

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

VOLUME 11 NO. 17

BAILEY CANYON SPRING CLEAN UP APRIL 29TH!**8:00am to noon - olunteers needed!**

Please dress carefully, i.e., closed-toed shoes and comfortable clothing. You will also need gloves and garden tools. Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park is located at 451 W. Carter Ave., at the top of Grove St. Bring a friend! This event is sponsored by the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC).

55TH ANNUAL SIERRA MADRE ART FAIR

The 55th Annual Sierra Madre Art Fair, sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, will be held in Memorial Park, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd., on Saturday, May 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Eighty artists, including 14 newly juried, will display and sell their works of art. Mediums include oil paintings, jewelry, watercolors, glass, wood, metal, wearable art, photography, pottery, ceramics, mixed media and weaving. The Art Fair will be the perfect place to buy Mom that wonderful Mother's Day gift or to buy upcoming graduation and wedding gifts, as well as to purchase pieces for your own enjoyment.

The Featured Artist this year is Karen McLean-McGaw. Her "Estuary Reflections" watercolor appears on all posters, post cards, flyers, and other promotional materials.

Live Music will be featured throughout the weekend in the band shell and on the southeast lawn. In the Band Shell on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Northeast LA Jazz Group and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Natalie Clark Music from Scotland. On Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Severin Browne and Friends (Original songs and American Pop Music) and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Steve Trovato and Tim Kobza, Guitars and Vocals (Jazz-Rock-Country-Blues).

On the Southeast Lawn on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon - Luckpenny (Irish) and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Evan Marshall Mandolin Maestro. On Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon -- Banna Beag Mall (Irish) and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Jean Sudbury (eclectic

display of Continental music).

Food vendors will offer a variety of food and drinks. Scheduled to participate are Taquito Lover, Korean BBQ, the Gourmet Genie Food Truck, Sweet Beginnings and Hawaiian Honey Cones.

The Friends of the Library will have a booth selling their popular sweet 'quick' breads and the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society will be selling their famous lemonade made from rangpur limes.

For the children, instructors from the Creative Arts Group have planned a special craft activity -- making flower bouquets with different colors and shapes of paper.

Be sure to stop by the Wine & Beer Garden on the front lawn of the Park. It will be open Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Again, this year we will feature a Silent Auction. To date, 40 artists have donated lovely, one-of-a-kind pieces for the auction which means you'll have an opportunity to bid on some really beautiful artwork and also support the Library.

Volunteers and Bakers are needed! To volunteer at the Friends Booth, Friends Food Booth, Silent Auction, Wine & Beer Garden, as an area Host or Hostess or to donate Baked Goods, please contact Fran Garbaccio at 626-843-1117 or fgarbaccio@aol.com to let her know when and how you can help.

All Proceeds from the Art Fair benefit the Sierra Madre Public Library. Any questions please visit our website www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org or call 626-355-7186. We now have a Facebook page so please Like us!

RACHELLE ARIZMENDI SWORN IN AS MAYOR

California State Treasurer John Chiang swears in Rachelle Arizmendi as Mayor. Below the full Council, l to r, John Harabedian, John Capoccia, Arizmendi, Gene Goss and Denise Delmar.

On Tuesday, the City of Sierra Madre held its annual reorganization meeting and elected Councilpersons Rachelle Arizmendi as Mayor and Denise Delmar as Mayor Pro Tem.

California State Treasurer John Chiang administered the Oath of Office to both Arizmendi and Delmar, a change from the city's tradition of having elected officials sworn in by the city clerk. Chiang is a longtime associate of Arizmendi.

First elected to the council in 2014 she is the first Filipino American to serve as Mayor. And, to add to the historic nature of the evening, when Councilwoman Delmar, was elected Mayor Pro Tem, it marks the first time in Sierra Madre's 100+ year history that two women will hold the town's top two leadership positions.

Arizmendi accepted responsibility for her new position with a brief address to the residents of Sierra Madre. She began by sharing an encounter she had when she was first elected, "In April 2014, sometime after the election, I was doing my regular morning run routine when I stopped to say hi to a friend in town. Bob asked how I was doing, and I responded "Great, you know I'm getting sworn in on Tuesday!" Bob's table mate, who I didn't know, chimed in and said "Sworn-In?... Wow!... Are you getting your Citizenship?" It was so unexpected that I was thrown off a bit. I literally Laughed Out Loud. Well, to Bob's friend... if you're out there- "YES...I just got sworn in tonight to serve as the Mayor of Sierra Madre."

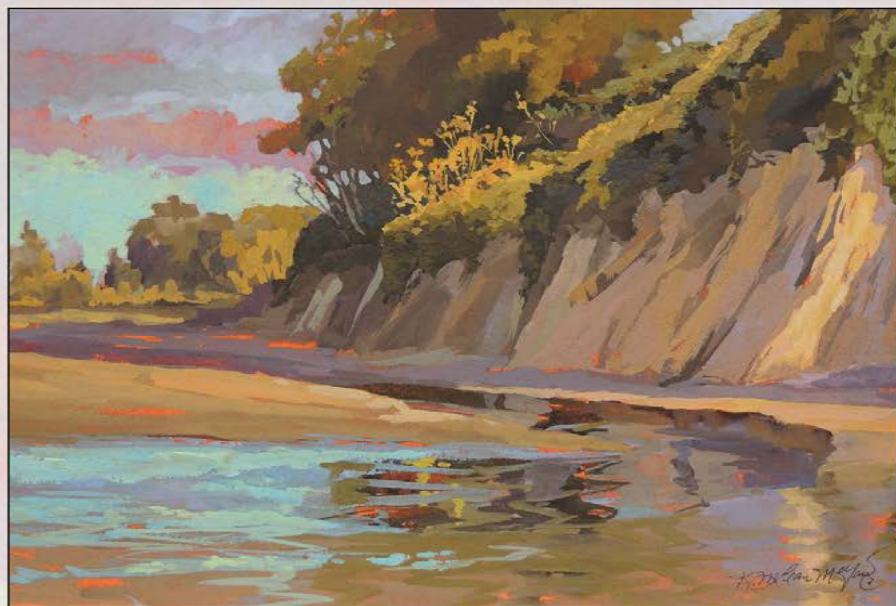
She continued, "Although tonight is partly a night of celebration- it is important to understand that we are at the cusp of a very challenging year. Many issues are facing us at the National Level and the State Level- but even for us here in our own City of Sierra Madre. We will be faced with

decisions that require bold action and where we can no longer operate "business as usual."

Among those in attendance were Former Sierra Madre Mayor Clem Bartolai, Pasadena Unified School District Board Member Larry Torres, Jason Pu, Council Member, San Gabriel, Kyle Miller, Council Member, La Habra Heights, Victor Manalo, Council Member, Artesia, Michael Cacciotti, Council Member, South Pasadena, Thomas Small, Council Member, Culver City, Mike Eng, Board of Trustees, Los Angeles Community Colleges District, Dr. Ross Selvidge, Board of Trustee, Pasadena City College Thomas Wong, President, Board of Directors San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and Henry Lo, Board Member, Garvey School District (partial listing).

Representatives from Assemblymember Chris Holden's Office, State Senator Anthony Portantino's Office and LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger Office presented the outgoing Mayor Gene Goss and the incoming Mayor with Certificates of Recognition. Mayor Goss also received a special plaque from the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce in appreciation for his support of the community and local businesses.

A reception was held at the Hart Park House immediately following.

**The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Invite You To****55th Annual Sierra Madre Art Fair****Saturday, May 6, 2017 - 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.****Sunday, May 7, 2017 - 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

"Estuary Reflections" by Featured Artist Karen McLean-McGaw

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Fri	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR May 9, 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, May 9, 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 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

City Council
May 9m 2017at 6:30 pm

Planning Commission
May 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm
May 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Senior Community Commission
May 4, 2017 at 3:00pm

- May 6 - 7 - Art Fair sponsored by Friends of SM Library at SM Memorial Park



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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During this time period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 259 day and night time calls for service.

Monday, April 17

A residential burglary occurred in the 500 block of Santa Anita court at about 9:12 p.m. The unknown suspect(s) forcefully entered the residence by shattering a glass window located in the rear of the residence that leads family room. The home was ransacked expensive jewelry, a wedding band and miscellaneous novelty jewelry was taken. It is unknown at this time what additional property was taken. Case forwarded to Detectives

Thursday, April 20

At about 1:23 p.m. officers responded to the police station regarding a report of grand theft. The victim was tricked by a caller to her home into thinking Edison was going to shut their power off and gave money to the suspect(s) through a prepaid card. Case to Detectives

Friday 4/21/17

@ 1:13 p.m. Officers were dispatched to 400 block of Auburn regarding a possible residential burglary. SMPD responded and noticed a broken window on the south side of the residence. During the preliminary investigation, officers observed what appeared to be a person in a bed. Due to the nature of the call with possible suspect(s) in the house a call for additional resources was put out. Additional SMPD units along with Arcadia PD, Pasadena PD K-9 and air support responded to this call. Utilizing an abundance of caution, the schools in the area were also alerted and advised to follow their "lock down" procedures. Once officers obtained a key to the house and conducted an interior search and found the bedroom ransacked and that a burglary did occur. Case forwarded to Detectives

Sunday, April 23

Officers responded to the 300 block of Camillo St. at about 6:23 p.m. for a suspicious male subject throwing water bottles in a yard. Officers arrived and detained the subject and began a search of the male. Once officers questioned the male subject about providing false identification the subject fled the scene. The male was eventually captured, arrested, and later booked into LASD IRC after being medically cleared at a local hospital. Case referred to the Pasadena DA's office for filing considerations.



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Wednesday, May 10th, 2017
5:00pm

City Hall Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre

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Questions or RSVP's Contact Captain Diana Ojeda
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Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Think what a better world it would be if we all, the whole world, had oatmeal cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon, and then lay down on our blankets for a nap." Robert Fulghum

"Today me will live in the moment, unless it's unpleasant, in which case, me will eat an oatmeal cookie." Cookie Monster

Think back...when was the last time you got down that big round box of Quaker Oats and made Oatmeal Raisin Cookies? For me, it's been quite a while, but I have to report that time has not glorified them in my imagination; they are still absolutely delicious, especially if you throw in a handful of dried cranberries and a bunch of pecan pieces. The recipe is to be found inside the lid of the box and you'll enjoy every single one of them.... trust me! The picture is the Quaker Oats box and a bunch of roses behind it, which are so incredibly beautiful I couldn't help myself. I know you can't see color, but they are pink, orange, purple and simply exquisite.

Speaking of exquisite, that's pretty much what it's been Walking Sierra Madre the last few days. There are bearded Iris everywhere, some folks up on Sturtevant have Amaryllis growing outside their front wall. Amaryllis in April? Seriously? Azaleas are doing their best to be so covered with blossoms that you can't see the branches at all. One of the folks up in the Canyon is growing artichokes again. We've watched these lovely globes appear, year after year, grow to maturity and then the choke part flowers out and nobody ever cuts them and eats them, which causes me pain. I love artichokes. My Dad grew them and we cut and ate his. Mine all come from Ralph's, I'm sorry to say, as, like Sweet Peas, I never think of planting them at the right time, which, according to a lot of experts is in September.

The giant pumpkin seeds are in down the street and we will be watching for leaves to start emerging. The cherry tomato my son-in-law, Chuck, gave me is doing splendidly, with several yellow blossoms. He also gave me a regular tomato which is now a foot and a half high with vibrant green branches and one yellow blossom. This one is so big and healthy I'm expecting a huge crop of enormous tomatoes.

Hope you're looking up, dear friends and neighbors, the Jacarandas are starting to bloom. After all the rain, I'm expecting every street in town to sport a purple cloud of blossoms. Speaking of trees, we did have a couple of casualties from the drought: a mock cherry and a fig tree. Of course, I planted those fig trees in totally the wrong spot and I think this one died of sheer aggravation and annoyance. The avocado trees I was sure were goners have started putting out leaves, which I never expected. Gardening is such an adventure!

One last word about caterpillars...and this really is the last word...those cocoons which were draped all over the back of our house, hanging from the roof two stories up are gone. No idea where they went, but they've all disappeared. One of those mysteries nature likes to serve up to us!

Our lemon trees are covered with lemons and I'm really wanting to make some lemon bars. Maybe you'd like to, too. One of the joys of living where lemon trees abound is the ability to walk out the back door in your pajamas, pick three or four lemons, and, without further ado, make lemon bars. These are easy, don't take long to make and you can enjoy them almost immediately. If you can force yourself to part with

them, they are also a splendid treat to give. AND, if you haven't fed your citrus trees yet, do it!



1/3 cup butter
 1/4 cup sugar
 1 cup flour

Beat butter with electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add 1/4 cup sugar; beat until combined. Beat in 1 cup flour until crumbly. Press mixture into the bottom of a lightly greased 8-inch square baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-18 minutes or until just golden.

Meanwhile, for filling:

2 eggs
 3/4 cup sugar
 2 Tb. Flour
 2 Tb. Finely shredded lemon peel (more is good, lots more is better)
 3 Tb. Lemon juice
 1/4 tsp. baking powder

Whip eggs in same bowl you used for the crust. Add 3/4 cup sugar, 2 Tb. Flour, lemon peel, lemon juice and baking powder. Beat 2 minutes or until combined. Pour filling over baked layer. Bake 20 minutes more or until lightly browned around edges and center is set. Sprinkle powdered sugar over top after it has cooled.

I know, first cookies now Lemon Bars...I'm obviously not planning ahead for swimsuit shopping. Hey! Life is short...eat dessert first!

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2017 4TH OF JULY PARADE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Sierra Madre 4th of July Parade is an annual tradition that is an integral part of the Sierra Madre community! This hometown parade features community members, organizations, classic cars, a marching band, kids on their decorated bikes and so much more. Join us for the 2017 parade on Tuesday, July 4, from 10:00am - 12:00 pm. The parade route will begin at the corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Sunnyside Avenue, and will travel the length of Sierra Madre Blvd. to Sierra Vista Park.

Parade participation is open to all; young, young-at-heart, and everything in between. There is NO FEE to participate in the parade this year thanks to a sponsorship from The Kensington. If you are interested in participating in the 4th of July parade, please submit applications online at www.sierramadre4thofjuly.com. Parade registration is now open and all applications must be submitted by Wednesday, May 31st.

****Due to staging concerns, NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!****

For more information on the parade and all of the happenings please visit our website at www.sierramadre4thofjuly.com.

SIERRA MADRE GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS:

LIVING WITH MOUNTAIN LIONS

You are invited to the Garden Club meeting on May 8th to learn more about the plight of mountain lions in Los Angeles and the Santa Monica Mountains, and the quest to build the largest wildlife crossing in the world over the 101 Freeway to help save this population of cats from extinction. The program will include advice on how to be a good neighbor to a mountain lion and other wildlife in our area.

Guest Speaker, Beth Pratt-Bergstrom, is California Director of the National Wildlife Federation. A lifelong advocate for wildlife, Beth has worked in two of the country's largest national parks, Yosemite and Yellowstone. Her conservation work has been featured in numerous national media sources and her book "When Mountain Lions are Neighbors: People and Wildlife Working it out in California" was published in 2016. Beth leads the #SaveLACougars campaign.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. Everyone is invited. Dinner begins at 6:30 P.M.; followed by the program at 7:15 P.M. Catered dinner is \$11; reservations for dinner must be made by May 5th by calling 626-836-4945. There is no charge for attending only the program. Location: Hart Park House, Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. For information call the reservation number or visit www.smgarden.org

INTRODUCTION TO RUNNING

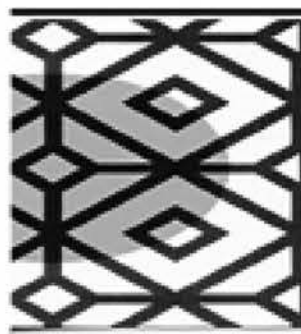
Attention beginning runners! Boost your confidence by wearing your running shoes over to the Sierra Madre Public Library at 10:30 am on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Join runner Chantal Cravens, for a brief Power Point Presentation, running-related treats, a stretch demo, and a short, easy jog from the Library to Memorial Park.

Local running stores and the Foothill Flyers Running Club will be part of the event to help you get started improving your life with running.

Cravens will share the positive impact running has had on her life and how it can help others with school and self-esteem. A teacher, Cravens said physical fitness ties in with standardized testing, academic improvement, and a positive outlook.

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Police Investigate Tie between Shootings



Detectives released new information Monday that tie a double murder in January with an earlier December killing of a Pasadena resident— police also released a sketch of the suspect.

According to police, on Thursday, December 22 at about 9:47 p.m., Pasadena Police Officers responded to a call of a shooting in the 1200 Block of North Fair Oaks Avenue. Upon arrival, Officers located an African-American male victim, age 25, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The victim was identified as Pasadena resident Brandon Douglas.

On January 6, several people gathered in the area of 100 West Claremont at a curb-side vigil in honor of Brandon Douglas. A shooting occurred and two Pasadena residents attending the vigil were murdered. Detectives working the two cases have discovered evidence linking the two homicides, resulting in fresh leads and a composite sketch of a person believed involved in Douglas' murder. The suspect is described as male black, dark complexion, approximately 33-35 years old, 5 foot 10 inches to 5 foot 11 inches tall, and 185 to 200 pounds.

Investigators are asking persons with information to contact the Pasadena Police at 626-744-4241 or Homicide Investigators (626) 744-4511. Or anonymously at lacrimestoppers.gov (key word Pasadena).

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Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at (626) 792-7151 to ask about A381259, 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.



Altadena Library Opens after Renovation

Dean Lee

After weeks of being closed for renovations, the Altadena main library will reopen to the public Monday with a grand reopening party and 50th anniversary celebration set for June 10.

The renovations were funded through grant money and donations officials said.

"We replaced all of our shelving to make it ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act] accessible and earthquake resistant," said Library Director Mindy Kittay. "We replaced our

doors so that they are able to be [properly] locked and are also ADA accessible."

Kittay also said the Altadena Library Foundation gave money to re-carpet the library and cosmetic improvements, such as cleaning and redoing all the wood. All the planters were also redone she said, "All this really gives it a more modern look."

The grand reopening June 10 is set to feature elected officials Anthony Portantino and L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, as well as, lots of entertainment.

Pasadena Sunshine Festival at Craft Fair Gift Shop



Join the fun on Saturday, May 6, as Craft Fair Gift Shop begins a new spring tradition with this year's Sunshine Festival. This first-time celebration takes place in Craft Fair's courtyard from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. View displays from featured exhibitors and receive crafting advice while you listen to music and enjoy tasty refreshments. Spend the day and take part in hourly drawings from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a chance to win handmade gift items.

Craft Fair Gift Shop is unique; it is one of only a few gift shops that carry only hand-made creations. Its extensive collection includes artwork in various mediums, jewelry, ceramics, toys, quilts, knitted and crocheted items for children and adults, baby gifts, home décor, holiday decorations, and more. During this event, Craft Fair will be open, as usual, for you to shop the wide-ranging selection of gifts for Mother's Day, Dads and Grads, and springtime weddings.

Located at 820 East California

Boulevard, in Pasadena, Craft Fair is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with free parking behind the building. It is one of several philanthropic programs of the Assistance League of Pasadena and showcases handcrafted items created by individuals over 50 years of age. Each item for sale must meet required standards for quality workmanship and salability. The exhibitors set their prices and receive 70 percent of the sales price for each piece sold.

Assistance League of Pasadena is a chapter of Assistance League – a national, nonprofit, volunteer organization. The Pasadena chapter's philanthropic programs include Operation School Bell, Assault Survivor Kits, Bear Hugs, Very Important Performers, and Craft Fair Gift Shop; all supported through donations, grants, and its Treasure Fair Thrift Shop revenue.

For more information, please call Craft Fair at 626-795-4991 or visit pasadena.assistanceleague.org.

ALTADENA POLICE BLOTTER

Sunday, April 16th

10:00 PM – Paul Matlock, 63 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 2500 block of Lincoln Avenue for criminal threats.

Monday, April 17th

12:47 AM – A domestic violence incident occurred in the 500 block of W. Harriet Street. Investigation is on-going.

9:07 AM – A grand theft of gardening equipment occurred in the 1800 block of Grand Oaks Avenue. Suspects described as two males. Stolen: red Honda lawn mower.

12:26 PM – A commercial vandalism occurred in the 3100 block of Glenrose Avenue. Suspect is believed to be a juvenile. Damage: broken window pane.

2:00 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 100 block of W. Manor Street. Stolen: medication.

4:31 PM – A petty theft occurred in the 2200 block of Lincoln Avenue. Suspect described as a male, 5 feet 4 inches, 170 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. Stolen: soda.

Wednesday, April 19th

4:10 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 200 block of E. Loma Alta Drive. Suspects described as (3) males in a 4-door sedan type vehicle. Suspects

entered the residence by shattering the sliding door. Stolen: Coach handbags and currency.

6:26 PM – Steven Davis, 63 years old of Altadena and Johnny Salazar, 31 years old of Pomona were arrested in the 100 block of Mountain View Street for drinking in public.

Thursday, April 20th

12:30 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 1200 block of Sunny Oaks Circle. Suspect(s) entered the residence via the unlocked front door. Stolen: jewelry.

5:45 PM – Miguel Angel Bucio, 31 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the 900 block of Weimar Street for petty theft from an unlocked vehicle. Stolen item was recovered.

7:05 PM – Evelyn Fouse, 73 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 300 block of Alta Pine Drive for battery due to a road rage incident.

Friday, April 21st

11:35 PM – A petty theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 2300 block of Porter Avenue. Stolen: wallet, credit cards and currency.

Saturday, April 22nd

6:53 PM – Pedro Munoz, 29 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the 2200 block of Lake Avenue for drunk in public.

Wilson Declared Winner in District 7 Run-Off Election

After a "Second Count" of all remaining eligible ballots by the City Clerk's Office, Councilmember Andy Wilson was declared the winner with a final vote tally of 1,793 votes, 50.5 percent of the vote, over challenger Phil Hosp, with 1,757 votes, or 49.4 percent, a 36-vote margin according to officials.

In a statement city officials said that first-time candidate Hosp went into the "Second Count" with a 20-vote lead over incumbent Wilson, based on the "First Count" election night tallies, April 18, which saw Hosp with 1,602 votes, or 50.3 percent, and Wilson behind, with 1,582 votes, or 49.6 percent.

This week, 81 provisional ballots that were turned into the polls and 285 vote-by-mail ballots that were collected or delivered April 18-21, were counted, for a total of 366 votes.

On Tuesday, the candidates and/or their representatives met with City Clerk Mark Jomsky and his team to go over the analysis of eligibility of the remaining ballots in terms of valid signatures, possible



duplicates, correct postmarks, etc. There were 22 ballots (not part of the 366 counted today) that were determined to be ineligible to be counted, including seven provisional ballots and 15 vote by mail ballots.

Before the vote can be certified, a mandatory, manual, by-hand random sample (re) count of both polling ballots and vote-by-mail ballots will be completed by the City Clerk's Office. Certification by the City Clerk will be completed this week prior to Monday night's special organizational council meeting.

Pasadena's Free Event Mental Health Day Set

The public is invited to learn about the challenges, societal stigmas, treatment options and other issues related to mental health and mental wellness at Pasadena's Mental Health Day. The free event takes place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 6, 2017, at the Pasadena Public Library, 285 E. Walnut St.

Pasadena Mental Health Day 2017: "Breaking the Cycle, Healing our Community" is a free, educational event that seeks to increase the public's awareness about all aspects of mental illness and the impacts that mental illness has on the community. The event will provide presentations and workshops to provide youth and adult attendees with healthy coping skills and information about community-based mental health resources.

"The importance of understanding the impacts of mental illness, mental

health and the challenges we face is critical to healing our community," Pasadena Public Health Department Director Michael Johnson said. "I encourage everybody to attend this important resource event."

Pasadena Mental Health Day is sponsored by the City's Public Health and Public Library departments and the community-based Pasadena Mental Health Advisory Committee (PMHAC).

"The entire community stands to gain when we learn about mental illness, remove the stigmas, build resources and grow healthy together. I look forward to helping our community to break the cycle and heal together," said Dr. Salina Corral, PMHAC chair.

For more information about Pasadena Mental Health Day 2017 email PMHAC2017@gmail.com or go online to www.facebook.com/PasadenaMentalHealthDay.

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.

Smart Phones, Tablets and Computers – Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 2 to 25, at 10 a.m. Get the answers you need about personal technology devices, whether you own them already or are considering a purchase. Learning how to text, check voicemail set an alarm, navigate the Internet and download apps is easier than you may think!

A Toast to the Joys of Music – Tuesdays, May 2 to 30, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tom Campbell will play guitar and sing songs in the Senior Center Lounge. Stop by and enjoy his covers of traditional country, country rock, blues, folk, gospel and classic rock originally made famous by Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Vince Gill, Elvis Presley, B.B. King, Neil Young, The Grateful Dead, The Rolling Stones and many more.

Scenic Walkers Club – Wednesdays, May 3 to 17, at 10 a.m. Enjoy a series of leisurely walks in the great outdoors. Alan Colville will give you a list of items to bring, let you know what to expect, provide detailed itineraries and arrange transportation. For more information or to sign up, email alancolville@charter.net or call 626-221-3741.

Depression and Anxiety – Thursday, May 4, at 10 a.m. Symptoms of depression and anxiety can affect older adults profoundly. Educate yourself about true depression and anxiety and when it may be necessary to seek professional help. Presented by Pacific Clinics.

Domino Club – Thursdays, May 4 to 25, at 1 p.m. If you've never played Chicken Foot dominoes before, or even if you have, come join the fun as Vicki Leigh leads participants

in a rollicking version of the game that is easy enough for beginners yet challenging enough for more seasoned players. Oh, and please excuse the laughter every Thursday... it may be contagious! For more information call Vicki at 928-478-4654.

Friday Movie Matinees – Fridays, May 5, 12, at 1 p.m. Everyone enjoys movies and the pleasures they bring. May 5: "Arrival" (2016, PG-13) starring Amy Adams and Jeremy Renner. When 12 mysterious spacecraft appear around the world, an elite team led by a linguistics professor is tasked with interpreting the language of the alien visitors and racing against time to prevent the possible end of humanity. May 12: "Manchester by the Sea" (2015, R) starring Casey Affleck and Michelle Williams. After the death of his brother, a man returns to his hometown to care for his teenaged nephew and confront memories of a tragic event that led to divorce from his wife.

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.

A Matter of Balance – Tuesdays and Thursdays, to May 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. Are you concerned about falling? Learn how to reduce the fear of falling and increase balance and activity levels during this interactive workshop that combines discussion, video and exercise. Reservations are required: 626-685-6732.

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The Arcadia City Council adopted an Unoccupied Residence Registration Ordinance which will go into effect May 5, 2017. The Ordinance establishes regulations and registration requirements for unoccupied residences in the City of Arcadia.

The purpose of the registry is to protect neighborhoods from the adverse effects of unoccupied residences that are not adequately maintained and to be able to directly communicate with property owners or their designated agents when issues at their properties occur. The registry will provide the City with a reliable contact when issues such as property maintenance or health and safety matters arise at the residence.

An unoccupied residence is a property that has not been occupied for at least 30 days. Houses that are actively under construction, are in escrow to be sold or transferred, or are being actively marketed by an identified listing agent, will not be considered unoccupied.

As part of the registration requirement, the property owner will be required to register his/her contact information and at least two (2) other authorized agents, with one contact designated as being available on a 24-hour basis. The 24-hour contact must be local and able to respond to problems at the property within one (1) hour of receiving a telephone notice. In lieu of the two (2) authorized agents, the property owner may enlist a property management company that is located within 20 miles of the City and that can respond within one (1) hour and on a 24-hour basis.

There is no fee to register an unoccupied residence. Property owners will be able to register at Arcadia City Hall, or online at www.ArcadiaCA.gov beginning May 5, 2017.

For more information, please contact the Development Services Department at 574-5432 or DSDCodeServices@ArcadiaCA.gov.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, April 16th, through Saturday, April 22nd, the Police Department responded to 991 calls for service, of which 122 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, April 16:
Shortly before 11:44 p.m., an officer responded to the area of Fourth Avenue and Camino Real Drive regarding a subject walking in traffic. Upon contacting the pedestrian, the 20-year-old male from Monrovia admitted to being in possession of methamphetamine. He was cited and released in the field.

Monday, April 17:
At approximately 8:39 a.m., an officer responded to YTC Summit, 12037 Clark Street, regarding a vandalism report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect used a BB gun to shatter one of the windows. No suspects were seen, no witnesses were located, and no loss was reported.

Just after 3:12 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The victim stated an unknown suspect stole a smaller purse from her larger, oversized bag while she was using the restroom while inside Nordstrom. The investigation is ongoing.

Shortly before 12:50 p.m., an officer responded to Nordstrom, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. Surveillance footage revealed a former employee entered a break room and stole an employee's purse. The suspect, a 29-year-old female from Pomona, is outstanding at the time of this report.

Tuesday, April 18:
Around 6:54 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1200 block of Oakhaven Road regarding a burglary report. The officer discovered unknown suspect(s) shattered a second story balcony door, ransacked the residence, and fled empty-handed. The investigation is ongoing.

Just before 6:04 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1000 block of El Sur Avenue regarding a stolen vehicle report. Surveillance footage captured a black male suspect steal the victim's Honda Odyssey from their drive way. The victim stated her car keys were stolen during a vehicle burglary a week prior. The investigation is ongoing. The vehicle was recovered in the City of Baldwin Park later that day.

Wednesday, April 19:
Shortly after 1:55 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Second Avenue and Colorado Boulevard regarding a vandalism report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect used spray paint to graffiti on the freeway overpass. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Thursday, April 20:
At approximately 7:05 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2200 block of Canyon Road regarding an audible alarm activation. The officer discovered the unknown suspect shattered a rear sliding glass door,

ransacked the home, and fled with jewelry and cash. A witness reported seeing a Hispanic male, approximately 5'6" tall with a buzzed hair cut drive away in a silver sedan shortly after the alarm activated. The investigation is ongoing.

Around 10:22 p.m., officer responded to a traffic collision between two vehicles near the 600 block of Las Tunas Drive. Upon arrival, one of the officers located the suspect's vehicle driving in circles in the parking lot and then he used his vehicle to intentionally hit the victim's vehicle a second time. One of the victim's was inside the vehicle during the second collision. The suspect's vehicle then fled and a short pursuit ensued. During the pursuit, the suspect's vehicle collided with four additional vehicles. The suspect was eventually apprehended. Through a series of tests, the officer concluded the 33-year-old male from San Gabriel was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At about 10:27 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2100 block of Highland Oaks Avenue regarding an alarm activation. Surveillance footage revealed three unidentified suspects smashed a rear window, ransacked the residence, and fled with jewelry and Rolex watches. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, April 21:
At about 7:53 p.m., officers responded to the area of First Avenue and Huntington Drive regarding an assault that occurred inside the T-Mobile store, 101 East Huntington Drive. The investigation revealed the suspect, a 24-year-old male from Altadena, was asked to leave the store and responded by punching the store manager in the mouth. The suspect also stole a samurai-styled sword from a nearby martial arts school and used it to hit two male victims. The suspect was taken control of by a martial arts teacher and students until officers arrived. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just before 9:30 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2800 block of Winthrop Avenue regarding a burglary report. The officer determined unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an open window, ransacked the home, and fled with jewelry and designer handbags. The investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, April 22:
Around 9:05 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 500 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a fraud report. The victim stated an unknown suspect used their Social Security Number to open a Sprint account in Arizona. The total reported loss was \$6,000.00. The victim does not know the identity of the suspect or how they obtained his personal information.

Shortly after 9:18 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 800 block of North Santa Anita Avenue for having tinted windows and no rear license plate. Upon contacting the driver, the 21-year-old male admitted to having two firearms inside the vehicle. A consensual search of the vehicle revealed a loaded shotgun, a loaded Glock inside the driver door side pocket, cocaine, Xanax bars, a scale, and cash. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MONROVIA COMMUNITY

April 25, 2017

As you may have heard by now, on the evening of Saturday, April 22, 2017, there was a violent and tragic shooting at 134 West Cypress Street in Monrovia. The incident left one 18-year-old Monrovia resident dead, and another 17-year-old resident of unincorporated Monrovia in critical condition. Additionally, we are aware at this time that both of the shooting victims were Monrovia Unified School District students, and our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this time.

Given the active investigation that is ongoing, there are few details about the shooting that the City can share. However, we are aware that this violent incident has inspired a great deal of speculation, which has resulted in the spread of inaccurate information being distributed in the news and across social media about gang crimes occurring in our City and region. To that end, we wanted to provide some factual information about the context for this incident and details about the City's substantial and continuing efforts to curb gang violence in our community.

Regarding the most recent shooting, we do know that a Hispanic male in his early to mid-20s is the suspected shooter that law enforcement authorities are currently looking for. It appears that the shooter entered the rear garage located at 134 West Cypress Street through a back alley on the evening of April 22, 2017, at around 11:30 p.m. Upon his entrance, the suspected shooter encountered three individuals gathered in the garage, including the two Hispanic males and one Hispanic female. It is unknown at this time what the suspected shooter's motivations were. However, after a brief verbal exchange, the suspect proceeded to open fire and shot the two male victims, killing one individual and injuring the other. After opening fire, the suspected shooter fled the scene on foot into the alley located at the rear of the residence. Homicide investigators from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department are now investigating the case, which is the standard protocol for most murder investigations in our region because of the sophisticated tools and resources available at the County.

We recognize that any shooting causes real and legitimate fear in the community. However, as news of this recent incident has been shared, unrestrained speculation has resulted in reports that Monrovia has a significant gang problem. Such accounts are simply inaccurate. In reality, our community has very little gang activity, due primarily to proactive gang violence reduction efforts that the City has instituted during the past 10 years. As a result, there are virtually no gang members living in Monrovia today.

Back in 2007, Monrovia, Duarte, and the surrounding unincorporated Los Angeles County areas did experience a significant spike in gang violence and hundreds of gang members lived in the region. Much of the gang activity at that time was race-based, with significant conflicts between African American and Hispanic gangs. When confronted with this issue, Monrovia began working to remove criminal street gang members from our community. One of the City's most effective measures was implementation of a preliminary gang injunction in 2009, which was eventually expanded to serve as a permanent injunction against the gangs in 2010. The injunction is still in place today and serves as a critical tool in the City's efforts to identify and remove gang members from our community.

In addition to the gang injunction, the City has also worked for years alongside our neighborhood leaders to develop strategies to eliminate gang elements from Monrovia. For example, our Police Department has coordinated with community members to put pressure on landlords who rent to criminals, and in every case we have pursued, that pressure from residents and the City resulted in landlords evicting criminal tenants. Our Police Department staff have also assisted landlords in their efforts to evict criminal tenants by appearing in court to testify in contested evictions, while also providing landlords with information about ways to rent to responsible individuals.

After years of hard work, we have seen results here in Monrovia. Today, there are less than 10 gang members who live in our community, and because of our efforts, we have seen a major drop in both violent crime and gang crime in Monrovia during the past decade.

Unfortunately, the rest of our region has not been as proactive in working to remove gang members from their communities. For example, Duarte did not participate in the gang injunction. This means that the Hispanic gang and the Crip gang in Duarte have been unaffected by our injunction.

Also, while Los Angeles County did participate in the injunction (which applies to gang members living in the unincorporated areas surrounding Monrovia and Duarte), the County does not have the same type of focused

community policing programs that we have in Monrovia, and they have not had the same success that we have had in removing gang members from the unincorporated areas surrounding our City.

These regional factors have resulted in many gang members still living in the areas to the south and to the east of Monrovia. And beginning in 2016, similar to the violence we saw in 2007, gang activity has erupted in our region. The gang violence has primarily been between the Crip gang in the unincorporated areas surrounding Duarte / Monrovia, the Hispanic gang in Duarte, and a Blood gang in Pasadena. And there have been multiple gang related shootings and homicides in Duarte, Pasadena, and the unincorporated Los Angeles County areas.

Throughout this recent surge in gang activity, Monrovia has avoided most of the violence because we have so few gang members living in our community. In fact, the City experienced very little gang crime in 2016. However, the reality is that gang members living in the region drive through Monrovia, visit friends / family in our City, and shop at our businesses. These factors, coupled with the few gang members who still live in town, leaves open the possibility that gang violence may occur here in Monrovia.

To that end, in addition to the most recent shooting we experienced on April 22, 2017, there have been three other recent instances of violent activity in Monrovia, which include:

On February 9, 2017, a male Hispanic gang member shot at a subject who was not a gang member in the 100 block of Los Angeles Street. Fortunately, the victim was not hit and Monrovia Police Officers quickly apprehended the shooter, along with two accomplices. In addition, City investigators were able to locate the gun that was used in the shooting, and the suspect is now awaiting trial. It is important to note that the shooter had been convicted of assault with a deadly weapon in Ontario, California in 2015. Because of California's early prisoner release policies, he was out of prison in 9 months and had come to visit a friend in Monrovia when he committed another assault, this time with a handgun.

On March 29, 2017, a subject was at a store in the 400 block of East Duarte road when he was shot at by a gang member while sitting in his vehicle. The victim, who was hit, fled the scene to his residence in the unincorporated area of Duarte, where his family then called for help. This was a case where rival gang members from areas outside the City were involved in a shooting at a business in Monrovia. The victim will survive his injuries and the investigation is ongoing.

On April 7, 2017, a drive by shooting occurred in the 100 block of East Los Angeles Street. During the incident, no one was hit and no one was injured. The shooting took place at a residence where Crip gang members associate, and the investigation is continuing. At this time, it has not yet been determined if the shooting was gang related or if the incident was provoked because of a drug related deal. Furthermore, while the Monrovia Police Department has been aware of the issues at this location, we have been unable to evict the residents because they own the home. However, the City has taken proactive measures in an attempt to resolve the issues at this problem address, including the installation of high definition surveillance cameras that monitor the entire street on a 24/7 basis.

It is always unacceptable when a shooting occurs in town, and last weekend's shooting that resulted in the death of a Monrovia resident is a tragedy that will be thoroughly investigated. As we move forward, additional public information will be released when possible. However, as the process unfolds, we did want to make the community aware that there is a lot of inaccurate information about the shooting incident that is being spread on social media, including statements made that the second victim had died, which is not true. There are also many inaccurate sentiments being shared that Monrovia is centrally involved in the regional gang violence that has been occurring since 2016. We have outlined in this correspondence all of the possible recent gang-related shooting incidents that have occurred in Monrovia. While it is true that gang activity spills into our City at times, the facts illustrate that gang violence is primarily originating from other areas where Monrovia has no jurisdiction. Furthermore, with regard to the latest April 22, 2017, shooting incident, it has yet to be determined if the matter is even gang related. While social media can be a helpful way to share accurate information, it also frequently causes the spread of false information, as has been the case recently.

Here in our Monrovia, we have taken, and we continue to take, great efforts to reduce gang violence. And our efforts have produced real results. As the chart below illustrates, violent gang crime in Monrovia has been significantly reduced over the years.

TWO DUARTE UNIFIED SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED FOR HIGH ACHIEVEMENT IN STUDENT SUCCESS

Royal Oaks and Valley View Elementary Schools Selected for Prestigious Honor Roll issued by National Campaign of Business & Education Leaders

(Duarte, CA) – Duarte Unified School District is pleased to announce that Royal Oaks and Valley View Elementary Schools have been selected by Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) as two of 1,866 public schools in California to receive the title of 2016 Honor Roll school.

Schools receiving this distinction from the California business community have demonstrated consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time and reduction in achievement gaps among student populations.

Both Royal Oaks and Valley View Elementary received CBEE Honor Roll status and earned the "Star Schools" Award for showing a significant increase in the grade-level proficiency of their students over time that includes their significant socio-economically disadvantaged student populations.

"It is an honor to be recognized by The Campaign for Business & Education Excellence, and we are proud that Royal Oaks and Valley View have been selected as Honor Roll schools," said Dr. Allan Mucirino, Superintendent of Duarte Unified. "Our staff, parents and community deserve to be recognized for creating the conditions for all students to attain rigorous academic standards by incorporating high expectations and quality instruction."

"We are proud to recognize those schools and school districts who are succeeding in putting their students on a path of productivity that not only leads to success in the classroom, but also prepares them to contribute to and benefit from a more productive economy," said Greg Jones, ERP and CBEE Board Chairman.

"Leadership from both education and the business community is critical to linking success from one system to the next, and ensuring that students have the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve a college degree and the financial security of a living wage job." "The Honor Roll proves that many schools are doing well, even those with high numbers of historically disadvantaged students," said Jim Lanich, ERP President and CEO.

"These schools are clearly doing something right and all schools, no matter what zip code they are in, can achieve this kind of success. School and school district leadership have a great opportunity to find out what's working at these Honor Roll schools and replicate it."

The California Honor Roll program is made possible with generous support from numerous businesses and organizations including Automobile Club of Southern California, Macy's, Wells Fargo, Enterprise Holdings Foundation, and several private foundations.

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While proceeds exceeded \$40K, the most important development was significant attendance by families from Field Elementary, as well as honors students and families from Pasadena High School. These supporters showed not only that they love a well-thrown party, but also that they are all stakeholders in the success of Sierra Madre Schools.

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WHY DID THE CAT CROSS THE ROAD?

Hi-Technology Helps Track Your Cat

It never ceases to amaze me, how innovative and creative some people can be when it comes to finding the best ways to care for their pets. One caring and very curious cat owner in the United Kingdom really went the extra mile to ensure that his four-legged friend was within his watchful eye, when he came up with a tracking device that can be attached to a kitty's collar to remotely monitor it's activities.

Father of two resident of Marlborough, Wiltshire in the UK, Dave Evans is a uniquely creative cat-loving inventor who was prompted to come up with a mobile electronic cat mapping device, when his own curiosity caused him to wonder where his cat was wandering when it virtually vanished for days at a time, returning home on each occasion with an ever-growing girth.

Evans noticed that his furry feline friend was getting fatter following each long-term trip to who-knew-where for more than a few nights at a time, so he finally decided to apply his knowledge of basic GPS technology to creating an invention that would help him find out why his venturesome cat was getting so darn fat.

The cat tracking device Evans designed is small and light enough to be attached to a kitty's collar, and the minute electronics inside allow for remote tracking that can be viewed through Google maps. Apparently, now there is even an app that can be downloaded to your smart phone to help you keep track of your cat while you, yourself are away from home. Imagine that - an app to track your cat!

Now, most of us are familiar with the term "cat-nap", right? But who knew the term "cat-map" could soon become a household term for a well-known means of tracking a kitty's activities during it's nights out on the town?

Our funny felines just love to wander about and explore the great outdoors. Most of us want to give them at least a little leeway to roam (although that's subject to opinion particularly where we live), but sometimes cats get a bit too curious about what's up down the road, and they just can't resist the urge to venture further than they should for their own good.

That's why the concept of Dave Evans' cat mapping device (along with a few similar products that followed his lead) have become so popular among pet lovers, globally. How does it work? Well, the device is affixed to the cat's collar and records the various locations to which the little rascal wanders while away, night or day. When the cat returns home, the device is removed from it's collar and plugged into the computer via a USB port connector.

That's when the owner, being the virtual voyeur that he is, can view all the cat's curious comings and goings as they are depicted on Google Earth satellite images online. Kind of crazy, eh? But who doesn't want to know where their cat goes when it leaves home to run

and roam?

What Dave Evans found out about his whimsical wandering feline friend was that it had been visiting lots other homes in the neighborhood on a regular basis, and being fed by his other human companions who lived nearby. Basically that cat was sneaking off to fatten itself up, slowly but surely. How funny is that cat?

Evans gave his state-of-the-art cat-tracker the easy-to-remember moniker of "G-Paws", and says the device has been a hit among numerous other curious & caring cat owners across the globe (CNN, London).

If you have a cat that likes to roam causing your curiosity to get over-blown, this remarkable new pet pampering product may just be the tool for you. As residents of an area where we share our space with coyotes and other wildlife predators, it wouldn't surprise me if this product quickly becomes a new favorite on the list of pet accessories for our furry four-legged friends! Well, at least those who allow their cats to roam, that is.

Now, on a side note, speaking of pets roaming, I'd like to shout out a big thank you to the good Samaritan who took the time to return two wandering pups back to their yard on Olive Ave. several months ago. I received a random call from a real nice lady named Vicki this past week, whose dogs had ventured out of the gate, unbeknownst to her.

She was out at the time and when she returned home, she found a business card of a pet sitter with a note explaining the dogs had gotten out and were returned to the yard safely. Vicki has been wanting to call and thank the helpful handler but it seems the business card left on her door step has gone missing. After seeing two pet sitter's ads in this section - one for Lois Longo and one for myself, Vicki called us both to learn that neither of us had been the one who returned her dogs.

If you are reading this and you happen to be that good neighbor who returned two wandering pups on Olive Ave several months ago, please contact the Mt. Views News editor and we will put you in touch with Vicki. She really wants to express her appreciation. And frankly, so do I! Keeping an eye out for each others' pets and lending a helping hand is what Sierra Madre is all about! Keep up the kindness...Love and let live.



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Mantras have a unique way of working through vibration. When we say aloud (chant) or say silently to ourselves, the vibration itself connects us, gives focus and brings us into alignment with our highest

self. OM represents transcendence and peace. Each time we chant, we connect to pure consciousness and all of Divinity. This is not assigned to religion, it is a universal Divine connection through the vibration.

Remember there are three sounds to OM: A-U-M, that rise of up the spine all the way as the lips close on M. There is a fourth part to OM which is silence. This part should be observed.

Enjoy the sound of OM and keep in mind, each time we chant OM aloud or silently, we encourage those qualities of peace and transcendence to come into our consciousness and our life.

Namaste,

- my divine light salutes your divine light -
Keely Totten



THE MISSING PAGE

Real Life Tips from Life's Instruction Manual

Howard Thurman was an American theologian and one of Martin Luther King's beloved teacher's. He once said, "Don't just be good, be good for something."

This is one of my favorite quotes because he is emphasizing the action. It is important to think good thoughts, but it is better to do good things.

Having kinds thoughts doesn't move the needle. If we want peace we must, as Father Greg, of Homeboy Industries, says, "be about peace."

How can we be about peace?

We must strive to be peaceful in our interactions, including with ourselves.

Do you find yourself becoming anxious or upset by the news? We must make conscious decisions about the data we allow to into our awareness. Fasting from traditional news outlets can be difficult, but we don't need to obsess about it. In

the 24-hour news cycle most stories are not truly news but are repeated reports of the same story. We can decide to watch, listen, or read only once daily to control our response to negative or disturbing events.

We don't need to engage in online and or in person discussions of upsetting occurrences. We don't need to repost these events in our newsfeed.

Be About Peace

To be a force for peace, we can do something good for someone else each day. We can offer a kind word, donate to a cause we care about, or we can help someone we encounter in our daily life.

To be about peace, we must be in action.

Let peace be a verb in your life.

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The new 100 to 1 Club spans 4,000 square feet at the first turn of the track, in an area formerly known as The Gallop Out (I called it Margie's bar). The space underwent extensive renovations over the past seven months, including an architecture overhaul that added terraced seating, eliminated exterior walls and elevated the main floor to maximize race day sightlines.

Overseen by LA-based design firm Studio Antares, the 100 to 1 Club's on-trend redesign evokes the track's rich Los Angeles history and its long-held position as the West Coast Jewel of American Thoroughbred racing. Overhead exposed steel infrastructure meets original curved concrete walls with hexagon shaped windows. Throne-like banquet seating set beneath the architectural base of Santa Anita's iconic spire create unexpected focal points within in the space.

Race Fans are greeted by a bar area lit with an historic neon sign, which is original to the space and dates back to the 1930's – the glory days of Santa Anita Park. The former concrete parapet in front of the space was replaced with glass partition, flooding the club with sunlight and opening views to the action below. Private bar and wagering machines separate a 50-75 person suite with outdoor, covered seating and top shelf amenities.

Set three floors above Santa Anita's first turn, the club rests at the building's closest proximity to the race track, creating an exhilarating and engaging space where fans of all ages feel they are part of the action.

The 100 to 1 Club is the latest space to be unveiled as part of Santa Anita Park's ongoing renovation and refurbishment. The multi-year and multi-million-dollar undertaking has modernized the park and added elite new spaces aimed at introducing Santa Anita Park and the Sport of Kings to a new generation of race fans.

On my name visit I plan to check out their Sunday Brunch, I can't predict all the winners in each race but I have a tip that this going to be a winner!
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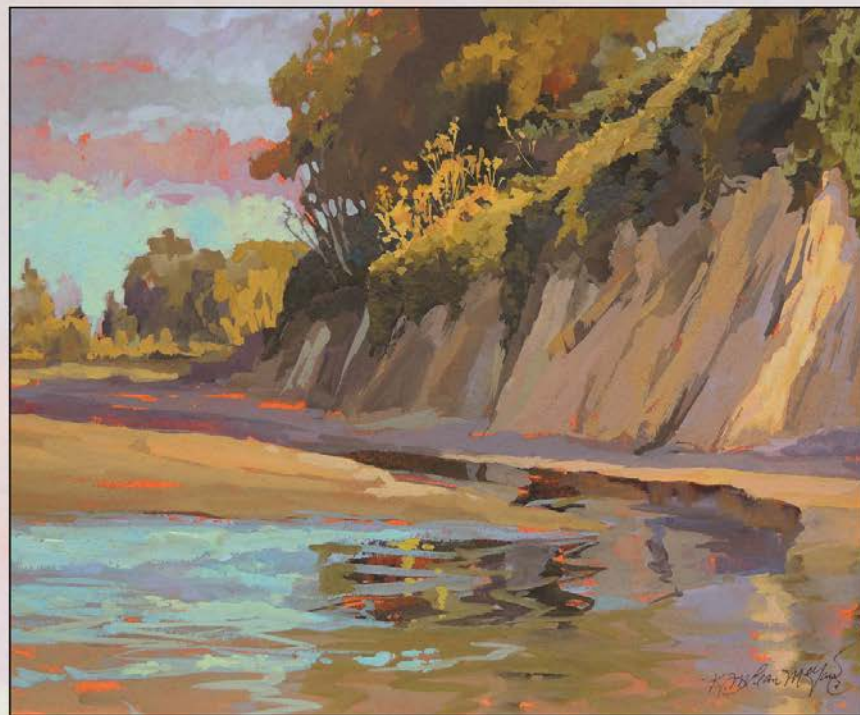


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SPECIAL MENU ITEMS OFFERED DURING PASADENA RESTAURANT WEEK APRIL 30TH TO MAY 5TH

PASADENA, CA-During Pasadena Restaurant Week, the local dining community offers special preparations, innovative meals and great deals on two-course lunch and three-course dinner menus. The 2017 event, which runs from April 30th to May 5th, brings special menus from some of Pasadena's favorite dining destinations. (Note-some restaurants may not participate on May 5th due to Cinco de Mayo events.)

Chef Akira Hirose of Maison Akira is offering Homemade Duck Pate with Roasted Baby Carrots or Corn Lobster Bisque followed by Mediterranean Loup de Mer in a Chardonnay Ikura Sauce of Beef Short Rib Bourguignon with Mixed Vegetable and Matcha Crème Brûlée and Flourless Lime Cake for dessert at \$45 per person. For \$20, Plate 38 is serving a lunch of Roasted Tomato Bisque or Endive, Travoiso and Wild Rocket Salad, followed by an entrée of House Made Capellini Pasta, any of their burgers or Achiotte Marinated Fish Tacos. Gourmet dinner options at Plate 38 include Oxtail and Charred Octopus Stuffed Bone Marrow or Warm Vichyssoise followed by entrée offerings including Smoked Jalapeno and Miso Marinated Black Cod and Prime Coulette Steak with dessert of Chocolate Praline Cake or Warm Apple and White Chocolate Bread Pudding, priced at \$45 per person.

At Celestino, Calogero Drago is serving Zuppetta di Calamari (calamari stew with cannellini beans & sage) or Carpaccio di Bue con Arugula (beef carpaccio with arugula and shaved parmigiano) among the appetizer choices, followed by an entrée choices that include Scaloppine di Pollo con funghi (Chicken Scaloppine with Mushroom sauce) or Risotto al Nero di Seppie con scampi e Capesante (Squid in Risotto with Shrimp and Scallops) followed by dessert choices including Sorbetti misti and Cannoli alla Siciliana. For lunch, Sushi Roko in Old Pasadena offers Seared Salmon Sashimi, Organic kale Salad or Fried Calamari appetizers with a Six Piece Sushi Assortment and Spicy Tuna Roll, Sea bass Sliders or Ji-Dori Free Range Chicken with a Mini Chocolate Volcano with Vanilla Ice Cream or Sorbet and Fresh Fruit for dessert, for \$20 per person.

The Terrace at the Langham Huntington Hotel offers a \$36 dinner menu that features Crispy Brussels, Grilled Asparagus or market Lettuce Salad appetizer, red Snapper, Lomo Saltado or Ricotta Gnocchi entrees and Caramel Apple Cheesecake, Strawberry Crème Brûlée Macaroon or White Chocolate Raspberry Almond Log for dessert. POP Champagne offers a \$36 dinner menu featuring Truffle Mac 'N Cheese, Herb Shrimp, Champagne Chicken or Filet Mignon (for an additional \$5) entrees. The entrée options at Vertical Wine Bistro include Rack of lamb, Saffron Couscous and Brick Chicken for \$45 per person.

At Del Frisco's Grille the \$45 dinner menu includes appetizers of Cheesesteak Eggrolls or Deviled Eggs, entrees of Prime Beef Short Rib Stroganoff or Mesquite Smoked Pork Chop with Turtle Cheesecake, Salted Caramel Pudding jar or Nutella Bread Pudding for dessert. Green Street Restaurant is offering a \$32 dinner menu that includes appetizers of Corn Chowder or Chicken Posole Soup, a Small Caesar Salad or Small Green Street Salad with main course offerings including Steak and Dianne, Ginger Flank Steak or Snapper with Orange Chipotle Vinaigrette and Green Street Carrot

Cake or Green Street Brownie for dessert.

Three new Pasadena restaurants are also offering specials during Pasadena Restaurant Week. Alma de la Rosa in Old Pasadena has a Caesar with Pepitas for Two with an entrée of Seared Yellowfin Tuna with Avocado Butter, Pickled Chiles, Cucumbers and a dessert of Mexican Chocolate Terrine and Cardamom Ice Cream for \$45 per person. Flemings Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar offers Lobster Bisque or Potato Leek soup followed by an entrée of Porcini Crusted Filet Mignon or Classic Cobb Salad paired with either shrimp, crabmeat or chicken with a choice of either NY Cheesecake or Creme Brûlée for dessert, all for \$35. For \$20, True Food Kitchen offers a lunch that may include Edamame Dumplings or Chioggia Beet Bruschetta and a Grilled Chicken Salad or Grilled Fish Tacos.

Prices quoted do not include tax, gratuity or beverages.

All of the dining options can be found at pasadenarestaurantweek.com/restaurants.

All restaurant, menu, pricing and cuisine information is available by downloading the Pasadena Restaurant Week app for iPhone or Android smart phone. Everyone who downloads the app is entered for a chance to win delicious prizes during Pasadena Restaurant Week.

This year's participants include some Pasadena favorites:

Alma de la Rosa
Bistro 45
Cafe Bizou
Cameron's Seafood
Celestino Ristorante and Bar
Central Park Restaurant
Constance Perry's at the DustD2 Hotel Constance
Del Frisco's Grille
Dog Haus Biergarten
Du-par's Pasadena
Equator by Edwin Mills
El Cholo Cafe
Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar
Green Street Restaurant
Kathleen's
Madeline Garden Bistro
Maison Akira
Plate 38
POP Champagne and Dessert Bar
Ruth's Chris Steak House
Sorriso/Bar Celona
Sushi Roku
The Terrace at the Langham Huntington Hotel
True Food Kitchen
Umami Burger
Vertical Wine Bistro

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HOW MEDICARE COVERS THERAPY SERVICES

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you explain how Medicare covers physical therapy services? I'm a new beneficiary, and would like to get some treatments for my back.
Need Help

Dear Need,
Medicare covers a variety of outpatient therapy services including physical, occupational and speech therapy, if you meet their coverage criteria. Here's how it works.

Medicare Coverage

To get Medicare (Part B) to help cover your physical therapy, it must be considered medically reasonable and necessary, and will need to be ordered or prescribed by your doctor.

You can get these services as an outpatient at a number of places like a doctor's or therapist's office, rehabilitation facility, medical clinic or a hospital outpatient department. You also need to know that Medicare limits how much it pays for outpatient therapy services in one calendar year. These limits are called "therapy cap limits." In 2017, Medicare will cover up to \$1,980 for physical and speech therapy combined, and another \$1,980 for occupational therapy.

But be aware that just like with other Medicare covered services, Medicare will pay 80 percent (up to \$1,584) of your therapy costs, after you meet your \$183 Part B deductible. You, or your Medicare supplemental plan (if you have one), will be responsible for the remaining 20 percent until the cap limits are reached. After that, you'll have to pay the full cost for the services.

Extra Therapy

If, however, you reach your cap limits and your doctor or therapist recommends that you continue with the treatment, you can ask your therapist for an exception so that Medicare will continue to pay for your therapy. The therapist must provide documentation that these services are medically necessary for you to continue. If Medicare denies the claim, you can appeal through the Medicare appeals process – see Medicare.gov/claims-and-appeals.

If approved, Medicare has an exception threshold of \$3,700 for physical and speech therapy combined, and \$3,700 for occupational therapy. If your therapy cost exceeds these thresholds, Medicare will audit your case, which could lead to denial of further services.



No Coverage

If you choose to get physical therapy on your own that's not considered medically necessary or prescribed by your doctor, your therapist is required to give you a written document called an "Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage" (ABN). Medicare Part B will not pay for these services, but the ABN lets you decide whether to get them.

Therapy at Home

You should also know that Medicare covers home therapy services too if you are homebound and eligible to receive home health care from a Medicare-approved home healthcare agency. To learn more about this option, see the "Medicare and Home Health Care" online booklet at Medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/10969.pdf.

Medicare Advantage

If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan (like an HMO or PPO), these plans must cover everything that's included in original Medicare Part A and Part B coverage. But sometimes these plans cover more, with extra services or an expanded amount of coverage. To find out whether your plan provides extra coverage or requires different co-payments for physical therapy, you'll need to contact the plan directly.

More Information

If you have other questions, call Medicare at 800-633-4227, or contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), who provides free Medicare counseling in person or over the phone. To find a local SHIP counselor visit Shiptacenter.org, or call the eldercare locator at 800-677-1116.

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.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...April 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.

Brain Games: Thursdays, 10:30a.m. to 11:30a.m., improve your memory and strengthen your brain. Activities facilitated by Senior Volunteers.

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

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

Tax Assistance: Every Wednesday beginning on February 1st through April 12th from 1:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. - Don Brunner is available for income tax consultation. Appointments are required by calling 626-355-7394.

Chair Yoga: Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 to 11:45a.m. with Paul Hagen. 3rd Monday of each month, a variety of balance exercises are practiced. All ability levels are encouraged and welcomed!

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

Case Management: Case Management services are provided by the YWCA and provide assistance in a variety of areas. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling the Hart Park House Office at 626-355-7394.

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

Game Day: Every Thursday starting at 12:00p.m. Come join this group of Seniors in a poker game. Other games are offered to all. Please note time change.

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

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Meeting Location: Hart Park House

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- Bring your sack lunch to eat at the picnic tables.
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Looking Up with Bob Eklund



RARE HIGH-RESOLUTION IMAGE OF EXPLODED STAR

Scientists will now be able to measure how fast the universe is truly expanding with the kind of precision not possible before.

This, after an international team of astronomers led by Stockholm University, Sweden, captured four distinct images of a gravitationally lensed Type Ia supernova, named iPTF16geu.

To get a high-resolution view, the discovery team used the W. M. Keck Observatory's OSIRIS and NIRC2 instruments with laser-guided adaptive optics at near-infrared wavelengths.

The resolution of the Keck adaptive optics images was equivalent to being able to distinguish the individual headlights of a car in San Francisco as viewed from Hawaii. The measurements confirmed the four separate images originated from iPTF16geu and that its light traveled for 4.3 billion years before reaching Earth.

"Resolving for the first time, multiple images of a strongly lensed supernova is a major breakthrough," said Ariel Goobar, Professor at the Oskar Klein Centre at Stockholm University and lead author of the study. "We can measure the light-focusing power of gravity more accurately than ever before, and probe physical scales that may have seemed out of reach until now."

iPTF16geu was initially observed by the intermediate Palomar Transient Factory (iPTF), a Caltech-led international project that uses the Palomar Observatory to scan the skies and discover, in near real-time, fast-changing cosmic events such as supernovas using a fully-automated, wide-field survey.

It took some of the world's leading telescopes to gather more detailed information about iPTF16geu. In addition to Keck Observatory, the discovery team also used the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope and the European Southern Observatory (ESO) Very Large Telescope in Chile.

Astronomers detect thousands of supernova every year, but only a few of those found are gravitationally-lensed. Because they are only visible for a short time, spotting them can be difficult.

"iPTF is known for finding supernova



candidates, but the key is to image them with Keck Observatory's cutting-edge adaptive optics while the supernova is still bright," said Shri Kulkarni, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Professor of Astronomy and Planetary Science and co-author of the study. "Thanks to Keck Observatory's ability to respond to such supernova events on short notice, the discovery team was able to produce fine images, which allowed them to successfully observe the light rise and fall from each of iPTF16geu's four images."

This discovery is highly interesting to scientists

because Type Ia supernovas can be used as a "standard candle" to calculate galactic distances.

A standard candle is an astrophysical object that emits a certain, known amount of light. In this case, the object is a Type Ia supernova, a class of dying stars that always explode with the same absolute brightness. If astronomers know such an object's true luminosity, they can infer its distance from Earth. The dimmer the object, the farther away it is.

This rare discovery is made possible through gravitational lensing, a phenomenon that was first

predicted by Albert Einstein in 1912. As light of the distant object passes by a massive object such as a galaxy cluster in the foreground, it gets bent by gravity, just as light gets bent passing through a lens. When the foreground object is massive enough, it will magnify the object behind it. In iPTF16geu's case, its light was magnified by up to 50 times and bent into four separate images by a galaxy in front of it.

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges PLANTING TREES IN SIERRA MADRE TO FIGHT DROUGHT

Trees, grey water recycling, and welcoming the rain are all needed Low-tech solutions to Urban Density

[Nyerges operates the School of Self-reliance, offering classes in self-reliance and survival. The web site is www.self-reliance.net.]

We are not advocates of the "front lawn." Our front area is planted with fruit trees, herbs, and ornamentals. Once, while we were tending this area, a visitor of ours stated that he does not grow anything in his yard. He told us he was so concerned about dry weather conditions, and drought conditions, that he regarded any sort of plant cultivation as "wasting water."

Of course, our visitor was tacitly suggesting that we were wasting water.

We realized that this idea was rather widespread when yet a second person suggested that we forget about planting any more trees, bushes, or vegetables due to what seems to be regular periods of drought and water shortages in Southern California.

This counter-productive idea seems to have gained a foothold in the minds of many residents of our Southland. We've even heard some "garden experts" suggest this idea, that to "save water" we should simply not grow plants.

We are able to grow fruit trees and roses and herbs and other edible plants partly because we direct all of our washing machine water, and most of our dish water, out into the garden areas and not down the city's sewer line. We are using the water twice!

To the visitor who suggested that we stop growing for awhile, we casually asked, as we were showing him our water recycling system, "So where does all your used water go?" He was silent for a moment, and then told us that it all goes into the sewer.

In fact, with careful attention to the type of detergents purchased, we can direct virtually all of our water into our yards. This is done in many possible ways. The dish basin, full of used water, can simply be carried outside and poured manually around your plants. Or you can fill one gallon plastic buckets with your used bath, shower, or dish water, and then carry it outside to where it is needed. With a bit more work, you can disconnect from your sewer line and permanently direct all of your used water into your own yard, as we've done with the washing machine.

There are two major benefits of sending your used household water into your own yards, rather than letting it flow unceremoniously down the sewer.

As more and more people move into this coastal mountain-locked desert plain, we have quickly begun to use the water faster than nature's ability to replenish the supply. Thus, our underground water table has steadily dropped. Directing all our household water into our yards could have at least a minimal positive affect on the water table (as long as we avoid bleaches and dyes in our detergents that could be harmful to the soil and water).

More importantly, one of the best "weapons" to combat desertification and the serious effects of the cycles of drought is the presence of trees! Throughout recorded history, the harvest and non-replenishment of trees has led to weather changes that have resulted in large deserts. All the major deserts on earth were once forests, but the trees were cut down for making boats or other products. Conversely, since the transpira-

tion cycle of trees releases large amounts of water into the environment, the planting of trees on a large scale can reduce the effects of drought, can alter weather and can reverse the downward cycle towards desertification.

We don't want to stop our efforts to plant -- and to nurture -- trees just because there is a period of drought. But we must do so wisely. By using all possible grey water, we're able to keep our necessary trees and plants alive and transpiring. When we read that the average residence of Los Angeles County uses about 400 gallons a day, we were astounded. We're not sure what constitutes an "average" family, but when we average out our water usage, it doesn't come close to 400 gallons on a daily basis. Imagine how astounded we both were to learn that Hugh Hefner's Playboy mansion uses 25,000 gallons of water daily! Or that the Hotel Bel-Air, an 11 acre retreat, uses 98,000 gallons a day!

No wonder we have water troubles. People flock her to the desert and they use water profligately, as if they were living in Canada or the Rockies or some other water-rich environment.

With all this in mind, we wonder: n Where doesn't every single family residence in Southern California direct all their own gray water into their own yard? This raises the water table, and allows plants to grow with water that was already used and paid for?

n Why isn't the city, or various water agencies, actively promoting not just low-flush toilets but composting toilets, which use NO water at all?

n Why does the average residence pay more for the water they so-carefully use, when the "big users" get to buy their water wholesale?

n Why do we allow any new construction at all, either residential or business? If our water situation is only going to get worse as population increases, shouldn't we take some steps to encourage development elsewhere? Or are we so caught up in the suicidal money-making mindset that "development is always good for business" that we are blind to what we are doing to ourselves?

We know that there are countless other "easy" and practical ways to fight water shortages and to live lightly on the earth.

Another deep-seated idea that all should root out of our thinking is that "Sunny weather is good weather, and rainy weather is bad." Most Southern California weather reporters have interpreted the weather this way for decades (with a few rare exceptions, such as the former television meteorologist Dr. George Fischbeck). Though we are not badmouthing sunny weather, we need to begin to think about rain as a valuable, friendly, needed gift from heaven, without which our home here between the sea and the mountains would quickly revert to a semi-barren desert.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

BLACK EYE CAUSES QUANDARY OF THE FIRST ORDER

Quandaries come in a variety of sizes, shapes and colors. As someone who is somewhat of a connoisseur in this area, I can readily attest to this. However, many do not realize quandaries come in two categories.

First are those quandaries that come about through no fault of the person in said quandary. For all practical purposes (and those in a quandary are usually not practical), it is impossible to adequately prepare for such an event in life.

Second are self-imposed quandaries. This, unfortunately, is the area where I flounder the most. To be perfectly honest, and I'm not suggesting that I'm perfect; I have created most of the havoc in my life.

Believe me, I would like to put the blame on someone other than myself in many of these situations but, alas, I am to blame. What I am about to relate belongs to the first category.

I found myself in a quandary recently through no fault of mine. And yet, I'm not able to prove it. This is the most discouraging thing. I know it was not my fault, but nobody will believe me.

Through the years, I have adopted a certain nocturnal procedure. When I get up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom I keep my eyes closed. There is a very simple reason for this.

One, I know exactly where I am going, so I don't need to open my eyes.

Two, I do not want my body to know that I'm awake. I want to fool my body into believing I'm asleep.

I used to do what everybody else does. Get up, open my eyes and go to the bathroom. However, whenever I did, my body thought I was up for the night and try as I might, I could not convince my body to go back to sleep until I made one trip to the kitchen, and you know what that meant. Exactly . . . the refrigerator.

This kitchen appliance holds no appeal for me, but I do enjoy the contents. Moreover, my body knows this only too well. So, I devised a plan to outwit my body.

Some people would let their body dictate to them, but I am not of that breed. When I have to go to the bathroom in the middle of the night, I am careful not to open my eyes.

With this strategy, I am able to get up, go to the bathroom and return without my body being aware of what is going on. My plan worked quite well without a quandary in sight for years, until one night recently.

About 2:37 a.m., according to the digital clock by my bedside, the urge to go the bathroom came upon me like a roaring lion. Being careful not to arouse my body, I slunk out of bed, wary to keep both eyes closed.

Everything chugged along quite well and then, all of a sudden there was a resounding "whack," a flash of blinding light and a twinge that danced from my right eye all the way down to the soles of my feet, only to return.

Quickly following this, a loud squawk emitted from my mouth. All this commotion completely aroused my body to a state of full awakeness. By this time, my body, my wife and I were wide-awake. As it turned out, someone, and I'm not mentioning any names, left the bathroom door open. It opens into our bedroom and I had run smack, dab into it. The result was a black eye to beat all black eyes. There are worse things in this world than running into a door - like explaining to your devoted public how you got that black eye.

While my right eye was throbbing, I never gave any thought to how I would explain it. However, it was a quandary and it was not of my doing.

"How did you get that black eye?" A friend asked me the next day. It was a perfectly innocent question so I cheerfully (if you can be cheerful with a black eye) said, "I ran into a door last night."

I thought this would be the end of the matter. Boy, was I ever in for a shock.

"Sure, you did," my friend replied sarcastically. Then he winked. I soon realized I was in for some trouble. You can only do so much to hide a black eye.

Another friend: "What happened to your eye? You talked back to your wife or something?" This is usually followed by that insidious laugh, "Tee, hee, hee."

Why is it that when a person gets a black eye from running into a door nobody believes him? After all, I'm not in the habit of telling outright lies. I may exaggerate or rearrange the facts, but I never would outright lie about anything. Especially if related to my wife.

While feeling a little blue over my black eye, I discovered something in my Bible. David knew of quandaries and wrote many Psalms celebrating this fact of life.

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me" (Psalms 138:7).

It is inevitable that quandaries will come. Some from out of the blue and some of my own creation. The comforting truth is, God will always "revive me" in His own special way.

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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

ANOTHER SENSELESS DEATH AND WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT IS DOING

By Joan Schmidt

This week's column was supposed to be about the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council-our history, areas we represent, improving life in our community and our goals. However because of recent shootings and information shared at our April Town Council Meeting, it will be published next week.

The well-attended Town Council Meeting brought Stephanie English, Public Safety Officer and Field Deputy Debra Mendelsohn, from Supervisor's Barga's District. Residents met LASD Area Commander Scroggins, Temple Station's Cpt. Flores, Lt. McNeal, Duarte's Sgt. Keaney and Operations Safe Street's Lt. Walk.

Captain Flores introduced himself and his staff and told how they are working to improve our area. Deputy Nelson gave her monthly report on crimes and answered questions. There were also reports from Arcadia PD Community Officer Vercillo, Pamela Park, and Duarte and Live Oak Library Staff.

Jeanette Chavez, mother of the late Samantha Salas, slain in front of Riviera Apts., questioned LASD Cpt. Flores about the number of deputies on each shift. She was quite upset about the recent killings-she didn't want other parents to suffer so much pain. Samantha was beautiful, artistic, volunteered at Church; her future looked bright, but her life was cut short. Ms. Chavez felt Monrovia PD had more officers and the two agencies didn't communicate.

A few days later, I spoke at length to Monrovia Police Chief Jim Hunt. He said all the surrounding agencies work together and Duarte and Monrovia still utilize the D.A.M.A.G.E. Program-a Monrovia Sgt. rides with two deputies; the Duarte Sgt. with two MPD officers. (See 1998 Photo of Duarte Sgt. Biagini and Monrovia Sgt. Pete Mullins in the early days of the program.)

Chief Hunt mentioned his department's smaller size, but officers spend their entire career there, so they are well acquainted with the area and residents. He also spoke of the Gang Injunction being a very effective tool for his City; there

are no gang member residents in the City.

I favored the Injunction because in the early 90's, it was a most effective tool to clean up the Goodall County Area. The City of Duarte does not have it.

In 2008, Duarte voted not to utilize the Injunction and I thought that was a mistake. The County was willing to fund half of it. However last night I attended the Duarte City Council Meeting and learned a lot. It wasn't a rash decision not to have the Injunction. There was a lot of thought, dialogue and research done before they voted against it. I listened to their arguments and then understood their decision. (Their proactive program-will be explained in a future column.)

The Injunction gives law enforcement the tool to remove gang members from their city. Duarte has no injunctions and recently had shootings. But the County area with injunctions also has had gang-related shootings. (I believe we need the injunction in the county areas because of recent gang activity.)

I also believe that Prop 109 has caused a lot of havoc as predicted by former Supervisor Antonovich. Ankle Bracelets do not work. (Girl held captive for eleven hours and raped. Whittier officer killed) I don't know an instant solution to this violence and senseless killing.

But I do know that LASD and Monrovia PD are working very diligently to end it. LASD has brought in Operations Safe Streets personnel. There have been joint meetings between these two agencies as well as Pasadena PD, Pomona PD and Claremont PD and sharing of info and resources. Also a Community Mediation Team of residents have been meeting for discussions. Let's all work together and support our law enforcement as they try to end the violence. And finally, PLEASE call your local law enforcement agency is something usual is happening. They are grateful for information. See you at the next Meeting!

Next Town Council Meeting
MAY 17, 7 pm
Annunciation Church Hall
1307 East Longden Ave. Arcadia

REP. SCHIFF ANNOUNCES ANNUAL 2017 STUDENT ART COMPETITION WITH ONLINE VOTING FOR "PEOPLE'S CHOICE" WINNER

Burbank, CA - Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank) announced that he will host the annual Congressional Art Competition Forum & Exhibit for the 28th District, featuring students' artwork from the 28th Congressional District, on Thursday, May 11, 2017. The Congressional Art Competition receives submissions from all across the country. The winner from each Congressional District has their work displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. This year, 54 students from 24 schools located in the 28th District participated in the competition.

In addition, for the last several years, Rep. Schiff hosts a "People's Choice" award, which will be decided through an online vote. To vote for the "People's Choice," constituents should go to Rep. Schiff's website under Art Competition. Voting will be open Wednesday, April 26 through Friday, May 5, 2017.

"I am continually blown away by the talent and creativity displayed in the artwork that is submitted from students around the District each year, and this year is no exception," said Schiff. "I look forward to seeing all of these incredible entries in person and welcoming artists and their families to celebrate their accomplishments. I am equally excited to see who our community members choose as their own 'People's Choice' pick - so don't forget to visit my website and vote!" The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide

the opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, hundreds of thousands of high school students have participated in the nationwide competition.

The first place winner's artwork will hang in the U.S. Capitol for one year, the piece awarded second place will be displayed in the Congressman's Washington, D.C. Office for one year, the piece awarded third place will hang in his Burbank District Office for one year and the "People's Choice" winner's artwork will be displayed in Rep. Schiff's Hollywood District Office.

The winners of the contest will be announced at the 28th Congressional Art Competition Forum & Exhibit on Thursday, May 11, 2017. All student participants will receive a Congressional Certificate of Recognition. The exhibit will be held at Descanso Gardens in La Cañada Flintridge at Van de Kamp Hall located at 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011. Parking and admission to Van de Kamp Hall are free. Exhibit viewing will begin at 5:00 pm and the Forum and Awards Presentation will take place at 7:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LINDA CALDERON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LINDA CALDERON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/12/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

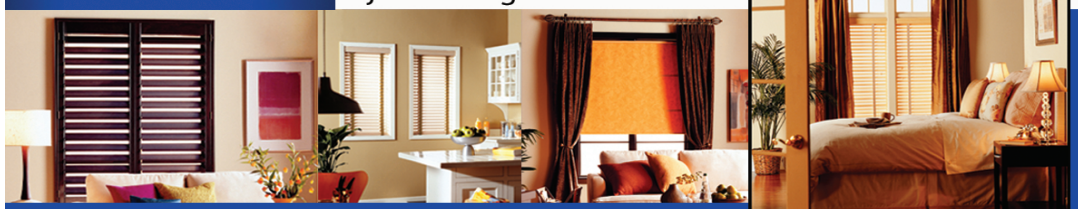
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A DEEPER LOOK BEHIND THE MUSIC OF COLD WAR KIDS LIVE FROM THE CLIVE DAVIS THEATRE

By: Sean Kayden

On Monday night, indie rock aficionados Cold War Kids, dropped by the Clive Davis Theater which is inside the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles to discuss the origin of the band, their latest record “LA Divine,” and the inspirations behind it all. Scott Goldman, Vice President of the GRAMMY Foundation and MusiCares, interviewed lead singer Nathan Willett and bassist Matt Maust. The discussion became a personal and insightful look at band that has been growing a steady fanbase. The sold out event allowed for keen fans to ask the band any questions that came to mind. Soon afterward, the rest of the members appeared on stage to put on an intimate performance of new tunes and fan favorites. Undoubtedly, Cold War Kids have been dependable in crafting solid records for the past 10 years that have guided listeners through the highs and lows in their lives. On their sixth album, “LA Divine,” which dropped a few weeks ago, Cold War Kids pays homage to the city of Angels and its entire eccentric splendor. It’s the latest release, to the follow-up to 2014’s “Hold My Home,” which featured their certified Gold hit single, “First.”

“In many ways L.A. is the least divine city, the most hedonistic and irreverent and disconnected from history,” says Cold War Kids’ singer/guitarist/pianist Nathan Willett. Founding members of the group have circulated all over southern California from Anaheim to Whittier to Long Beach. Their extensive living surroundings have led to their eclectic sound that truly does capture an LA vibe, specifically this brand new release. “L.A.’s so massive, I feel like I’m always finding something new in it,” says bassist Matt Maust. “It’s an incredibly weird place, and I’m happy to have made a record that totally honors that weirdness.” The hour long discussion was engaging as it went deeper into the lives of these now veteran indie rockers, who aren’t so indie anymore with being on Capitol Records for the very first time. However, the change from Downtown Records certainly hasn’t gone to their heads or created false egos. They’re the same guys making the same great music they’ve been doing from the very beginning and there is tremendous respect in that, which was clearly shown by their fans. In addition to the personal stories they shared, the writing and music process, and the authors and books that have inspired them over the years, the band cited The Velvet Underground

and The Smiths as influences. They did go on to say they grew up as admirers of the earlier work of U2, R.E.M., Depeche Mode, No Doubt, and Sublime.

The sonic soundscape for “LA Divine” has shifted in tone from their previous work, but it’s not a drastic change as the band clearly stated. It unites crafty, laden hooks with the band’s signature post-punk tenacity. On this evening, the band performed six songs, two cuts from “LA Divine.” The first one from the album was their single, “Love is Mystical.” The upbeat song is scattered with a stomping piano and a vivacious bassline that’s truly hypnotic. When the chorus kicks in, it’s pure explosiveness. Willett, known his commanding, fortitude vocals, belts out lines such as “Love is mystical, love will break the chains... give you the power to believe again,” which is quite persuasive coming from him. The other new track comes in the form of the pop-approached endeavor, “So Tied Up.” There’s this down in the dirty south sort of vibe being conveyed here and when the chorus bursts through, you’re undeniably hooked. Cold War Kid kids performed two of my favorite tracks as well, “Miracle Mile” and “Hospital Beds.” “Miracle Mile” is a shout-out loud anthem with dynamic hooks, powerful arrangements, and an utterly addicting chorus with Willett pleading with you to, “Come up for air.” “Hospital Beds” is old school Cold War Kids and the song has aged tremendously well. It’s less theatrical than their new material with a more worn down vibrancy, an edgier resonance, and bleaker lyrics. As the band continues to develop and spread their wings, they haven’t lost touch with their indie upbringings. The expansion in their sonic palette, their conscious attentiveness to the changes of daily life and the world around us all are all touched upon with “LA Divine.” It’s a record that may symbolize the unusual city of Los Angeles. However, if you examine closer, it’s a record that can be interpreted in numerous ways beyond the artists’ initial intentions as well as what it can eventually grow into. Cold War Kids may be on their sixth record, but there are no warning signs of slowing down as they are truly embarking on a new chapter with seemingly more unwritten ones left to come.

“LA Divine” is out now on Capitol Records. This summer Cold War Kids will be going on tour with Young The Giant.

Jeff’s Book Pics

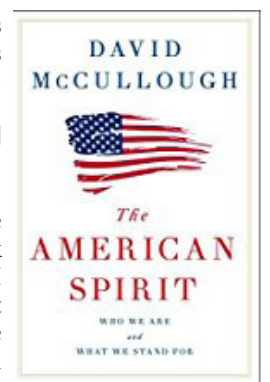
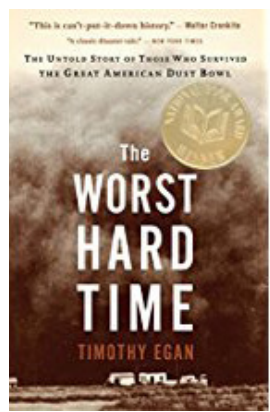
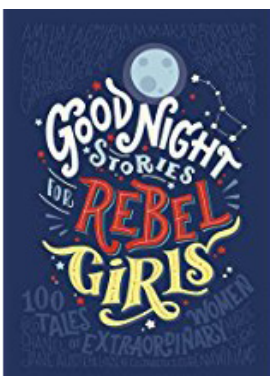
By Jeff Brown

The American Spirit: Who We Are and What We Stand For by David McCullough

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What if the jealous step sisters were supportive and kind? And what if the queen was the one really in charge of the kingdom? Illustrated by sixty female artists from every corner of the globe, Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls introduces us to one hundred remarkable women and their extraordinary lives, from Ada Lovelace to Malala, Amelia Earhart to Michelle Obama. Empowering, moving and inspirational, these are true fairy tales for heroines who definitely don’t need rescuing.

The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan

In a tour de force of historical reportage, Timothy Egan’s National Book Award-winning story rescues an iconic chapter of American history from the shadows. The dust storms that terrorized the High Plains in the darkest years of the Depression were like nothing ever seen before or since. Following a dozen families and their communities through the rise and fall of the region, Timothy Egan tells of their desperate attempts to carry on through blinding black dust blizzards, crop failure, and the death of loved ones. Brilliantly capturing the terrifying drama of catastrophe, he does equal justice to the human characters who become his heroes, “the stoic, long-suffering men and women whose lives he opens up with urgency and respect” (New York Times). In an era that promises ever-greater natural disasters, “The Worst Hard Time” is “arguably the best nonfiction book yet” (Austin Statesman Journal) on the greatest environmental disaster ever to be visited upon our land and a powerful reminder about the dangers of trifling with nature.



BUSINESS NEWS & TRENDS

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



WHAT TO DO WITH A CASH WINDFALL

Many of us like to fantasize about winning the lottery. We muse with our friends about how we might spend the money, and we dream about never wanting for anything ever again.

The odds are against us, of course, at least as far as the lottery goes. But that doesn’t mean - at some point in our lives perhaps - we won’t actually come into a major amount of cash, usually in the form of an inheritance, or perhaps through the settlement of a legal claim.

Planning before receiving such a windfall is critical if you want to keep it and have it provide for you the rest of your life and for your loved one’s after you are gone.

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2. Hire an advisor you trust to help you invest the assets you receive in a manner that is aligned with your values and will support you to use the windfall to support the long-term life you desire; if you need recommendations to a trusted investment advisor, contact us.

3. Get all of your own estate planning documents updated, including your Will, Revocable Living Trust, Health Care Directives and Power of Attorney, plus establish a relationship with an estate planning attorney so if and when anything happens to you, your family will be supported to stay out of court and out of conflict.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: ROTATING PUBLIC ART EXHIBITION PROGRAM III

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The Rotating Public Art Exhibition Program was established in 2011 to enliven neighborhoods, engage

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For more information, please see the attached Request for Proposals or visit the Cultural Affairs Division webpage: www.cityofpasadena.net/arts

All Things

By Jeff Brown

BOY WINS HERO AWARD FOR GIVING NEW SHOES TO THOUSANDS OF KIDS IN SHELTERS

A 14-year-old from Rhode Island, Nicholas Lowinger, was chosen as a 2012 Huggable Hero, winning \$10,000 for his outstanding work in public service. The boy’s foundation, Gotta Have Sole, donates new footwear to children living in homeless shelters. New shoes not only provide the perfect fit for a child, but they also instantly increase a child’s self-esteem. To date, Nicholas has purchased 5,000 pairs of shoes for homeless kids by collecting donations worth \$200,000. Although the 501(c)(3) non-profit charity was initially established as a simple community service project for his Bar Mitzvah in November 2010, Nicholas has continued his selfless service. Shelters around the United States send him footwear orders with specific shoe sizes and Nicholas collects and hand delivers packages to the kids in RI and MA, and sends the rest to needy families as far away as Texas. “I decided to give shoes because shoes take you places,” said Nicholas.

“You can’t really go somewhere without shoes... and clothing is something people regularly donate to shelters.” To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Nicholas held a special event to collect and send new footwear to more than 90 children of the first responders. Nicholas was named one of 15 “Huggable Heroes” by the Build-A-Bear Workshop this month, winning ten thousand dollars and earning a scholarship for himself, as well as \$2,500 for his charity. All these young philanthropists from the U.S. and Canada realize that kids can impact their community in a major way. Monetary donations and new shoes are always appreciated. You can make a tax-deductible donation securely on his Facebook page or on his website, GOTTAHAVESOLE.ORG. Send checks to ‘Gotta Have Sole Foundation, Inc.’ and mail your donations to Nicholas Lowinger at: 39 East Bel Air Road, Cranston, RI 02920

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FLYING THE UNFRIENDLY SKIES

The airline industry is so competitive that upon learning United Airlines dragged a paying passenger off a flight so their employees could enjoy a free ride, Delta played hide-and-seek with the body of a man on the way to his own funeral.

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It matters little to some airport security that children are watching while they drag a passenger from his seat, bloody him up and then stand by while he re-enters the plane, staggering from one end to the other, obviously in shock, muttering that he has to go home.

Another video shows him clinging to a doorway in the plane, pleading with security and police, "Just kill me."

The video shows the police simply watching him. I hope I'm not giving the police too much credit in presuming they were waiting for him to calm down, which is much better than hog-tying him to a gurney, taping his mouth shut and wheeling him off.

Better, but not much.

Who knew that United has a "fine print" policy in which they reserve the right to have airport security violently drag you off their planes to make room for employees flying to work in another city?

If you're ever asked, "Would you be willing to take \$400 in air travel and a hotel so one of our four employees can get to Louisville?" say, "Yes, please," unless you're willing to take a beating.

Which brings up another fact about United's poor business model of bouncing paying customers around in favor of employees needing a lift.

The man they dragged across the seats and floor is reportedly a doctor who said he could not stay in Chicago overnight because he had appointments with patients the next day.

This sounds like a reasonable justification to go back to the computer and have it select another random seat for ejection.

But, no, they chose the much more expensive option.

It may cost United a couple thousand dollars to book employee flights on another airline. Instead, they chose option number two - pay out at least a couple million in a civil suit they are sure to lose.

If the doctor's lawyer can get a jury trial, United and O'Hare might be buying him a multi-million dollar private jet and pilot.

And Delta?

31 year-old Bryant Lee Raburn, who died from leukemia, was supposed to be flown to Nashville from Raleigh for his funeral.

Instead, Delta escorted the body on the scenic route to Utah. And dropped him there.

WRAL TV reports:

"Bryant was rerouted to Salt Lake City in a cargo hold, and we didn't know how to get him to Nashville," said David Rhodes, Bryant's stepfather.

"According to Rhodes, hours spent on the phone with Delta got him nowhere. 'I was stonewalled everywhere I called,' he said."

"Finally, Rhodes traveled to the Nashville airport himself to work with operating managers to find a new flight that would get his stepson's body to Tennessee in time for the funeral."

In August, 2014, 22 travelers from Delaware flew from Philadelphia to New York on their way to Dublin. What they didn't know was that the ticketing agent in Philly booked them on a ghost ship to Dublin.

The flight didn't exist.

So there they were, stranded in New York.

Fourteen of them grew weary of Delta's failure to get them on a flight to Dublin and took cabs and limos back to Delaware. The remaining eight fought for over five hours with agents and a Delta VP to get flights on other airlines.

Here's what we've learned from these airlines:

United's slogan: "Fly United. We dare you. Punk"

Delta's slogan: "Delta gets you there. We'll decide where "there" is. You got a problem wit dat?"

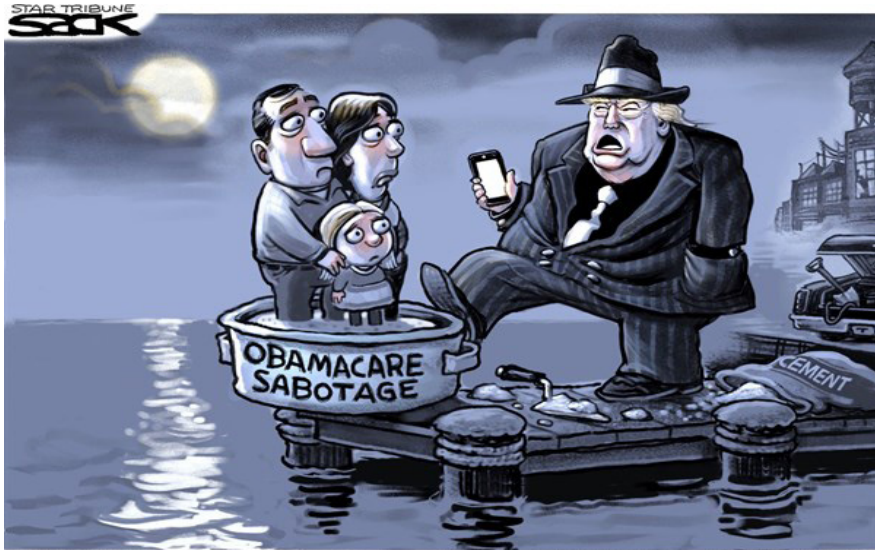
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

RE: RENT CONTROL IN SIERRA MADRE

The Sierra Madre City Council will be discussing rent control sometime in June or July. If you have issues regarding your increased rent or worried about the future be sure and contact the city council thru email at the city's web site or go to the council meetings and speak out there. The rent prices in California are out of control and just keep rising. Reasons being shortage of housing, job growth and inflation but the main reason is simple greed. If the owner can get more then why not. The apartment or house next door is getting more for rent so why not me. And up the rent goes higher and higher with no end in sight. Pasadena rents are at a all time high and some rents are increasing by as much as 47%. Some cities in California have some version of rent control and more must be done. Let it happen here also in Sierra Madre particularly for those on fixed or low incomes. The alternatives are homelessness or having to move away from families and friends. Please speak out about this important issue before your rent goes up again, much higher then you can possibly afford! -JB, Sierra Madre



ANY MINUTE THE DEMS WILL CALL AND BEG ME TO NEGOTIATE. WHO KNEW HEALTH CARE EXTORTION COULD BE SO COMPLICATED!



LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

DICK POLMAN



TRUMP'S BROKEN PROMISE
COULD BREAK ANOTHER
PROMISE

Smoke has been billowing skyward from the Trumpster fire for nearly 100 days - I know, it feels more like 100 weeks - and his refusal to release his tax returns is only stoking the flames.

Basically, his broken campaign promise to release his tax returns (a promise he had voiced repeatedly) is now imperiling his grandiose campaign promise to overhaul a tax system that he supposedly understands "better than anyone who has ever run for president." He promised to roll out a tax reform plan by February, but two months later, his incompetent motley crew has rolled out nothing.

That's because they're not in sync with Capitol Hill because politicians - including a sizeable contingent of Republicans - are wary of passing anything that might wind up enriching Trump. They don't know what would enrich Trump because they're in the dark, just as we are, about Trump's finances. And they're in the dark because Trump refuses to come clean on his tax returns the way every non-authoritarian president has done since 1976.

More than a dozen Hill Republicans - which is a lot in this era of hyperpartisanship - are calling for Trump to release his tax returns, and even Trump loyalist Joe Walsh, an ex-House member and polarizing rabble-rouser, surfaced on MSNBC with a plea for Trump transparency: "I do think this issue will come back and bite him on the butt."

It already is. Trump's fantasy of doing a bipartisan tax reform deal is likely dead unless he releases his returns. Democrats say they won't cooperate unless or until they have solid assurances that the reform provisions won't put money in Trump's pocket. And three Republicans in the conservative House Freedom Caucus have signed onto a Democratic bill that would compel Trump to release his returns.

New presidents are usually at their peak of political influence during their first 100 days. Trump hits the 100-day mark at the end of this month, and he will have accomplished nothing (except to tweet and run his mouth). The travel ban is tied up in court. The overhaul of Obamacare crashed and burned. He needed to kill the Obamacare taxes before tackling broader tax reform. Now he says he might try to re-target Obamacare before moving on to tax reform - but that was just something he said last week, and, as we know by now, his word means nothing.

Trump on ABC News in 2011: "I'm gonna do my tax returns when Obama does his birth certificate ... I'd love to give my tax returns. I may tie my tax returns into Obama's birth certificate." (One week later, Obama released his birth certificate. In response, Trump said he'd fulfill his promise and release his returns "at the appropriate time.")

Trump on Irish TV in 2014: "If I decide to run for office, I'll produce my tax returns, absolutely, and I would love to do that."

Trump on a radio show in 2015: "I would release tax returns ... The answer is, I would do it ... I would certainly show tax returns if necessary ... I do pay tax, but I'm very proud of what I've done. I have no objection to showing any tax return."

Trump on NBC News in January 2016, signaling imminent release: "We're working on that now. I have big returns, as you know, and I have everything all approved and very beautiful and we'll be working that over in the next period of time, absolutely."

Trump on NBC in February 2016: I'll release my tax returns "probably over the next few months."

The good news is that far fewer people are buying his snake oil. According to the latest Gallup poll, 45 percent of Americans see Trump as a guy who honors his promises. Granted, 45 percent sounds high, given his long trail of broken dreams, but that share has dropped 17 points since February. I doubt that this exchange, from Monday's White House press briefing, will reverse the downward trend:

Reporter: "Is it time to just say once and for all that the president is never going to release his tax returns?"

Sean Spicer: "We'll have to get back to you on that."

Does the Trump regime really believe it can overhaul the tax system, with bipartisan support, by stonewalling a broken promise and further destroying the poseur's credibility? Even his Treasury secretary has told the Financial Times newspaper that Trump's dream of a summer signing ceremony is "not realistic at this point."

Or, to paraphrase Trump: Nobody knew that governing could be so complicated.

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MAKING SENSE by
MICHAEL REAGAN

ADVICE FOR
PRESIDENT TRUMP



Dear Mr. President.

I have some more friendly but important advice for you.

It's not about your itchy twitter finger or your golf game.

I'll take the great Ernie Els' word for it that you don't need any golf tips from me.

After Els played a round with you at Trump National Golf Club in Florida earlier this year, he said you were "a proper golfer" who "swings the golf club properly and hits iron shots properly."

My advice is purely political and it's based on several decades of watching and working with my father.

If you want to achieve two of the most important goals of your new administration -- genuine healthcare reform and real tax reform -- you've got to understand and appreciate what my father knew instinctively:

In presidential politics, perception is more important than reality.

I saw my father put that simple truth into practice back during an international crisis in 1985.

He and Nancy were planning to leave the White House in June to spend a few days at Rancho del Cielo, his ranch near Santa Barbara.

But on June 14 a group of Lebanese terrorists with guns and grenades hijacked a TWA flight from Athens to Rome and forced it to land in Beirut.

While the world watched the news reports, the plane flew around the Middle East for three days.

The terrorists beat passengers and threatened to kill them unless the Israeli government released about 700 Shiite prisoners.

The hostages were released over the next two weeks, but an American, Navy diver Robert Stethem, was shot in the head and his body was dumped on the runway.

My father could have flown out to California as he planned. His ranch was the Western White House and it had the same set up as his office in Washington.

The reality was that he could go there, monitor the TWA hijacking situation and also relax by cutting brush or riding his horse.

But the perception to the world would have been that he had gone on vacation while an American plane was being hijacked and dozens of innocent people were at risk.

He decided it'd be better for him politically to stay in the White House and monitor the situation from there. He understood reality vs. perception.

Mr. President, I offer this advice because of two things your administration has done wrong recently -- not making the White House visitor logs available to the media and not showing the public your income tax returns.

The reality is that the law backs you up on both cases, but the perception is you are hiding something.

What's worse, you are allowing the news media to keep pushing that perception out to the public.

The liberal media are going to be against everything you do from now until the end of your second term, but you don't have to write their articles for them.

If you keep allowing bad publicity on the issues of the White House logs and your tax returns to get in the way of your agenda, you're going to be hard-pressed to get tax reform or anything else you want through Congress.

If I were your chief of staff, I'd have told you it was horrible politics to shut off the White House logs to the public. If you must do it, do it later -- after you've passed health care reform or tax reform.

The reality is, you won't get your tax policy through until people stop perceiving you are hiding something in your taxes. The only way that'll happen is if you release them ASAP.

It's not about the law, Mr. President. It's not about reality. It's all about perception. And that's something you can learn from my father -- and from me.

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