation of water was a major accomplishment this past

year.

The department is engaged in an ongoing program to repair sewers and to resurface streets as budget allows.

In the Area of Planning, The City's new General Plan is being implemented – you may have noticed new regulations for the following:

Demolition Ordinance

Accessory Units Ordinance

New R1 Standards

Ordinance regarding Group Homes

Also, construction has begun on new Workforce Housing at the old Church property on Highland.

Finally, I am pleased to report that we now have full-time Code Enforcement staff.

**Library and Community Services**

Introduced and expanded the cross-over programs and shared resources between Community Services and the Library. Some of this year's accomplishments include:

A new Field Use Agreement was negotiated.

A Senior Master Plan was adopted.

We Introduced regular library programming including science (STEM) programming for kids.

And we've continued successful Library Programs - such as One-Book-One-City.

\*All in all, it's been a very productive year in our City Government with progress on many fronts.

Now I'd like to address significant Challenges and Opportunities we are facing as we move forward this year:

**Water Conservation** – I am sorry to say that even with this year's significant rain fall and snow in the mountains, the city's underground aquifer (the East Raymond Basin) has not yet recovered from the drought. It is important that residents continue to conserve water. Toward that end the city has rolled out new, technologically advanced water meters to assist customers to more closely monitor their water use. Currently the meters are being offered to customers who slightly exceed their conservation targets. Eligible customers will be notified by a letter from the city. In the near future we hope to be able to offer additional meters as budget allows.

**On the Financial front** – While this year's General Fund budget is balanced, it is not projected to remain balanced due to increasing costs. The Council will soon begin working on a Financial Plan that looks into the future to figure out what needs to be done so that the city is not continually in this cycle of not having adequate funding for the current level of city services. Obviously we will need a great deal of public participation in the discussion.

**Fire Department** – One of the financial challenges pertains to the future of the City's Fire Department. The "Volunteer Model" and use of many part-time employees, I'm sorry to say, is simply not feasible for much longer. The City's Public Safety Committee evaluated this issue and prepared a recommendation to the Council. The Council will be considering the recommendation at a March Council meeting – the recommendation is for a fully-paid career department, at an additional cost of approximately \$735,000 annually.

**Vacant Positions** – as soon as the new City Manager comes on board, he will begin filling the other Department Head vacancies, including the Assistant City Manager, the Public Works Director and the Chief of Police positions. In the meantime, there are current staff members filling in as "interims" so that the city's business can continue.

**Infrastructure** - Maintenance and Replacement of City Infrastructure remains a challenge. There is a back log of millions of dollars in maintenance of city streets and water system infrastructure alone.

We will be addressing in earnest our Water Infrastructure in two phases:

The Council will soon be reviewing a Water System Master Plan that will first identify the specific components of the system that need to be addressed, including the costs required to "catch-up" after many years of deferred maintenance. This will include the many leaking, aged water mains in the city.

Then, the second part of the study will be a financial component to determine how to pay for the needed improvements.

**Water Rates** – At the current rate, the City's water fund reserves will be depleted in approximately two years. In the next few months, the Council will be embarking on a new water rate study. Public participation in the process will be critical.

State and Federal mandates continue to be a challenge and cost the city money.

There are a number of them but the NPDES heads the list. These are the new regulations imposed on municipalities in order to clean up runoff water. Right now, thanks to diligent staff efforts, and, thanks specifically to Council Member Capoccia, we seem to be staying ahead of it. The actual implementation of the most onerous components of NPDES could take years to come to fruition, but the worst case scenario, we've discussed many times in Council, could cost the City millions in cleanup efforts in the not too distant future. This is an issue deserving of your continued attention.

**The Future**

I know, that this year, once again, you will all pitch in and help the Council as it works diligently at long-term planning in the areas of finances, infrastructure and public safety – specifically the Fire Department..

We need your involvement in the discussion just as much as ever before.

Even with the challenges facing us there is much to celebrate as we look ahead. We have a dedicated staff of employees who will continue to do many of the thankless jobs that it is easy to take for granted. I want to take time right now to thank each and every one of them for their dedication to our City.

Our citizens, you, the people of this city proved last year through your activism and involvement in our budgetary crisis that you are among the most public spirited people of any place in our nation.

The unique nature of our town is constantly on display. Sierra Madre Blvd. was as packed as it has ever been during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade this past summer, thanks to the 4th of July Committee. The Mount Wilson Trail race entries keep selling out earlier and earlier each year because of Sierra Madreans dedicated to making it happen. Even during a torrential downpour last Friday night, you came out in large numbers to support the library at the Friends of the Library Wine Tasting at Alverno High School.

Sierra Madreans are bright, resourceful, energetic, and, most importantly, are infused with this special Sierra Madre volunteer spirit that makes this such a special place. Where will you find more volunteers than in Sierra Madre? Think of all the people now serving or who have served on our City Boards and Commissions. That Rose Float that keeps winning medals doesn't build itself. Little League, Pony League and Girls Softball League are all bursting at the seams. It takes many people countless hours for these opportunities for our children to be realized. I'll bet Pete Siberell had folks up on the Mt. Wilson Trail this weekend assessing damage from the storm armed with shovels and pick axes. We have amazing volunteer organizations everywhere you look in this town making vital contributions – the Civic Club, the Woman's Club, The Historical Preservation Society, The Sierra Madre Community Foundation, Kiwanas, Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce.. and others. This is the true nature of our people in this little slice of heaven. Motivated by this amazing spirit, working together, we can accomplish anything. I can assure you that every member of your City Council appreciates what this town is all about and shares your vision of a beautiful, vibrant, sustainable Sierra Madre now and in the future.

In conclusion, I want to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to serve you as your Mayor. It has truly been an honor. And, I'd like to thank my colleagues on the City Council for trusting me with this position. I say this we great sincerity - that working with all four of them is an honor and a pleasure.

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## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month, and it's a wonderful opportunity to be grateful for all of the amazing contributions women have made to our world. This year is the 150th anniversary of Mary Baker Eddy's discovery of Christian Science. Because of its profound effect on the lives of many people and her efforts as its founder, Eddy was then one of the most famous women in the United States. The founder of the Red Cross, Clara Barton, said in an interview published in the New York American in 1908 that she looked upon Mary Baker Eddy as "the one person, regardless of sex, living today, who has done the greatest good for her fellow-creatures and that Christian Science itself is the most remarkable as well as potent factor in religious life."

In 1866 Eddy fell on the ice in Lynn, Massachusetts and was thought to be dying by both her physician and pastor. In bed, she asked for her Bible and read one of Jesus' healings. While pondering this healing, she deeply felt God's love and healing power. She then quickly recovered, getting up out of bed and surprising those who had expected her to die. From that point on she was healthier than she had ever been. Instead of being satisfied with her new-found health, she realized that there must be a law behind this healing. Jesus healed consistently. So she spent the next three years studying the Bible to understand the Science behind Christian healing. In doing so she also healed many through what she called scientific prayer, which is an affirmative prayer instead of a prayer of petition. She viewed Jesus as the most scientific man that ever lived, a Christian Scientist, because he had dominion over all the challenges that he faced. He healed the sick, raised the dead, walked on water, and stilled storms, all through spiritual – not material – means.

One doctor, unable to heal his patient, observed Eddy heal his patient through prayer. He urged her to write a book on this healing method, so she spent many years writing and editing Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, which is the full explanation of Christian Science. Many have been healed



by reading this book and understanding the prayerful healing method that has been set forth.

If you would like to learn more about this remarkable woman and the healing perspective of Christian Science, come to a free lecture given by Evan Mehlenbacher a practitioner and teacher of Christian Science at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 942 E. Altadena Dr., Altadena, CA on Sunday, April 3rd at 2:30 pm. (626 797-8403) Free parking and childcare is provided. Information on Christian Science and Mary Baker Eddy may also be found at [MaryBakerEddyLibrary.org](http://MaryBakerEddyLibrary.org) and [ChristianScience.com](http://ChristianScience.com).

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## EMERGING WOMEN

March 18 - April 26

March 18 - Opening Night 7-9pm  
April 7 - Q & A Discussion 7-9pm  
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David Lamb is a third generation Pasadena native who has spent his entire life living in the San Gabriel Valley. Most of his adult life David has worked in Police, EMS or Fire Jobs in Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino Counties, rising to the rank of Captain/Paramedic.

Through his work in fire departments he was lead to become an OES Hazardous Materials Trainer and developed a fondness for teaching leading him into EMS instruction, where he has taught in high schools and EMS programs. He has been teaching Hazardous Materials for 20 years and CPR and First Aid for fifteen and holds a California State Teaching Credential.

### EVENT DETAILS

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