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For more information please call 626.627.8383\*Proceeds will help fund the Creative Arts Group "Imagine Art Program"  
benefitting the students of Sierra Madre Elementary School  
and other youth activities.**DR. BILL PATZERT TO SPEAK ON  
"DROUGHTS AND DELUGES"**

World renowned Climatologist, Dr. Bill Patzert will speak to the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at noon.

Patzert has been a research scientist in oceanography at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, since 1983. He explores the ocean's role in climate variability, seeks to improve climate forecasting using NASA-generated global data in concert with longer, land-based records of temperature and precipitation, and communicates scientific knowledge to the general public through popular articles and media interviews. Patzert also is a member of NASA's Sea Level Change Team. Prior to joining JPL, Patzert was a research oceanographer at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego.

On Tuesday, he will speak on Droughts and Deluges and California's forecast.



The Kiwanis Club meets at The Lodge, (formerly the Masonic Temple), 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. Lunch will be served at noon (\$10). The program, which is free, will begin at 12:40. For reservations, please contact Kiwanis President Judy Webb-Martin at 626-688-2273.

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Benefits Sierra Madre Public Library**INVESTIGATION CONTINUES INTO GUNS  
CONFISCATED IN SIERRA MADRE****Full List Of Seized Items  
Made Public**Public records recently released show the contents of the two truckloads of weapons seized in a raid at the Sierra Madre home of Pasadena Police Lt. Vasken (Kenneth) Gourdikian in February, 2017. (<http://mtnewsnews.com/v11/htm/n07/index.htm>). The residence contained as many as 62 items of which 57 were guns. One of the items seized, a handgun, has been valued at \$3,800. Various other news sources have placed a total value of the guns taken to be between \$50-\$100,000. According one source, "A wide range of guns were seized, including 34 pistols, valued at about \$27,900, 21 rifles or rifle receivers, valued at about \$20,450, and two shotguns, valued at about \$2,600." The complete list can be viewed at: <https://www.forfeiture.gov/pdf/ATF/OfficialNotification.pdf>

The guns were confiscated as part of a federal investigation by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Recently the Los Angeles office warned of a "growing trend" of law enforcement officers engaging in unlicensed, illegal firearms dealing.

In March, Special Agent in Charge of the ATF in Los Angeles, Eric D. Harden, warned that the agency has learned of an "emerging problem" with respect to law enforcement officers buying and then reselling guns, in possible violation of federal firearms law. The involved guns include many which are considered "off-roster" under California law, meaning that they can be purchased only by law enforcement officers and are

**Two truckloads of weapons were seized from Vasken (Kenneth) Gourdikian's Sierra Madre home in February**

not available to the general public. "In some instances, ATF has discovered officers who purchased more than 100 'off roster' firearms that were subsequently transferred to non-law enforcement individuals," Harden continued. "Such transactions potentially constitute violations of federal firearms laws, to include dealing firearms without a FFL, and lying on a federal firearms form when purchasing said firearm — also known as 'straw purchasing.' Whether or not there is a relationship between the raid of Gourdikian's home and the advisory sent by the ATF recently is not known.

At press time, there have been no charges filed against Gourdikian, and because of the ongoing investigation, very little information has been made public. Gourdikian remains on administrative leave from the Pasadena Police Department. *MVNNews***WORKS BEGINS ON SIERRA  
MADRE MAIN SEWER LINE**

Sierra Madre Public Works has contracted with Nu-Line Technologies, LLC to rehabilitate the city's sanitary sewer main line. The following areas will be serviced:

1 West Orange Grove Ave,  
200 South Lima St,  
600 East Grand View Ave,  
300 Acacia St,  
400 North Canon,  
Churchill Road at Old ranch Rd,  
1100 Arno Drive,  
600 Woodland Dr,  
700 Woodland Dr,  
700 Sturtevant Dr,  
500 Sturtevant Dr,  
300 North Baldwin Ave.

The rehabilitation includes cleaning, video, and installation of pipe lining. In some areas pipe

replacement may be needed. The project began on May 2nd and crews can be seen throughout the city working over sewer manholes.

Sierra Madre Public Works and Nu-Line Technologies kindly request everyone observe the temporary parking restriction signs posted on your street. "No Parking / Tow Away" that will be posted 48 hours in advance of enforcement. Access to individual driveways will be maintained at all times.

All affected residents will also receive a letter from the contractor "Nu Line Technologies" with instructions and project details. Expect intermittent traffic delays. The project will continue through Mid-June.

If you have any questions please contact; Sierra Madre Public Works Department, Clare Lin at 626-355-7135 X802 or Nu-Line Technologies LLC, Project Superintendent, Jorge Beltran (626) 295-0542, or our main office at (760) 634-5153.

**SIERRA MADRE SIDEWALK PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

It was announced earlier this week by the Public Works Department, in an effort "to improve pedestrian safety and walk-ability in the community", that the Sidewalk Partnership Program is still available. The program began in 2010 and assists property owners with repair of damaged sidewalks. Under this program, the City will cover the expense of labor and equipment and the homeowner only has to cover the cost of the concrete.

It should be noted that:

- This program applies only to the elimination of a potential hazard.
  - The program includes work to repair sidewalks, driveways, and curb/gutters.
  - Residents will receive an inspection of the site to determine if they qualify, whether trees or roots will need to be addressed, and the total area of the replacement.
  - Residents will be provided with the full cost of participation before agreeing to participate.
  - Trees and roots may require additional consideration, and the removal and replacement of trees would be at the property owner's expense.
  - Scheduling of work is contingent on the variable work load of the Public Works Department.
- For additional information, please email Clare Lin in the Public Works Department at [clin@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:clin@cityofsierramadre.com) or call 626-355-7135 Ext 802.

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6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

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Tues:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Wed:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

City Council  
May 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm May 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Planning Commission  
May 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm June 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Community Service Commission  
May 15, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Senior Community Commission  
June 1, 2017 at 3:00pm

Library Board of Trustees  
May 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee  
May 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm



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## REMEMBRANCE MICHAEL J. PARKER

Long-time Sierra Madre resident Mike Parker passed away on March 30, 2017. He was 75. Mike was born in Selborne, East Hampshire England on May 25, 1941. He spent his childhood in England during WWII and the post-war period. After completing his schooling, Mike worked on a farm and then for 2 years as a police officer, or "Bobbie", in London. He later joined Morphy Richards, a recreational vehicle company, that transferred him to Elkhart Indiana, and then to Los Angeles. While in California Mike met his future wife Gerd. In 1976, they were married and settled in Sierra Madre. In 1990, he opened a home repair business, which he successfully operated for the next 20 years. Also in 1990, Mike joined the all-volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team, where he was very active for 18 years, serving as a Crew Chief, Operations Leader, and member of the Board of Directors. After retirement, Mike and Gerd enjoyed frequent excursions with their dog in their 5th wheel trailer in the US and other travel abroad.

Mike is survived by his wife Gerd, his son Charlie, daughter-in-law Kelly and two granddaughters: Kimberly (Kim) and Felicity (Libby). The family asks that in lieu of flowers contributions be made in memory of Mike to the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team, PO Box 24, Sierra Madre, 91025, or at the Team's website: [WWW.smsr.org](http://WWW.smsr.org)



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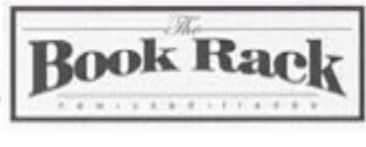
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Swearing In Ceremony of

**Joe Ortiz**

As the new Chief of Police  
Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
5:00pm

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

Light refreshments will follow

Questions or RSVP's Contact Captain Diana Ozyurt  
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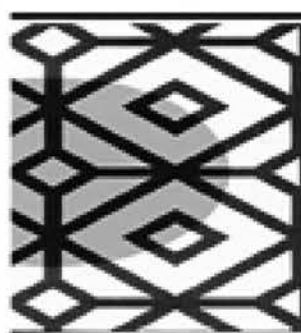
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## Reward Offered in Missing 5-Year-Old

Los Angeles sheriff's announced this week a \$10,000 reward in exchange for any information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the person or persons whose willful misconduct led to the concealment or kidnapping of 5-year-old Aramazd Andressian Jr..

According to police on the morning, April 22, five year old Aramazd Andressian Jr. was reported missing by his mother to San Marino Police Department after Aramazd Jr.'s father failed to show up for their child custody exchange. At the time of the report, San Marino Police discovered that prior to the time of the exchange, the father had been found unconscious next to his vehicle at Arroyo Park in South Pasadena. South Pasadena Police transported Aramazd Sr. to a local hospital for medical treatment. At the time of this discovery, the missing child, Aramazd Jr., was not with his father.

Detectives are seeking information about any person who may be concealing the child or who may have information about the child's disappearance or his whereabouts. Aramazd Jr. is a male, 5 year-old, 55 pounds, short brown hair, brown eyes with a full round face.

Anyone with information should call LASD/Homicide Bureau Lieutenant Joe Mendoza at (323) 890-5564 or the Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers Hotline at (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

## Pet of the Week



Hopscotch (A416153) is an adult, spayed female, black and white bunny who hopes to hop into a new home. Although she can be shy around new people, as Hopscotch gets comfortable she enjoys ear rubs and petting. She is a curious gal who enjoys bouncing around our rabbit enrichment playpen, exploring her surroundings and nudging everything in sight with her chin. Hopscotch enjoys munching on timothy hay and the occasional carrot snack. Meet her in our Critter House today!

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Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at (626) 792-7151 to ask about A416153, or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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



## Officials Caution of High Fire Danger

By Dean Lee

In the backyard of a Pasadena home Wednesday, overlooking Eaton Canyon, fire officials urged residents to comply with the city's brush and vegetation clearance rules including 100 feet of defensible space around a home.

"As all of have seen in the recent years, we have had devastating wildfires across the state... many of those cost people their homes and even lives, so the importance of this topic can't be over emphasized," said Pasadena Fire Marshal Bryan Frieders.

Pasadena Fire Chief Bertral Washington said the department recently sent a letter and brochure from Frieders outlining

mandated requirements.

Along with 100 feet of defensible space, clearing brush, moving furniture and stock piles of wood away from homes, cleaning out rain gutters of pine needles and debris, "get combustible materials away from homes," Frieders said.

In Pasadena there are over 17,000 residents in high or very high hazard wild land brush zones, "4,000 of those residents are in the very high hazard zone," he said.

Washington also urged residents to use caution when using power equipment when clearing brush.

"It can be very easy to have a spark, or it can be very easy to injure yourself if not careful and

focusing on what you are doing," he said.

Frieders reminded that there is no such thing as "fire season."

"We see wildfires in areas in January, we've seen them in March and obviously we see them in summer months. So having good vegetation management is not something you do exclusively in the summer but a year round process," he said.

Frieders also talked about the importance of evacuation during fire and emergencies.

"By you not evacuating, it creates a bigger problem for us," he said. "The fire department is trying to save your life, things can be replaced, people can't."

## Historical Society Rummage Sale May 13



The Altadena Historical Society will sell a wide variety of de-accessioned items from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, in the courtyard outside the Full Circle Thrift Store.

The thrift store is in the historic red brick Pacific Electric Co. powerhouse at 2245 N. Lake Ave., Altadena. Occupied by private businesses and not open to the public for several decades, the building with its soaring interior will be open for viewing and shopping.

Included in the sale will be many books, pictures, pamphlets and picture frames—even a cannonball of unknown date and origin.

Historical Society members will receive a 20 percent discount off their purchases.

"Every item in the sale has been scrupulously examined to determine whether it meets our mission, which is to preserve and promote the history of Altadena," said Jane Brackman, Ph.D., society president.

The society's archives and museum are located in the Altadena Community Center, 730 E. Altadena Drive, and are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, and by appointment.

The AHS website is at [altadenahistoricalsociety.org](http://altadenahistoricalsociety.org); its blog is at [altadenahistoricalsociety.blogspot.com](http://altadenahistoricalsociety.blogspot.com); and the society has a regularly updated Facebook page.

## South Pasadena Teen Concert

The Community Services Department and the Youth Commission invite you to the Teen Concert scheduled for Friday, May 19th. Event will be held at beautiful Garfield Park, 1000 Park Avenue, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Featured teen bands include The Harmonious Tantrum, The Minorities, and the Frozen Gummies. This free event is open to the community, and we welcome everyone to show their support for the youth in our community. Light refreshments will be sold.

## Roy Boulghourjian Elected President of PUSD

At its annual organizational meeting Monday, the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education elected Roy Boulghourjian (pictured Middle right) as its president. Larry Torres was elected vice president and Patrick Cahalan was elected clerk. Newly elected board member Michelle Richardson Bailey and reelected board members Kimberly Kenne, Elizabeth Pomeroy, and Scott Phelps were sworn into office.

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Boulghourjian was elected to the Board of Education in 2015 and represents District 2. He has previously served as Board vice president and clerk. A 30-year resident of Pasadena, he is a professor and Dean of Academic Operations at Mt. Sierra College in Monrovia, California. He has served as a Board member on the Pasadena Educational Foundation and the Measure TT Citizens' Bond

Oversight Committee.

Torres, who was named vice president of the Board, was also elected to the Board in 2015 and represents District 6. A National Board Certified Teacher, Torres has served on school site councils at Sierra Madre Elementary School, Sierra Madre Middle School and Pasadena High School since 1999. He lives in Sierra Madre. Cahalan, named Board Clerk, was elected to the Board in 2015 and represents District 4. He is Manager of Technical Operations for the Computational and Mathematical Sciences (CMS) Department at Caltech. He also served on the PUSD District Advisory Council and the Longfellow Elementary school site council.

Newly elected and re-elected board members took the oath of office and were sworn in by Judge Dorothy Nelson.

Bailey, who was elected to represent District 3 in March was sworn in and is the Board's newest member. "I welcome new board member Michelle Richardson Bailey and new Board President Roy Boulghourjian and look forward to working together as a team of eight to truly make a difference in the educational outcomes of the children we serve," said Superintendent Brian McDonald.



## 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 to May 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 to May 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 to May 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](mailto:alancolville@charter.net) or call 626-221-3741.

**Domino Club – Thursdays, to May 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 12 and 19, at 1 p.m.** Everyone enjoys movies and the pleasures they bring. 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 teenage nephew and confront memories of a

tragic event that led to divorce from his wife. May 19: "How to Marry a Millionaire" (1953, NR) starring Marilyn Monroe and Lauren Bacall. Three fashion models of modest means rent an expensive Manhattan penthouse apartment and pretend to be wealthy so they can snare rich husbands.

**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.

**Improve Your Sleep – Thursday, May 11, at 10 a.m.** Can't sleep? Learn about insomnia and other sleep issues as well as self-care strategies for improving your sleep habits. Presented by Peggy Burhenn RN from City of Hope.

**UCLA Memory Training – Thursdays, May 11 to June 1, from 1 to 3 p.m.** UCLA Memory Training is an innovative education program for people with age-related memory concerns. This four-week workshop will focus on the top four concerns: forgetting names and faces, forgetting to keep appointments and other future plans, forgetting where you put things such as keys and eyeglasses, and overcoming tip-of-the-tongue forgetfulness. Participants will engage in memory quizzes and skill-building exercises through a combination of presentations and small-group discussions in a low-stress, fun environment. Reservations are required by calling 626-685-6732.

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## ‘PEST CONTROL’ COMPANY MAY BE KILLING COYOTES WITH CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

*PETA Calls for Investigation Into Reported Use of Sodium Pentothal by Employee of Animal Pest Management Services, Inc.*

Arcadia, Calif. — This morning, PETA sent an urgent request to California law enforcement, the California State Board of Pharmacy, and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration seeking a formal investigation into what may have been the illegal use of sodium pentothal—a controlled substance—on coyotes by an employee of Chino-based Animal Pest Management Services, Inc. (APMS), one of the biggest exterminators in Southern California. Under federal and state law, sodium pentothal must be administered by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian—a certification that the employee doesn’t have.

In the letter, PETA references allegations raised from a constituent and discussed during an Arcadia City Council meeting on February 21 that a longtime APMS employee injected a trapped coyote with a mystery substance in a constituent’s backyard. This assertion is supported by a 2009 Los Angeles Times article that likens the employee, Jimmie Rizzo, to an “Angel of Death” and specifically mentions his use of sodium pentothal—a Schedule III controlled substance under state and federal law—on coyotes.

“Coyotes and other wild animals are being harmed and killed by ‘pest management’ companies while they’re already struggling to exist peaceably in an ever-shrinking environment,” says PETA Senior Vice President Lisa Lange. “PETA is calling on authorities to investigate immediately whether a controlled substance was used illegally



and, if reports are true, to throw the book at those responsible.”

PETA—whose motto reads, in part, that “animals are not ours to abuse in any way”—notes that “nature’s dogs” are an integral part of California’s ecosystem. In addition to eating vegetables and fruits, as predators, they help keep populations of smaller animals such as squirrels and rats in check. Trapping and killing them is both unnecessary and harmful, and residents can avert human-coyote conflict simply by using motion-activated lights or sprinklers at night to scare them away, not leaving pet food outside, and never leaving animal companions unattended outdoors.

For more information, please visit PETA.org.

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## “THE MOUSE THAT ROARED” DUARTE’S ROTARY CLUB PAVED THE WAY FOR WOMEN WORLDWIDE TO SERVE

By Joan Schmidt

At a recent Duarte City Council Meeting, I learned an amazing history lesson—how women worldwide can now belong to ALL service organizations, thanks to the Duarte Rotary Club and a Supreme Court Decision thirty years ago. Lydia Carswell, a former DUSD Principal, and member of Duarte’s Rotary Club gave the excellent presentation.

Lydia explained the Club’s history and how its motto became “The Mouse that Roared”.

The story began in 1976; the Duarte Rotary Club down to eight members including DUSD Superintendent Dr. Richard Key. The club voted to invite women, M.L. Elliott and D. Bogart. A few months later, R. Freitag, a psychologist, joined.

The Superintendent spoke to District Governor-Elect Paul Bryan about women in the Rotary; Bryan advised using discretion.

On June 1, 1977, Duarte’s Rotary Club was celebrating its 25th Anniversary. A Rotary International Representative attended and was in disbelief when he saw three members were women.

The Club was given an ultimatum: No women or you can no longer be a Rotary Club. The club voted again and requested a hearing with the Rotary International Board of Directors. They were told “Only real Rotary Clubs could have a hearing.”

An option was to appeal to the Council on Legislation, the lawmaking body of Rotary International, which was to meet in Tokyo that year. Duarte Rotary and the Community joined to raise money to send a Rotarian to Tokyo.

However, at the Council on Legislation, the issue presented was not whether women should be admitted to Rotary, but whether the Duarte Club had violated the bylaws. By a vote of 1060 to 34, it was decided the Club did violate the bylaws. The Duarte Rotary met and decided to continue. On March 27, 1978, a Rotary International representative came to Duarte and revoked its charter.

The Duarte Rotary Club did not go away quietly. Bill Brooks, Director of Personnel, City of Hope, and Club member suggested they change their name to the Ex Rotary Club



of Duarte, use the same insignia on the pin, but put a big “X” over it, and so began Duarte’s Ex Rotary Club.

A Rotarian from Arcadia suggested Duarte enlist the help of the American Civil Liberties Union—He did it Pro bono. Ex Rotary Club notified Rotary International that they would file suit to be reinstated.

Lawsuits began and Rotary International petitioned to transfer the lawsuit to federal court, but feds ruled it had to be fought in state court.

In 1983, it went to trial, but Judge refused to reinstate the club. Duarte appealed the decision. In 1986, appeals reversed the judge’s decision stating Rotary Clubs are business establishments subject to regulation under the state’s Unruh Act banning discrimination based on race, gender, religion or ethnic origin.

In 1986, Rotary International (RI) appealed the case to CA Supreme Court who refused to hear it and then appealed to the US Supreme Court.

On May 4, 1987, the US Supreme Court affirmed the 1986 ruling of the Court of Appeals, 7-0.

Two months before the US Supreme Court Decision, Sylvia Whitlock, incoming Duarte Rotary Club President attended a president-elect training with 310 men. John Fee, District Governor reported it was RI’s intention to appeal the decision. John reported “It is just the case of the mouse that roared—a small club trying to change Rotary International.” Sylvia jotted that down and brought it back to the Duarte Club. They changed Rotary International and the world.

## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

*For the period of Sunday, April 23rd, through Saturday, April 29th, the Police Department responded to 1,012 calls for service, of which 134 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, April 23:

Shortly before 4:26 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of West Naomi Avenue regarding a battery report. The officer determined two men were arguing when the altercation turned physical and the suspect, a 61-year-old male, punched the victim multiple times in the face. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Monday, April 24:

Around 3:10 a.m., an officer contacted the driver of a vehicle parked in the parking lot of Arcadia Garden Café, 850 South Baldwin Avenue. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 34-year-old male from Alhambra was in possession of stolen mail, ID’s, and narcotics. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 9:07 a.m., an officer responded to Leonard Lem DDS MD Inc., 650 West Duarte Road, regarding a commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspects entered the business by unknown means, ransacked the business targeting expensive dentistry tools, and fled undetected. The investigation is ongoing.

Just after 3:35 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 900 block of First Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. The officer discovered unknown suspect(s) entered through an unlocked window, ransacked the residence, and fled with jewelry, cash, and purses. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

### Tuesday, April 25:

Around 2:05 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a pedestrian seen jaywalking in the area of Live Oak Avenue and Sixth Avenue. A records check revealed the 41-year-old male from an undisclosed location had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants. During a search of the suspect, the officer located stolen personal identifying information as well as credit card information. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just before 9:33 a.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of West Duarte Road regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer determined unknown suspect(s) smashed a rear window and stole the victim’s backpack. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Shortly after 4:09 p.m., an officer responded to Macy’s, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. Loss prevention specialists witnessed a 22-year-old male from Temple City and a 22-year-old male from El Monte conceal numerous items before exiting the store, failing to make payment. Both suspects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Wednesday, April 26:

At about 3:13 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a bicycle in the area of Fifth Avenue and Foothill Boulevard

for not having lights on the bike. During a consensual search, the officer located a meth pipe and two hypodermic needles. The 33-year-old male from Olivehurst, California, was cited and released in the field.

Just before 8:03 a.m., an officer responded to the 900 block of Kingsley Drive regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy packages containing bait property and tracking devices to combat the increase in package thefts from residential areas. An investigation revealed a 39-year-old male from Covina had the stolen package, property, and tracking device in his vehicle. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Thursday, April 27:

At approximately 9:46 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Rosemead Boulevard and Longden Avenue for having a person ride in the back of the truck bed. An investigation revealed the person in the truck bed was attempting to secure a motorcycle reported as stolen from the Los Angeles Police Department and inside the truck was a driver, two adult passengers, and a toddler not seated in a car seat. Inside the vehicle, the officer located a knife, a glass pipe near where the child was seated, and an open container of alcohol in a bag with diapers. A 47-year-old male from Pasadena, a 25-year-old female from Altadena, and a 20-year-old male from Los Angeles, and an 18-year-old male from Pasadena were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 6:07 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. The victim returned to her vehicle and found a suspect had used their shoe to dent the driver’s side door and break the door handle. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At about 8:39 p.m., officers responded to 24 Hour Fitness, 125 North First Avenue, regarding a burglary report. The officer determined an unknown suspect cut the victim’s combination lock to the locker and stole the victim’s wallet, phone, and car keys. The victim’s credit cards were then used in Duarte to purchase more than \$2,100.00 worth of items at Best Buy. The investigation is ongoing.

### Friday, April 28:

Just before 12:44 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Live Oak Avenue and El Monte Avenue regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Officers located the package, property, and tracking device in the possession of a 29-year-old male from El Monte. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Saturday, April 29:

Shortly after 11:46 a.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding the activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker attached to a bicycle. Officers located a 29-year-old male from Los Angeles in possession of the stolen bicycle. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

## MONROVIA DEVELOPS MATERIALS AIMED AT HELPING TAKE BACK CITY PARKS AND STREETS

During the past few weeks, staff has been working to

develop additional public education materials related to our, Taking Back Our Parks & Streets program to highlight the negative impacts that AB 109, Prop 47, and Prop 57 have had on California’s criminal justice system. To that end, our outreach materials have been included for your review and reference, which include a fact sheet, a brochure, and a sample lobbying template letter. Many thanks to Jackie Tran and Caroline Velarde for their work in getting these important documents put together!

Public outreach and education is perhaps the most important element related to our overall plan for taking back our streets and our parks, and the materials we have developed are intended to provide Monrovia’s with an easy mechanism through which our community can advocate for changes in State law that will restore local law enforcement authority to

address quality-of-life crimes.

Many are unaware that during the past several years, the State has enacted multiple new laws that have weakened and taken away certain law enforcement authorities, including AB 109, Proposition 47, and Proposition 57. As we move forward into this next week, we plan on coordinating the release of our Taking Back Our Parks & Streets program in conjunction with a presentation that was provided by Michele Hanisee, President of the LA Deputy District Attorneys Association, at our May 2, 2017, City Council meeting. The presentation provided an assessment of the actual and verifiable negative impacts that the new State legislation has had on crime in California, and the overview, along with our new outreach materials, will all be uploaded to the City’s website, <http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/>, within the next week.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO...

*Only the State can make the criminal justice system changes needed to ensure that violent and career criminals are kept off of our streets, and getting educated about the facts is the first thing that you can do to make a difference.*

Certainly, not every crime deserves punishment through jail time. However, the changes made by AB 109, Prop 47, and Prop 57 have allowed violent and career criminals the opportunity to avoid either jail time or rehabilitative programs.

Based on the provisions of AB 109, Prop 47, and Prop 57, the definition of what constitutes a violent crime has been eroded, and in California today, the following crimes are classified as “non-violent!”

- Domestic violence
- Corporal injury to a child
- Rape
- Hate crime causing physical injury
- Assault with a deadly weapon

In addition, AB 109, Prop 47, and Prop 57 have created a criminal justice system that does not take into account an individual’s criminal history, which has allowed career criminals the opportunity to avoid serving proper jail sentences.



*Violent and career criminals need to be held accountable and kept off our streets.*

To make our communities safer, the definition of what constitutes a violent crime in California needs to change. And an individual’s criminal history should be taken into account when determining the appropriate punishment.

*But only the State can make these desperately needed changes.*

### CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TODAY...

*Our State legislators can make the changes necessary to help protect our communities, and we need you to contact them to ask for their help in taking back our parks and streets!*

Visit [www.cityofmonrovia.org](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org) today to find more facts about AB 109 / Prop 47 / Prop 57, letter templates, and additional information on the City’s Taking Back our Parks and Streets campaign.

Then, contact our State legislators and ask them to make the criminal justice system changes needed to ensure that violent and career criminals are kept out of our communities.

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## ROY BOULGHOURJIAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE PASADENA UNIFIED BOARD OF EDUCATION

Newly elected and re-elected board members sworn in

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Newly elected and re-elected board members took the oath of office and were sworn in by Judge Dorothy Nelson.

Ms. Bailey, who was elected to represent District 3 in March 2017 was sworn in and is the Board's newest member. Until her recent retirement, she was a classified employee of PUSD for the last 14 years, most recently at Blair High School. She has served as a city commissioner and as a member of the district's Equity and Access Committee. Mrs. Bailey and her children are products of PUSD schools.

## ALVERNO HEIGHTS ACADEMY'S CLASS OF 2019 RECEIVE CLASS RINGS CLASS OF 2019 ENJOYS TIME-HONORED TRADITION

Sierra Madre, CA (April 26, 2017) – On Tuesday, April 25 Alverno Heights Academy's Class of 2019 received their class rings during their Ring Ceremony.

The time-honored tradition of Ring Ceremony at Alverno Heights Academy took place on the terrace of the historic Villa del Sol d'Oro and provides the class with the opportunity to look back at their first two years at Alverno while looking forward to their last two as upper classmen.

Sophomore State Governor Cami Lee '19 and Lieutenant Governor Zeinab Hemdan '19 began the Ring Ceremony with a welcome to the Class of 2019 and their guests. This was followed by a prayer presented by Elisia Bendy '19.

Letters were then read to the Alverno Community by Kate Bolin '19 and Caroline Dragos '19, to the parents of the Class of 2019 by Aaliyah Solis-Castillo '19, and to the Class of 2019 by Beatriz Rivas '19.

After listening to these beautiful and intentional letters, the Class of 2019 were presented with their rings by Julia V. Fanara, Head of School, who spoke not just about the memory of Ring Ceremony but also the memories that each ring will carry for these young women for the rest of their lives. Each member of the class received a ring she had personally designed herself, which included aspects of her personality as well as her life at Alverno Heights Academy.

Following the presentation of the rings, Briana De Anda '19 sang "Lemonade" by Jeremy Passion for the reflection as Precious Perlas '19 accompanied her on the ukulele. Maritza DiRito also performed a song, choosing to dedicate the song "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus to her classmates.

Governor Cami Lee '19 and Lieutenant Governor Zeinab Hemdan '19 closed the ceremony with a final prayer and a special thank you to Mr. Tim Lewis P'19 and Ms. Lisa Primero-Solano, Sophomore State Moderators, as well as Ms. Julia V. Fanara, Head of School. The girls concluded the evening by holding their rings up high as they proudly sang the Alverno Heights Academy Alma Mater.

"Ring Ceremony is such a wonderful part of the tradition at Alverno Heights Academy," said Julia V. Fanara, Head of School. "In two short years, these young women have grown into exceptional leaders and scholars who have found an empowered voice at Alverno. We congratulate them as they transition to a new part of their student life here. We cannot wait to see what they accomplish over the next two years and the incredible women they become!"

Ms. Kenne was originally elected to the Board in 2011 and represents District 1. She served as the president of the board in 2016-2017. Ms. Kenne has been actively involved as a parent leader at the school site, district, and state levels since her children started kindergarten at Burbank Elementary.

Dr. Pomeroy was originally elected to the Board in 2009 and represents District 5. She served as president of the board in 2015-2016. A Stanford University graduate, she holds a Ph.D. in English from UCLA. Dr. Pomeroy has taught English at Pasadena City College, UCLA, UC Irvine, and California State University Los Angeles. Dr. Pomeroy began her career teaching in middle and high school.

Mr. Phelps was elected to the Board of Education in 2005 and represents District 7. He served as president of the board in 2014-2015 and as its vice-president twice. Mr. Phelps is an instructor of mathematics and astronomy at the University of La Verne, Mt. San Antonio College and Chaffey College, and serves as a consultant for external evaluations



(left to right) Elizabeth Pomeroy (District 5), Scott Phelps (District 7), Kim Kenne (District 1), Superintendent Brian McDonald, Board President Roy Boulghourjian (District 2); Board Vice President Larry Torres (District 6), Board Clerk Pat Cahalan (District 4), Michelle Richardson Bailey (District 3).

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## MAJORITY RULES TWICE FOR DOMESTIC ANIMALS

April, 2017 turned out to be a fantastic month for domestic dogs and various other pets in the state of California. With the support of Assemblymembers Patrick O'Donnell (Dist.70) and Adrin Nazarian (Dist.46), two state assembly bills designed to ensure the more humane treatment of domestic animals were passed by the majority vote of their respective assembly committees.

This comes as the result of much effort on the part of many avid animal lovers, including the awesome activists at Social Compassion in Legislation (SCIL), who recognized the need for positive change and took necessary action to make it so. But all the effort in the world can't make a difference in the law without the support of our elected servants. And for that we animal lovers should be ever-so-grateful!

Assembly Bill 1199 was the first of two to be passed by a majority vote last month (6 ayes to 1 no). This bill requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to develop and implement training for peace officers regarding encounters with dogs. It also requires specified law enforcement officers, including municipal police officers and county sheriff's deputies to receive this training.

With an estimated 8.7 million pet dogs residing in California homes, police officers are likely to encounter dogs on one out of every three house calls. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, an estimated 10,000+ pet dogs are shot and killed by police officers in the United States each year. This statistic is absolutely incomprehensible and unacceptable. AB-1119's supporters knew something had to be done to stop the senseless killing of so many innocent animals.

Historically, POST's dog-encounter-related training was limited to a two-hour DVD, "Dog Encounters: Keeping Officers Safe". The DVD was made available for officers to view at will, but viewing was not mandatory. The new law would require more extensive, mandatory police officer training to help educate officers on how to understand the behavior and body language of dogs.

The objective goal of AB-1199 is to curb the epidemic of preventable dog shootings and equip officers with the tools and techniques necessary for safe encounters with domestic dogs. The ability to discern between dangerous and salvageable situations will help diffuse such encounters, to allow officers to simultaneously protect citizens, family pets and themselves.

The new police training course would include such focal points as understanding the behavior of dogs, tactical considerations and best practices during encounters involving dogs, as well as safe handling of and appropriate use of force against dogs.

Law enforcement officers throughout the state would be

required to complete the training course by no later than January 1, 2019. Assuming necessary funds can be appropriated to implement this bill and assuming it comes out on top through the political debate process, it is well on its way to becoming part of the law in our state.

Assembly Bill 485 is another pet-lover's favorite that passed the committee by a majority vote last month (10 ayes to 1 no). This bill would limit the sale of animals in private pet retail stores to only those rescued from animal shelters or non-profit rescue organizations. It is yet another step in the right direction of doing away with what is left of those disgusting and cruel puppy mills.

Los Angeles and several other cities in California already have similar laws in place, but the implementation of AB-485, also known as the Pet Rescue and Adoption Act, would require pet shops across the entire state to comply with "rescue-pet-only" retail sales. What a victory this would be for the animals...indeed it is a win-win for all involved!

Because there are no foreseen costs associated with the implementation of AB-485, it's chances of becoming part of California law are quite good. With the continued support of it's authoring assembly members and the numerous animal-loving citizens who've helped initiate this bill, we have high hopes of seeing it being implemented as California state law.

There are many hurdles to be cleared when it comes to making changes to existing law, but I can't think of a more worthy cause than that of the humane treatment of animals. When passionate people come together and do the footwork to initiate bills designed to help ensure that animals are treated with the care and respect they deserve, there is much to be celebrated and it lends us hope for a better future.

Kudos to Assemblymembers, Patrick O'Donnell and Adrin Nazarian for setting an excellent example of how the people of the great state of California truly do love and respect our animals! We couldn't ask for better representation than that, could we? Keep up the good work, our dear elected servants and continue your unrelenting support, our caring California citizens...love and let live!



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'Meet and Greet' with Tianna, please stop by any time from 10:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday through Sunday. Website: www.sgvhumane.org.



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lateral muscles. If we use triangle pose this way, it becomes less about the text book "form" (or cover of yoga journal), and more about the effect we going for and lead into the sequence following. In fact, forcing the proper form could take us out of the function of pose. The breath quickly goes if we're in too deep. Or when we look around, concerned about what it looks like, we lose our internal focus.

It's a great point-of-view to practice from. We need to honor our form in each pose, just to the extent of safety and basic alignment. Beyond that, the function is most important. Your body has its own unique expression in each asana. That's a beautiful thing. It's going to look perfect on you, and for most of us, not what we see on a textbook or cover of a magazine.

Namaste,  
Keely Totten - E-RYT 500, Teacher at Yoga Madre

### THE MISSING PAGE Real Life Tips from Life's Instruction Manual YOUR LIFE AND YOUR SHOPPING LIST



A few weeks ago, I reminded you that you should put at least as much effort into your life as you do when you go to the grocery store. The similarity between your life and that trip to the market is the activity of writing down what you want. Many nutritionists recommend that consumers go to the store with a written list, knowing what they want. Otherwise, there is a risk of being tempted to make an unconscious choice, that would

sabotage their goals.

The experts say don't go to the market hungry, well you should approach your life with a hunger and thirst for living your best life!

Did you know that writing your goals down increases your likelihood of success ten fold?

So are you asking yourself powerful questions? How about, what could I do today to make today the perfect day? Great days start with intentional, great minutes and hours.

You might try this question, what is the challenge that is calling me today?

Ask yourself a question that inspires you to dream. Ask yourself questions that will advance your vision and turn it into the life you are living.

Now write down your answer, and you will be on your way to living a life you imagine. My goal is that you are living a truthful and inspired life. When we push ourselves, we experience a greater sense of fulfillment, and we inspire others to do the same.

We can make the world a better place, first by being our best self and living our best life.--

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

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## SIERRA MADRE CHILI COOK-OFF

No Beans about the Annual Sierra Madre Kiwanis Chili Cook-Off is just around the corner. I am an old hand at these events; you see I put on the very popular Pasadena Chili Cook-Off for some 12 years. At one point we attracted some 30 cooks and 1200 attendees. I invite all of you to this event, I judged last year and I was absolutely impressed with the quality of entrants. My idea of a true chili is one that has no beans, but I have a feeling that there will be all sorts of entrants that I will state "This is Chili?"...I did a little research on how this Chili Craze got started, and these are the two that make the most sense. See everyone Saturday Night at the Sierra Madre Room 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre.

There is little doubt that cattle drivers and trail hands did more to popularize the dish throughout the Southwest than anybody else, and there is a tale that we heard one frosty night in a Texican bar in Marfa, Texas, about a range cook who made chili along all the great cattle trails of Texas. He collected wild oregano, chile peppers, wild garlic, and onions and mixed it all with the fresh-killed beef or buffalo - or jackrabbit, armadillo, rattlesnake, or whatever he had at hand - and the cowhands ate it like ambrosia. And to make sure he had an ample supply of native spices wherever he went, he planted gardens along the paths of the cattle drives - mostly in patches of mesquite - to protect them from the hooves of the marauding cattle. The next time the drive went by there, he found his garden and harvested the crop, hanging the peppers and onions and oregano to dry on the side of the chuck wagon. The cook blazed a trail across Texas with tiny, spicy gardens.

The other story I like as well, is that a small Rio Grande Jail in Texas was home to the original chili, the story goes that the

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inmates gathered scraps of meat, any kind of spices or anything that was left over and made a thick soup, as they added vegetables



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the "soup" got thicker and thicker. The inmates added gruel, bread and water to thicken it up. By the 1850's each Texas Jail was rated by the chili that was served!!

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## NIFTY GADGETS THAT CAN HELP SENIORS WITH HEARING LOSS

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What types of products can you recommend to help people with hearing problems? My 65-year-old husband has some hearing issues, but doesn't think he needs a hearing aid, so I'm looking for some alternative devices that can help.

Loud Talker

Dear Loud,

If your husband feels he's not ready for a hearing aid but needs some hearing help, there are dozens of "assistive listening devices" on the market today that can make a big difference.

Assistive listening devices are over-the-counter electronic products (they are not FDA approved hearing aid devices) that can amplify and improve sound to help your husband in different listening situations. It's also important to know that these products are best suited for people with mild to moderate hearing impairment, and they usually aren't covered by insurance or Medicare.

Here's a breakdown of some of the different devices that can help.

Personal amplifiers: For better hearing, especially in noisy environments, there are personal sound amplification products that can be worn in the ear like a hearing aid, and are designed to amplify sound while reducing background noise. Two top rated products to consider that were recently recommended by Consumer Reports are the SoundWorld Solutions CS50+ and the Etymotic Bean.

The CS50+, which costs \$350, looks like a Bluetooth cell phone headset, and has customizable settings that can be programmed with a smartphone. The Etymotic Bean, which costs \$399 a pair or \$214 for one, is ready to use right out of the box and is best suited for those with high-frequency hearing loss.

If these are too pricy, there are also a number of small hand-held or body-worn amplifiers – like the Williams Sound Pocketalker (\$139) and Bellman & Symfon Mino Personal Amplifier (\$188) – that have a microphone and headphones or earbuds that are very effective too.

TV amplifiers: To hear the television better, there are TV listening devices that will let your husband increase the volume and adjust the tone to meet his needs, without blasting you out of the room.

Some of the best options include wireless infrared, radio frequency or Bluetooth devices that come with standard or



stethoscope headphones. Sennheiser makes a variety of quality products with prices running between \$130 and \$450. Or, for a more affordable solution, consider the Serene Innovations TV Sound Box for \$120. This is a wireless amplified TV speaker that would sit near your husband, and provide clear stereo sound from the TV without the need for headsets.

Amplified telephones: To have clearer phone conversations, there are a wide variety of amplified telephones that offer enhanced volume and tone adjustments, and they usually come with extra loud ringers and flashing ring indicators to alert him when a call is coming in.

Some top makers of these products are Clarity, ClearSounds and Serene Innovations, and a top seller today is the Clarity XLC2+ Amplified Phone (\$144), which is a cordless phone that provides three tone settings and 50 decibels of amplification.

Alerting devices: There are also a variety of alerting devices that can help people who have trouble hearing the doorbell, phone, alarm clock, smoke detector or even weather radio. These products use flashing lights, multi-tone ringers or vibrating devices as a means to alert you.

Some popular products in this category include: The Bellman & Symfon Care Home Alerting Solution that provides door and phone notification with a flashing alert (\$198); the Silent Call Weather Alert Radio with strobe and bed shaker (\$165); and the all-in-one Serene Innovations CentralAlert CA-360 Clock/Receiver Notification System, which provides alarm clock, doorbell, phone, motion and storm warning alerts (\$180).

To locate these and any other hearing loss products visit Harris Communications (HarrisComm.com, or call 866-476-9579), which offers more than 2,000 assistive devices and provides customer support services to assist you.

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## KATIE Tse .....This and That I'M STILL SO GLAD I'M NOT YOUNG ANYMORE!



This article originally appeared in the Mountain Views New years ago. But even after all this time, I'm STILL so glad I didn't go to prom!

Youth is a wonderful thing. The young are mostly healthy, beautiful, and, in middle and upper class America, blissfully unacquainted with the harsh realities of financial self-reliance and a diminished metabolism.

Youth involves rites of passage. Kids learn to drive. Girls get training bras; boys' voices go through a crackling journey to manly tones. Everyone needs to use deodorant, contrary to the belief that "some people don't sweat." And usually somewhere in there is a "formal dance."

Stopped in traffic by the Arboretum one spring day, I noticed a fashion shoot taking place on a grassy knoll. Five women, in thigh-high halter-top dresses, posed as the photographer fired off rapid shots. After they were finished, the group headed toward some young men in suits and tuxedos. As the women awkwardly stepped into a stretch Hummer it dawned on me. That's not a fashion a shoot – that's someone's prom!

It goes without saying that proms have changed over the years. My mom enjoys telling how she fooled her date (a well-known prankster) by opening the front door in a very old fashions, dumpy dark turquoise taffeta dress and her Stouffer's waitress shoes (think the Queen Mum). She and her dad got a big laugh after he snapped a picture of the boy's horrified face. She then changed in to her real dress. Yes, things are different these days...

I have a few regrets about my youth. I wish I had put more effort into my second language courses (although I doubt it would've helped), and I suppose it might've been good to attempt a sport. But one thing I've never regretted is not going to prom! I know that sounds bitter and antisocial, but even approaching 20 years later, I can still say I didn't miss a thing!

In the same vein as class elections, proms seemed to be another means of social exclusion. Every detail of the night involved decisions about who was "in" and who was "out." Who's house do we meet up at? Who's riding in the [the ostentatious vehicle of choice]? Who's sitting at our table? There's only room for eight, so that eliminates [the least-liked classmate]." It gave me a nervous ulcer just listening to it. To drive home the point that prom was overrated, my boyfriend-less friends all complained about their dates' behavior the next day at school. Heck, even some of the girls who had boyfriends complained!

Of course, another reason I nixed the prom was because I'm cheap. I just couldn't rationalize the cost of the tickets, dress, etc. Even as an unemployed teenager, I had some concept of the value of money. On top of everything else, prom tends to bring out the worst in people – administrators as well as students. There's always a few headlines about some poor kid getting kicked out of prom for a dumb reason. Back when I first submitted this article, a boy in the Midwest asked his crush to the prom by writing "Will you go to the prom with me?" on a large poster. And she said "Yes!" Aww! But there was trouble in paradise when the villainous principal banned the boy from the prom because his placement of the sign was against school rules. In response to the national outcry against her decision, the principal finally reneged and allowed the young lovers to attend the prom. It would be one thing if this were an isolated incident, but it seems that every year there's some news story about power-crazed administrators concocting frivolous reasons for excluding students from the prom. One girl was denied admission because she came without a date. It's bad enough if you can't get a date, let alone the school broadcasting it! Like Maurice Chevalier crooned, "I'm --STILL-- so glad I'm not young anymore!"



## SENIOR HAPPENINGS



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

Joann Serrato-Chi, Harriett Lyle, Jean Coleman, Birgitta Gerlinger, Donna Mathieson, Dorothy Murphy, Linda Wochnik, Marian Woodford, Debbie Sheridan, Joanne Anthony, Carole Axline, Kika Downey, Shirley Hall, Annie Scalzo, Janet Ten Eyck, Jane Thomas, Ray Burley.

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



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

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

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

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**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.

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### SENIOR EXCURSIONS MAY EXCURSION

### BOWERS MUSEUM - SANTA ANA

Date: Tuesday, May 30th  
Time: 9:15a.m. to 3:00p.m.

Meeting Location: Hart Park House  
Cost: \$15.00 (Not including Lunch)

The Bowers Museum is an art museum located in beautiful Orange County. The museum's permanent collection includes more than 100,000 objects featuring notable strengths in areas of pre-Columbian Mesoamerica, Native American art, the art of Asia, Africa, and Oceania, and California plein-air painting.

Participants will have time to explore the museum and have lunch on their own. Restaurant is open in the museum and fast food places are a short walk away. There will be a docent-guided tour in the afternoon which will feature highlights of galleries throughout, providing a great overview of the museum's unique collections. Level of walking: Medium – High; please call us at the Hart Park House for reservations at 626-355-7394!

### SCAM ALERT: WHO'S CALLING?

By Monica Vaca  
Acting Associate Director, FTC

The millions of people who reported scams last year told us that imposters were the top fraud of the year. Imposters have called many of us – maybe even most of us, pretending to be anyone from the IRS to a family member in trouble, from fake tech "help" for your computer to a business selling things that turned out to be bogus.

Their goal? To get your money as quickly as possible. Thanks to the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, we recently heard about scammers calling to ask for contributions to the "Legal Aid Society" and pretending to be from the "national legal aid/defenders office." A quick search of the phone number the callers used showed complaints for different kinds of imposter scams. (Of course, scammers can make caller ID show any number – even the name that shows up on the display.

So don't rely on caller ID to help you decide if a call is legit.) Imposters can pretend to be anyone, but the twist on this imposter scam is that the scammers are pretending to be from well-respected community service organizations and appealing to your civic spirit.

To make sure your donation dollars are doing the good you want them to, learn more about giving wisely. If you get a dubious call, or one that pressures you to donate right away, tell the FTC so we can investigate. We rely on you – and our partners in your community – to tell us what you're seeing. In fact, our most recent imposter scam case – against a company that pretended to be from a community help center, the government, radio stations, and companies like Walmart – came about because of a tip from a legal services group in Washington, DC. So every report, from everyone, makes a difference.

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NEARBY PLANETARY SYSTEM IS SIMILAR TO OUR OWN

NASA's flying observatory, the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA), recently completed a detailed study of the planetary system around the nearby star Epsilon Eridani. The investigations confirmed that this planetary system has an architecture remarkably similar to that of our solar system.

Located 10.5 light-years away in the southern constellation Eridanus, the Epsilon Eridani (Eps Eri for short) system is the closest planetary system around a star similar to the early Sun.

Previous studies indicated that Eps Eri has a debris disk, which is the name astronomers give to leftover material still orbiting a star after planetary construction has completed. Furthermore, careful measurements of the motion of Eps Eri indicates that a planet with nearly the same mass as Jupiter circles the star at a distance comparable to Jupiter's distance from the Sun.

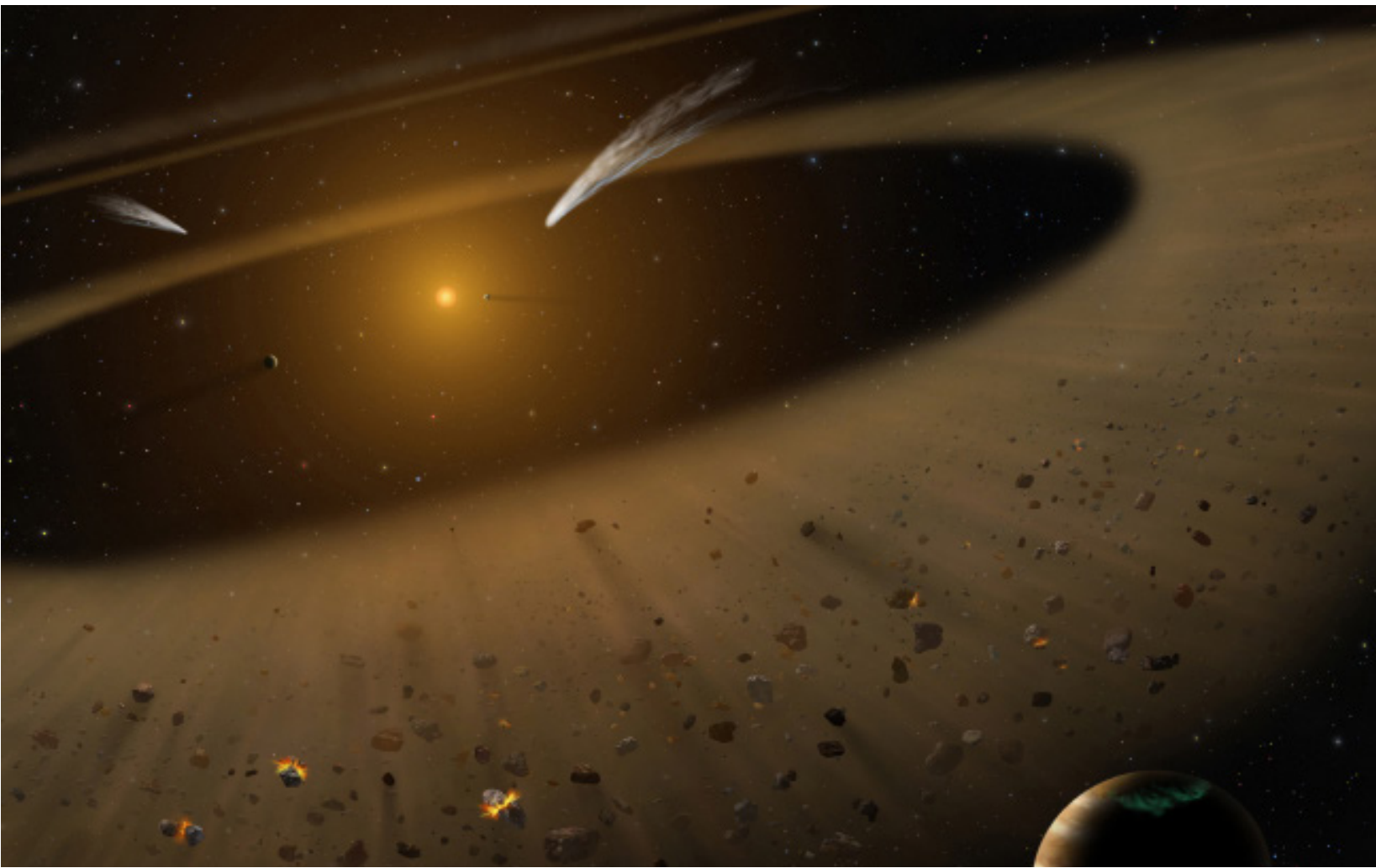
With the new SOFIA images, Kate Su of the University of Arizona and her research team were able to distinguish between two theoretical models of the location of warm debris, such as dust and gas, in the Eps Eri system. These models were based on prior data obtained with NASA's Spitzer space telescope.

One model indicates that warm material is in two narrow rings of debris, which would correspond respectively to the positions of the asteroid belt and the orbit of Uranus in our solar system. Using this model, theorists indicate that the largest planet in a planetary system might normally be associated with an adjacent debris belt.

The other model attributes the warm material to dust originating in the outer Kuiper-Belt-like zone and filling in a disk of debris toward the central star. In this model, the warm material is in a broad disk, and is not concentrated into asteroid belt-like rings nor is it associated with the any planets in the inner region.

Using SOFIA, Su and her team ascertained that the warm material around Eps Eri is in fact arranged like the first model suggests; it is in at least one narrow belt rather than in a broad continuous disk.

These observations were possible because SOFIA has a larger telescope diameter than Spitzer, 100



inches in diameter compared to Spitzer's 33.5 inches, which allowed the team onboard SOFIA to discern details that are three times smaller than what could be seen with Spitzer. Additionally, SOFIA's powerful mid-infrared camera called FORCAST, the Faint Object infraRed CAmera for the SOFIA Telescope, allowed the team to study the strongest infrared emission from the warm material around Eps Eri, at wavelengths between 25 and 40 microns, which are undetectable by ground-based observatories.

SOFIA is a Boeing 747SP jetliner modified to carry a 100-inch diameter telescope. It is a joint project of NASA and the German Aerospace Center, DLR. The aircraft is based at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center in Palmdale, California.

WHERE SCI-FI AND SCIENCE FACT CONVERGE. In addition to being the fictional venue for the 5-mile-long space station in the TV series "Babylon Five," the star Epsilon Eridani has figured in numerous works of TV, film, and

literature. Some have suggested it as the site of planet Vulcan, home of Star Trek's Mr. Spock, but most sources place Vulcan at another nearby star, 40 Eridani.

For more on the fictional appearances of this intriguing star, see:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epsilon\\_Eridani\\_in\\_fiction#General\\_uses\\_of\\_Epsilon\\_Eridani](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epsilon_Eridani_in_fiction#General_uses_of_Epsilon_Eridani)  
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A profile of a Sierra Madre Artist

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Angus spent some time with Morris, painting together at Memorial Park. "Peter told me to simply paint what I see. He said that artists spend too much time looking at their paper, but they should focus more on the object they're painting." The result of this was "The Sycamores."

When I first met Angus about five years ago, he was attending Pasadena City College



It was a warm Saturday afternoon when I encountered Jack Angus sitting out in front of Zugo's restaurant on Sierra Madre Boulevard, doing what he loves most, creating watercolor works of art.

I invited myself to sit down, and Angus smiled as he invited me to join him.

He had his first representational art piece on display, a view of the sycamore trees from Memorial Park. It was beautiful, and had the timeless air about it that reminded one of the classic artists of the past.

"Beautiful," I told Angus. "Just beautiful." When I first met Jack Angus it was 5 years ago when he and local artist Steve Hardy were doing abstracts around the corner at Bean Town. "The Sycamores" was so stunning that I asked Jack how long he'd been working on representational art, as opposed to the abstracts that he made in the past.

"You won't believe this," he told me, "but that's the very first one I've done!" Yes, I didn't believe it. It was lovely, somewhat reminiscent of a Monet.

Angus has been interested in art his whole life, and took a variety of art classes at Pasadena City College. About five years ago, he started creating abstract pieces, partly because he was influenced by Steve Hardy. More recently, while working at the Kenningsington Assisted Living facility in Sierra Madre, Angus met Herb Dockham, and Peter Morris, both successful artists. Peter Morris is known by locals as the "Metro Da Vinci," because he often paints while riding the metro. Both Dockham and Morris have been highly influential to Angus' art career, and for his now trying representational art.

and looking forward to pursuing a degree in engineering or the medical profession, with plans to move to Washington state for work. However, due to various hardships, Angus dropped out of school in part to support his parents. Only recently has he resurrected his love of art and begun his paintings again.

Besides painting on his own time, you can see Angus doing his creativity every Saturday from about 9 a.m. to noon in front of Zugo's, located at 74 W. Sierra Madre Blvd in Sierra Madre.

What advice does he offer to beginning artists? "Practice, practice, practice," he says. "Just go out there and paint. Don't overthink it, and be sure to enjoy yourself doing it."

Obviously, you need to get some brushes, paint, and paper. Angus shares with his students the exact brands and styles of each of these, for those who are uncertain what to buy. Additionally, it's a good idea to decide what you want to do as an artist, advises Angus. He says that often you will know what you like once you start drawing. "Do you like abstracts," asks Angus. "Or perhaps you like portraits, or still-life, or impressionistic work, or even black and whites. Once you get going, your path will get clear."

As for making money as an artist, Angus states that you should get into art because you love it. "If you can get paid for your art, that's icing on the cake," says Angus with a smile. "It's fancy-thinking to believe you're going to get rich quick as an artist. The term 'starving artist' is not too far from the mark," he adds with a laugh.

To learn about upcoming art classes taught by Angus at Zugo's, contact Angus at (626) 863-8671, or [anguslad@yahoo.com](mailto:anguslad@yahoo.com).



OUT TO PASTOR  
A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder  
MOTHER SAID THERE'D  
BE DAYS LIKE THIS

Mothers are the greatest dispensers of advice since God said, "Let there be light." Some, not me, refer to it as maternal instinct.

My own mother gave me some splendid advice when I was growing up. Unfortunately, much of Mom's advice shed light on nothing. Absolutely nothing at all.

Let me outline some advice my mother gave me that, to this day, I have no idea what she was talking about.

I distinctly remember my mother standing before me, with hands on her hips, scolding me for something and then saying, "Who do you think you are?"

This always disturbed me and caused me to wonder about my nativity. As a young person, I often pondered this question myself.

As with most teens, I had long moments of identity crisis. (When you are young most of your energy goes into producing hormones, and so the brain functions on low voltage.) It greatly confused me that the person who should know who I was, asked me the question I had been asking myself. If she does not know who I am, what hope do I have?

Then there was the time I asked my mother for money. She whirled around and replied, "Do you think money grows on trees?"

Up to that point, I have never given the matter much thought. I simply assumed money came from my father going to work and being paid. However, here was something new to ponder. Where does money come from, really? What added to my confusion was the name of our bank The Elm Tree Branch of First National Bank of Harrisburg. Now I was totally confused.

When I was quite young, I remember asking my mother for something in the store. I think it was some small toy that I took a fancy to and asked my mother to buy it for me. She flatly refused. I complained and demanded to know why. She looked me straight in the eye and said, "Because I am the mother, that's why."

To this day, I still do not know what in the world that statement meant. What did her being a mother have to do with buying me that toy?

When she saw my confusion, she told me, "When you have children of your own, you will understand." I have children of my own as well as grandchildren, and I still do not know what she meant. It must be a mother thing, which is all I know.

Then there was the time I wanted to do something with some friends and my mother would not let me. "But everyone else is going," I protested in vain. That's when my mother gave me her spin on the situation at hand.

"What if EVERYONE jumped off a cliff? Would

you do it, too?"

The thing that confused me was, nobody was going to jump off any cliff. In fact, nobody in his or her right mind would ever think of such a stupid thing. Nobody, that is, but my mother. I figured she must have gotten her sadistic side from her mother. It must be something mothers pass on to their daughters, because as a man, I don't get it.

Most memorable of her nuggets of wisdom to me is that piece of advice I still abide by. Before I would leave the house, my mother would say, "Make sure you have clean underwear on in case you get in a car accident and have to go to the hospital."

I have never figured out what clean underwear has to do with going to the hospital, but that piece of advice made for the worst day of my high school years. Just as I drove into the school parking lot one day it dawned on me that I had forgotten to put on clean underwear. Panic raced through my teenage heart like never before. I was certain some disaster awaited me around the next corridor.

By the end of the day, I was a nervous wreck. Driving home, I was sure something would happen to me, putting me in the hospital. I imagined myself being rushed into surgery and the first thing the medical team asked was, "Check his underwear to see if it's clean."

Upon finding my underwear not clean, they refused me any medical attention and sent me back to my mother. To this day, I am paranoid about wearing clean, fresh underwear each day. I have my mother to thank for that.

Looking back at what I learned after years of hearing my mother's advice, I have only one piece of wisdom to pass on to you for those moments with your mother. The next time your mom makes one of those parental off the wall statements, just smile and ask her, "When you were my age, did you walk to school or carry your lunch?"

She'll be confused, and you'll be even.

The one thing my mother did that I will always be grateful for is that she encouraged me to read my Bible. She bought my first Bible for me and encouraged me to read and study it each day.

In that Bible, as a young person, I ran across a verse of scripture that has stood me in times of trouble. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Thanks Mom and Happy Mother's Day.

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**SECTION B**

## AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

### FIFTEEN YEARS LATER, DAVE MARCH IS GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

By Joan Schmidt

It's hard to believe fifteen years have passed since Deputy Dave March was gunned down by a coward, whom he had pulled over for a traffic stop. That day I'll never forget-I was at my school, Annunciation, Arcadia, teaching sixth grade. The sirens seemed endless and we were put on lockdown. One frantic call to Sgt. Mike Rodriguez confirmed my worst nightmare. Our area 57 Deputy Dave March-the big guy with the big grin was gone. The suspect, Jorge Arroyo Garcia, aka Armando Garcia fled to Mexico and was arrested there in 2006. Finally he was extradited to the US in 2007 and is now serving a life term. (The Death Penalty could not be sought; otherwise Mexico would never have sent him back here.)

In the days following Dave's death, many beautiful posters, cards, flowers and remembrances appeared by the site. The following Saturday I attended the funeral and rode on one of the buses Temple Station provided for their personnel and City/Town Council Members. As I rode to the funeral site, I was overwhelmed how the residents of Saugus came out for Dave. Along the sidewalks, were people of all ages, holding signs and flags. It was beautiful. Behind us were six miles of law enforcement vehicles in support of Dave.

The services were beautiful. Governor Davis came down from Sacramento, Supervisor Antonovich and public officials, Sheriff Lee Baca, CHP Commander Mike Brown,



Temple Station Commander Captain Roberta Abner and all Temple Station deputies. (It should be noted that when these tragedies occur, deputies from other station and local police will cover for the station of the fallen deputy so all can attend services.) There were the gun salute, release of doves and a horse without a rider. Captain Abner bravely spoke of Dave and what a fine man he was. Widow Teri March was presented with the flag.

Eventually Irwindale Police Department and a few local businesses put up the permanent Memorial to Dave where he was killed on Live Oak in Irwindale. A beautiful Memorial to Dave at Temple Station was the gift of his fellow personnel. A year later, a rally was held at the Irwindale Speedway. Teri, Dave's widow, his parents, and sister Erin all spoke. They were angry that the coward who killed Dave was still at large.

Armando Garcia will spend the rest of his life in jail. Teri March has remarried to a wonderful man and they have two beautiful sons. But Dave will always have a special place in her heart, the hearts of his family, many friends, coworkers and all MAD county area residents.

This year Temple Station Honor Guards once again held a 24 hour vigil at the site where Dave was gunned down. At 12:01 am, Captain Flores and a procession left Temple Station. At the Memorial Site, a ceremony was held. Ten-seven in heaven, Deputy Dave March. You will never be forgotten.

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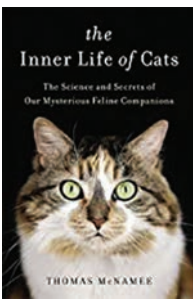
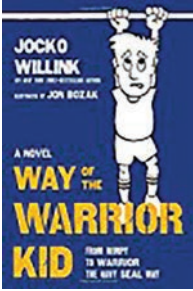
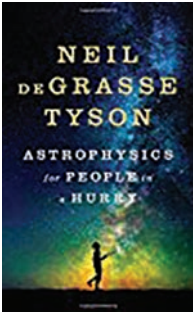
By Jeff Brown

### The Inner Life of Cats: The Science and Secrets of Our Mysterious Feline Companions

by Thomas McNamee  
Our feline companions are much-loved but often mysterious. In *The Inner Life of Cats*, Thomas McNamee blends scientific reportage with engaging, illustrative anecdotes about his own beloved cat, Augusta, to explore and illuminate the secrets and enigmas of her kind. As it begins, *The Inner Life of Cats* follows the development of the young Augusta while simultaneously explaining the basics of a kitten's physiological and psychological development. As the narrative progresses, McNamee also charts cats' evolution, explores a feral cat colony in Rome, tells the story of Augusta's life and adventures, and consults with behavioral experts, animal activists, and researchers, who will help readers more fully understand cats. McNamee shows that with deeper knowledge of cats' developmental phases and individual idiosyncrasies, we can do a better job of guiding cats' maturation and improving the quality of their lives. Readers' relationships with their feline friends will be happier and more harmonious because of this book.

### Astrophysics for People in a Hurry

by Neil deGrasse Tyson  
What is the nature of space and time? How do we fit within the universe? How does the universe fit within us? There's no better guide through these mind-expanding questions than acclaimed astrophysicist and best-selling author Neil deGrasse Tyson. But today, few of us have time to contemplate the cosmos. So Tyson



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### Way of the Warrior Kid: From Wimpy to Warrior the Navy SEAL Way

by Jocko Willink (Author), Jon Bozak (Illustrator)  
#1 Best Seller in Children's Self-Esteem Books. Fifth grade was the worst year of Marc's life. He stunk at gym class, math was too hard for him, the school lunch was horrible, and his class field trip was ruined because he couldn't swim. But what was most awful thing about fifth grade? Kenny Williamson, the class bully, who calls himself the "King of the Jungle." When Marc's mother tells him that his Uncle Jake is coming to stay for the whole summer, Marc can't wait. Uncle Jake is a for real, super-cool Navy SEAL. And Uncle Jake has a plan. He's going to turn Marc into a warrior. Becoming a warrior isn't easy. It means a lot of pull ups, sit ups, pushups, squats, swimming, eating right, and studying harder than ever before! Can Marc transform himself into a warrior before school starts in the fall – and finally stand up to the King of the Jungle himself?

## TOWNE SINGERS SPRING CONCERT - - "AND THE WINNER IS..."

Pasadena: The Towne Singers present "And The Winner Is ..." a concert featuring Oscar, Tony, and Grammy award winner songs for the past 80 years from the 1939 Academy Award to 2016 Tony Award winning songs.

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Saturday May 13th at 5pm at the Arcadia Performing Arts Center, located at 188 Campus Drive in Arcadia. The theater features convenient parking, comfortable seating, and modern facilities.

TOWNE SINGERS: The 100+ member Towne Singers is a non-auditioned community chorus based in La Cañada, California. Since being founded in 1987 by Phyllis Winnaman, the chorus has grown to become a well-known source of entertainment for Southern CA. Many members commute more than 40 miles to participate in the musical experience.

They take pride in their ability to sing all types of music, and in a wide variety of styles. The group's musical repertoire includes great classical elements, but these are always complemented with other choral genres, including popular, Broadway,

spirituals, gospel, folk, and patriotic.

The full choir performs two or three major concerts each year. In addition, the auditioned Towne Singers 'chamber choir' performs in community outreach events, and other social/musical events in the region.

The choir has performed three times at Carnegie Hall, including a 2004 performance of Rutter's Requiem (conducted by Rutter), and a 2006 performance of Vivaldi's Gloria. They performed the Rutter Requiem again in 2010 at the Lincoln Center in New York. The group is often invited to attend festivals and choral events, and toured internationally in 2005. The Towne Singers have also been honored with citations of artistic excellence by the State of California and the City of La Cañada Flintridge.

It is a non-profit organization that is open to singers of all ages and backgrounds. Each concert season provides a place for people to sing and grow artistically, and to bring excellent choral entertainment to the region.

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## BUSINESS NEWS & TRENDS

### FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



### WHICH LIFE EVENTS REQUIRE AN IMMEDIATE ESTATE PLAN UPDATE?

Estate planning is the process of developing a strategy for the care and management of your estate if you become incapacitated or upon your death. One commonly known purpose of estate planning is to minimize taxes and costs, including taxes imposed on gifts, estates, generation skipping transfer and probate court costs. However, your plan must also name someone who will make medical and financial decisions for you if you cannot make decisions for yourself. You also need to consider how to leave your property and assets while considering your family's circumstances and needs.

Since your family's needs and circumstances are constantly changing, so too must your estate plan. Your plan must be updated when certain life changes occur. These include, but are not limited to: marriage, the birth or adoption of a new family member, divorce, the death of a loved one, a significant change in assets, and a move to a new country.

Marriage: it is not uncommon for estate planning to be the last item on the list when a couple is about to be married - whether for the first time or not. On the contrary, marriage is an essential time to update an estate plan. You've probably already thought about updating emergency contacts and adding your spouse to existing health and insurance policies. But there's another important reason to update an estate plan upon marriage. In the event of death, your money and assets may not automatically go to your spouse, especially if you have children of a prior marriage, a prenuptial

agreement, or if your assets are jointly owned with someone else (like a sibling, parent, or other family member). A comprehensive estate review will ensure you and your new spouse can rest easy.

Birth or adoption of children or grandchildren: when a new baby arrives, it seems like everything changes - and so should your estate plan. For example, your trust may not "automatically" include your new child, depending on how it is written. So, it's always a good idea to check and add the new child as a beneficiary. As your children (or grandchildren) grow in age, your estate plan should adjust to ensure assets are distributed in a way you deem proper. What seems like a good idea when your son or granddaughter is a four-year-old may no longer look like such a good idea once their personality has developed and you know them as a 25-year-old college graduate, for example.

Divorce: after a divorce, you should immediately update beneficiary designations for all insurance policies and retirement accounts, any powers of attorney, and any existing health care proxy and HIPAA authorizations. It is also a good time to revamp your will and trust to make sure it does what you want (especially if you want to leave out your former spouse).

The death of a loved one: sometimes those who are named in your estate plan pass away. If an appointed guardian of your children dies, it is imperative to designate a new person. Likewise, if your chosen executor, health care agent or designated power of attorney dies, new ones should be named right away.

Significant change in assets: whether it is a sudden salary increase, inheritance, or the purchase of a large asset these scenarios should prompt an adjustment to an existing estate plan. The bigger the estate, the more likely there will be issues over the disposition of the assets after you are gone. For this reason, it is best to see what changes, if any, are needed after a significant increase (or decrease) in your assets.

A move to a new country: estate planning for Americans living abroad or those who have assets located in numerous countries can get complicated and requires professional assistance. It is always a good idea to learn what you need to do to completely protect yourself and your family before you move to a new country. Dedicated to empowering your family, securing your wealth and delivering your legacy,

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A local attorney and father, Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love most. His office is located at 49 S. Baldwin Ave., Ste. G, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.587.3058 or visit [www.GarlettLaw.com](http://www.GarlettLaw.com) for more information.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: ROTATING PUBLIC ART EXHIBITION PROGRAM III

The City of Pasadena is seeking proposals from artists, artist teams and galleries for the selection or commission of artworks as a part of the citywide Rotating Public Art Exhibition Program. Loaned artworks or site specific artworks will be placed for a period of 3 years at various highly visible, key locations within the City in every Council district. Honorariums range from \$6,000 (for loaned works) to \$12,000 (commissioned site specific works).

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

community and expand access to public art. The deadline for submissions is Monday, May 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. PST. A Community Meeting will be held to review the Request for Proposal on Monday, April 17, 2017 at the Permit Center (175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101) at 6:00 p.m. Applicants need not attend the Community Meeting to apply.

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

### All Things

By Jeff Brown

#### HERBERT HOOVER JR.

Herbert Hoover Jr., the son of the 31st President, owned this Hacienda-style home in Sierra Madre for more than a decade starting in the early 1930s. His parents visited often enough that the residence became known as the Winter White House. The Hoovers added a child's playroom with a built-in slide in homage to family friend and "Winnie the Pooh" author A.A. Milne. Address: 500 N. Michillinda Ave.,

#### ANONYMOUS SANTA GIVES \$100 MILLION TO STRUGGLING TOWN

In a beautiful story, an unnamed 'friend' gives \$100 million to the struggling old industrial city of Erie, Pennsylvania, to be divided among its 46 charities including the food bank, a women's center, and a group for the blind, and its universities. "What a godsend for some of these agencies," says a resident. 375,000 Images From the Met Can Now Be Used by

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**RAGING MODERATE by WILL DURST**



**REPORT CARD ON TRUMP'S FIRST 100 DAYS**

It seems like decades since Barack Obama handed the keys to the country over to the House of Trump, but that was only at the end of January, barely 3 months ago. I can't tell if it's one of those "time flies when you're having fun" deals or "it all happened so fast," like during a car crash or being mugged. Or being mugged during a car crash.

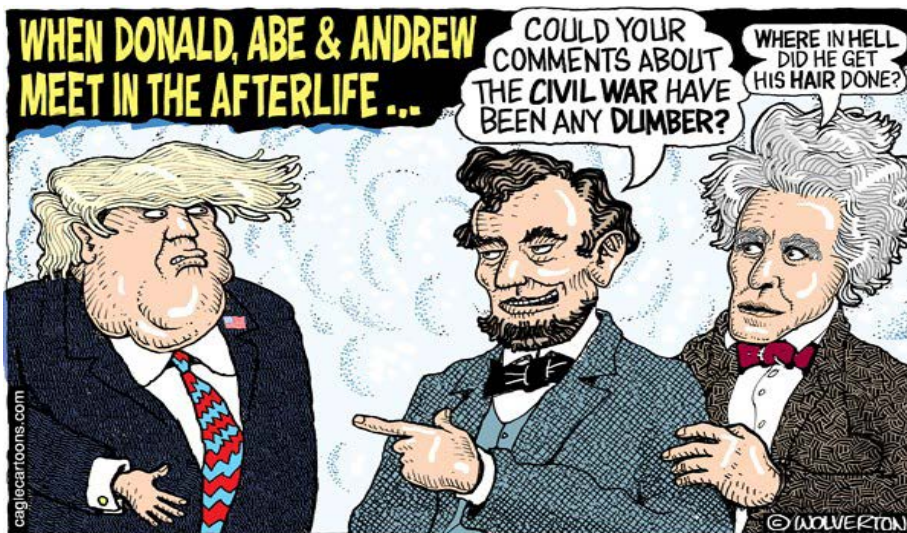
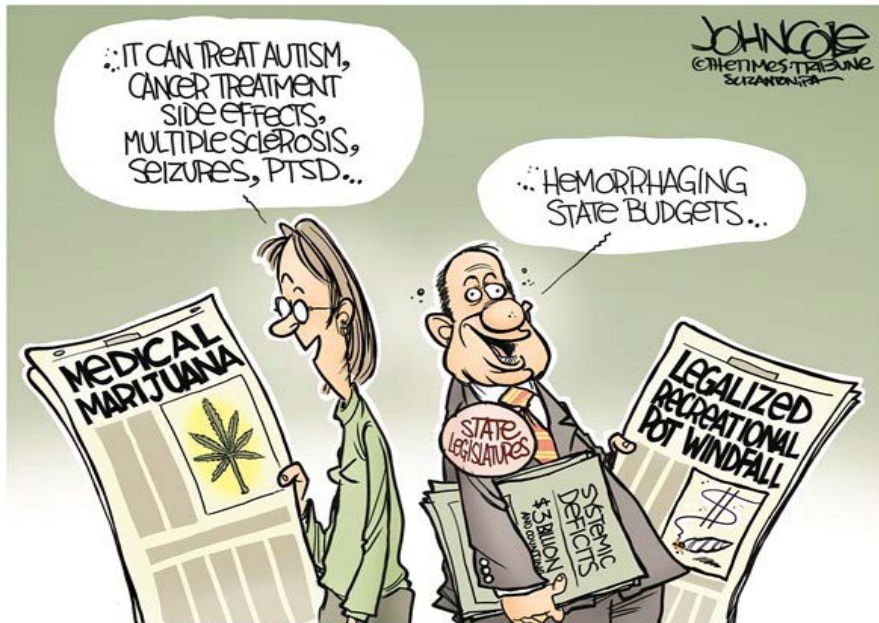
President Trump has made a huge deal about not making a big thing of his first 100 days. He's dismissed the whole event as a media creation and artificial benchmark, mainly because you could stuff the whole of his accomplishments in a shot glass and they would still rattle around like a golf ball in a railroad car.

He's also contradicting his own campaign rhetoric from when he insisted it would be a yardstick of his awesome, incredible transitional prowess. Once again, covering his bases by bouncing across both sides of every issue like a hyperactive cricket on prom night.

Besides the folks forced to sign loyalty oaths, there are three camps in the whole "How has He Done So Far?" debate. The group that claim he's a disaster. The few that maintain he's an incredible disaster and those who contend he's not as big a disaster as expected. But either way, the guy deserves kudos for making it to triple digits. So, let's look at his report card for the first 100 days of term one. Because who knows if he or we will be around for the next 1361.

- Mathematics. C-. Claimed to have more electoral votes than any president since Reagan. Which is only true if you don't count George Herbert Walker Bush, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. Outside of that, spot on.
- International Relations. C-. Problems differentiating between good guys and bad guys. Already picked fights with Great Britain, Canada, Mexico and Australia. In terms of diplomatic complexity, those aren't the tough ones.
- African- American Studies. D-. Mocked Congressman John Lewis and thought that Frederick Douglas was still alive. Sad.
- Sex Education. B+. No discernable activity at all, which considering his track record, most folks appreciate.
- Health Studies. D-. "Who knew health care could be so complicated?" Um, everybody. Except you. Again.
- Environmental Studies. F. Invested in bringing back the coal industry. And VHS tapes. And sock garters and buggy whips and we'll make lamps that burn whale blubber again.
- Social studies. C+. Heavy on the social. Light on the studies.
- Physical Education. A+. Getting plenty of exercise on the golf course.
- Dramatics. B-. Performances a bit over the top. As is the makeup.
- Penmanship. A. Signature looks very attractive on extensive series of Executive Orders.
- Physics. D. Unable to grasp simple concepts like all actions having equal and opposite reactions.
- Fashion: D. Still wearing bad shiny suits and ties that look like monochromatic drool bibs.
- Language Arts. D-. Vocabulary limited to adjectives.
- Art Appreciation. F. Just not his thing.
- World History. C-. Seems determined to prove the old adage that those who ignore history are doomed to retweet it.
- Home Room Conduct. C-. Tends to be disruptive. Acts like it's all about him.
- General Comments. Continues to ignore help when offered. Problems accepting responsibility. Does not play well with others.
- Overall Grade. C-. Tremendous room for improvement.

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**WHAT DID TRUMP THINK HE WAS GETTING INTO?**

What did he think he was signing up for?

In a surreal interview with Reuters at the end of last week, President Donald Trump admitted that he missed driving and conceded that being the Leader of the Free World is much, much harder than he thought it would be.

"I loved my previous life," he told the wire service. "I had so many things going on. This is more work than in my previous life. I thought it would be easier."

He added, later: "I do miss my old life. This -- I like to work. But this is actually more work."

Leading a nation of 321.4 million people in a world that is becoming increasingly complex and, in some sectors more dangerous, is, by definition, hard work. And if it's not, you're not doing it right.

For evidence, look no further than the before and after photographs of Trump's predecessors. Virile and youthful by the start of their four- or eight-year terms of office, the cares and worries and burdens of the job are fairly etched into their faces by the time they leave.

Every president faces a steep learning curve upon taking office. But, unlike Trump, every president since Dwight Eisenhower has come to the table with substantial political and governing experience.

Beyond watching presidents on TV, presumably on Fox News, Trump did not possess such a breadth of experience.

During last year's presidential campaign, the Republican was content to skate along the surface of policy, offering bromides and slogans and vicious attacks -- rather than the mundane specifics of policy to cheering throngs who filled his rallies in basketball arenas across the country.

And like some superannuated high school football player still yearning for the glory days of the gridiron, Trump continues to seize upon any excuse to relive the caffeinated days of the campaign. Indeed, during his interview with Reuters, Trump "paused to hand out copies of what he said were the latest figures from the 2016 electoral map," Reuters reported.

"Here, you can take that, that's the final map of the numbers," Trump said. "It's pretty good, right? The red is obviously us."

But with Trump's first 100 days in the rearview mirror, this White House is understandably sensitive about the fact that it is woefully short of legislative accomplishments when compared to its predecessors.

Trump's promised border wall has been put off for the time being. A push to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act is in disarray amid opposition from Democrats and moderate Republicans.

Trump's two travel bans have been stayed by federal courts. And efforts to deny federal funding to so-called "sanctuary cities" have also suffered a bad case of judicial whiplash.

Writing in The Washington Post, former George W. Bush administration speechwriter Michael Gerson noted that Trump's only decisive win, the elevation of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court only invited unfavorable comparisons.

"Trump's one unquestioned achievement consists of appointing another man who actually has thoughtful convictions," Gerson wrote.

And that's from the home team.

So perhaps it's not surprising that Trump, who once prowled Manhattan by limousine, winning adulation from restaurant crowds and reality television buffs alike, might be pining for his not-so-long-ago good old days.

"And, while I had very little privacy, in my old life because, you know, I've been famous for a long time. I really -- this is much less privacy than I've seen before. This is, you know, something that's really amazing. At the same time, you're really into your own cocoon because there's such massive protection, that you really can't go anywhere," he commented to Reuters of the 24-hour Secret Service monitoring of his every move.

Trump's interview comes comes on the heels of a sit down with the Associated Press, where he seemed surprised to discover that his actions have consequences on the lives of every day Americans.

"You have to love people. And if you love people, such a big responsibility," he said, in part.

In that same interview, Trump complained that he thought his decisive win over Hillary Clinton last fall would result in more favorable coverage, instead of the intense scrutiny that comes with holding the highest elected office in the land.

"I used to get great press. I get the worst press. I get such dishonest reporting with the media," he lamented to the AP. "That's another thing that really has -- I've never had anything like it before. It happened during the primaries, and I said, you know, when I won, I said, 'Well the one thing good is now I'll get good press.' And it got worse. (unintelligible) So that was one thing that a little bit of a surprise to me. I thought the press would become better, and it actually, in my opinion, got more nasty."

What, exactly, did he think he was signing up for?

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**MAKING SENSE by MICHAEL REAGAN**

**PATIENCE IS A (POLITICAL) VIRTUE**



I admit I clearly was not born with the patience gene.

As a kid my mother was always saying to me, "Patience, patience, patience."

Today my wife Colleen is always saying the same thing, "Mike. Patience, patience."

It's no use.

For example, when I go to a movie I hate standing in line.

It's always just driven me absolutely nuts. Now at least I can have my son go online and buy the tickets before we get there.

Whenever there's a line at a restaurant, I just turn and walk away.

When my friends just look at me, I tell them, "God didn't give me patience and I've never prayed for it."

I bring up my problem with patience because it's the same problem conservative talk radio people and TV commentators have with the lack of big accomplishments in the first hundred days of the Trump Administration.

I understand their pain -- and impatience.

We all want market-driven, patient-centric, flexible health care reform. We all want a simpler, smarter tax code. We all want an end to the warring and killing of innocents in the Middle East.

Our trouble is, too many of us conservatives want to see everything happen yesterday, not tomorrow or the next day.

I think Donald Trump thinks much the same way. As a businessman he's been going through a sharp, steep learning curve.

He's quickly found out, on the job, that the business of Congress is politics, not about getting things done quickly.

When you're a businessman you can make instant decisions, get things done in a flash and move forward to the next goal.

But Congress doesn't work like that and never will. It's the same for conservative talk radio and TV commentators. You're supposed to be done with whatever it is you're trying to do on their schedule -- and your not.

The reality is, I think President Trump has done a terrific job in his first hundred days -- especially considering everything he tries to do with Congress is being hampered by the Democrats or the way Congress does business.

Look at all the good executive orders he's signed on the Keystone pipeline construction and things like reducing government regulations.

He's found the only way to get things done quickly for now is through executive orders and he's cranking them out. He's also signed some smaller bipartisan bills that Congress has sent him.

It's the titanic struggles over health care and tax reform that are going slowly, mainly because on the biggest and most important issues Congress always slogs along like a old freight train, not a bullet train.

What we conservatives need to do is ignore the liberal media's partisan impatience and arbitrary deadline and say, "OK, President Trump is not going to get everything done in a hundred days and we shouldn't expect him to."

Really, what's the big rush? He's got three years and eight more months to get it all done. If he gets it right, he'll get four more years after that.

And if conservatives keep bringing up my father's record, as they never stop doing, they have to remember a few things.

My father didn't get major tax reform done until Aug. 13, 1981 -- eight months into his administration.

And in the first couple of years he was so far down in the popularity polls Republicans were terrified he wouldn't be reelected in 1984.

But after his policies took affect, the economy turned around, the job figures turned around, and he buried Mondale in a landslide.

Once you are in the Oval Office it takes time to get your presidential feet under you. Donald Trump is still a rookie in Washington who's trying to learn how to hit a knuckle curve.

We conservatives have to stop booing him and need to gain patience.

Becoming unglued so soon because our rookie president is taking too long to hit his first home run is only going to let Chuck Schumer, the Democrats and the anti-Trump media defeat what could be a great presidency.

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