

SIERRA MADRE'S MAGNIFICENT VINE



What a wonderful day for a festival! The weather was perfect and the legendary Wistaria Vine was in full bloom. Families came from near and far as thousands made the trek to see the Vine either on foot or via shuttle. While in town, visitors also had the opportunity to shop and dine at our local merchants, visit nearly 100 crafter booths, food booths, and non profit organization booths. There was plenty of music around town and very special guests that just wanted to be adored, the 'Purple Ponies'. The Wistaria Auto Show also displayed exactly 100 antique and unique cars. The event was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Photos by D. Lee/MVNews

CREATIVE ARTS GROUP INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE PREMIER GALLERY

Exhibition: "EMERGING WOMEN" Opening Night Reception - Saturday March 18, 7 to 9 pm



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

In addition, Maurine St. Gaudens, along with her colleagues Joseph Morsman and Maureen Siegel Sprowles, will be at Creative Arts Group on April 7, 2017, from 7-9pm to participate in a Q & A discussing the artists presented in Emerging from the Shadows and the influential role these adventurous women played in the development of the arts culture in California. The exhibition will continue through April 26, 2017. (Gallery Hours: M-F 10am-5pm & Sat. 10-2) www.creativeartsgroup.org/emerging/ www.emergingfromtheshadows.com/ Creative Arts Group 108 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre www.creativeartsgroup.org 626.355.8350

WELCOME GABE!

Sierra Madre's New City Manager Receives Warm Welcome from Residents



Pictured above is Sierra Madre Mayor Gene Goss, right, welcoming Gabriel 'Gabe' Engeland, the town's new city manager. A reception was held on Tuesday and residents had the chance to give Gabe a warm Sierra Madre welcome! His first day on the job was Monday, March 13th. Photo by Dave Felt

SAYING FAREWELL

...A Message From Retiring City Manager Elaine Aguilar:

"I began working for cities in 1983, and I held a number of positions, in a number of cities, all in preparation for August 2007, when I was appointed Sierra Madre's new City Manager. Now nine and a half years have gone by so quickly, and I can't believe this is my final City Manager's report. I truly mean it when I say that Sierra Madre is a special place, and it isn't easy leaving, but personal family matters need my full attention, so it is time to turn things over to the new City Manager Gabe Engeland. I have been able to spend some time with Gabe and I really think he is

fantastic, and he will be a good fit for this wonderful town. I am really going to miss everyone - the City Council Members, the residents, business owners, volunteers and City staff. One of my many goals, 9.5 years ago, was to hopefully bring some stability to the position of City Manager, and at that time, I wholeheartedly gave the City Council a 5 year commitment. But little did I know that 5 years would quickly almost become 10 years! I leave knowing that between the committed City Council, the involved community, and the dedicated City staff, that there aren't any obstacles that are too great and that can't be overcome. I wish everyone and Sierra Madre all the best!

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Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR March 28, 2017
6:30 pm

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.



SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 2017,
6:30 pm

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

Upcoming Community Events

- March 24 – 26 Huck Finn Campout, Fishing Derby, Family Fishing
- Saturday, April 15 – Easter Egg Hunt – Memorial Park
- Sunday, April 23 – Free Compost Giveaway at Sierra Vista Basketball Courts
- May 6 – 7 – Art Fair sponsored by Friends of SM Library at SM Memorial Park
- Friday, May 26th – MWT Race Pasta Feed and Raffle at Kersting Court
- Saturday, May 27th – Mount Wilson Trail Race
- Saturday, June 3rd – Community Yard Sale at Sierra Vista Park



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AND HAVE SOME FUN!

SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION SEEKING OLDER AMERICAN NOMINATIONS

Sierra Madre, CA – January 30, 2017 - The City of Sierra Madre Community Services Department and the Senior Community Commission are seeking your collaboration. The honor is a long-standing tradition in Sierra Madre and bestowed upon exceptional individuals, age 60 or older, who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to community service. The individual selected by you or any organization must live in Sierra Madre.

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/

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

March 5, to March 12, 2017 During this time period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 261 day and night time calls for service.

Thursday, March 9 At about 8:45 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 400 block of Churchill Road. The unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through a rear door while the resident was home. The suspect(s) fled once they realized that someone was home and broke the rear glass door as the left the home. No property was taken. Case forwarded to Detectives Sunday, March 12 A report of theft was taken from a vendor participating at the Westaria Festival in the 100 block of W. Sierra Madre Bl. at about 12:15 p.m. An unknown suspect(s) took an alarm clock from a display table and fled in an unknown direction. Case to Detectives

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**Speaker,
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EVENT DETAILS

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Runner-ups: (2 Tickets each)

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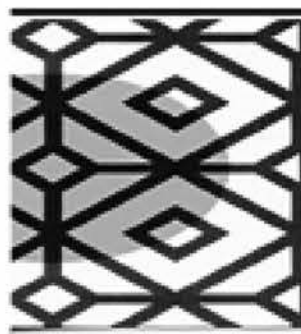
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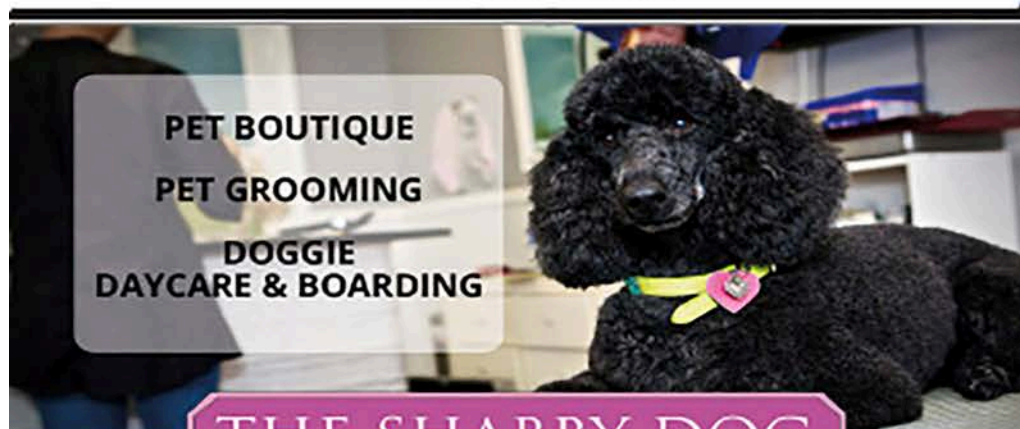
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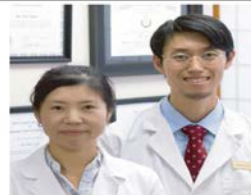
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Bomb Threat at Jackson Elementary



Altadena deputies responded Wednesday morning around 9:50 a.m. to Jackson Elementary on west Woodbury Rd. regarding a call of a bomb threat. The school was immediately put on lock down.

According to police, an unknown male caller who telephoned a school employee and indicated he was going to blow up the school. According to the employee, the suspect's voice sounded that of a male adult. The suspect did not say at what time in which the incident was to occur, nor provide any details regarding the description of the device. The suspect also did not provide any details regarding where the device was located police said.

The deputies conducted a search of the school, along with the assistance of four (4) K-9 bomb detection units and school personnel who were familiar with the campus. No explosive devices or foreign unfamiliar devices were detected. Additionally, there was no known motives and there was no suspect identified. "The school has been checked by the police, Altadena Sheriff's, and the 'all clear' has been given, so school has resumed its normal operations," said PUSD spokeswoman Hilda Ramirez Horvath. "School personal are trained to manage emergencies and really keep children focused and calm during things like this. So children have resumed their school day as normal."

Pet of the Week



USC (A413913) is a 6-month-old, female, blonde Chihuahua with a ton of puppy energy! Whether she's chasing after a tennis ball or playing tug-of-war with a rope toy, USC can't get enough playtime. USC is also very affectionate. Ever since she was turned in because her owners were moving, USC has been making Pasadena Humane Society staff fall in love with her loving personality.

The adoption fee for dogs is \$125, but as part of our March Madness Adoption Tournament, USC's adoption is free thanks to generous donors! All dogs are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before being adopted.

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 A413913, 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.



Council to Hear Plan Review for New Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine

The Pasadena City council will hear, Monday night, a predevelopment plan for a new four-story, 80,000-square-foot Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine located on the southeast corner of Los Robles Avenue and Green Street. The new building would house a fully accredited medical school for future physicians of Kaiser.

According to the city staff report, the current 16,700 square-foot commercial office building and a surface parking lot at 94 South Los Robles Avenue would be demolished to allow for the new school. Kaiser officials said the medical school will have a prospective student body of up to 192 students.

The proposed project would provide 226 parking spaces in a three level subterranean garage.

According to city staff "The project site is located within the City's Transit-Oriented Development area. The

projects site is approximately 0.6 miles walking distance from both the Memorial Park and Del Mar Stations. Prospective students and faculty could benefit from the proximity of the project site to Gold Line stations."

The project was reviewed by the Design Commission last year. Some of the recommendations include, "closely studying the proposed landscaping to emphasize the importance and presence of courtyards and alleyways and the experience of pedestrians as they move through these spaces."

"Continue to carefully study the use and function of the open spaces and courtyards consider relocating uses such as gathering spaces and cafeterias to the ground floor level adjacent to these landscaped open spaces to further activate the street and better connect users to courtyards and the

surrounding context."

"The modern contemporary architectural style is appealing and the concept should be further explored and better executed by refining the design to be more true to its design concept so as to be a truly innovative and unique contribution to the rich architectural history of Pasadena."

The commission also said that the service entrance shall not be located off of Green Street among other things.

This is an information only item and the council will not take a vote.

The council meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Pasadena City Hall, 100 North Garfield Avenue, room S249.

Pasadena Police Traffic Enforcement

The Pasadena Police Department will be conducting a Traffic Enforcement program on Monday throughout the city.

Officers will be deployed at various locations throughout the city to look for violations including, but not limited to, primary collision factors involving speed or red signals. When violations are observed, violators will cited and/or educated on the safety concerns associated with the violation. The need for driver education and enforcement is constantly on the rise due to the increased volume of traffic within the city of Pasadena.

The Pasadena Police Department's ultimate goal is to enforce and educate the driving public at the same time reducing serious injuries and fatal collisions. Funding for these programs is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Free CERT Emergency Skills Training

Free training for CERT graduates, Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, Amateur Radio Operators, and the general public. The goal of the meeting, April 12 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., is to educate and empower groups of neighbors to be self-sufficient during a disaster. This will be a very hands on discussion of the steps required to build a plan for you and your closest neighbors.

The Golden Hour is the one hour you have after an earthquake to find any neighbors who may be injured and trapped. The "Map Your Neighborhood" training will help empower you and your neighbors to develop a plan where "neighbors help neighbors" until help can arrive. Please bring 1-5 neighbors so that you can work as a team on your plan.

The event will be at Library Community Room - 1115 El Centro Street, South Pasadena.

Arroyo Seco Weekend Lineup Includes Tom Petty



Passes for the event go on sale Monday at 11a.m.

By Dean Lee

The long anticipated two-day Arroyo Seco Weekend now has official dates and a lineup that includes Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, Mumford & Sons, Weezer and local artist/actor Jeff Goldblum and the Mildred Snitzer Orchestra.

Other performers for the festival, June 24th and 25th, at Brookside next to the iconic Rose Bowl Stadium include Alabama Shakes, The Meters, Dawes, The Shins and Fitz & the Tantrums among others.

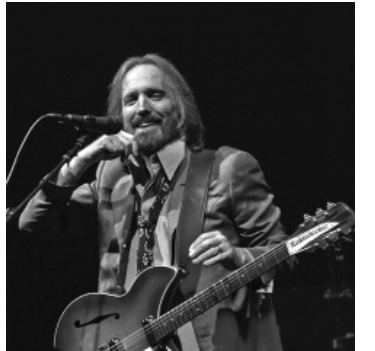
The event is being billed as "family friendly" and includes a Kidspace Children's Museum area as well as art installations from local artists.

The event will have three stages of live music along with food from local restaurants and chefs plus craft beer and wine. Organizers say food will include Italian dishes, authentic Mexican, to Korean BBQ and gluten-free and vegan options. Celebrated chefs and restaurants include Walter Matzke, Jason Neroni, and Ray Garcia.

This is the first festival in a 10-year contract signed between the Rose Bowl Operating Company and Goldenvoice. Nic Adler CEO for Goldenvoice said, during public meetings in

2015, that they plan to expand what was known then as "Arroyo Seco Music & Arts Festival," to include the entire Arroyo, and the Rose Bowl stadium. He also talked about making it multiple weekends similar to Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival. Weekend and single day general admission and VIP passes go on sale this Monday at 11a.m. on ArroyoSecoWeekend.com. Single-day, per person, admission starts at \$125 with a weekend pass at \$225.

Goldenvoice are the creators of Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival and Stagecoach: California's Country Music Festival. Beginning as an independent punk rock promoter in the early 1980s, Goldenvoice grew to be the preeminent alternative promoter in Southern California by forging strong relationships with both bands and music fans.



Tom Petty

City Oil Filter Exchange Event

All Pasadena do-it-yourselfers are invited to safely recycle both their used oil and oil filters—and get a new oil filter for free—from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 25, 2017 at O'Reilly Auto Parts, 919 N. Lake Ave.

This is the first of four such free oil filter exchange events currently being planned this year by the City's Department of Public Works. The events are all planned for the last Saturday of each month beginning in March and repeating in April, May and June. Next month's event is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 29, 2017 at AutoZone, 555 N. Lake Ave.

Just bring your used oil filter—and used oil—and get a free new oil filter, limit two (2) per person. The oil filter exchange helps protect the environment by promoting proper recycling of used oil and oil filters. A list of participating certified

oil and oil filter collection centers in Pasadena is online at cityofpasadena.net.

Used oil filters are recyclable because they are primarily made of steel. Used oil can be recycled to make other petroleum-based products such as asphalt and heating oil. In 2016, certified collection centers in Pasadena collected about 15,865 gallons of used oil that might otherwise had been improperly disposed of by do-it-yourselfers. The City each year also directly collects about 400 gallons of used oil from residential refuse customers who call for a pick up. If you want to schedule a used oil pick-up, contact the Pasadena Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311.

Pasadena's Oil Filter Exchange program is made possible by a grant from the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

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.

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 pasadenaseniorcenter.org or call (626) 795-4331.

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

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ARCADIA UNIFIED DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS INTERNS RECEIVE STATEWIDE RECOGNITION

ARCADIA-- A group of talented Arcadia High School students is honored with a prestigious communications award that is typically reserved for seasoned public relations professionals. The Arcadia Unified School District and its Digital Communications Internship (DCI) program were recently honored by the California School Public Relations Association (CalSPRA) at its annual awards dinner held in Sacramento. Arcadia Unified's DCI students received an "Award of Excellence" in CalSPRA's Excellence in Communications program.

"I am beyond proud of the job our students did on this project, and am grateful that CalSPRA recognized them for their very creative and important work," said Arcadia Unified School District Public Information Officer Ryan Foran who created and oversees DCI. "This was a major project that we spent a lot of time on, and more importantly, it will save our district money and afford more students access to Chromebooks and technology."

The "Award of Excellence," the highest distinction available, was earned in the Multimedia/Visual Communication category for the creation of "DCI Chromebook Care Video." After completing a three-year, 1:1 technology rollout, where every student and teacher in the district received their own Chromebook to work with, the number of repairs being made were higher than anticipated for the roughly 10,000 Chromebooks distributed throughout the District.

"We needed to get the word to our students about a few simple but important tips and techniques that would reduce the number of repairs we were making to the Chromebooks," explained Arcadia Unified's Chief Technology Officer Scott Bramley. "I've seen the impressive work produced by DCI, and knew they would do a great job with this project."

DCI turned the challenge into an opportunity and created a very informative yet entertaining video about proper Chromebook care. The video, which has well over 2,000 views on YouTube, was sent to all AUSD

parents, students, and teachers, and was also watched and discussed in classrooms throughout the District. After the release of the video, damage reports significantly decreased.

Alongside Foran, AHS juniors Naomi Silver and Melanie Mak, two-year DCI veterans, led the project as co-executive producers, with Silver also serving as lead video editor. Twelve other DCI students worked on the video as segment producers, actors, and contributors. These students include: Adele Ng, Alan Zhang, Derek Jing, Nick Marshall, Jack Wu, Jarett Yip, Jeremy Du, Kelly Li, Sarah Wang, Seongwook Jang, Troy Nguyen, and Katie Wen.

The Arcadia Unified Digital Communications Internship program was created in the Spring of 2015 and is an integral part of Arcadia Unified's Communications and Public Information Office. DCI has grown from its first intern, Arcadia High senior Travis Chen, to 41 Apaches now participating in the program. The interns help cover the many events that occur throughout the district through digital communications, helping tell the many positive stories of Arcadia Unified's students, teachers, and staff.

"It's more important now than ever that schools share our stories, to help parents connect with their children's schools and to help taxpayers see how districts are spending their precious resources. CalSPRA's Award of Excellence winners are at the top of their class, successfully building support for and creating an understanding of our public schools," said CalSPRA President Music Watson. CalSPRA is a nationally recognized leader in school communications that promotes better public understanding, commitment, and support of public education through effective communications.

For more information contact Ryan Foran, AUSD Public Information Officer: rforan@ausd.net, work (626) 821-6664, cell (626) 802-7602

INCIDENT: ROBBERY – ARCADIA CASE 17-1445

On Friday March 17, 2017, at about 1:49 P.M., Arcadia police officers were dispatched to 115 E. St. Joseph Street regarding a robbery investigation. The victim reported a male Hispanic and two female Hispanics had just robbed her. The victim stated a female suspect peppered sprayed her as a second female suspect stole the victim's wallet. The male suspect told the victim he had a gun and she felt what she believed was a gun pressed up against her body. The suspects were last seen westbound on First Ave. from the location.

Suspect #1 is described as a male, Hispanic, heavy set, approximately 25 years-old, wearing basketball shorts and a dark colored shirt.

Suspect #2 is described as a female, Hispanic, approximately 25 years-old, wearing black clothing, a

black hat, and black sunglasses.

Suspect #3 is described as a female, Hispanic, approximately 25 years-old, wearing workout clothes, a black hat, and black sunglasses. Suspect #3 had acne on her face.

This incident is being investigated by Arcadia Police Department Detectives. Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact the Arcadia Police Department at (626 574-5151, Case 17-1445. If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), or use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Mobile App" on Google Play or the App Store, or by using the website <http://lacrimstoppers.org>.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, March 5th, through Saturday, March 11th, the Police Department responded to 1,042 calls for service of which 149 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, March 5:
Shortly before 8:13 a.m., an officer was flagged down by a witness stating he saw a male and female fighting in their vehicle near the 400 block of East Hunting Drive. The officer contacted the couple and discovered an argument occurred resulting in the male suspect hitting the female victim in the face. The officer also located a glass smoking pipe inside the vehicle. The 26-year-old male from San Bernardino was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 8:45 a.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of Balboa Drive regarding an attempted theft from a vehicle that occurred sometime during the weekend. The investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered an unlocked vehicle, ransacked the interior, and fled empty-handed. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Monday, March 6:
At approximately 4:16 p.m., officers responded to Sephora, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft suspect in custody. The loss prevention officer witnessed the suspect conceal merchandise in her bag and exit the store, failing to make payment. The 28-year-old female from Monterey Park was cited and released because she had two small children with her.

Just after 11:22 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of West Camino Real Avenue regarding a mail theft report. Surveillance footage revealed a dark colored SUV stopped in front of the victim's house, the unidentified suspect exited the vehicle, and forcibly removed the victim's mail from her mail box. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, March 7:
Around 6:34 p.m., an officer responded to LA Fitness, 1325 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a burglary report. Within a fifteen minute period of time, an unknown suspect forcibly entered the victim's secured locker and stole his gym bag containing his wallet and passport. The investigation revealed the suspect removed the lock, took the victim's property, and moved it to another locker. The business found the victim's property the following day. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Just before 8:34 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of Fano Avenue regarding a burglary report. The investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) smashed an exterior window, ransacked the residence, pried a safe from the wall, and fled with jewelry, firearms, and electronics. The investigation is ongoing.

Wednesday, March 8:
Shortly after 10:55 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 700 block of Fano Avenue regarding a vandalism report. The officer determined the suspect fired a BB gun at the victim's rear sliding glass door for no apparent reason. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At about 11:22 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection

of Santa Anita Avenue and Santa Clara Street regarding a traffic collision. The investigation revealed Party-1 ran a red light while traveling east on Santa Clara Street and collided into Party-2, who was traveling north on Santa Anita Avenue. No serious injuries were reported.

Thursday, March 9:
At approximately 6:10 a.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of East Camino Real Avenue regarding the activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy packages containing bait property and tracking devices to combat the increase in package thefts from residential areas. Officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop of the suspect vehicle but a pursuit ensued. The vehicle, a stolen U-Haul box truck, purposefully collided into vehicles to evade officers. The pursuit concluded in the City of Azusa where a 39-year-old male from La Verne and a 22-year-old female from Montclair were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. Azusa Police Department assisted in capturing the suspects. The male suspect had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The female suspect was in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Both suspects were in possession of additional stolen property.

Around 8:55 p.m., officers responded to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding the activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker attached to a bicycle. The officers located the suspect and discovered the 26-year-old male from Rancho Cucamonga was in possession of the stolen bicycle and methamphetamine. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, March 10:
At about 6:44 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding the report of an animal bite that occurred in the 100 block of West Magna Vista Avenue. The victim stated two coyotes attacked his dog while out for a walk. The coyotes fled and the dog sustained minor injuries.

Just before 4:46 p.m., an officer responded to Burlington Coat Factory, 1201 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. While one officer was talking to the loss prevention officer, another Arcadia Police officer conducted an enforcement stop on the suspect vehicle and the occupants, a 27-year-old female from Duarte, a 21-year-old male from Fontana, and a 27-year-old female from La Puente were identified as the shoplift suspects. They were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The arrestees were also responsible for previous thefts from Burlington Coat Factory.

Saturday, March 11:
Shortly after 2:39 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Campus Drive and Park Avenue for swerving. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the suspect's breath. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the suspect was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The 22-year-old female from Baldwin Park was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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MID-YEAR CIP UPDATE SET FOR REVIEW AT OUR MARCH 21, 2017, CITY COUNCIL MEETING, MULTIPLE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS ALSO READY FOR CONSIDERATION

During the past several months, staff has been working to develop and execute a variety of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects, while simultaneously coordinating a comprehensive review of our overall CIP budget. These efforts will culminate with several items coming before the City Council for consideration at our March 21, 2017, meeting, including the following:

A comprehensive rearrangement and update of our Fiscal Year 2016/17 CIP Budget to facilitate the capital projects currently under consideration. The CIP budget update will also include the proposed establishment of several new projects, including:

- Redesigning / reconstructing the Mountain / Lemon intersection
- Repairing / restriping Foothill Boulevard
- Replacing all street signs in the City
- Replacing Monrovia Transit buses
- Making IT infrastructure / equipment improvements
- Establishing improvements at Library Park and Old Town, which have been developed in coordination with our internal staff Homeless

Issues Working Group Committee

A proposed change order with Sully Miller Construction Company (the contractor currently working to coordinate the Monrovia Renewal improvements in the Southwest and Southeast



project sections) to begin construction work on the following initiatives:

- Foothill Boulevard improvements
- Mountain / Lemon intersection improvements
- Huntington Drive median concrete repairs
- Canyon Park entrance trail work

All of the proposed projects and budgetary adjustments have been anticipated and analyzed within the framework of our existing financial resources, and we are looking forward to presenting the proposed CIP updates for City Council review.

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.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested March 9 at 8:22 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of W. Palm regarding several subjects blocking a driveway. One of the subjects had an outstanding warrant and was arrested.

Outside Assist / Commercial Burglary – Suspects Arrested March 9 at 8:32 a.m., officers assisted Arcadia Police Department with an investigation of suspects involved in a pursuit. During the course of the investigation, receipts and possible stolen merchandise from a business in Monrovia were located inside the suspect vehicle. Monrovia officers went to the business in the 500 block of Duarte Road and discovered it had been burglarized during the night. The suspects were arrested and joint investigations are being conducted.

Driving Under the Influence – Suspect Arrested March 9 at 10:49 p.m., an officer on patrol saw a vehicle fail to stop for the red light at California and Huntington. The officer stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver, who displayed symptoms of being intoxicated. Through investigation, the driver was determined to be driving under the influence and was arrested. He was taken into custody, where he was held for a sobering period.

Criminal Threats – Suspect Arrested March 10 at 12:41 a.m., a female resident in the 700 block of E. Greystone called police to report her husband pointed a shotgun at her. She said she was lying in bed asleep when she was awakened by her husband, who was holding a shotgun. He threatened her and opened the shotgun to show her it was loaded. The two shells fell out onto the bed. She grabbed the shells, pushed him, and ran to a neighbor's house and called police. She advised police that their two children were still in the house, ages 3 and 7. When Officers arrived, they positioned themselves around the residence. An officer called the house by phone and spoke to the suspect at length until eventually he was able to persuade the suspect to come out. The suspect was arrested and taken into custody without further incident. The children were unharmed and slept through the entire incident.

Threatening Social Media Post March 10 at 5:08 p.m., police received notification of a threatening post on a social media site that displayed handguns with a caption reading, "I've had enough, getting ready for Monday MHS." Officers contacted the high school and officers interviewed the students that received the post. Some of the students replied to the post on the site, telling the individual that it was no joking matter and how serious the situation was due to the posting. The student who posted the photo replied to everyone on the site that he was just kidding and only meant it as a joke. He said he didn't want to harm anyone and he was only joking. When the officers interviewed the student who posted the photo, he admitted to posting it, and said he was at a friend's house when he got the idea on his own. The friend had BB guns and he took a photo

of them. He then posted the photo with the comment on the social media site. He said he only wanted attention on the site and did not know it would go this far and involve the police. He was counseled and his parents were advised. Officers, through investigation, located the BB guns and confiscated them. The school will be handling the discipline of the student and the investigators will be contacting the District Attorney for the filing of potential criminal charges.

Stolen Vehicle March 10 at 8:24 p.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from the 1300 block of S. Magnolia. The victim parked his vehicle on the street in the evening, locking the doors and making sure he rolled up the windows. When he came out the next morning at 7:30 a.m., the vehicle was gone. He did not give anyone permission to take the vehicle, a 2006 Acura. The investigation is continuing.

Public Intoxication – Suspect Arrested March 10 at 11:18 p.m., an officer was on patrol in the 300 block of S. Myrtle when he saw a subject sleeping in the park covered up by a blanket. He made contact with the subject and saw an empty bottle of alcohol next to him. The subject was intoxicated and thought he was in Alhambra. He was arrested for being drunk in public and held for a sobering period.

Domestic Violence – Suspect Arrested March 11 at 1:13 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of W. Colorado regarding a domestic dispute. A male and female subject who live at the location became involved in an argument that escalated and turned physical. The female had visible abrasions and scratches to her back, arm and leg. The male subject was arrested for domestic violence. The female signed a refusal to prosecute, but wanted and emergency protection order, which was granted.

Petty Theft – Suspect Arrested March 11 at 7:59 a.m., the victim of petty theft reported her cell phone missing. She stated that she last had her cell phone at a gas station at Mountain and Huntington. Officers used the Find my iPhone app and located her phone at a park in the 600 block of S. Shamrock. The officers detained a homeless person in possession of the phone, who said he found the cell phone at the gas station. The victim said the cell phone was in her pocket the whole time while she was at the station. The suspect was arrested for misappropriation of lost property.

Injury Traffic Collision March 11 at 11:59 a.m., a traffic collision with injuries was reported at Palm and Mayflower. Two subjects were taken to the hospital for complaint of pain. Public Intoxication – Suspect Arrested March 11 at 9:16 p.m., an officers was dispatched to Magnolia and Colorado on the report of a subject sleeping on the ground. The subject was located and found to be intoxicated. He was arrested for being drunk in public. Grand Theft Tools March 12 at 1:38 p.m., a theft of tools was reported in the 100 block of Acacia. The victim parked his work truck with tool storage boxes on the street the day before and the tool boxes were locked. The next day he returned to the truck and discovered the storage boxes unlocked and his tools were missing. The suspects possibly picked the locks on the truck. The investigation is continuing.

EVAN MARSHALL AT THE STARLIGHT ASSEMBLY AT SIERRA MADRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Deanne Davis

“Bluegrass is wonderful music. I’m glad I originated it!”
“Bluegrass has brought more people together and made more friends than any music in the world.” Bill Monroe

This morning I visited Sierra Madre Elementary School where the second graders – about 110 strong of them – were presenting their portion of Road Trip USA – Nashville! And, not only were the second graders amazing performers but their special guest, Evan Marshall, is a world-renowned musician himself. Needless to say, I had a fabulous time! A bit more about Road Trip USA: Each grade level had a destination with appropriate music. 5th grade did Folk and Rock ‘n Roll for Los Angeles. 4th grade traveled to Detroit for Motown. 3rd grade visited New York for Broadway and 2nd grade took us to Nashville.

Meeting Evan Marshall was an absolute pleasure, and being introduced to him by Gayle Bluemel, former principal of the school and namesake of the Gayle L. Bluemel Auditorium was also a pleasure. Gayle was the pianist for today’s trip to Nashville and her husband, Dan, played a mean guitar to compliment Evan Marshall’s excellent fiddle work. Trained as a classical violinist, Evan fell deeply and permanently in love with Bluegrass Music in high school. His first band, “Smokewood,” was formed with his brother, John. Evan has the distinction of playing Disneyland’s Golden Horseshoe for 10,000 shows – give or take a couple! Friends with Gayle Bluemel for at least 50 years, it was her Dad who handed Evan his first mandolin, which led to a lifetime of taking the mandolin places it had never been before. For example, Evan has played mandolin solos with symphony orchestras and is well known in classical music circles for his solo version of the William Tell Overture on the mandolin. He has written many arrangements for mandolin which are available as sheet music and instruction books and he recorded and put out his first album, “Class Grass” in 1981. Evan has several solo mandolin CD’s recorded on Rounder Records and a number of CD’s you can find on his excellent website: [HYPERLINK “http://www.EvanJMarshall.com” www.EvanJMarshall.com](http://www.EvanJMarshall.com). Take a look! I have my eye on “The Mandolin Mystery Tour” and “A Mostly Mozart Mandolin Concerto.”

As we were chatting, the auditorium stage began to fill with exuberant second graders decked out in cowboy hats, bandanas and boots. They took their places on the risers, sat quietly...which was pretty impressive... while the rest of the students in grades three through five took their



seats. “Achy Breaky Heart” blasted away. Miss Emily, the music teacher, who, I do believe is a Force of Nature achieved wonders with these little folks. Incidentally, Evan Marshall is the very first professional musician to grace one of these assemblies and what he added to their music was just perfection. Accompaniment, some amazing breaks and each time he had a solo part, all the second graders turned in his direction. Miss Emily, Force of Nature!

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, “America The Beautiful” was sung and the second graders were on! The lineup included “Keep On The Sunny Side,” a terrific solo presentation of “I Go Out Walkin’ After Midnight,” Hank Williams, Sr.’s “Hey! Good Lookin’!” There was a fantastic Elvis doing “You Ain’t Nothin’ But A Hound Dog” complete with the moves, and all the while, Evan Marshall added absolutely stellar interludes.

There was line dancing, square dancing, a duo of ukulele players performing “You Are My Sunshine,” and the School Song ended the program, as performed in the style of “The Tennessee Waltz.”

I was astonished at how quickly the time flew by and delighted when Evan treated the audience to “Orange Blossom Special” which brought down the house. The Spotlight Assembly – Road Trip USA was outstanding. Kudos to Sierra Madre Elementary School for showcasing their kids with opportunities to shine.

LONGEST SERVING WOMAN IN NASA, SUE FINLEY, VISITS ALVERNO HEIGHTS ACADEMY

Finley, a human computer at JPL, visited Alverno’s Honors Physics Class

On Monday, March 13 Alverno Heights Academy’s Honors Physics class, as well as a handful of other students, had the opportunity to meet and hear from Susan G. Finley, the longest-serving woman in NASA. Finley has been an employee at JPL since 1958. Somewhat of a recent local celebrity, Finley’s notoriety has risen thanks to Nathalia Holt’s book, Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us.

During her visit on Monday, Finley shared more of her story with the girls, allowing them to ask questions and interjecting with other stories and anecdotes as she thought of them. Finley attended Scripps College for three years with the original intention of becoming an architect. Her knowledge of engineering was vast because of her talents in mathematical and computing courses, so she attempted to learn art, but later realized that engineering was in her future. During her college experience she majored in the humanities, which she explained to the girls allowed her to see the connectivity with everything in our world. At the age of 21, she left Scripps College to become an engineer with a thermodynamics group at Convair in Pomona.



in FORTRAN, the primary computer language developed for scientific applications. Male engineers largely didn’t want to do the programming themselves in the 1960s. It was still considered “women’s work,” not part of an engineer’s job description. Through her career, Finley provided both manual computation work and FORTRAN programs as part of JPL’s missions to the Moon, Mars, Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, in the Ranger, Mariner, Pioneer, Viking, and Voyager programs. In the 1990s and 2000s, Finley contributed to JPL’s further explorations of the solar system. She worked with the Mars Exploration Rover missions and developed technology in which musical tones were sent at differing phases of descent and were transmitted back to DSN. The engineers were then able to use this information to determine which landing stage the rocket was in at a given time.

Finley was stationed at the Goldstone and Tidnibilla stations while the landings were taking place and was the first to hear the tones that confirmed the landers survived their trip to Mars. Unfortunately, her work went unrecognized in the media because they reported from JPL’s mission control only.

She continues to work full-time for JPL and is involved in DSN support for NASA’s recent unmanned missions, including the recent Pluto flyby by the New Horizons spacecraft and the Juno mission to Jupiter. She told the class that she has absolutely no plans to retire and looks forward to seeing where space exploration continues to take us.

Following the question and answer session, the students gifted Finley with some fun Alverno gear for her to sport around JPL, as well as some space-themed cupcakes they had baked. She also generously signed autographs and answered personal questions from the girls.

“It was an incredible pleasure to welcome Sue Finley to campus,” said Alverno Heights Academy Science Teacher Ms. Monica Barsever. “She is truly a role model for young women looking to enter the STEM fields and the impact she has made on the history of the space program is tremendous. We want to thank her for coming and sharing her inspiring story with us.”

PASADENA AREA WOMEN’S SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

A Pasadena Area Women’s Scholarship is available annually in \$500-\$1000 increments for any female who is currently enrolled or planning to enroll by Fall, 2017 at a college or trade/technical school at any level. This scholarship is sponsored by First Congregational Church of Pasadena, United Church of Christ as part of it’s community outreach program, however members of it’s congregation are not eligible for selection.

Qualities to be considered by the Scholarship Committee are: goals, grades, financial need, college and/or community service and proximity to achieving degree objectives. Students are expected to enroll in at least nine (9) units per semester at the undergraduate level and at least six (6) units at the graduate or postgraduate

level. Applicants must be current residents of the city of Pasadena or adjoining communities OR be enrolled by Fall of 2017 in a Pasadena college, university, technical or trade institution.

Blank printed applications are available in the FCC church office, 464 E. Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91101, on the church website: www.uccpasadena.org OR via email from: fccmonina@gmail.com. In addition to the application, two references are required, as well as a typed 1-2 page autobiography. If currently attending college or trade/technical school, applicants must submit a photocopy of their transcript. The deadline for submitting applications is April 15, 2017. Scholarship awards will be announced on May 15, 2017 and presented on May 20, 2017.

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THE LONE COYOTE

Most folks who have lived in Sierra Madre and the other local foothill communities for any period of time, have by now developed an awareness, a respectful regard and a careful concern for the coyotes with whom we cohabitate, particularly when it comes to the safety of their children and small pets.

I, myself have had several relatively close encounters with coyotes over the past 26 years I've lived here, and fortunately in my experiences there have been no tragic mishaps, however I must admit I have, on occasion felt somewhat intimidated by coyotes traveling in packs.

Recently, I have been seeing a particular coyote wandering by itself on the north side of town, more often during the day than at night. I am not an expert on coyotes or coyote behavior, but having observed them countless times over the years I've lived here, I have noticed what I have come to consider a somewhat predictable behavioral pattern. So when I see a coyote behaving dramatically different from what seems normal to me, I can't help noticing.

The coyote I've been seeing recently stands out to me because of both it's appearance and it's behavior. First I noticed that it has what appears to me to be a multi-colored coat, almost like a brindle pattern which is often worn by certain domestic dogs. This made me think perhaps it could be a mix between a coyote and a feral domestic dog.

I took a photograph of the lone coyote one day when I happened to see it standing in a yard on Santa Anita Blvd. When I showed the photo to a few local friends and neighbors, a couple of them agreed it does indeed look like a mixed breed. Others thought it looked more like it might just be sick with mange or another skin disease, causing patches in it's coat. Either way, I was quite intrigued and decided to keep my eyes peeled for more sightings.

When I mentioned my visual & photographic encounters with the elusive lone coyote to a friend who knows quite a bit about coyote behavior, he said he had seen a strange looking coyote pass through his yard recently that fit that very description. He thought it behaved as if it was lost and moved slower than most coyotes he's seen wandering in our community, and that it seemed much more bold, wandering alone in the middle of the day.

Although I am not necessarily afraid of this lone coyote, (I actually feel sorry for it) I have a healthy respect for it's presence in our town. In other words, I let it have it's space! The main thing that concerns me is that this coyote might be more desperate than the ones we are used to seeing. Perhaps it has been evicted from the pack for whatever reason, and must fend for itself, in which case it might be more apt to attack for self-protection or self-preservation.

Regardless of why this lone coyote behaves the way it does,

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



the fact remains that it could be more of a threat than your average local coyote. For this reason, I thought it would be a wise idea to remind the local folks about the importance of protecting their pets and small children from what could be a tragic encounter with what might be a desperately hungry coyote.

Here are a few safety tips that I consider to be common sense practice when it comes to cohabitating with coyotes:

Keep your pets indoors whenever possible. When you do take them out, keep them on a leash or inside a coyote proof fence. A coyote proof fence should be at least 5 ½ feet tall, and made of wood, brick or wire. To prevent coyotes from digging under the fence, you can attach a wire apron buried 4-6 inches under the ground extending out from the fence at least 20 inches. Rabbit & chicken hutches should be elevated with solid bottoms and partially solid sides versus open wire.

Do not feed the coyotes! You may be doing this without realizing it. Make sure the lids on your trash cans are tightly closed and if possible locked. Feed your pets indoors to avoid baiting coyotes into your yard. If you feed your pets outdoors, bring any leftover food inside between feedings. If you have a garden, make sure it is enclosed in a coyote proof fence.

Clean out overgrown brush and weeded areas on your property. Coyotes hunt for small rodents, and those are the areas where they are most likely to find them. By allowing brush and weeds to thrive in your yard, you are basically ringing the dinner bell for the coyote.

Make loud noises when you do see a coyote close to your home, to help discourage repeated visits. A whistle works well for this purpose. If you encounter a coyote during a walk with your dog, make every effort to avoid it by walking in the opposite direction. Never attempt to approach a coyote, especially with a dog on leash. You are begging for trouble if you do!

Coyotes are fascinating, beautiful creatures who have lived in these foothills since long before paved streets and neighborhoods crept up from the valleys. Whatever you do, show respect to them by recognizing their place in the balance of nature and by giving them the space they deserve. Use common sense in protecting your pets and children, enjoy the beauty of our natural environment and above all, love and let live!



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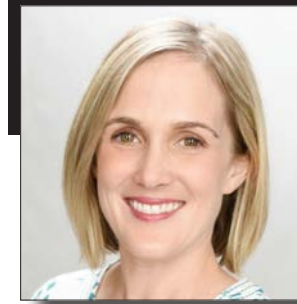
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Katnip News!



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Are you in need of a shift in your practice or do you feel it has plateaued? Each one of

us can experience this lack of excitement in practice. Even as a teacher--rather especially as a teacher--I must keep my practice current and fresh. I have experienced many plateaus or times when I've done my practice just out of habit. Good thing consistency has seen me through those times.

Whenever I've felt in a rut, this meant it was time to shift what I was doing. Literally. I didn't change everything at once, but a few tweaks can make all the difference! To keep it interesting, I create a shift in my asana practice.

Here's what I recommend: Try a home practice every day and at least three group classes per week. If your home practice is less, practice three times per week and hit a group class 4-5 times during the week.

A healthy physical asana practice (advanced, beginning, or gentle) can bring inner light

forward, leading to inspiration. While improving digestion, circulation, and respiration, it also balances the subtle energetic body.

Next, I always take a class or workshop with a new teacher. Undoubtedly, there is some new nugget of inspiration or a technique that provides greater effectiveness in my practice.

Last, there's some attention needed to my own Svadhyaya, or self-study. There are many areas of study as we delve into yogic philosophy and self-healing. Pick an area of interest and dive in! I've created lasting change in this area from changing my environment, lengthening my time in meditation, and changing how and what I eat. These are all parts of a healthy yoga practice.

Cheers to evolving your own yoga practice in the best possible way!

Namaste,
Keely Totten
E-RYT 500, Yoga & Meditation Teacher, Reiki Master Practitioner
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THE MISSING PAGE

Real Life Tips from Life's Instruction Manual



IT'S NOT ABOUT 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 hard 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.

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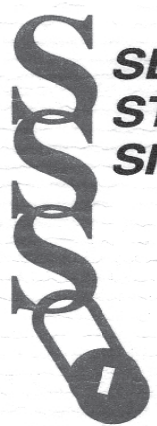
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O' PIZZA O' PIEOLOGY

When you need something different I suggest the new Pieology Pizzeria on South Lake, where pizza lovers go to create custom pizzas in endless flavor combinations. With no signs of slowing down, Pieology is set to open a total of 110 restaurants by the end of the year with commitments for 500. Remaining steadfast to the company's approach of fostering strategic and sustained growth, Pieology has proved to be a leader in the booming custom pizza category, reporting the highest average unit volume per store versus its competitors.

I spoke to the President Bob Baker about the concept "We are thrilled to bring the unique Pieology experience to new guests across the country," "While many competitors are focused on rapid expansion, Pieology is carefully selecting experienced franchise partners who embrace the company's vision, are committed to the communities they serve and have a proven track record of franchise success."

The Pieology experience starts with fresh house-made dough that is pressed into 11.5-inch thin pizza crusts. Guests first select from seven base signature sauces, moving down the line to choose from nearly 30 fresh and flavorful meats, cheeses, vegetables, herbs, and spices. The custom pizzas are then stone oven fired to perfection in under three minutes. To finish, guests have the option to add after-bake "Flavor Blast" sauces, including fiery buffalo, pesto and BBQ, to create their own unique masterpiece. Each custom pizza with unlimited toppings is always \$8.00 or less. Pieology also offers gluten-free crust and a selection of seven signature pizzas, which can be customized upon request.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

The eight Southern California Pieology locations to open by April are: Culver City, Westlake Village, Korea Town, La Mirada, Whittier, Carlsbad, Cerritos and Monrovia. All locations will feature an industrial-chic and friendly environment where inspirational quotes decorate the walls, menus and employee uniforms. I checked out the new store on South Lake and loved it, I think you will too! We got our pizza in less than 5 minutes. For the complete list of pizzas go to www.pieology.com

Pieology's Bottom Line: The staff is very friendly and you are greeted enthusiastically by all of them (and I mean ALL of them...in unison) upon entering the store. It is fun...and I liked the high energy of the staff!

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HOW TO STOP SNORING

Dear Savvy Senior,
Over the past few years my 57-year-old husband's snoring has gotten much worse. It's to the point that I have to either wear earplugs or move to a different room. Any suggestions?
Sleep Deprived Susan

Dear Susan,
Snoring is a very common problem that often gets worse with age. Around 37 million Americans snore on a regular basis according to the National Sleep Center.

Snoring occurs when the airway narrows or is partly blocked during sleep usually due to nasal congestion, floppy tissue, alcohol, or enlarged tonsils. But you and your husband also need to know that snoring can be much more than just an annoyance. It can also be a red flag for obstructive sleep apnea, a serious condition in which the snorer stops and starts breathing during sleep, increasing the risks of cardiovascular disease, stroke, cardiac arrhythmia and hypertension. According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, 34 percent of men and 19 percent of women who snore routinely have sleep apnea or are at risk for it.

Self-Help Remedies

Even if you are unsure whether your husband has a primary snoring problem or sleep apnea, sleep experts suggest you start with these steps.

Open a stuffy nose: If nasal congestion is causing your husband to snore, over-the-counter nasal strips such as Breathe Right may help. Or, if allergies are the cause, try saline nasal sprays.

Elevate his head: Buying a foam wedge to elevate his head a few inches can help reduce snoring, or buy him a contoured pillow to lift his chin and keep the tongue from blocking the back of his throat as he sleeps. Also check out Nora (smartnora.com), a wireless snoring device that slides under the pillow and gently moves the head to a different position when snoring is detected. This, they say, stimulates the relaxed throat muscles and opens the airway.

Sleep on side: To prevent back sleeping, which triggers snoring, place a pillow against your husband's back to keep him from rolling over or sew a tennis ball in the back of his pajama shirt. Or check out the Night Shift Sleep Positioner (nightshifttherapy.com), a device that's worn around the neck that vibrates when you roll on your back.



Avoid alcohol before bed: Alcoholic beverages can relax the muscles in the throat, and constrict airflow. He should not consume alcohol three to four hours before bedtime.

Lose excess weight: Fat around the neck can compress the upper airway and impede airflow and is often associated with sleep apnea.

Quit smoking: Smoking causes inflammation in the upper airways that can make snoring worse.

Need More Help

If these lifestyle strategies don't make a big difference, your husband should see his doctor, a sleep specialist, or an otolaryngologist who may recommend an overnight study to test him for apnea.

For primary snoring or mild to moderate sleep apnea, an oral appliance that fits into the mouth like a retainer may be prescribed. This shifts the lower jaw and tongue forward, keeping the airway open.

Some other options are Theravent snore therapy (theraventsnoring.com) and Provent sleep apnea therapy (proventtherapy.com), which are small nasal devices that attach over the nostrils to improve airflow.

But the gold standard for moderate to severe sleep apnea is a continuous positive airway pressure, or CPAP, device. This involves sleeping with a mask and is hooked up to a machine that gently blows air up your nose to keep the passages open.

If these don't work or are intolerable, surgery is an option too. There are procedures available today that remove excess tissue in the nose, mouth, or throat. And a newer procedure called hypoglossal nerve stimulation that uses a small device implanted in the chest to help control the movement of the tongue when it blocks the airway.

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...March Birthdays*

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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.

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*A suggested donation of \$5 at one of the classes is requested, but is not required.

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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. Come join this group of Seniors in a poker game. Other games are offered to all. Please note time change.

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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.
- Spending money is optional for market shopping.

Level of walking: Medium - High.

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Looking Up
with Bob Eklund

GIGANTIC JUPITER-TYPE PLANET SHOWS HOW WORLDS EVOLVE

An enormous young planet approximately 300 light-years from Earth has given astrophysicists a rare glimpse into planetary evolution.

The planet, known as HD 106906b, was discovered in 2014 by a team of scientists from the U.S., the Netherlands and Italy. It is 11 times the mass of Jupiter and is extremely young by celestial standards—not more than 13 million years old, compared with our own solar system's age of 4.6 billion years.

"This is such a young star; we have a snapshot of a baby star that just formed its planetary system—a rare peek at the final stage of planet formation," said Smadar Naoz, a UCLA assistant professor of physics and astronomy, and a co-author of the study.

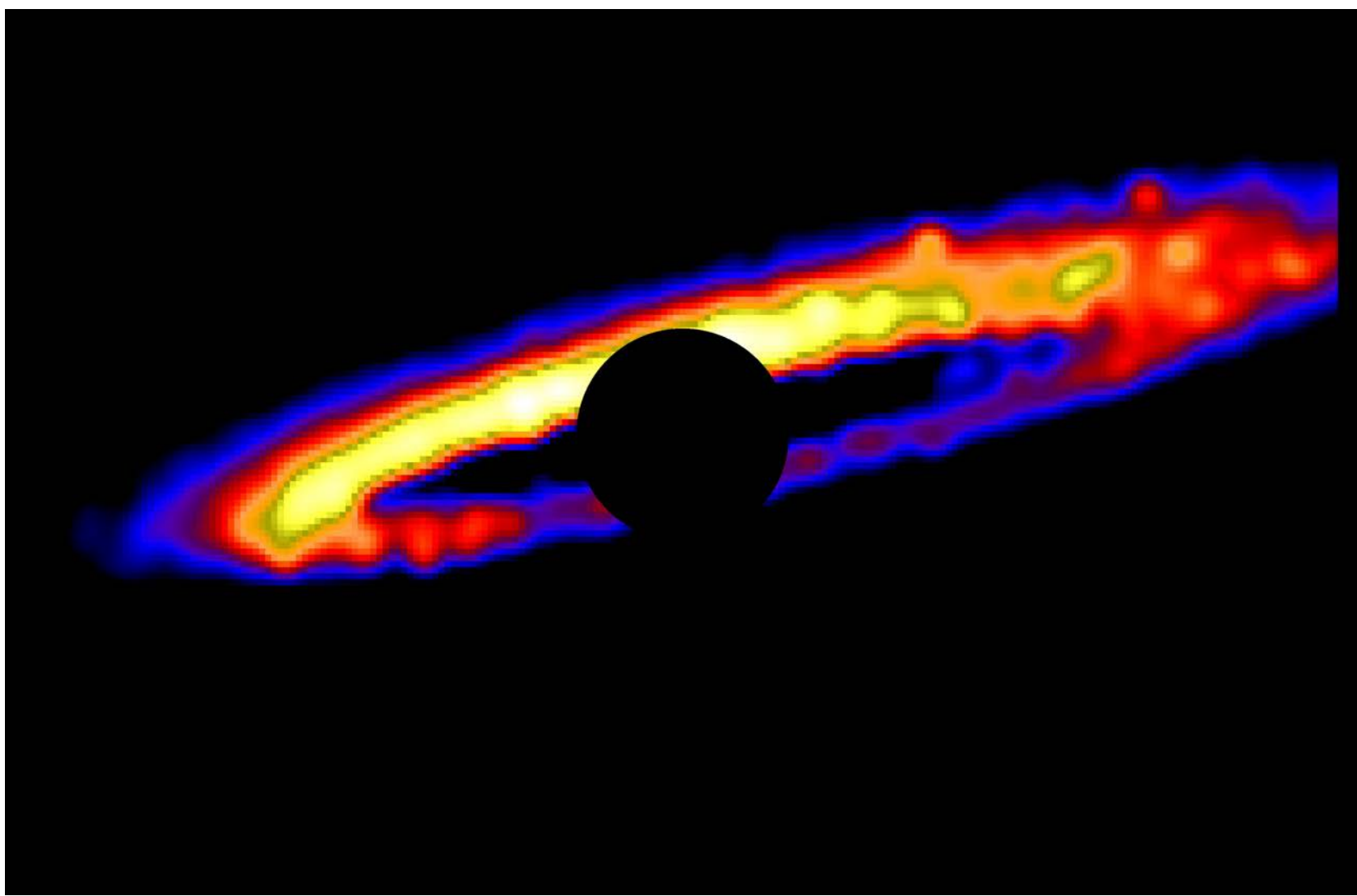
Another of the planet's unusual characteristics is its great distance from its star. Astronomers believe that the vast majority of planets outside of our solar system exist inside a dusty disk of debris relatively close to the center of the star's planetary system. But HD 106906b is far beyond its planetary system's dusty disk—so far away that it takes 1,500 years for the planet to orbit its star. HD 106906b is at least 650 times as far from its star as the Earth is from our Sun.

The study's lead author is Erika Nesvold, a postdoctoral fellow at the Carnegie Institution for Science, whom Naoz mentors. She wrote software called Superparticle-Method Algorithm for Collisions in Kuiper belts and debris disks, or SMACK, that allowed the researchers to create a model of the planet's orbital path—a critical step because HD 106906b orbits so slowly that the researchers can barely see it move.

The research, published online in the *Astrophysical Journal Letters* (<http://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/2041-8213/aa61a7>), suggests that the planet formed outside the disk, where it is visible today, as opposed to having been formed inside the debris disk and then thrust far beyond it.

Naoz said that conclusion helps explain the shape of the debris disk. "It works perfectly," she said.

The planet's orbit is elliptical; it gets much closer to the star on one side of its orbit than on the other. And its gravity produces an elliptical shape in the



star's debris disk as well. One side of the disk is closer to the star than the other side, and the dust on that side is warmer and glows brighter as a result.

The debris disk was photographed in 2016 by American and European astronomers. According to Naoz, the disk is an analog to our solar system's Kuiper belt—an enormous cluster of small bodies

like comets and minor planets located beyond Neptune.

The researchers don't know if there are additional planets inside the disk, but using Nesvold's software—which is also being used to study other debris disks in the universe—they were able to re-create the shape of the disk without adding another planet into the model, as some astronomers had

thought would be required.

Naoz's research was funded by a research fellowship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Nesvold's was supported by a Carnegie Department of Terrestrial Magnetism postdoctoral fellowship.

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges
IN SEARCH OF THE REAL
SAINT PATRICK

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On the 17th of this month, we celebrate "Saint Patrick's Day," that day when people pinch each other if they're not wearing green, when the local grocer starts selling little potted shamrocks, and where the local bars sell green beer. But what's this really all about?

First, a little wake-up call about "Saint Patrick." Patrick was not Irish, had nothing to do with leprechauns, almost certainly was not a drunkard, and didn't drive all the snakes out of Ireland. In fact, there were believed to be no native snakes in Ireland, though this story is generally regarded as an analogy for driving out the so-called "pagans," or, at least, the pagan religions.

Patrick was one of the "greats" of history who nearly single-handedly preserved the best of Western culture when much of Europe was devolving into chaos and ruin. He deserves far better than remembering him in the silly ways we do today, such as wearing green, pinching each other, and getting drunk. Rather, he deserves an accurate memory, and our emulation. Unfortunately, like all true Saviors of history, they are either killed off, or relegated to the closet of ridicule.

So who exactly was Saint Patrick? Will the real Saint Patrick please stand up?

His real name was Maewyn Succat, born around 385 A.D., somewhere in Scotland, or possibly somewhere else, as there is conflicting historical data on his exact date and place of birth. His baptismal name was Patricius.

Around age 16, he was sold into slavery in Ireland and worked for the next 6 years as a shepherd. Keep in mind that human slavery, as well as human sacrifice, was considered "normal" for those times.

After his six years in slavery, he believed that an angel came to him in a dream, prompting him to escape and seek out his homeland. He actually walked about 200 miles to the coast, where his dream indicated a ship would also be waiting for him. He successfully escaped, found the ship he dreamed about, and spent the next twenty years of his life as a monk in Marmoutier Abbey. There he again received a celestial visitation, this time calling him to return to the land where he'd been enslaved, though now with a mission as a priest and converter.

Patrick was called to Rome in 432, where Pope Celestine made Patrick a Bishop, and sent him off on his mission.

Patrick returned to Ireland with 24 supporters and followers. They arrived in the winter of 432. In the spring, Patrick decided to confront the high King of Tara, the most powerful King in Ireland. Patrick knew that if he had the King's support, he would be free to take his Christian message to the people of Ireland.

Patrick and his followers were invited to Tara by the King of Laoghaire. It was there that he was said to have

plucked a shamrock from the ground as he tried to explain to the Druids and the King that the shamrock had three leaves just like the idea of God's three aspects, the Trinity: The Father, The Son and the Holy Ghost.

Of course, triads and trinities were a common concept among the Druids. In fact, one could argue that the trinity (a term not found in the Bible) was a concept given to Christianity by the Druids, rather than the other way around. Nevertheless, whatever momentousness Patrick conveyed, King Laoghaire was very impressed with Patrick, and chose to accept Christianity. He also gave Patrick the freedom to spread Christianity throughout Ireland.

When Patrick returned to Ireland, he treated the "pagans" with the respect implicit in his dream. Part of this respect was attempting to communicate with the Druids on their terms, which is why he used the shamrock as a teaching tool. He also blended the Christian cross with the circle to create what is now known as the Celtic cross. He used bonfires to celebrate Easter, a Holy Day that Christianity supplanted with the already-existing spring equinox commemoration. In fact, he incorporated many of the existing "old religion" symbols and beliefs into his Christian teachings.

He spent his last 30 years in Ireland, baptizing the non-Christian Irish, ordaining priests, and founding churches and monasteries. His persuasive powers must have been astounding, since Ireland fully converted to Christianity within 200 years and was the only country in Europe to Christianize peacefully. Patrick's Christian conversion ended slavery, human sacrifice, and most intertribal warfare in Ireland.

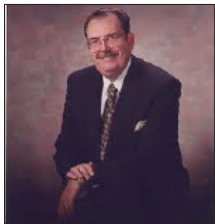
Patrick was also unique in that he equally valued the role of women in an age when the church ignored them. He always sided with the downtrodden and the excluded, whether they were slaves or the "pagan" Irish.

According to Thomas Cahill, author of *How the Irish Saved Civilization*, Patrick's influence extended far beyond his adopted land. Cahill's book, which could just as well be titled *How St. Patrick Saved Civilization*, contends that Patrick's conversion of Ireland allowed Western learning to survive the Dark Ages. Ireland pacified and churchified as the rest of Europe crumbled. Patrick's monasteries copied and preserved classical texts. Later, Irish monks returned this knowledge to Europe by establishing monasteries in England, Germany, France, Switzerland, and Italy. When the lights went out all over Europe, a candle still burned in Ireland. That candle was lit by Patrick.

Veneration of Patrick gradually assumed the status of a local cult. He was not simply remembered in Saul and Downpatrick, he was worshipped! Indeed, homage to Patrick as Ireland's saint was apparent in the eight century AD. At this time Patrick's status as a national apostle was made independently of Rome. He was claimed locally as a saint before the practice of canonization was introduced by the Vatican. The high regard in which the Irish have held St. Patrick is evidenced by the salutation, still common today, of "May God, Mary, and Patrick bless you."

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WOULD YOU LIKE A BURP WITH
THAT HICCUP?

Looking at the alarm clock by my bedside, it clearly read 2:37 a.m. The loud buzzing sound was not in my head after all. Who in the world could be calling me at this hour of the night?

I grumbled to myself, sat straight up in bed and gasped. An emergency! Someone's in the hospital! Someone has died!

All kinds of such thoughts danced through my sluggish brain as I reached for the telephone.

Pastors are on call 24/7 and never know when an emergency will summon to duty. It may be in the middle of the day, or in this case, in the middle of the night. Many telephone calls I'm not so anxious to get.

Mr. Alexander Graham Bell has a lot of answering to do for this contraption of his.

Among telephone calls I'm not too thrilled about are those infernal automatic political calls advising me to vote for some candidate – them in particular. Like most politicians, these calls never give me an opportunity to answer them.

They unleash their spiel and then hang up, probably to go to the next phone number. What I want to know is, why don't these aspiring politicians ever call me when they're not running for some office? Why don't they call me on my birthday and sing happy birthday to me?

Why don't they give me their home phone number so I can call them and give them a piece of my mind?

I would like to get my hands on the person who taught these politicians how to dial phone numbers.

Another category of phone calls I am not too enthralled with are telemarketers. I have a difficult time hanging up on people. As long as they want to talk I can't, or I don't have the heart to hang up on them.

I know they are just people doing their job. I know much of what is sold via the telephone is excellent and useful, but I do not like anyone telling me what I should be buying, especially when I have just put on the feedbag.

The only thing I have been able to do is take the conversation in hand from the very beginning. As soon as the person on the other end of the phone begins talking, I start engaging them in chitchat.

I ask about their family, about the kind of day they are having and what they plan to do on the weekend. I ask for their home phone number so I can call them back.

It has become a sport for me and I am anxious for the next phone call to come so I can tell them about my day and my plans for the weekend. After all, they called me, it is my turf.

This telephone call at 2:37 a.m. was not from a politician or a telemarketer.

When I answered the telephone, I heard a raspy voice on the other end say, "Is the reverend home? I need to

ask him a question 'bout the Bible."

By this time, every fiber of my being stood at attention, ready to serve. Someone needed me, which was all I had to know to fly full-speed into action.

"Yes, this is the reverend" I responded, "how may I help you?"

"I have a biblical question for 'ya, and I need to know right away. It's something that has been a-bothering me and I was a-wondering if you could help me?"

"Sure," I said, trying to figure out what the emergency could possibly be at 2:37 in the morning. What could be so important that a person could not wait a few more hours to call?

"Well," the man stammered and hiccupped. I began to be a little suspicious of the whole matter, "I just can't believe that Jonah and the whale story. Do 'ya really think it's possible for a fish to swallow a man? And, how come that fish didn't chew Jonah up before swallowing?"

The whole picture became clear at that moment. His problem was not with the whale swallowing Jonah, but with him swallowing a tank full of libations. His pick-me-up at 2:37 in the morning got me down, if you know what I mean.

I suppose that if you want to drink alcoholic beverages, I can't stop you. Personally, I think it is the scourge of our country and has done more damage to our society than any other single thing. However, that is your decision, bad though it may be.

I do not mind if you telephone me at 2:37 in the morning. I do not mind answering biblical questions. The truth is, I enjoy such employment whenever I can find it and I work rather cheap.

What I do mind is, when you drink and then phone me at 2:37 in the morning from a local bar. I do not discuss biblical enquiries with someone tanked, regardless of the time of night or day.

Call me crazy, call me quirky but please, do not call me drunk. Some people ask questions, not because they want information. They just want to waste someone's time.

As a Christian, I have an obligation to give answers. The Bible says, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (1 Peter 3:15 KJV)

For the sincere inquirer there are answers. More importantly, there is hope – in Jesus Christ.

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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.

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JOCKEYS BOW TO HOLY ANGELS, GARY STEVENS WINS 1ST RACE BACK AND A LOT MORE!



By Joan Schmidt

Besides the great racing venues, Santa Anita Park has recently had many fun events/activities.

First I must acknowledge their wonderful Media/Press Group headed by Mike Willman and staff members Ed Golden and Debbie Olsen. After important races, press members receive great Benoit photos, a recap of the race and quotes by the jockey, trainer and owners. Other "Stable Notes" include recent win stats of jockeys, horses and happenings.

The first recent excitement was the 50th annual Jockeys VS Holy Angels Basketball Game. The profits go to the Permanently Disabled Jockey Fund, Eye on Jacob Foundation and Holy Angels Sports Program. The jockeys are coached by Kurt Hoover. It was the first time I saw the Jockeys lose-26-20, but their BASKETBALL STAR, Drayden Van Dyke was out with an injury as was Rafael Bejarano. EVERYONE else came: Kent Desormeaux (5 points), son Josh (4), Corey Nakatani (4) Chester Bonnet (2), Edwin Maldonado (2), Jamie Theriot (2) and Chantel Sutherland (1). Not scoring were agent Nelson Arroyo, Chad Lindsay, Mario Gutierrez, Gallyn Mitchell, Tiago Periera, Flavien Prat, Joe Talamo, Victor Espinosa, Tyler Baze, and Austin Solis. Thanks also to legends Laffit Pincay, Jr., Gary Stevens, Mike Smith, Kent Desormeaux and Alex Solis for signing posters!

Sadly, Santa Anita's #1 fan Pat Morris was missing. Ironically, that day she lost her valiant battle against cancer. Everyone connected to Santa Anita loved her. Sonia Pishevar shared the beautiful bench tribute this past weekend.

On a happier note, Gary Stevens, AGELESS WONDER returned to Santa Anita, March 11th and won on SHEHASTHERITESTUFF in the 8th race-first race back after HIP REPLACEMENT! (in his 50's, Gary also returned after a KNEE REPLACEMENT). THANKS to ZOE METZ for great photo of win.

Congrats to jockey Stewart Elliot who won the prestigious George Woolfe Award, which honors riders whose careers and personal character earn esteem for himself and the sport of racing. The



winner is selected by a nationwide vote of his peers. Well deserved!

Everyone is getting ready for the Santa Anita Derby, April 8th. Great horses also come from back East. Please visit santanita.com for more information about racing and upcoming events.

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In this talk, Minnich will describe exactly why climate change is occurring and its effects on our planet using basic physical principles. In particular, how the science that enables us to drive cars, use electric power, and keep our food cold in refrigerators also governs why extra carbon dioxide in our atmosphere must result in excess heat trapped on Earth. Minnich will show why common arguments that deny climate change is occurring contradict the basic physics underlying technology in our modern society. Although the present situation is serious, huge gains can be made in mitigating the effects of climate change with existing technology while also positively impacting the economy, air quality, and a host of



other factors. Acting now to employ these commercially available technologies ensures that our planet will be preserved for our children and grandchildren.

Austin Minnich is an Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Physics at the California Institute of Technology. He received his Bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley in 2006 and his PhD from MIT in 2011, after which he started his position at Caltech. He is the recipient of a 2013 NSF CAREER Award and a 2015 ONR Young Investigator Award. Austin Minnich also runs the minnichlab (<http://minnich.caltech.edu/index.html>) which focuses on understanding and engineering nanoscale heat transport for applications in the energy field like thermoelectric waste heat recovery.

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On the Marquee:

Notes from the Sierra MadrePlayhouse

A DYING ART

By Artistic Director, Christian Lebano
“This is the best show I have ever seen – and I’ve seen a lot,” Third Grader from Sierra Madre Elementary School at a student matinee of A Wrinkle in Time.

We opened Wrinkle and have started our run of matinee performances for local students. I attended a performance the other morning and was so happy to see how excited – no, ecstatically, the students were responding to what we had created. In this time of amped-up on-line media, the fact that these young patrons could get excited by a show that demands that they use their imaginations filled me with hope for the future of the art form.

And then I saw the recently announced Federal budget proposed by the President. It calls for the elimination of the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. We have never received grants from either agency – we haven’t even applied, though with our recent achievements and new prestige it was definitely in our plans.

This news made me very sad. Sad, because it speaks to a lack of appreciation in our culture for the Arts and our cultural patrimony. Every other developed country supports their arts organizations to a greater extent than we do as Americans. I don’t understand how this neglect and contempt came about. Study after study speaks to the value that the Arts bring to children – how quickly they learn lessons when they are taught through the arts, how test scores go up when an enriched arts curriculum is part of their education, the positive effects it has youth socially. There are many studies that prove that theaters and other arts institutions bring economic advantages to their communities, as well, but I don’t want to rely on the dollar value to make my argument.

What constantly surprises me is that the great trove of dramatic literature that America has created is so rarely seen – we have classic plays to rival anything the Europeans or anyone in the world has written. There are very few theaters doing them, however. I wonder if that is because there is so little exposure to these wonderful plays. Plays read are not the same as plays seen. A text for a play was meant to be performed in front of a group of people. Or is it simply because we have not had enough exposure?

I created the Field Trip Series to bring theater to young people and convinced the Board to support it. But even though each of the last four plays in



the series has been wonderful – we have had low attendance from families. What I thought would be a slam-dunk – providing quality theater for young people once a year has proven to be a money-loser for SMP.

And that brings me back to the proposed elimination of the two agencies through which our government, our people, support the arts – to the tune of \$1 from every person in the country and the fact that it can be so easily gotten rid of. Having tried to get grants from various sources, I know how hard it is and how much competition there is for the small pot of money. I am despairing a bit today. We have worked so hard over the last few years to make Sierra Madre Playhouse a theater that the local community can be proud of. I’m wondering if we are trying to provide something for which there isn’t a demand? And then I think of that kid and I know that I’m wrong. Now I just have to convince everyone else.

The Belle of Amherst opens this weekend and will run in rotating repertory with A Wrinkle in Time until April 23. I look forward to seeing you and the young people in your life (Wrinkle will truly captivate them) in the audiences. For tickets please call Mary in the box office at 626.355.4318 or go to SierraMadrePlayhouse.org. Hope to see you soon!

BUSINESS NEWS & TRENDS

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



6 IRA BENEFITS YOUR 401(K) DOESN'T HAVE

When it comes to retirement plans, IRAs and 401(k)s provide many of the same benefits. But in certain situations, an IRA can outperform a 401(k). IRAs aren’t right for everyone, so you should become familiar with the advantages IRAs have over 401(k)s before you transfer funds or set up a new account. To help you do this, here are a few benefits you can reap from an IRA which are not available in a 401(k).

1. **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)**
IRAs allow you to take QCDs and send them directly to the charity without including the distribution amount in your taxable income. This often results in a lower tax bill. You can also use your QCDs to offset your required minimum distribution.
2. **Penalty-Free Distribution for Higher Education**
A 401(k) distribution for higher education expenses will incur both a tax and a penalty. Taking an early IRA distribution to pay for higher education expenses for you or certain family members, however, is penalty-free.
3. **Freedom from Distribution Restrictions**
Opportunities for early distributions of 401(k)s are limited at best. Subject to the plan administrator’s

rules as well as the tax code, 401(k)s require a compelling reason such as a hardship, to receive an early distribution. Conversely, IRA distributions are restriction free. You can take an IRA distribution at any time and do not need an approved reason like you would with 401(k)s.

4. **Aggregate Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) From Multiple Accounts**
If you have multiple IRAs, you can aggregate the RMDs for your accounts and then take that amount out of one or any combination of your IRAs. Doing this with your 401(k)s, however, results in steep penalties.

5. **No Withholding**
You can opt-out of tax withholding from an IRA distribution but not with a 401(k) distribution. This is a great benefit for those who end up with little or no tax liability at the end of the year.

6. **Self Direction**
One of the best parts of having an IRA, instead of a 401k, is that you have the most flexibility in how your IRA assets are invested, whereas with a 401k, your investment options are limited to those provided by the 401k Administrator. With an IRA, you can move your entire retirement account into a self-directed IRA account and then invest the money anywhere you want, including in real estate and start-ups. Yes, it’s true! You get to choose.


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TOM PURCELL



WE CAN USE A LITTLE IRISH HUMOR NOW

Thank goodness St. Patrick's Day is upon us. Our country is in need of some Irish humor about now. With all the vitriol in our politics these days, we could use more brotherly love — which reminds me of the joke about McAlister.

One Saturday night, he ordered three pints at the pub. When the bartender asked him why he wanted three, McAlister explained: "I've got two brothers, one in America and one in Australia. Every Saturday night we go to our respective pubs, order three pints and drink with each other. Right now, me brothers are sipping three pints, too."

McAlister continued his tradition for several months. But one Saturday he ordered only two pints. "Sweet goodness," said the bartender, "did one of your brothers die?"

"The brothers are fine," said McAlister. "It's just that I quit drinking."

Reports of alleged wiretapping and spying are all over the news of late. That reminds me of the one about a German spy who was sent to Ireland during World War II.

The German was instructed to meet an Irish spy named Murphy and confirm Murphy's identity by saying, "The weather could change by Tuesday."

After he parachuted into Ireland, he set off for town. Along the way, he asked a farmer where he might find a man named Murphy.

"Well, sir, it depends on which Murphy," said the farmer. "We have Murphy the doctor, Murphy the postal carrier, Murphy the stonemason and Murphy the teacher. I, too, am a Murphy, Murphy the farmer."

The German got an idea.

"The weather could change by Tuesday," he said.

"Aye," said the farmer, "you'll be wanting Murphy the spy."

The resistance of millions to our overreaching government continues to remake our political landscape. It reminds me of the time a policeman caught Seamus with a bucket of fish in a no-fishing zone.

"You've got it wrong," Seamus said to the policeman. "These are my pet fish. I bring them to the reservoir every day for exercise. After they swim for 10 minutes, they come back to the bucket and I take them home."

"Prove it," said the cop.

Seamus dumped his fish into the reservoir and off they swam. An hour later, they still hadn't returned.

"Ha, you lying rogue," said the officer. "Where are your pet fish?"

"Fish?" said Seamus. "What fish?"

The economy is exploding suddenly — nearly 300,000 private-sector jobs were created in February, according to ADP and Moody's Analytics, exceeding estimates by a staggering 100,000. That gives hope to millions who had dropped out of the workforce entirely.

That reminds me of the one about St. Patrick visiting an Irish pub. Donovan, McNally and Finnegan saw

St. Patrick enter the pub and each bought him a beer.

When St. Patrick shook Donovan's hand, Donovan said, "My arthritis! St. Patrick, your touch has cured it!"

St. Patrick shook McNally's hand, and McNally said, "My blind right eye! St. Patrick, you've cured it!"

St. Patrick went to shake Finnegan's hand. Finnegan shouted, "Get away from me, St. Patrick. I'm on disability!"

These days, with all the conflict and disagreement going on, our public discourse could profit from a better sense of humor.

Which reminds of the time Paddy died.

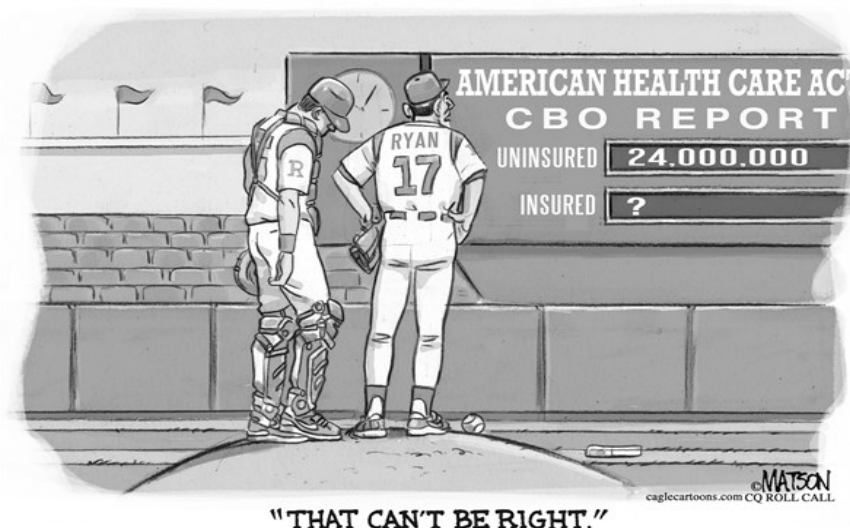
Paddy's wife went to the newspaper to place his obituary. The newsman said the cost was \$1 a word.

"I only have \$2," said Mrs. Paddy. "Just print 'Paddy died.'"

The newsman decided that old Paddy deserved more. He gave her three extra words at no charge.

"A kind man you are," said Mrs. Paddy. "Print me husband's obituary this way: 'Paddy died. Boat for sale.'"

Tom Purcell, author of "Misadventures of a 1970's Childhood" and "Wicked Is the Whiskey," a Sean McClanahan mystery novel, both available at Amazon.com, is a Pittsburgh Tribune-



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DICK POLMAN 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 infaxmation (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.

PETER ROLF

PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS BY GETTING TOUGH ON CHINA



During the 2016 presidential campaign, Donald Trump promised the American people over and over that if elected, he was going to be the one who would finally "get tough" with China.

It's a refrain he'd been sounding for some time. In a Wall Street Journal piece published a year to the day before he became president-elect, he sounded a loud alarm about their various economic misdeed.

"On day one of a Trump administration the U.S. Treasury Department will designate China a currency manipulator," Trump wrote. "This designation will trigger a series of actions that will start the process of imposing countervailing duties on cheap Chinese imports, defending American manufacturing and preserving American jobs."

It hasn't quite worked out that way. The appointment of Iowa GOP Gov. Terry Branstad as U.S. Ambassador-designate to Beijing is a good start, but there is plenty left to do, even if the White House continues to wield the designation of "currency manipulator" as the stick alongside some kind of cooperation inducing carrot.

It's a tough row to hoe. China already holds more than \$1.4 trillion in U.S. paper and, as the moratorium on raising the debt ceiling comes to an end, we may be forced to turn to them to buy up more U.S. debt, at least in the short run. Since the Beijing government is deep into every sector of the economy, it might not be too much of a lift to get them to do that but someone has to draw the line some place. There are just some things not worth giving up no matter how much U.S. debt the Chinese buy.

One area that's not given too much consideration is the acquisition of U.S. companies by the Chinese. Again, because so much of its so-called "private sector" takes its marching orders from the government, it's hard to look at these transactions as purely benign. Thus the pending takeover by ANT Financial of MoneyGram, a leading private U.S.-based payments company is something that should be approached with considerable caution.

China's record on consumer issues like cyber-security and intellectual property is, in a word, abysmal. That's not an accident; according to experts the government profits to a considerable extent from illegal activity in this sphere, redirecting that money to fund expansions of its military might. They've hacked the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Allowing them to purchase a company through which people willingly turn over sensitive financial data in order to transmit money around the globe without intensive review and considerable thought into the implications seems pound-foolish and maybe not even penny-wise.

As U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Steven Mnuchin is also a member of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, an inter-agency federal committee charged with reviewing the national security implications of foreign investments in U.S. companies or operations. Though he may be busy with other things it is incumbent on him to take the lead in asking CFIUS to review the MoneyGram/ANT Financial deal.

A group of prominent conservative leaders recently wrote to him asking he do just that. They want Mnuchin to insure any deal successfully concluded between the two companies will not provide the Chinese national security community a side door through which they can obtain critical, sensitive information that, if used improperly, could erode the economic and financial stability of the nation.

China must not be allowed to gain a foothold in the global financial payments market unless there are sufficient safeguards in place to prevent it from using the information, technology, and economic power to the detriment of America's economic and national security. If President Trump truly intends to "get tough" and put America first this is a deal that cannot be allowed to go through without anyone asking tough questions.

Beijing's track record on intellectual property rights, rule of law, consumer protection, and currency manipulation is horrible and this deal does not deserve the benefit of the doubt it will behave unless it is forced to.

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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.

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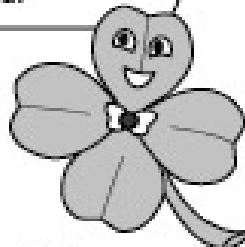
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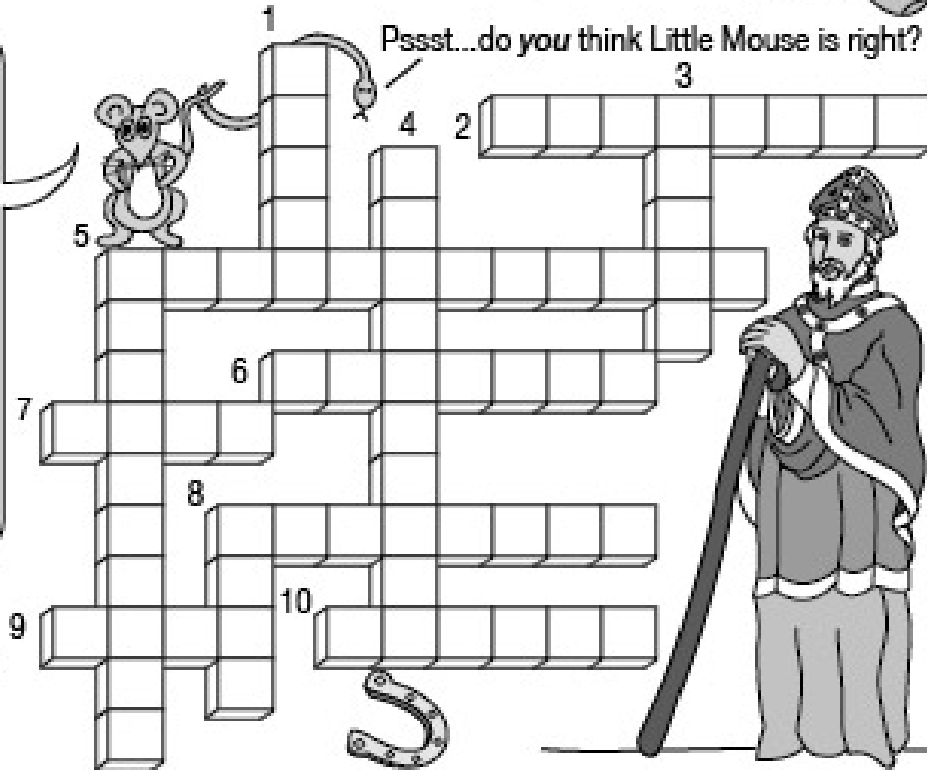
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6. large island west of Great Britain
7. green, white and orange striped
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leprechauns can
easily spot every
shamrock with 4
leaves!

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3. holiday month
4. will grant you a wish if you can catch it
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