



## COUNCIL SET TO DISCUSS RENT CONTROL/STABILIZATION IN SIERRA MADRE

On Tuesday, the Sierra Madre City Council discuss the subject of Rent Control/Stabilization for the first time in at least 15 years, perhaps the first time ever. In response to request from citizens, Former Mayor John Harabedian agreed to bring the subject before the full council. In preparation for the meeting, city staff prepared a thorough preliminary report on the matter. You can read the full text on the city's website by going to: <http://cityofsierramadre.com>. The matter has already become a controversial one with letters for (<http://mtnviewsnews.com/v11/h2m/n22/p19.htm>) and against such controls. (See LETTER TO THE EDITOR - Page B7 of this edition).

### Excerpts from the Staff Report:

Rent Control or rent stabilization is a collection of laws that restrict the rents a landlord can charge and limits the reasons for eviction. Rent stabilization is not a state law because it is considered a local issue. Rent stabilization is a law passed by cities where the supply of housing is limited resulting in increased rents. A total of 15 California cities provide some form of rent control stabilization. In Southern California those cities include Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Santa Monica, Thousand Oaks and West Hollywood.. Rent control is typically only necessary where the vacancy rate in the area is below 5%. The vacancy rate measures the overall housing availability in a community and is often a good indicator of how efficiently for-sale and rental housing units are meeting the current demand for housing. A lower vacancy rate can indicate that households are having difficulty finding affordable housing, which can lead to overcrowding and/or overpayment. A particularly tight housing market with insufficient vacant units for normal mobility may also lead to high competition for units, placing upward pressure on rents and for-sale housing prices. A vacancy rate of about 5% for rental housing is generally consider healthy and suggests that there is a balance between supply and demand for housing. According to the Department of Finance Population and Housing Estimates, residential vacancy rates for Sierra Madre is at 6.4% as of January 1, 2017, indicating a healthy balance between supply and demand for housing. In comparison, Table B below shows the vacancy rates in nearby San Gabriel Valley Cities; and Table C shows the distribution of owner occupied housing to renter occupied housing units. Not all rental housing within rent-controlled cities is subject to rent control. Under state law in California, property that was issued a certificate of occupancy after February 1, 1995 is exempt from rent control. State law also exempts tenancies for single-family homes, if the tenancy began after January 1, 1996. Also, most cities exempt new construction built after the date of the ordinance, and owner-occupied buildings with four (or sometimes three or two) units. Tenancy rent control -The most common form of rent control is where rents are initially freely negotiable but there is a limit on the amount of rent increase.

## PORTANTINO JOINS SENATE PRESIDENT DE LEÓN TO INCREASE CAL GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

Sacramento, CA – On Tuesday, May 30, Anthony J. Portantino (D – La Cañada Flintridge) joined Senate Pro Tem Kevin De León in presenting SB 539 on the Senate floor. The bill will provide additional support to high-striving community college students. SB 539 passed the Senate floor with overwhelming support and is now headed to the State Assembly.

SB 539 establishes the Community College Completion Incentive Grant (CCIG), which will provide an additional \$4,000 in financial aid to California Community College students receiving the existing Full-Time Student Success Grant, if they complete 15 units. Transportation costs, in particular often prove to be prohibitive for struggling college students.

“As a colleague and the Chair of Budget Subcommittee on Education, I am proud to be a joint author on SB 539 and work closely with Pro Tem De León. In order to make college affordable, not only tuition, but non-tuition costs, such as textbooks, transportation, food, and housing have to be addressed. Not being able to afford the total cost of attendance can be a major obstacle and hinder students' ability to succeed in class and meet their academic goals. This piece of legislation is a fresh approach to ensuring college affordability and student success. I look forward to continuing to work with our Pro Tem to help our California students,” commented Portantino.

Sen. Portantino represents nearly 930,000 people in the 25th Senate District, which includes Altadena, Atwater Village, Bradbury, Burbank, Claremont, Duarte, Glendale, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Lake View Terrace, La Verne, Monrovia, Montrose, Pasadena, San Dimas, San Marino, Shadow Hills, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Sunland-Tujunga, and Upland.

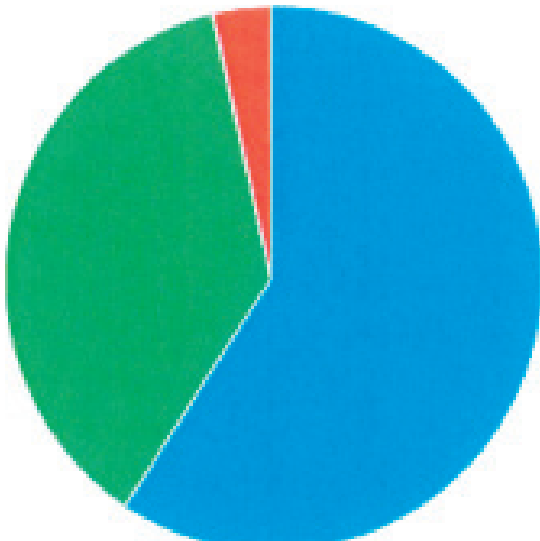


## SIERRA MADRE RESIDENTS ARE STILL URGED TO CONSERVE WATER

Despite improved statewide conditions, we are still striving to return to our local groundwater supply.

Consider the variety of rebates that are being offered by our friends at the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District here: <http://sgvmwd.org/CONSERVATOR/Rebates>

Housing Distribution in Sierra Madre



Owner-Occupied Dwellings  
Renter-Occupied Dwellings  
Housing Units Unoccupied

Source: Sierra Madre 2014 Housina Element

### Rent stabilization Board

Most jurisdictions with a rent stabilization policy enact a rent stabilization or rent advisory board. The purpose of a rent stabilization board is to regulate residential rent increases and to protect tenants from unwarranted rent increases and to act as a mediation board to resolve renter disputes. If the City of Sierra Madre pursued a rent control policy, the City would need to appoint a rent stabilization board.

### Housing Department

A city housing department typically administers rent stabilization policies for the local jurisdiction. Typical programs administered through a housing department include Section 8 Housing (authorizes the payment of rental housing assistance to private landlords), fair housing programs (the right to live where you choose without fear of discrimination), inclusionary housing (requires that a percentage of all newly constructed residential units be sold or rented to low and moderate income households), city subsidized affordable housing programs, and first time home-buyer programs.

The Sierra Madre City Council will meet on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 in City Hall at 6:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ S. Henderson/MVNews

## PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE R-3 ZONE (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), R-1 ZONE (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), R-C ZONE (RESIDENTIAL CANYON), VARIANCES AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS ORDINANCE, SIGNS ORDINANCE, AND ELIMINATION OF THE CONDOMINIUM AND APARTMENT PROJECTS ORDINANCE.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider recommending adoption to the City Council of an ordinance amending Chapter 17.28 R-3 Zone (Multiple-Family Residential), Chapter 17.20 R-1 Zone (One Family Residential), Chapter 17.30 R-C Zone (Residential Canyon), Chapter 17.60 Variances and Conditional Use Permits, and Chapter 17.72 Signs. The purpose of the amendments is to revise the development standards of the R-3 Zone Ordinance which necessitates various amendments to the other above mentioned ordinances for consistency of zoning requirements across ordinances. The Planning Commission will also consider deleting Chapter 17.76 Condominium and Apartment Projects since these types of development are already subject to the requirements of the R-3 Zone Ordinance. Following a Planning Commission recommendation for approval, the proposed text amendment will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

The Planning Commission meeting will be held on June 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at the Sierra Madre City Hall located at 232 West Sierra Madre Blvd. The meeting is open to the public and there will be opportunities to make comments. Information regarding the draft amendments will be available on Thursday, June 8th, at 5:30 PM on the Planning and Community Preservation page on the City's website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com), at the Planning and Community Preservation Department counter at City Hall, and at the City's Library.

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### COFFEE WITH SIERRA MADRE'S FINEST



On Thursday, SMPD Chief Joe Ortiz (above left) and members of the SMPD took a little time out to mix and mingle with local residents. Below, Officer Lou Oronoz with resident and business woman Laura Hirsch.



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<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR June 13, 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, June 13, 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*  
June 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm  
June 27, 2017 at 6:30 pm

*Planning Commission*  
June 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm  
*Community Service Commission*  
June 19, 2017 at 6:30 pm

*Senior Community Commission*  
July 6, 2017 at 3:00pm

*Library Board of Trustees*  
June 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm

*Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Commission*  
June 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm



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### LUNCH WITH KIWANIS.... BE A MEMBER FOR A DAY

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

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Guest Speaker: Councilman John Capoccia

Meetings are held at The Lodge  
33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, Ca.  
Lunch begins at Noon and is \$10.  
Programs begin at 12:40 and are free.  
Call 626-688-2273 to reserve your seat!

## SIERRA MADRE 4TH OF JULY PARADE ENTRIES OPEN NOW!

Parade Registration is also OPEN now through June 1. If you'd like to enter this hometown event, as an organization or business or individual group featuring community members, organizations, classic cars, a marching band, kids on their decorated bikes and so much more. Join us for the 2017 parade on July 4, from 10:00am – 12:00 pm. The parade route will begin at the corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Sunnyside Avenue, and will travel the length of Sierra Madre Blvd. to Sierra Vista Park.

Parade participation is open to all; young, young-at-heart, and everything in between. There is NO FEE to participate in the parade thanks to Official Sponsor of the 2017 Parade a The Kensington. The Kensington-Sierra Madre is an assisted living and memory care residence in the heart of Sierra Madre. The committee and community join us in thanking them for their partnership this year as we work together

to bring the community and outstanding All-American Celebration.

Parade registration is now open and all applications must be submitted by Thursday, June 1st. Due to staging concerns, no late entries will be accepted. Please make sure to fill out all fields and hit the submit button!

For questions regarding parade registration please contact the 4th of July Committee at [4thofjulysierramadre@gmail.com](mailto:4thofjulysierramadre@gmail.com) or the Community Services Department at 626.355.7135

Remember that registration closes June 1st. Due to staging concerns, no late entries will be accepted.  
To register visit our website at <https://sierramadre4thofjuly.wordpress.com/>

For more information on all of the 4th of July Festivities, please visit [www.sierramadre4thofjuly.com](http://www.sierramadre4thofjuly.com).

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Walkers with dogs and strollers are welcome as well.  
Check in from 7:00 am – 7:45 am in Kersting Court

Registration is open **NOW** at City Hall. Register prior to June 15<sup>th</sup> for a guaranteed T-shirt.

Adults - \$ 23.00 or Youth under 10 - \$ 18.00  
All participants are \$ 25.00 after June 15<sup>th</sup>

Also register online at:

<https://apm.activecommunities.com/sierramadre>

Fourth of July Website: [www.sierramadre4thofjuly.com](http://www.sierramadre4thofjuly.com)



## SIERRA MADRE SUPER SUMMER STARTS SOON

Get your passport for the Sierra Madre Super Summer starting on Saturday, June 10th and running through Saturday, August 5th. Super Summer combines the Library's traditional Summer Reading Program with Community Services' activities. Your passport allows you to earn prizes while you read books and have fun at Sierra Madre's Super Summer Festivities.

First, pick up a passport at the Library or any City event. Next, start stamping your passport by reading, attending events, shopping local, and visiting local landmarks. The more stamps you get in your passport, the better prizes you will earn, culminating in a limited edition Sierra Madre item.

How and where to stamp your passport:  
Read Children 12 and under read for one hour to stamp their passport, teens and adults 12 and up read one book to earn a stamp  
Attend Activities

¥ Concerts in the Park  
¥ Any Library event  
¥ Movies in the Park  
¥ Summer Fun in the Park  
¥ Shakespeare in the Park  
¥ Hike a local trail (Mt. Wilson or Bailey Canyon)  
¥ Shop local and bring a receipt to the Library  
¥ Visit Lizzie's Train Inn or the Richardson House Museum  
Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Passports can be stamped at any of the following June events -  
Author Visit, Linda LaRoche  
Saturday, June 10 2:00 pm. Dust Unto Shadow. Be on hand for the launch of a new novel which weaves a rich narrative of a family's history in Mexico seen through both Mexican and American eyes.  
S.T.E.A.M. Works: The Puppet Musical  
Monday, June 12 at 10:00 am at the Library, watch S.T.E.A.M. Works: The Puppet Musical, by Noteworthy Puppets, where a boy & girl create competing entries in the "Build a Better World Science Fair" in an effort to win a trip to Space Camp.

Concerts in the Park  
Presented by the Kensington. Enjoy free concerts in the Memorial Park Bandshell. Bring your chairs and picnic baskets!  
¥ Saturday, June 10, 6:00 Ð 8:00 pm Pasadena Community Orchestra, Sponsored by the Pasadena Community Orchestra

¥ Sunday, June 25, 6:00 Ð 8:00 pm Sierra Madre Music Local Talent, Sponsored by Sierra Madre

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Family Movie Fridays  
Memorial Park, 8:00 pm every other Friday.  
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¥ Friday, June 16, The LEGO Batman Movie Sponsored by Wholesale Capital Corporation & Thrivent Financial

¥ Friday, June 30, the BFG Sponsored by the Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Assn.

Frisbee Fun in the Park  
Wednesday, June 14 at 9:30 am  
Bring your kids to Memorial Park for an hour of active play with Community Services Staff. Water will be provided.

Anime Your Way  
June 14, 6:00 pm.  
Teens, learn to draw Anime at the Library with Simpsons' Artist, Carlos Nieto.

Third Thursday Club  
June 15, 11:00 am. Enjoy a lively book discussion for adults on the third Thursday of every month. This month we are reading Midnight in the Garden of Good & Evil by John Berendt.  
Library Movie Bingo: Thursday Nights at the Sierra Madre Library  
Thursday, June 15, 22, and 29 starting at 6:00 pm  
Join us at the Library on Thursday nights this summer, as we watch movies which have several scenes shot in town. If you see a local landmark, mark your Bingo card and the first winner will get a prize.

- June 15 The Seven Little Foys 1955

- June 22 Invasion of the Body Snatchers 1956

- June 29 Hitchcock's Family Plot 1976

S.T.E.A.M. Club  
June 15, 11:00 am, third Thursday afternoons, explore science, technology, engineering, arts & math with your friends ages 8-12. Reservations are needed to save your place.  
Board Game and Coloring Night  
Tuesday, June 20 from 5:00 pm Ð 8:00 pm  
Everyone is welcome to the Library each third Tuesday of the month from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Snacks will be provided  
Kickball/Dodgeball Fun in the Park  
Wednesday, June 21 at 9:30 am  
Bring your kids to Memorial Park for an hour of active play with Community Services Staff. Water provided.  
Bubblemania  
Monday, June 26 at 10:00 am  
During this fun Library program, a Bubbologist will explain the science and fun of bubbles!

Bean Bag Bonanza Fun in the Park  
Wednesday, June 28 at 9:30 am

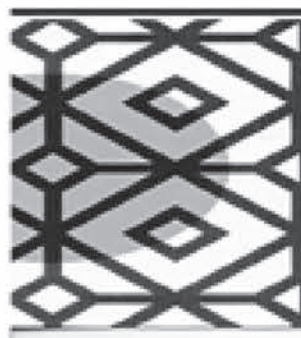
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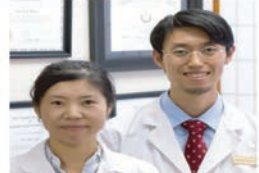
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## Police Chief Suspends Firearm Waiver Letters

In the wake of a Pasadena police officer being under investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez announced Thursday that he is temporarily suspending the Police Department's issuance of waiver or authorization letters to officers for their use in firearm purchases.

"I am suspending the practice of issuing these letters until I have a chance to more thoroughly review our process," Sanchez said. "The Pasadena Police Department is among the finest law enforcement agencies in the country precisely because we continually assess our practices and make operational improvements to better serve our community."

Pasadena police officers—similar to other sworn law enforcement officials throughout California—have been able to request letters to seek a waiver of the 10-day waiting period for personal firearm purchases or other authorization to purchase rifles not available to the public.

Sanchez said his action does not limit officers' access to firearms or any related equipment to protect and serve the community. The department continues to issue all necessary on-duty equipment to its officers. They still have the option of using personal firearms approved by the department he said.

Officers can purchase, or sell, handguns just like any member of the public as allowed by state and federal laws he said.

ATF officials raided Pasadena Lt. Vasken Gourdikian home Feb. 16 seizing 57 firearms, including "off-roster" guns that can only be purchased with an authorization letter according to news reports.

### Pet of the Week



Chilly (A417976), a 3-month-old, female, black kitten, has just graduated from our foster program and is ready for her forever home! Although she can be a bit shy at first, Chilly quickly warms up into a total cuddle bug. She'll happily snuggle by your side, purring loudly to show her affection. She also enjoys playing, both with her toys and with her foster brother Chilton (A418017). Meet her in our communal kitten room today!

The adoption fee for cats is \$75. All cats are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before being adopted.

Adoption fees for all pets will be waived on Thursday, June 22 from 9am to 5pm during the 3rd Annual Free Adoption Day sponsored by Carol Ann Kirby.

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

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at (626) 792-7151 to ask about A417976, 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).



Photo courtesy of Pasadena Museum of History

## Happy Birthday Pasadena

*Official Cake Cutting Ceremony at 2 p.m. with Mayor Terry Tornek*

Pasadena Museum of History and the City of Pasadena are set to celebrate, this Sunday, Happy Birthday Pasadena as the city will turn 131 years old.

The free event 'Chalk Up Another Year!' will include a day filled with community festivities including a cutting, by local dignitaries, of the city's official birthday cake.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:**

From 1:00 – 4:00: Make a personal railroad sign in the Art2Go workshop View murals by veteran Chalk Festival artists Add your own flair to the chalk "birthday cake" mural Put on your party face with Carmen MacDonald Face Painting

From 1:00 – 4:00: View our current colorful exhibitions Visit the Finnish Folk Art Museum Stop at the Interactive Stations featuring art, education, and history.

From 1:00 – 3:00: Music performances by a cappella group Acasola

From 1:30 – 3:30: Strolling Magic by LaBak the Magician Extraordinary creations by Mind Blowing Balloons.

From 3:00 - 3:45: Classical String Music by Harmony Project Sing Happy Birthday!

At 2:00: Official Cake Cutting Ceremony with Mayor Terry Tornek and VIPs

From 2:30 – 4:00: Birthday Cake for everyone, compliments of Baja Ranch Supermarket.

Admission to the museum will be free, exhibitions include, *Art in the Street: 25 Years of the Pasadena Chalk Festival*.

This year's event commemorates the silver anniversary of the Pasadena Chalk Festival. The annual festival is one of the area's most popular arts attractions. The creation and installation of chalk murals, some of which are site specific, and chalk drawing demonstrations are featured.

*The Art of Getting There: Railroad Inspired Artistry*

This exhibit celebrates the history and beauty of railroads. Artists, photographers, and countless others have tried their hands at making their own rendition of railroad culture. Traditional art such as paintings

and photographs, advertising art, sculpture, and carvings are on view.

For more information visit [pasadenahistory.org](http://pasadenahistory.org).

## Pasadena Community Health Needs Assessment Available

City officials announced Wednesday that the "Community Health Needs Assessment of Greater Pasadena" (CHNA) is now available online for use as a valuable data resource tool for residents, decision makers, health care providers and other stakeholders when examining the overall health of the Pasadena area.

In 2016, the Pasadena Public Heath Department (PPHD) and Huntington Hospital collaboratively completed a joint, systematic analysis of health indicators to provide insight into the current health status and needs of residents in the Greater Pasadena, including Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena and San Marino.

One such highlight looked at efforts to implement the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act. In 2014, 84.3 percent of Pasadena-area residents had health insurance, up from 80 percent in 2010, adding 6,000 locally insured persons.

"The new, joint CHNA represents months of important collaboration between the City and Huntington Hospital along with significant community engagement and input. We hope everyone will go to the CHNA website and use the data as the framework for positive change in our local health delivery and care systems," PPHD Director Michael Johnson said.

"When long-standing partners come together to address the health needs of the community, everyone benefits," Ms. Haderlein said. "The collaboration between Huntington Hospital, the Pasadena Public Health Department and leaders of local organizations that are providing (health) services to Pasadena-area residents clearly demonstrates that we all have a role in improving the community's well-being."

Now that the report is published, PPHD later this year will announce details on a community-wide effort to evaluate prioritize and plan for health improvements based on the report's findings, Johnson said.

The report is available online at [healthypasadena.org](http://healthypasadena.org).

### Huntington Library Book Talk 'Joy Ride'

Architect David Martin will discuss his book Joy Ride: An Architect's Journey to Mexico's Ancient and Colonial Places July 13 (Thursday) 7:30 p.m. A journal of his travels of Mexico's architecture and the country's history and culture. A book signing follows the talk. The Free event will be in Rothenberg Hall. The Huntington is located at 1151 Oxford Rd. It is open to the public every day except Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Tuesdays and holidays.

## Month-long Old Pasadena Summer Cinema Returns



Old Pasadena Summer Cinema returns for another year as a month-long, free movie series featuring screenings in predominantly outdoor locations. Running from July 1 – July 29, this annual summer film program celebrates motion picture in all forms, offering a variety of audience-pleasing movie titles and genres in unique locales throughout the historic district of Old Pasadena. With nearly 20 screenings during the month, Old Pasadena Summer Cinema is the largest free open-air film festival in California and draws a broad local and regional audience. All the Old Pasadena Summer Cinema screenings are free and open to the public.

Three screenings in Central Park are themed events that include special activities and the chance to picnic in the park prior to each film. Bring your own chairs and blankets to Central Park. Films begin at 8:30pm and pre-activities begin at 6:30pm.

**DATE NIGHT, SATURDAY JULY 8:** The Sting (1973) PG. Register for a spot on a walking tour of Old Pasadena filming locations of The Sting with Pasadena Walking Tours, which includes a Prohibition-era cocktail at POP Champagne & Dessert Bar. Pre-film activities at the park include live ragtime music with Holly Street Stompers, swing dance lessons with Dance Street Studio, and a Prohibition-themed photo booth. Buy your \$10 ticket for the Walking Tour in advance.

**FAMILY NIGHT, SATURDAY JULY 15:** Wreck-It Ralph (2012) PG. Join Neon Retro Arcade at the park with an arcade pop-up, costumed characters from the movie, superhero face painting, frozen goodies from Kona Ice, and a raffle.

**LADIES' NIGHT, SATURDAY JULY 22:** Mamma Mia (2007)

PG-13. Grab your besties and head to the park for a bohemian evening under the stars. Enjoy henna tattoos, hair braiding, and more with Gypsy Bazaar, learn to dance the Hustle with Dance Street Studio, and groove to an ABBA-inspired DJ. Enjoy another open-air option at One Colorado with films projected in the charming courtyard. Look for family favorites like Jurassic Park, Hugo, and Inside Out; two films that champion the underdog, Freedom Writers and Remember the Titans; and recent films like The Martian and Doctor Strange. Seating is provided at One Colorado, but be sure to arrive a little early for best options.

Distant Lands Travel Bookstore, which screens four travel-related films inside the store, including Samsara, a documentary filmed over five years in 25 countries around the world, and Riding Solo to the Top of the World, a remarkable chronicle of the people and places filmmaker Guarav Jani encountered during his time in the Changthang Plateau region of India near the Chinese border. Another indoor option, Flower Pepper Gallery, screens the beautifully animated Song of the Sea and stop-motion animation Kubo and the Two Strings.

Finally, Old Pasadena audiences have the chance to see a new documentary, The Cat That Changed the World, that follows the mountain lion P-22 in Griffith Park and the efforts to develop a wildlife crossing at Liberty Canyon in Los Angeles. Following the July 13 screening at the Pasadena Senior Center, the filmmaker and featured wildlife experts will be on hand for a panel discussion with filmgoers.

For more information go to [oldpasadena.org/summercinema](http://oldpasadena.org/summercinema).

### Free Events Roundup at the Pasadena Senior Center

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

The Domino Effect – Thursdays to June 29, 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.

UCLA Memory Training – Thursdays to June 29, 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.

Friday Movie Matinees – Fridays June 16, at 1 p.m. Everyone enjoys movies and the pleasures they bring. June 16: "Gigi" (1958, NR) starring Leslie Caron and Louis Jourdan. Weary of the conventions of Parisian society, a rich playboy and a young courtesan in training enjoy a platonic friendship, but it may not stay platonic for long.

A Toast to the Joys of Music – Tuesdays to June 27, 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 June 28, 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.

Savvy Caregivers – Tuesdays, June 13 to July 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. Caregivers will learn basic knowledge and skills needed to care for family members who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Presented by Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles. Registration is required by calling 626-685-6730. Please note there will be no workshop on July 4.

Senior Beauty Tips – Thursday, June 15, at 10 a.m. Learn how to look your best at any age and get tips about skin care and makeup.

The Senior Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that offers recreational, educational and social services to people ages 50 and older. For more visit [pasadenaseniorcenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorcenter.org) or call (626) 795-4331.



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## TASTE THE TOWN MATT DENNY’S ALE HOUSE

Come Taste the Town of Arcadia! Every month the City of Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department – Senior Services Division along with a City Council Member will explore restaurants in Arcadia that will include a pre-selected lunch menu. On Wednesday, June 14, lunch will be held at Matt Denny’s Ale House in Arcadia. The fee is \$15 per person. Transportation is provided to and from the restaurant. Participants will meet at the Community Center, 365 Campus Drive at 10:45am. If interested in attending please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130. This program is for individuals age 50 and over. Space is limited!

About the City of Arcadia  
Nestled in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, Arcadia is an 11.38 square mile community with a population of just over 56,000. Located approximately 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, Arcadia is known for combining small-town charm with the conveniences and amenities of a mid-size city. Arcadia is a full-service charter city governed by a five-member City Council, elected at large. Recognized for exceptional education and recreation opportunities and beautiful neighborhoods, Arcadia is also defined as the “Community of Homes” and has twice been designated the “Best City in California in which to Raise Kids” by Business Week Magazine.

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, May 21st, through Saturday, May 27th, the Police Department responded to 1,049 calls for service, of which 126 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

**Sunday, May 21:**  
Shortly before 9:16 a.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer determined an unknown suspect broke the passenger window of the vehicle and stole various tools. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.  
Around 9:48 a.m., an officer responded to CEO Beauty Salon, 168 Las Tunas Drive, regarding a commercial burglary report. The victim discovered an unknown suspect forced open a rear door and stole approximately \$20,000 worth of merchandise and facial machines. An investigation revealed a neighboring unit within the same business complex was also burglarized in the same manner. The investigation is ongoing.  
Just after 7:00 p.m., an officer responded to Albertsons, 298 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a robbery report. The manager witnessed the suspect push a cart of unpaid groceries through the exit and, when she contacted the suspect, the suspect pushed the cart toward the manager and tipped it over, causing injury to the manager’s hand. The suspect fled to his red Mercedes.  
The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 5’6”, 240 pounds, with a shaved head. The investigation is ongoing.

**Monday, May 22:**  
At approximately 5:31 a.m., an officer was flagged down by an unknown citizen reporting a male subject was bleeding in the 400 block of East Huntington Drive. Upon contacting the subject, the officer discovered an altercation occurred between two transients and the suspect struck the victim in the face with a metal gate. The victim was transported to the Arcadia Methodist Hospital for treatment.  
The suspect is described as a heavy set Hispanic male. The investigation is ongoing.  
Just after 10:37 a.m., an officer responded to Bourret Auto Glass and Upholstery, 11605 Goldring Road, regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed an employee was fired on Friday, May 19th, and had to be escorted from the property. On Monday, May 22nd, the reporting party discovered the petty cash box and a laptop were missing. The suspect is the irate former employee, a 45-year-old female from La Habra Heights. The investigation is ongoing.

**Tuesday, May 23:**  
Around 1:45 p.m., an officer responded to the area of 430 East Huntington Drive regarding a male suspect who had just hit a female victim. The officer discovered the suspect entered the victims’ unlocked vehicle and stole a purse. The victims saw the suspect inside their vehicle and, upon contacting the suspect, a physical altercation ensued. The suspect fled on foot and one of the victims sustained minor injuries.  
The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 18 to 25-years-old, approximately 5’5”, 135 pounds, with a mustache and a shaved head. The investigation is ongoing.  
Just before 6:31 p.m., officers responded to Vons, 745 West Naomi Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. An investigation revealed the suspect, a 36-year-old male from Long Beach, concealed nearly \$1,000.00 worth of cosmetics in a bag and exited the store, failing to make payment. He dropped the property as he was confronted by loss prevention and fled in a

tan Kia Optima. The investigation is ongoing.

**Wednesday, May 24:**  
Shortly after 3:06 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of Singing Wood Drive regarding a burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed the suspects parked their vehicle in the driveway of the residence; three black males exited the vehicle, and entered the residence by smashing a rear window. Once inside, they ransacked the home and fled with a laptop computer.  
All three suspects attempted to cover their faces and were wearing work gloves. The investigation is ongoing.  
At about 5:32 p.m., an officer responded to a condominium complex in the 1000 block of Portola Drive regarding a burglary report. The reporting party stated an unknown suspect stole quarters from the laundry room machines sometime during the previous night. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.  
At approximately 6:57 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1500 block of South Sixth Avenue regarding a package theft report. Surveillance footage revealed an unknown suspect exited a white, 4-door vehicle, stole the package only three minutes after it had been delivered, and fled.  
The suspect is described as a male with a thin build, wearing a cap, white T-shirt, and dark pants. The investigation is ongoing.

**Thursday, May 25:**  
Around 10:07 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The victim stated he was issued a fraudulent check by the suspect for a job he had not yet performed. The suspect asked the victim to cash the check and pay him the remainder. The victim suspected it was a scam and the bank confirmed the check was fraudulent. The suspect used the name “Fredrick Haxley”. The investigation is ongoing.  
At about 2:45 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and Centennial Way for nearly colliding with the police vehicle. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver’s breathe. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 44-year-old male from Artesia had a blood alcohol content of 0.30%. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

**Friday, May 26:**  
Just before 9:35 a.m., an officer responded to Verizon Wireless, 655 West Duarte Road, regarding a robbery report. An investigation revealed two masked suspects entered the store, and robbed the employees of their personal money as well as nearly \$30,000 worth of cell phones. They fled in an older model, silver Mazda.  
The suspects are described as Hispanic males, one approximately 5’11” with a thin build. The second suspect was heavy set, also 5’11”, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and a black mask. The investigation is ongoing.  
**Saturday, May 27:**  
At about 12:46 p.m., an officer responded to Coach, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The store employee watched as the suspect from two previous thefts returned and stole two more handbags. The suspect fled in a white BMW.  
The suspect is described as a black male, 25 to 35-years-old, wearing an Aaliyah concert T-shirt, blue track pants, and a tan hat. The investigation is ongoing.

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## DHS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS RECEIVE CHECKS

It’s always a pleasure to help Duarte youth. Three scholarship recipients from Duarte High School received their checks from Duarte Kiwanis Club. Jonathan Galicia is headed to UC Irvine and is studying Bio Chemistry. He participated in the partnership DHS has with the City of Hope. He was inspired to learn more and hopes to eventually join the research folks at City of Hope. Sarah Bouza is headed to San Francisco State University and is majoring in Apparel Design and Merchandising. After two years, she needs to decide which path to take - Design or Merchandising. Right now her plan is Merchandising since it will include Marketing. Kalina Gittens is starting her adventure at PCC and hopes to finish her General Ed Requirements there before heading to a four year institution to study Toxicology. Pictured (from left), Duarte Kiwanis Board Member, Aida Torres, Jonathan Galicia, Sarah Bouza, Kalina Gittens and Duarte Kiwanis President, Cheryl Reynolds. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at [drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com](mailto:drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com)



## DUARTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM



A bronze sculpture of Andres Duarte on his stallion is for sale by the artist, Richard Myer, creator of the 14 foot high statue which stands proudly in the city plaza across from City Hall on Huntington Drive. This “baby bronze” was the prototype for the life-size statue and was used at the foundry as a model. The materials alone are worth \$2500, and Myers’ asking price is \$5000. It is a table-top sculpture weighing 85 pounds, 29 inches high, 25 inches long. Myers is a famed artist, having created the headstone for the grave of John Wayne, and a life-sized sculpture of Frank Miller, proprietor of the famed Mission Inn in Riverside which was built by Frank’s father. If anyone is interested in looking further into this sale, please call Mark Wood at (626) 825-0464.

## CITY OF MONROVIA LAUNCHES NEW USER-FRIENDLY WEBSITE

[www.cityofmonrovia.org](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org)  
MONROVIA, CA – The City of Monrovia has launched its new website, harnessing smart design and a powerful search engine to help users more easily find the information they need. The website is organized to prioritize our most-visited pages and access to online services, such as paying your utility bill and signing up for recreation classes. The main header arranges information from the perspective of residents, business owners, and visitors to provide the best customer service to all users. Additionally, the “How To…” section provides quick links based on the task that the user is looking to accomplish. The website utilizes responsive design to detect the user’s screen size, ensuring information displays properly on both desktops and mobile devices. The City has also incorporated design elements and content principles to improve its accessibility for users with disabilities. “The City is undergoing a renewal process in everything that we do, making much-needed investments in our streets and sidewalks, water and sewer systems, parks and other City facilities,” said City Manager Oliver Chi. “Similarly, we have been renewing our internal

City operations, and the redesigned website will help people access information quickly and easily, helping us highlight all of the exciting initiatives and activities we have going on in Monrovia.” The modern look of the website was designed to reflect our vibrant commercial sector and growing biotech industry, while capturing its historic past and the small-town charm that makes Monrovia the Gem of the Foothills. In addition to adding new content and resources, the City rewrote many of its pages to make the content easier to understand, using a friendly, welcoming tone. The website aims to act as a central hub for information about the community, providing links to businesses and non-profit organizations serving our area. “The new website is a powerful tool to help our citizens engage with their government and the community at large,” said Mr. Chi. “With the arrival of the Metro Gold Line last year and now with the launch of the new City website, it’s never been easier to explore what makes Monrovia such a dynamic place to live and visit.” For more information regarding the website, please contact the City Manager’s Office at (626) 932-5506.

## MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

**Tip of the Week**  
*Bear Safety - When the Weather Warms Up, the Bears Return to the Foothills*  
The Monrovia Police Department would like to remind the public to act responsibly when in bear territory. Spring is the time of year when California’s black bears emerge from their winter dens in search of food. Because bears are attracted to anything edible or smelly, their search often leads them into residential neighborhoods, where trash and food is readily available. Throughout spring and summer, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife receive many calls when bears break into homes and rummage through trash bins. These bears are often labeled “nuisance” bears, but in reality they are just doing what comes naturally to them - foraging for food.

**Tips for Bear-Proofing Your Home**  
Bears have keen noses and can smell an easy meal from miles away. They can easily tear a front door off its hinges if they smell food left out on the kitchen counter. To protect your family and property from bear break-ins, follow these simple tips:

- Purchase and properly use a bear-proof garbage container. Wait to put trash out until the morning of collection day.
- Don’t leave trash, groceries, or animal feed in your car.
- Keep garbage cans clean and deodorize them with bleach or ammonia.
- Keep barbecue grills clean and stored in a garage or shed when not in use.
- Only provide bird feeders during November through March, and make them inaccessible to bears.
- Don’t leave any scented products outside, even non-food items such as suntan lotion, insect repellent, soap or candles.
- Keep doors and windows closed and locked.
- Consider installing motion-detector alarms, electric fencing, or motion-activated sprinklers.
- Harvest fruit off trees as soon as it is ripe, and promptly collect fruit that falls.
- Securely block access to potential hibernation sites such as crawl spaces under decks and buildings.

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## ARCADIA HIGH STUDENTS ACCEPTED INTO EVERY IVY LEAGUE UNIVERSITY FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR

ARCADIA-- For the second straight year, the graduating class from Arcadia High School has at least one student accepted into every Ivy League University in the country. In addition to that rare feat, the Arcadia High Class of 2017 also has at least one student accepted into Stanford, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and California Institute of Technology (Caltech).

Three Apaches were accepted into Harvard University, four to Yale University, seven to Cornell University, two to Columbia University, five to University of Pennsylvania, two to Princeton University, two to Brown University, three to Dartmouth College, two to Stanford University, three to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and two to California Institute of Technology.

Arcadia High Class of 2017 By the Numbers:

Graduates: 883  
 Graduation rate: 99.2% (national average: 82%)  
 GPA: 3.29 (meets minimum requirement for all UC schools)  
 Average SAT (2400 is top score): 1924 (national average: 1497)  
 Average New SAT (1600 is top score): 1300 (national average: 1080)  
 Colleges applied to: 382  
 College most applied to: UC Irvine 368  
 Private college most applied to: USC 187  
 College most accepted: UC Riverside 229  
 Accepted to UCLA: 55  
 Accepted to USC: 48  
 Scholarships and Grant funding: \$5.2 million



Stanley Yu  
Class Valedictorian

Stanley Yu, who will be attending Columbia University in the fall, has been named the Class Valedictorian.

Yu was born in Arcadia and attended Baldwin Stocker Elementary School and First Avenue Middle School before matriculating to Arcadia High. All through middle and high school, he has earned straight A's in every class on his way to a 4.0 cumulative GPA. In addition to being a prestigious National Merit Scholarship winner, he participated in numerous extracurriculars. Yu played water polo for three years, was on the swim team, Speech and Debate, U.S Constitution and Government team which qualified for the national championships the past three years, captain of the Physics team, founded the Arcadia High Coding Club, and has volunteered for the Foundation of Disabled Youths for the past three years.

Arcadia High will also be recognizing 64 Salutatorians, which requires a minimum GPA of 3.93, at its graduation.

Arcadia High School will have its Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2017 on Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Anita Race Track.

Earlier this year, Arcadia High School was ranked among the top 2 percent of the best public high schools in the entire state. According to Niche's 2017 Best Public High Schools in California rankings, Arcadia is number 30 out of more than 1,300 public high schools in The Golden State.

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## A FEW FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR FELLOW BEINGS

Just when I think I've heard it all regarding the non-human creatures we share this planet with, I come across yet another new interesting fact about how animals survive or why they behave the way they do. This is when I am, yet again reminded of how little I actually know. Few things stimulate my mind as much as learning the how's and why's pertaining to our fellow life forms, and this week I thought I'd share a few fun animal facts that I hope you will find stimulating as well.

For example, did you know that penguins use their feces to create cozy coves in which to breed their young? That's right, when the time comes to lay their eggs, they gather closely together and intentionally deposit their poop within the proximity of their partners in order to melt the ice, so their eggs and subsequent hatchlings will have a nice warm spot to hatch and mature in. Talk about recycling, penguins put us humans to shame in their practice of the adage, "Waste not, want not!"

Another interesting tidbit that I had never before been privy to is one that the average grown man is bound to admire. We all know that snakes are, by nature, active breeders. But did you know that male snakes spend mega calories just doing "the deed"? The fact is, every spring, red-sided garter snakes leave their hibernation burrows to engage in a frenzied jumble of mating, and studies show that this is no easy feat for the males. Indeed, this particular type of male snake spends up to a whopping 18% of his daily energy to ensure his personal mating success.

Male red-sided garter snakes use all that energy to create gelatinous copulatory plugs that they put on the female after they mate, to trap the sperm inside and prevent other males from penetrating and interrupting the process of their own sperm's procreation. Unlike many humans who question paternal identity after the birth of a baby, red-sided garter snakes apparently don't have to worry about taking a DNA test to know "who's the daddy" when their hatchlings arrive!

And here's a fun fact about bats that I thought was pretty amazing; It's no news to most of us that bats are excellent flutterers, hoverers and dive-bombers. This is quite obvious to anyone who has observed them flitting about in the local skies. Scientists have long known that bats owe most of their incredible aerial agility to echolocation. However, recent research results attribute the bat's

remarkable navigation skills not only to its brain's ability to sense space through echolocation, but also to sensors instilled in the bat's wings themselves.

In a relatively recent issue of the journal, Cell Reports, bat wings are described as sporting a unique touch-receptor design. The design consists of tiny sensory cells associated with fine hairs that enable the animal to change the shape of its wings in a split second, granting them impressive midair maneuverability that modern-day man-made drones would die for, if indeed they were alive to die. Oh the wonders of nature!

Here's one more new-found fact that doesn't exactly fit into the category of fun, but it is interesting, and could help save a senior feline's life. The United Kingdom based charity, International Cat Care recently reached out to veterinary specialists after receiving surprising complaints from cat owners that their feline friends were apparently having seizures in response to high-pitched sounds.

A scientific survey of the cats' owners revealed that the sound-induced seizures were more common in older cats, and the most common triggers were crinkling tinfoil, hitting a ceramic bowl with a metal spoon and tapping glass. For all you cat owners out there this may or may not be a prevalent epidemic, but it certainly can't hurt to be cautious and aware.

In my constant quest to learn more about animal behavior and nature's way of working its wonders, I am amazed on a daily basis and I hope you are equally impressed with these off-the-beaten-trail fun facts about our fellow beings. Take the time to enjoy nature and the wildlife it inhabits. Try to spend a short bit of time each day, away from the stresses of rushing traffic and hurried bustling we humans tend to engage in, and sit quietly; simply absorb the peaceful sanctuary of nature and it's ways. Love and let live.

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## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

### THE JOY OF YOGA RESIST NEGATIVITY



Do you remember the "like attracts like" principle? It illustrates the idea that the more energy and thought we put into something, the more it will grow. Also, the longer we are in that place or state of mind, the greater the tendency is to stay there. It becomes comfortable.

This applies to thought patterns and habits, or even optimism and negativity. Gandhi illustrates this point of view eloquently: "Your beliefs become your thoughts, your thoughts become your words, your words become your actions, your actions become your habits, your habits become your values, your values become your destiny." In other words, "like attracts like." So, how then do we change course and step off the flow of negativity?

First, the realization of the power of choice must come into awareness. No one, no circumstance, no external structure has power over our lives and inner peace. Higher values of love, compassion, tolerance, and universal connection with one another are the guiding force by which we soothe fear. To take the fuse out of fear, truthfulness

(honesty), or satya must be present.

Second, after becoming aware and acknowledging the feeling of fear or the train of thought of negativity, cultivate the opposite. Optimism and love are the antidotes to overcoming negativity. Even doing this begrudgingly will call upon those higher principles when we act in our higher selves.

This process will lead us into the spirit of open-mindedness. This process is one of the core reasons why yoga benefits the world. The world has enough pain and negativity. Yoga cultivates compassion and tolerance—for everyone—and that means everyone! Each one of us is experiencing the human condition together. Any actions I take affect not only others but myself as well by creating my own internal suffering from living in a negative frame of mind. Resist and defeat negativity with hope and a positive attitude.

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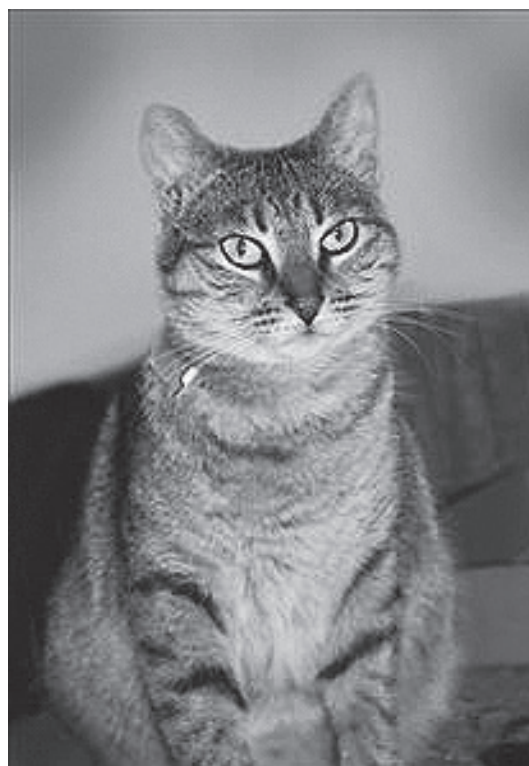
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you are a Hemingway fan, horseracing and boxing are as American as freedom. The great thing is that you don't have to be a racing fan to enjoy this historic restaurant. The restaurant was made famous by its purchase in 1938 by Hall of Fame Horse Jockey George "The Iceman" Woolf, who rode Seabiscuit, and who wanted a place to gather his friends in the horse racing industry. He was famously known for his cool rides on horses. As other jockeys aggressively moved their mounts a fraction early, he patiently waited and finally unleash a well-timed run that would place his horse's nose on the winning end of the photo. Today the reins of the restaurant fall under the able hands of two young entrepreneurs who have maintained the identity of the restaurant.

There are many exciting items on the menu, and we started dinner with the World Famous Cheese Bread. You know I love "World Famous" and it is enough bread to feed a cavalry. Our appetizer selection was the Crab Cakes, and described on the menu as California Style, but was a little weak.

**TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills**  
thechefknows@yahoo.com

I think if the chef could make his way over to the Frontrunner (at Santa Anita Racetrack) he might discover what a Maryland crab cake is all about. For my entree I went with the steak, a Bone-in Kansas City Rib Eye. Once the kitchen got the temperature right, it was so tender that I worked myself all the way into gnawing on the bone. My



dinner companion ordered the Marinated Grilled Shrimp (aka Shrimp Skewers), breaking the rule of ordering seafood on a Sunday, but I gave it two thumbs up as well. As for desserts, there are many on the list, but for a special occasion I would go for the Baked Alaska. The Bar has Large screen TVs and watch the races.

After a special Day at the Track, or simply if you are in the area, you should definitely check out The Derby.

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## HOW TO HIRE A HOME HELPER

*Dear Savvy Senior,*  
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Looking for Mom

Dear Looking,  
Getting your mom some help at home to handle some of her household chores can make a big difference keeping her independent longer. Here's what you should know, along with some tips to help you find someone reliable for your mom.

## Home Helpers

For seniors who could use some help at home – but don't need a caregiving aide for personal care – there are a bevy of personal assistance/home helpers out there that can help make life a little easier.

Most home helpers can assist with any number of things like shopping, running errands, transportation, light house keeping, laundry, meal preparation, arranging services (home maintenance, lawn care, etc.) and other household chores, along with providing companionship and support. And, if your mom gets to the point she needs personal/physical care like bathing or dressing, they can usually help with this too.

Most home helpers are part time workers who work a few hours a day or a few days per week. You also need to know that while Medicare does cover home health care services if a doctor orders it, they do not cover home helper/personal assistant services.

There are two ways in which you can go about hiring someone for your mom; either through a home care agency, or you can hire someone directly on your own.

## Home Care Agency

Hiring a home helper through a non-medical home care, or non-medical companion care agency is the easiest, but most expensive option of the two. Costs run anywhere from \$12 up to \$30 an hour depending on where you live and the qualification of the assistant/aide.



How it works is you pay the company, and they handle everything including assigning appropriately trained and pre-screened staff to care for your mom, and finding a fill-in on days her helper cannot come.

Some of the drawbacks, however, are that you may not have much input into the selection of the aide, and the helpers may change or alternate, which can cause a disruption.

To find a home care agency in your area, Google “non-medical home care” followed by the city and state your mom lives in, or you can use Medicare's home health agencies search tool [Medicare.gov/hhcompare](http://Medicare.gov/hhcompare). Most home health agencies offer some form of non-medical home care services too. You can also check your local yellow pages under “home healthcare services.”

## Hiring Directly

Hiring a personal assistant/home helper on your own is the other option, and it's less expensive. Costs typically range between \$10 and \$20 per hour. Hiring directly also gives you more control over who you hire so you can choose someone who you feel is right for your mom.

But, be aware that if you do hire someone on your own, you become the employer so there's no agency support to fall back on if a problem occurs or if the assistant doesn't show up. You're also responsible for paying payroll taxes and any worker-related injuries that may happen. If you choose this option make sure you check the person's references thoroughly, and do a criminal background check.

To find someone, ask for referrals through friends or check online job boards like [Craigslist.org](http://Craigslist.org), or try [Care.com](http://Care.com), [CareLinx.com](http://CareLinx.com), [CareFamily.com](http://CareFamily.com) or [CareSpotter.com](http://CareSpotter.com).

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KATIE Tse .....This and That  
BLOOD & TEA BAGS

Hope you're having a wonderful summer! I'm sorry to be yet again recycling another article from the distant past. But since I can barely remember I, I'm sure you can't either! So please enjoy, especially if you are blessed with healthy gums!

Can you take pain? When you slip while cutting melon do you laugh off the fact that your left forefinger is now three millimeters shorter than your right? Or do you scream if grease flies from the frying pan and sings your arm? I can't bear nausea or having my blood drawn (the suction sound grosses me out), but other than that, I tolerate pain pretty well. I should warn you; this article is not for the faint of stomach. If you get woozy at the mention of blood, continue on to another section of the paper!

January is a time for renewal of health insurance, and it was about this time last year when my dentist's receptionist called to cheerily inform me that my health care provider had approved yet another periodontal (gum) surgery. Oh joy! I'd been through a number of these operations before my dentist referred me to my current specialist. He's a tall, dark and suave Spanish guy with an exotic accent. We'll call him Dr. Suave.

Inspecting my previous surgical site, he remarked on how nicely his last operation turned out. With my mouth pried open I managed a weak “Uh huh.” He said next he'd tackle the upper front left quadrant of my mouth. For this, he'd need to harvest tissue from the deep part of my palate, which might be more painful. If you're blissfully ignorant of what these surgeries entail, let me enlighten you. The surgeon “harvests” some nice living tissue from the roof of your mouth, then cuts open your gums and stitches it in like a patch.

Yeah, yeah, I thought, listening to his prediction of pain. I'd never had to follow any precautions before. He told me to pick up some vitamin C and zinc supplements, along with frozen peas to lessen the swelling. “Uh huh,” I replied, with no intention of heeding his advice.

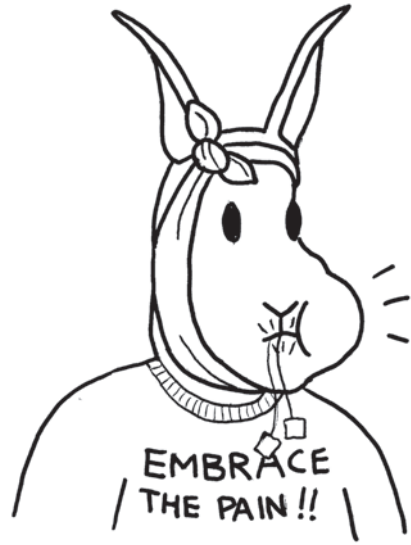
The surgery came and went; my eyes closed to the torture devices being sawed and drilled in me. I only wish they provided earplugs. Afterward, Dr. Suave fitted me with a rubber retainer to protect the harvested area. Underneath was a wad of gauze to soak up the blood. I numbly drove home, planning to take it off the next morning.

To my surprise, some blood oozed out the back of the retainer. The gauze was starting to unravel, and long strings tickled the back of my throat. Also, the pain was greater than before. I popped a couple Motrin's and tried to determine if my face was as swollen as it felt. I attempted eating steamed veggies, but nearly gagged when I realized the gauze had come loose and slid down my throat with a swallow of cauliflower.

By dinner I was tired of wearing the retainer. As I gingerly removed it my husband asked if I wanted something soft to eat, but I cavalierly responded that I was fine! The first bite of chicken was okay, but the next had a distinctly iron flavor, and felt as if it was warmly expanding as I chewed. Oh #! I spit out

the bloody food in a napkin and grabbed a fresh one to staunch the bleeding. By then my husband was trying to be as helpful as one can be when one's spouse's palate is hemorrhaging. After a minute of applied pressure I carefully peeled away the napkin, but was met with a fresh torrent of blood issuing from my mouth like a miniature geyser. I ran to the kitchen and held my head over the wastebasket. Tears came, not because of any pain, but because the steady spattering wouldn't stop. My husband called Dr. Suave, who recommended compressing tea bags. Since neither of us are big tea drinkers, my husband called my parents, and they arrived shortly with a variety of teas. “Oh, yeah...” my mom nodded as I stuffed bags in my mouth like a chipmunk, “I had to use tea bags when I had my wisdom teeth out. I bled like a stuck pig for days.”

When the flow finally ended, I downed vitamin C and zinc tablets like they were candy, and consumed nothing but yogurt and lukewarm tea for a week. Recently a coworker asked me how my gum grafts went, since she is scheduled to have a similar procedure. Did it take a long time? Was it painful? I smiled a thin-gummed grin, “Nah, piece of cake!”



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The talk "How to have Parkinson's Disease" covers the following three topics:

1. Self Advocacy - Wait, What?
2. The "Always Now Attitude" - Why today is the most important day.
3. Exercise - What is the best exercise for Parkinson's Disease?



Speaker: Amy Carlson  
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Looking Up  
with Bob Eklund

## ASTRONOMERS FIND PLANET HOTTER THAN MOST STARS

A newly discovered Jupiter-like world is so hot, it's being vaporized by its own star.

With a dayside temperature of more than 7,800 degrees Fahrenheit, KELT-9b is a planet that is hotter than most stars. But its blue A-type star, called KELT-9, is even hotter—in fact, it is probably unraveling the planet through evaporation.

“This is the hottest gas giant planet that has ever been discovered,” said Scott Gaudi, astronomy professor at The Ohio State University in Columbus, who led a study on the topic. He worked on this study while on sabbatical at JPL.

KELT-9b is 2.8 times more massive than Jupiter, but only half as dense. Scientists would expect the planet to have a smaller radius, but the extreme radiation from its host star has caused the planet's atmosphere to puff up like a balloon.

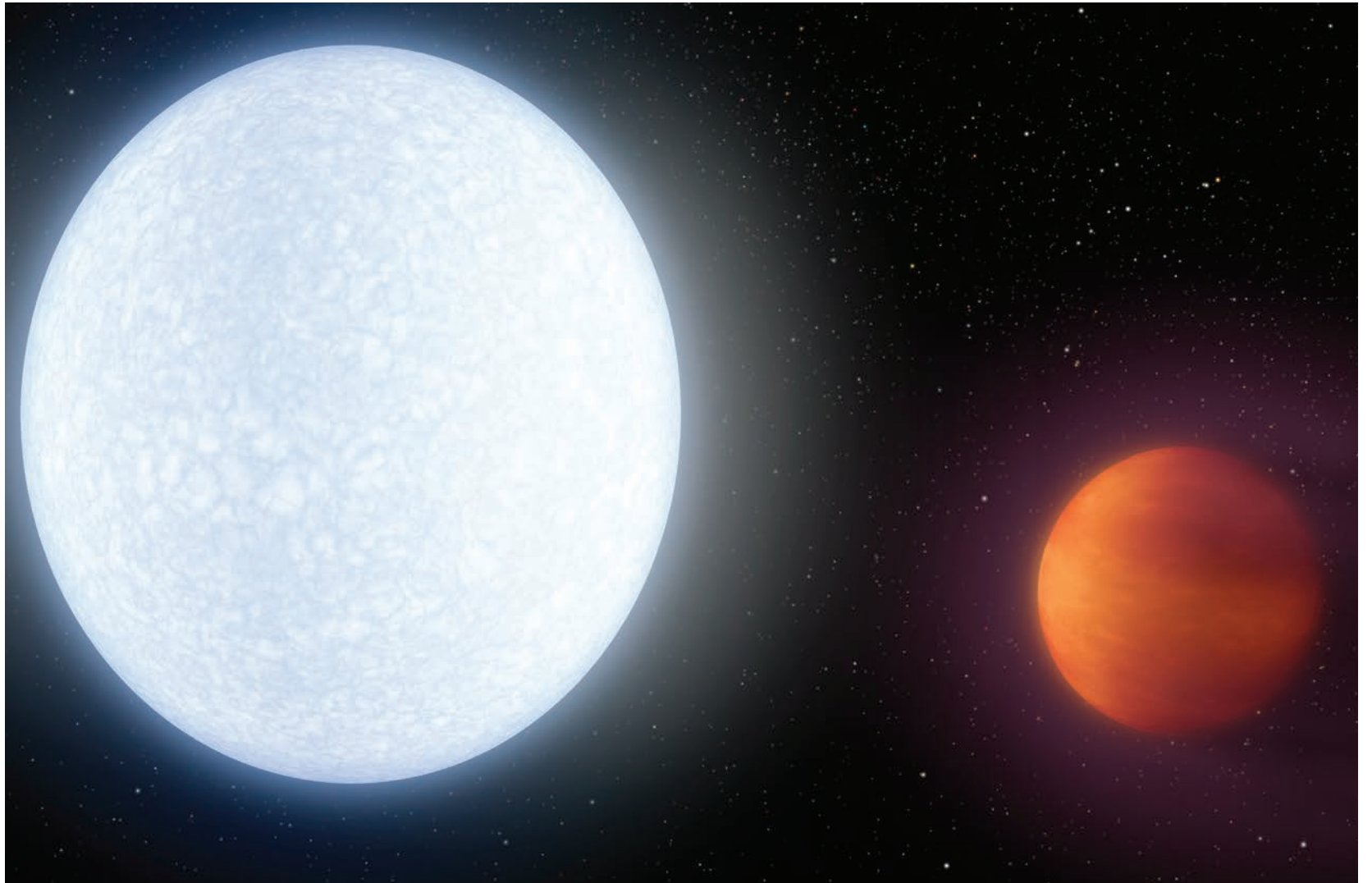
Because the planet is tidally locked to its star—as our Moon is to Earth—one side of the planet is always facing toward the star, and one side is in perpetual darkness. Molecules such as water, carbon dioxide and methane can't form on the dayside because it is bombarded by too much ultraviolet radiation. The properties of the nightside are still mysterious—molecules may be able to form there, but probably only temporarily.

“It's a planet by any of the typical definitions of mass, but its atmosphere is almost certainly unlike any other planet we've ever seen just because of the temperature of its dayside,” Gaudi said.

The KELT-9 star is only 300 million years old, which is young in star time. It is more than twice as large, and nearly twice as hot, as our Sun. Given that the planet's atmosphere is constantly blasted with high levels of ultraviolet radiation, the planet may even be shedding a tail of evaporated planetary material like a comet.

The planet is also unusual in that it orbits perpendicular to the spin axis of the star. That would be analogous to the planet orbiting perpendicular to the plane of our solar system. One “year” on this planet is less than two days.

The KELT-9b planet was found using one of the two telescopes called KELT, or Kilodegree Extremely Little Telescope. In late May and early June 2016, astronomers using the KELT-North telescope at Winer Observatory in Arizona noticed a tiny drop in the star's brightness--only about half



of one percent—which indicated that a planet may have passed in front of the star. The brightness dipped once every 1.5 days, which means the planet completes a “yearly” circuit around its star every 1.5 days.

Subsequent observations confirmed the signal to be due to a planet, and revealed it to be what astronomers call a “hot Jupiter”—the kind of planet the KELT telescopes are designed to spot.

Astronomers at Ohio State, Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Vanderbilt jointly operate two KELTs (one each in the northern and southern hemispheres). Other telescopes are designed to look at very faint stars in much smaller sections of the sky, and at very high resolution. The KELTs, in contrast, look at millions of very bright stars at once, over broad sections of sky, and at low resolution.

“This discovery is a testament to the discovery power of small telescopes, and the ability of citizen scientists to directly contribute to cutting-edge scientific research,” said Joshua Pepper, astronomer and assistant professor of physics at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, who built the two KELT telescopes.

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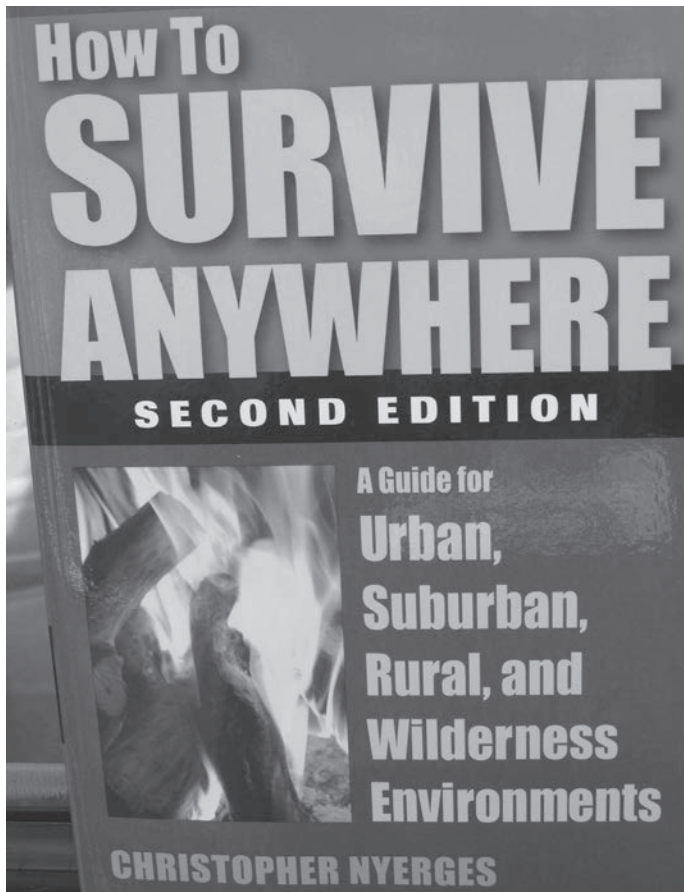
In the “First Aid” chapter of How to Survive Anywhere, I address specific simple ways of dealing with the common medical emergencies that one can expect in the aftermath of a major disaster, or if lost and hurt in the woods. What would you do if a major earthquake struck Sierra Madre tomorrow?

Also consider that it is not only the physical accidents that we need to be concerned about in the aftermath of some disaster. In studies that have been done of the survivors of major disasters, the following conclusions have been made about the mental state of the survivors. Approximately 15% made quick, appropriate, and efficient choices and actions which were well-suited to their safety and security. Another 15% “went crazy,” making wild irrational choices and even getting hurt as a result of their “losing it.”

The rest, about 70% of the survivors – a full majority – neither went crazy nor did they make wise and efficient choices and actions, but rather wandered about somewhat zombie-like, spaced-out, in a state of stupor and shock, simply not knowing what to do, where to go, what to think. This shocked majority tends to be passive, but will take orders from someone who seems to be in control and who seems to know what they are doing and why.

The point: None of us wants to be a part of that majority, and definitely we don't want to be a part of that “crazy 15.” No one would want to be wandering around Sierra Madre Blvd. in a dazed state of mind.

What can we do to ensure that in a time of disaster, we find ourselves in that 15% category of wise, appropriate, efficient actions? None of us really knows what we will do until we are actually tested in difficult, stressful real life conditions. It is impossible to predict what you might do when you are seated comfortably in your home drinking a warm beverage. The only way to expand our mental and physical limits is to actually put ourselves into situations where



we can discover more about ourselves during situations of less sleep, less food, more work.

People in the military often get that experience. Some survival schools offer these experiences. And anyone (with a group of friends and supporters) can regularly plan such trips with the express purpose of expanding limits, learning how you will react in times of stress, and attempting to make the right choices when it is not easy to do so.

#### TAKE CLASSES

Some of the practical information that you can learn in classes includes emergency first aid; I encourage everyone to take the Red Cross Emergency First Aid course, and learn how to deal with everyday first aid problems.

Other useful class topics includes firearms instruction at a range, home vegetable gardening, and canning. Many skills can be practiced with friends, such as how to purify water, repairing common plumbing and electrical problems that might results from an earthquake, simple fire drills, and basic camping skills which might be useful in the aftermath of an earthquake.

Consider enrolling in classes where you can learn about wild foods and very basic survival skills The schedule for the classes I teach can be seen at [www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com](http://www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com), or write to Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041.



## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

## AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

Rare is the time when I actually am all caught up with my schedule. Whenever I think I am caught up, something happens that takes that and throws it out the window.

Such was the case this past week. I was very much happy with the fact that I was on schedule and I had everything in hand. Nothing makes me feel better.

Of course, this is mostly delusional, at least for me. If there ever was an award for being delusional, I am quite certain I would be at the top of the list. The amazing thing about being delusional is that you never think you are.

As I was wallowing in my delusion and enjoying every moment of it, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came and said rather sharply, “Are you ready to go?”

At the moment, I had no idea what she was talking about. And so I responded, “Huh?”

I'm not sure if that is really a word or not, but it accurately described my delusional moment at that time. I had no idea what she was talking about.

“You haven't,” she said, “forgotten what day it is, have you?”

I was tempted to say, “Of course not. It's Tuesday.” Fortunately, I did not yield to that temptation and just responded with another, “Huh?”

With a disdaining look she said, “You would forget your head if it wasn't attached.”

I wouldn't tell her, but I probably would not miss my head if I would forget it. After all, I don't wear a hat.

“Today,” she said in a very serene voice, “the two grandchildren are getting awards at school.”

I'm not quite sure if I forgot or if I was not listening when the instructions came my way. At this point, I was not going to let anybody know, particularly my wife.

“Oh, yes,” I said getting up from my chair, “I'm all ready to go. Let's go.”

She gave me one of her classic sarcastic grins and we headed for the door.

Our one granddaughter was graduating from the third grade and the other from the fifth grade. Unfortunately, one was at 8:30 in the morning and the other was at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. It would make sense to have them all at once, but what has sense to do in our world today?

I did not want to complain, after all, it is our grandchildren, but I think the planning could have been just a little bit better than that. After all, sitting in the school cafeteria listening to the award ceremony is about as exciting as it can get. The chairs that we had to sit on were uncomfortable, which was very fortunate for me because I was not tempted to fall asleep during the ceremony. I believe that was done on purpose.

Imagine getting an award for completing the

third grade!

I cannot remember any such thing when I was going to grade school. Our great award was leaving school and going home in the afternoon. It just doesn't get any better than that.

We live in a different world today where everybody gets an award for something or sometimes for nothing.

Then I remembered my cell phone in my shirt pocket. It is times like this that God had in mind when he invented this cell phone technology. I pulled out my cell phone and started checking my email.

Then I felt a sharp pain in my right ribs (thanks Eve) and I heard a voice saying, “Put that away and pay attention.”

Slowly and reluctantly, I returned my cell phone to my shirt pocket and tried to pay attention but I didn't have enough quarters. Paying attention can be very expensive when you're in situations like this.

The problem is that the grade school, particularly the third grade, had more children than my grandchildren. They were trying to give awards and recognition to all the children and I was only interested in one, my granddaughter.

I was musing on this for a while and then my companion said, “Look, there she is.”

When she said that, out came her cell phone and she began taking pictures of our granddaughter walking up to the stage to get an award. I can't use my cell phone, but she's at liberty to use her cell phone. Where's the fairness in that?

Taking a hint from my wife, I reached for my cell phone only to realize that I was too late and the moment was gone. I glanced over at my wife and all I could see was the big smile on her face and her saying, “I got her picture.” All I could do was return her smile and congratulate her on getting the picture.

After each of the award ceremonies my wife and I went forward and she took pictures of me in the grandchildren together which made her rather happy.

All the way home that afternoon, she was giggling and chattering very excitedly. “Her” grandchildren received some awards. According to her, these were very special awards.

I smiled and was tempted to say, “Aren't they my grandchildren too?” Why spoil the moment. She was excited and happy and it was worth my silence.

I was reminded of what Solomon said. “A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak” (Ecclesiastes 3:7).

A wise man knows when “to keep silence.”

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## AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

### ANTHONY PORTANTINO CONTINUES SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE LEGACY

*19 Bills & Resolutions Pass the State Senate*

Sacramento, CA: State Senator Anthony J. Portantino (D – La Cañada Flintridge) continues to move his positive legislative agenda through the legislative process with a series of bills and resolutions passing the State Senate. In all, Portantino has 16 bills that have passed on to the State Assembly and three important resolutions. Portantino's agenda includes a strong commitment to public education: ensuring school start times match health science, helping community college students garner financial aid and transfer degrees, helping our veterans get into community colleges, helping students leaving court schools prepare for success, and translating Individualized Education Programs for families that don't speak English.

Senator Portantino has also worked closely on several important public safety and community issues: stemming the flow of rifles on main street California, increasing transparency for elected officials, freezing rents for the 710/Caltrans tenants, and increasing financial transparency and accountability for politicians.

In addition, Portantino is the Joint Author with Senate Pro Tem Kevin de León on SB 569, the most significant higher education bill before the legislature this year. SB 569 will increase Cal Grants to ensure college affordability for our most needy students and allow grant money to be used for transportation and other related costs.

The following Portantino bills have passed the State Senate:

#### EDUCATION

##### **SB 25 – Veterans: Nonresident Tuition Exemption**

Recent changes to federal law regarding education benefits for eligible veterans and dependents requires statutory changes to maintain compliance by public institutions of higher education in California. If the statute is not revised, the state of California would lose federal funds supporting the educational goals of eligible veterans and dependents, specifically \$68 million. This bill requires a California Community College or California State University student, as an eligibility requirement for the nonresident tuition exemption, to be eligible for education benefits under either of the 2 federal "GI Bill" programs, specifically the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Montgomery GI Bill.

##### **SB 304 – Juvenile Court School Transition Plans**

This bill requires the county office of education and county probation department to develop and implement an individualized transition plan to meet the academic, behavioral, social-emotional, and career needs of each court school pupil detained for more than four consecutive school days.

##### **SB 318 – CSU Personal Service Contracts**

This bill establishes standards for the use of personal services contracts by the California State University (CSU) Trustees. This bill will ensure that CSU personal service contracts result in cost savings to the state, and will provide oversight and accountability of the CSU that have been applied to all other state agencies for the past 30-plus years.

##### **SB 328 – School Start Time**

In accordance with recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics, this bill requires school start time for middle schools and high schools in California to begin no earlier than 8:30 a.m.

##### **SB 354 – Special education: individualized education programs: translation services**

This bill requires local education agencies (LEAs) to provide the parent, guardian, or educational right holder the individualized education program (IEP) translated into their primary language within 30 days of the IEP meeting, as well as certain documents discussed at the IEP meeting within 45 days; it would further require that the IEP be translated by a certified translator.

##### **SB 478 – Public postsecondary education: transfer of community college students to the California State University or University of California**

This bill requires the governing board of each community college district to direct the appropriate officials at their respective campuses to identify those students who have completed an Associate Degree for Transfer in a manner that can be accessed electronically by the California State University and the University of California enrollment systems. The bill would require that a student who has completed an Associate Degree for Transfer be added to this identification system maintained by a community college campus within 45 days of completion of the degree unless the student affirmatively opts out of being included.

#### TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

##### **SB 24 – Update and increase transparency in the Political Reform Act of 1974: Economic Interest Disclosure Form 700**

Revises the dollar amounts associated with the ranges in the Political Reform Act of 1974 to provide for 8 total ranges of fair market value of investments and real property interests and 10 total ranges of aggregate value of income.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 378 – Alcoholic Beverages: licenses: emergency orders This bill will allow the California Department of Alcoholic

Beverage Control (ABC) to suspend the alcohol license of a business if the business is found to be involved in severe illegal activity such as human trafficking, prostitution, drug trafficking, illegal gambling, or violence involving severe injury or death.

##### **SB 497 – Firearms**

Current California law prohibits the purchase of more than one handgun per month in California, but contains a loophole for rifles and other long guns. This bill closes that loophole and prohibits a person from making more than one application to purchase a firearm within any 30-day period.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

##### **SB 565 – Mental Health: involuntary commitment**

This bill would require mental health facilities to make reasonable attempts to notify family members or any other person designated by the patient at least 36 hours prior to the certification review hearing. Currently, patients on 14-day holds do not have the benefit of having their families/loved ones communicate with their health care evaluators.

##### **SB 502 – California Voluntary Tattoo Removal Program**

This bill will reestablish a recently repealed program known as the California Voluntary Tattoo Removal Program, to be administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections to the extent that funds are appropriated, to provide funding for the removal of certain tattoos for individuals between 14 and 24 years of age who are in the custody of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or county probation departments, who are on parole or probation, or who are in a community-based program serving at-risk youth and meet specified criteria.

#### Transportation/Housing

##### **SB 275 – Surplus Residential Property: State Route 710**

This bill requires any property purchased at an affordable price in the State Route (SR) 710 corridor to be assessed at its affordable price for property tax purposes, and any property purchased at a reasonable price in the SR 710 corridor to be assessed at a reasonable price for property tax purposes.

##### **SB 400 – Highways: surplus residential property**

This bill will, until January 1, 2020, prohibit the Department of Transportation from increasing the rent of tenants who reside in surplus residential property located on State Route 710 in the County of Los Angeles.

#### Public Employment, Retirements, and Social Security

SB 599 – Peace Officers Research Association of California Insurance and Benefits Trust

This bill will allow the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) to offer regional rates to their members for their Health Benefits Trust.

#### Governmental Organization

##### **SB 165 – Horse racing: national thoroughbred racing marketing program**

This bill addresses the state's racing industry participation in the NTRA, which is intended to increase interest in horse racing through national marketing and advertising. The California thoroughbred owners' participation in the National Thoroughbred Racing Authority expires January 1, 2018. SB 165 simply extends the sunset date to January 1, 2022.

##### **SB 254 – Delivery Network Companies**

SB 254 seeks to give clear statutory authority to the Department of ABC to regulate Delivery Network Companies, while at the same time establishing basic consumer protections, including that the driver is over the age of 21, the person they are delivering alcohol to is over the age of 21, and that the delivery is made person-to-person instead of dropping off at a doorstep.

#### Resolutions

##### **SCR 8 – President Barack H. Obama Highway**

This resolution names a specified portion of State Highway 134 between State Highway 2 and Interstate 210 in Los Angeles County as the President Barack H. Obama Memorial Highway.

SCR 25 – State highways: Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial

This resolution requests the Department of Transportation to erect informational signs on the Fair Oaks Avenue exit of Interstate 210 in the City of Pasadena, directing motorists to the Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial.

##### **SR 29 – Relative to Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923**

This Senate resolution hereby designates the month of April 2017 as "State of California Month of Commemoration of the 102nd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915–1923."

*Sen. Portantino represents nearly 930,000 people in the 25th Senate District, which includes Altadena, Atwater Village, Bradbury, Burbank, Claremont, Duarte, Glendale, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Lake View Terrace, La Verne, Monrovia, Montrose, Pasadena, San Dimas, San Marino, Shadow Hills, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Sunland-Tujunga, and Upland.*

### DEPUTY JOHN M. SLOBOJAN MEMORIAL NOW AT TEMPLE STATION



**By Joan Schmidt**

November 7, 1964, was the End of Watch for Deputy John M. Slobojan, when he suffered a fatal heart attack during a foot pursuit of a juvenile robbery suspect. Deputy Blevens and his partner arrived in their patrol car. After a witness account, Slobojan exited the patrol car, went in that direction and jumped over a fence in pursuit. Citizens noticed Slobojan seemed tired and stopped to rest. They offered assistance, but he said he was fine. A short time later, he collapsed. His partner arrived, found him unconscious, and began CPR till paramedics arrived. They continued CPR and rushed him to a local hospital, where doctors administered CPR for fifteen minutes, but to no avail. He was declared dead. Only 31 years old, he left behind his young wife, two young sons and a baby daughter.

Because he died in the line of duty, Deputy Slobojan's name is on the Sheriff's Memorial Wall at Biscailuz Training Center in East LA. However his portrait was not on the wall at Temple Sheriff's Station.

Temple Station Deputy Dave March was killed on April 29, 2002 in Irwindale. The generosity of their Police Officers Association and local businesses provided the Dep. March's beautiful Memorial at that site. However, Dave was greatly loved and respected by his co-workers at Temple Station; they wanted a Memorial there. That is why his beautiful portrait is hanging in the hallway. There also is a portrait of Deputy Harold Blevens who died on October 12, 1957. Blevens' portrait was placed around the time of March's-I attended and so did his retired partner and family.

How did Deputy Slobojan's portrait finally come to Temple Station? Sergeant Mario Avola currently works in Operations at Temple Station. Twenty years ago, when his daughter was in Kindergarten, Avola met another parent whose father had been at Temple Station several years before, but died in the line of duty. It saddened Avola to learn of Deputy Slobojan's untimely passing. Years passed, and Avola was again assigned to Temple Station. But there was a change. There were Memorial Portraits for Deputies March and Blevens. "Shouldn't there be one for Deputy Slobojan?"

After speaking to the Temple Commander, Captain Jacob, the plan was set into motion. Funding was attained and the painter commissioned.

And that is why this past Wednesday, there was a memorial for the unveiling of Deputy Slobojan's



Portrait. When I arrived, I met his family who posed in front of the station. His widow, two sons, daughter and their families all attended. Chief Parra and Commanders Halm and Scroggins from Sheriff's Headquarters attended the Ceremony which began in the briefing room. Captain Flores welcomed us and acknowledged Deputy Slobojan's family. Sergeant Avola gave an account of Deputy Slobojan's passing. A representative from Supervisor Solis presented a Certificate to his widow. Stephanie English from Supervisor Bargar's office and Temple City Councilmember Nannette Fish spoke of the dangers and sacrifices of our law enforcement officers who daily put their lives on the line and how they support and appreciate them. Fish also mentioned she is from a law enforcement family, her father-in-law and brother were deputy sheriffs.

In addition, Chief Eric Parra, Commanders Jeff Scroggins and David Halm and Media Sergeant Boese came from Sheriff's Headquarters. On duty personnel including Lieutenants Mc Neal and Mc Clure also were present. Retired Deputy Chris Miller was on hand to take outstanding photos. After the speeches and presentation, we went to the hallway and the portrait was unveiled. There also was a banner. It was a very special day for the family. Thank you for all who helped bring this project to fruition.

### CHARTER OAK/DUARTE SUMMER BEACH BUS SERVICE BEGINS, JUNE 7

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Supervisor Kathryn Barger announced that the Charter Oak/Duarte Summer Beach Bus service to Santa Monica Beach will start on Wednesday, June 7.

"The Beach Bus service runs through Labor Day, providing our residents an opportunity to travel to the beach without having to drive through traffic, find a parking space or feed a parking meter," Supervisor Barger said.

Passengers can board the Summer Beach Bus every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from June 7 through Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2015. The stop locations are as follows: at the intersection of Cienega Avenue and Sunflower

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WITH AN AFTERWORD BY THE AUTHOR

A gang of thieves stage a daring heist from a secure vault deep below Princeton University's Firestone Library. Their loot is priceless, but Princeton has insured it for twenty-five million dollars. Bruce Cable owns a popular bookstore in the sleepy resort town of Santa Rosa on Camino Island in Florida. He makes his real money, though, as a prominent dealer in rare books. Very few people know that he occasionally dabbles in the black market of stolen books and manuscripts. Mercer Mann is a young novelist with a severe case of writer's block who has recently been laid off from her teaching position. She is approached by an elegant, mysterious woman working for an even more mysterious company. A generous offer of money convinces Mercer to go undercover and infiltrate Bruce Cable's circle of literary friends, ideally getting close enough to him to learn his secrets. But eventually Mercer learns far too much, and there's trouble in paradise as only John Grisham can deliver it.

## By Jeff Brown

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Responsible drivers avoid risky behavior when navigating traffic, but the irresponsible ones make driving hazardous. What could be worse than drunk driving? Researchers say the chance of a crash for any reason increased 23 times when the driver is texting. Beware of distracted drivers all the time!!! Americans are dependent on their vehicles, but there's growing proof that many are not fully focused when driving. Cellphone use is causing 1.6 million crashes each year, according to the National Safety Council. The council also reported nearly 330,000 injuries occur each year from accidents caused by texting while driving and that 1 out of every 4 car accidents in the United States is caused by texting and driving. Here's another troubling finding: According to the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, texting while driving diverts your eyes from the road for an average of five seconds. At 55 mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded. Just ask the folks at Bommarito Automotive Group. "It doesn't have to be texting; it can be talking on a phone. You see people going down the street distracted. It can be changing the

radio station, messing with your navigation,” said Chuck Wallis. Wallis said seven out of 10 cars in the shop are there because of distracted driving. And these crashes result in costly repairs. Personal injury attorneys represent a growing number of accident victims. “They have to first understand that they are not Superman. They don’t have a special power that allows them to do this and that at the same time. They are people playing Russian Roulette,” said Ed Herman, managing partner at the Brown and Crouppen Law Firm. The National Highway traffic Administration reports almost 3,500 Americans died in 2015 in motor vehicle crashes in which distracted drivers were involved. According to a AAA poll, 35 percent of teen drivers admitted to texting and driving, and 21 percent of teen drivers involved in fatal accidents were distracted by their cell phones. It’s hard to hide the cause if you end up in court or dead for taking your eyes off the road. “As a lawyer, when we see that in a case, all of a sudden we say, ‘There’s not going to be any sympathy for this defendant.’ Everybody’s going to look at this defendant and say, ‘You’re going to text and drive? Well, you’re going to pay the price,’” Herman said.

## By Marc Garlett

Although Memorial Day just passed, it is important to continue to honor those that have served our country. This time is also a good opportunity for members of the military and their loved ones to consider setting up an - or revising an existing - estate plan. Military families need to consider special estate-planning issues that others do not. This is particularly true when one or more family members are deployed overseas. Beyond this, members of the military have access to special benefits and resources. This can become complicated and, for this reason, it is important that you seek special help if you are a military family.

Whether you are just starting out in the military or you are a seasoned veteran, below are some common factors to consider for your estate planning needs.

### Factors to Consider

Everyone's estate plan should be customized to the person's particular circumstances. Some factors that should be considered include whether:

- You own real property and, if so, if the real estate is located in different states;
- You are married;
- You have minor children, or children with special needs;
- You have money set aside in 401(k), IRAs, or thrift savings plans;
- You plan to give to charity; and
- You are moving multiple times across state lines or to different countries.

## Estate Planning Necessities

There are many benefits offered to military families that can help with estate planning. These include:

Life insurance - an important part of an estate plan and intended for those who are financially dependent upon you, life insurance is especially important if a member of the military is heading to a combat zone. Active-duty members have access to low-cost life insurance for themselves and loved ones from Service Members' Life Insurance Group. More information can be found on the Department of Veterans Affairs website. When examining your life insurance, work with a trusted lawyer to make sure that the beneficiary designation works the way you expect it to.

Wills and Trusts - a last will and testament to whom and how you want your property distributed, names who will administer your estate and specifies who will care for a minor or special needs child. A trust, on the other hand, is a separate legal entity that can hold property and assets for the benefit of one or more people or entities. For most families, a trust-centered estate plan is a better fit, but a will can still work for some families.

Other benefits for survivors - survivor benefit plans (SBP) are pension-type plans in the form of an annuity that will pay your surviving spouse and children a monthly benefit. Likewise, dependency and indemnity compensation (D&IC) provides a monthly benefit to eligible survivors of servicemembers or veterans (1) who die while on active duty, (2) whose death is due to a service-related disease or injury or (3) who are receiving or entitled to receive VA compensation for service-related disability and are totally disabled.

## You Need Special Help

Members of the military often experience frequent moves, have access to lots of government benefits after service, and can be subject to some unusual tax rules. For these reasons, estate planning for military families is more complicated than most.

You can expect an estate planning professional to assist you with setting up the following:

- Powers of attorney for limited and general financial matters, as well as health care decisions (there are very helpful when a spouse is deployed);
- Funeral and burial arrangements;
- Wills and living wills;
- Organ donation;
- Family care plans;
- Life insurance;
- Trusts;
- Estate taxes;
- Survivor benefits; and
- Estate administration and/or probate.

An estate plan has multiple objectives: to provide for your family's financial security, ensure your property is preserved and passed on to your beneficiaries, and determine who will manage your assets upon your death, among others.

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DICK POLMAN



WHAT REPUBLICANS ARE IGNORING ABOUT COMEY'S TESTIMONY

James Comey's sworn Senate testimony basically confirms what anyone with a smidgen of mental cognition has known since day one - that Donald Trump is a toxic narcissist whose animal instinct is to breach America's institutional restraints and enforce personal fealty in the manner of a lawless mob boss.

It's all there in Comey's meticulous statement to the Senate Intelligence Committee about his interactions with Trump. At minimum, it's a damning indictment of Trump's character (or lack thereof). At its worst, it's a road map for Trump's removal. In the words of Philip Allen Lacovara, a former deputy U.S. solicitor general and counsel to the Watergate special prosecutors, "Any experienced prosecutor would see these facts as establishing a prima facie case of obstruction of justice."

According to Comey, his one-on-one dinner with Trump on Jan. 27 was "an effort to have me ask for my job and create some sort of patronage relationship. That concerned me greatly, given the FBI's traditionally independent status in the executive branch."

Comey told the committee that he never felt the need to take notes after speaking with President Bush, and never did that after speaking with President Obama. But he decided to take notes after meeting with President Trump because Comey "was honestly concerned that he might lie about the nature of our meeting." It's an historic moment when a high-ranking career public servant publicly calls the president of the United States a liar.

During that meeting, Trump allegedly sought Comey's "loyalty," but all the former FBI director was willing to offer was his "honesty" and repeatedly refused to play the loyal toady. As he said in his testimony, referring to Trump's attempts to interfere with the Russia probe, "it was important to infect the investigative team."

But Comey paid the price for resisting infection. He was summarily fired. And after lying for a few days about why Comey was fired, Trump told Lester Holt of NBC News - and, subsequently, some Russians visiting the Oval Office - that the firing was indeed done to ease the Russia probe.

Lacovara, the ex-counsel to the Watergate special prosecutors, connects the dots: "Comey's statement lays out a case against the president that consists of a tidy pattern, beginning with the demand for loyalty, the threat to terminate Comey's job, the repeated requests to turn off the investigation into Flynn and the final infliction of career punishment for failing to succumb to the president's requests, all followed by the president's own concession about his motive." That's obstruction of justice, which, according to the federal statutes, requires "corrupt intent."

Naturally, that's not how the senatorial Trumpkins see things. At one point during the hearing today, Idaho's Jim Risch said it was no big deal that Trump wanted to kill the Flynn probe - because Trump didn't specifically order Comey to kill it, he just said he hoped that Comey would let it go.

Risch: "He did not direct you to let it go?"  
Comey: "Not in his words, no."  
Risch: "Again those words are not an order? He said 'I hope.'"  
Comey: "I took it as a direction. This is the president of the United States. I took it as a direction."  
Republicans on the committee kept asking: If Trump was abusing your independence so badly, why didn't you stand up to him more forcefully? Which was a hilarious line of inquiry, given the fact that most Republicans have been cowering in a fetal position for the better part of a year, saying and doing nothing about Trump's serial lies, conflicts of interest, and abuses of power.

Trump's lawyer, and most Republicans, are actually telling themselves that Comey's testimony exonerates their leader. They're highlighting the part where Comey says Trump wasn't personally under investigation (as of March, anyway), but ignoring the part where Comey says he refused to say so publicly because Trump might be targeted in the future. Indeed, if Trump wasn't a target before, he's likely to be a target now; Comey told the committee that he's "sure" that special counsel Robert Mueller is looking at Trump for possible obstruction of justice.

Most importantly, Trump's dwindling defenders are ignoring the overall thrust of Comey's remarks — the fact that a tinpot autocrat thinks personal loyalty trumps loyalty to the U.S. Constitution.

Basically, it was the word of a boy scout, who took contemporaneous notes, against the word of a demonstrably serial liar. For the sake of this nation, let's hope the Comey episode can hasten the latter's departure.

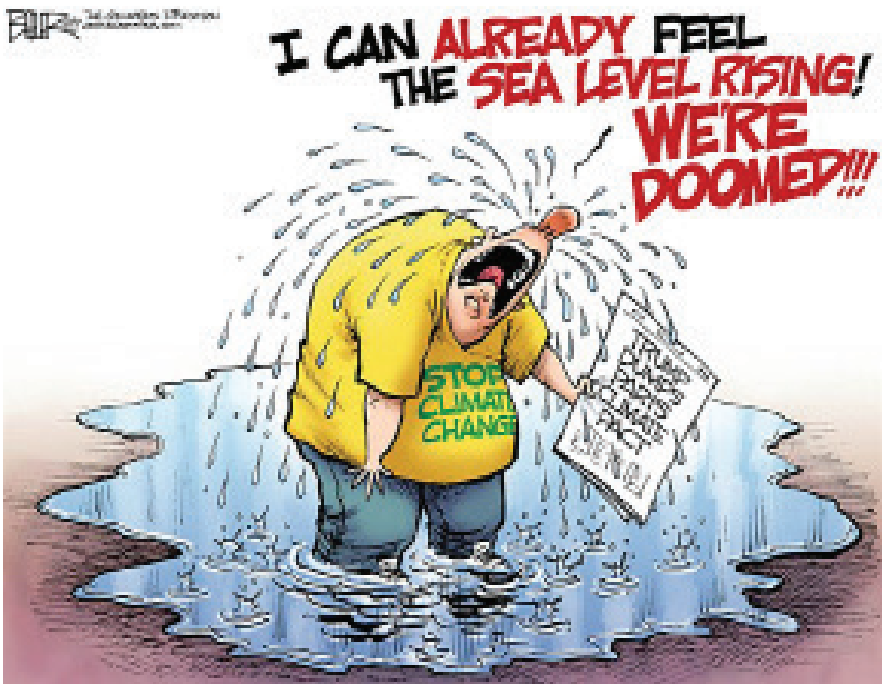
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Susan,  
I am writing to you about the Letter To The Editor in the June 3, 2017 issue of the Mountain Views News titled "Rent Control In Sierra Madre" sent to you by JB of Sierra Madre.  
I have mixed emotions when it comes to the subject of rent control. I know that there is a shortage of rental properties in California and that the demand is greater than the supply which is why rents are increasing. I understand that older people on fixed incomes who have lived in their apartments for years are finding it difficult to pay the increasing rents. However, I believe that the cause of the increasing rents is government imposed Rent Stabilization the very thing JB is supporting.  
I am an industrial property manager but I have been managing a small three unit apartment building in Los Angeles for the past 15 years which is subject to the city rent stabilization ordinance. I have seen the building owner's income go down each year under rent control. The cost of maintaining the building goes up each year more than the allowed 3% rent increase. Because the owner knows that each year he will make less money than the year before there is absolutely no incentive for him, or any other apartment owner, to build additional units.  
The reason the rents are going up is due to the lack of available units. As each city imposes rent controls fewer units will be built and the problem will get worse as a result of rent control, not better.  
If rent controls were removed investors would be able to make a reasonable return on the significant investment of building more apartment units. This would result in a building boom and the number of rental units in the state would skyrocket. Soon the supply would equal or exceed the demand and rents would come down to a fair level.  
Still I have some mixed feeling knowing that some will suffer through this process. But I have to weight this against added government control of our lives. New York wants to control soda, salt, and trans-fat sales; Massachusetts requires that all preschoolers brush their teeth after lunch; in many cities children need a license for a lemonade stand.

There are literally hundreds of laws that tell us what we must do or not do when it comes to living our lives. Most are well meaning, but as more and more regulation are created we get closer to becoming automatons who are told by the government how many hours to sleep each day, how many to work, what work we can do, what we can eat and drink, where we can live, what we can wear, how many children we can have, and the list will never end.  
Rent control laws are a big step forward towards this socialistic, communal, controlled society of the near future. After rent control there will be price control. If the government can tell a landlord how much he can charge for rent then they can certainly tell Target, Wal-Mart, or Vons what they can charge for their products.  
There will soon be no incentive for anyone to try to make a better mouse trap. There won't be any more Steve Jobs, Sam Waltons, or Bill Gates. If this is the kind of world JB wants then rent control is a good thing. I believe the long term effects of rent control will be devastating.

Respectfully,  
Barry Gold  
Sierra Madre, CA



LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

TOM PURCELL



ENSURING HIGH SCHOOL GRADS ARE EQUIPPED FOR CITIZENSHIP

"I may have to do WHAT to receive my high school diploma?"  
"Pass a U.S. citizenship exam. The Civics Education Initiative is hoping state legislatures will require high school students in all 50 states to pass the exam in order to graduate. Some states, such as Arizona, have already passed such a law."

"But my high school made me take American history courses, and I got straight A's."  
"Great for you, but many studies show that many Americans are pathetically ignorant of basic facts about their government and its unique history." "If it becomes a requirement for high school graduation, how will this citizenship test work?"

"You'll have to pass a test on 100 basic facts of U. S. history and civics taken from the United States Citizenship Civics Test — the test all immigrants applying for U.S. citizenship must pass. You'll have to answer at least 60 percent of the questions correctly to pass."

"Can you help me prepare for these questions, sir?"  
"Sure, young fellow. What is the Declaration of Independence?"

"It is an amazing document, sir. Thomas Jefferson wrote to King George III, telling him to stuff it. The Declaration said that all men are created equal, that the power of government comes from the people, that people can change the government if they don't like it, and that individuals have unalienable rights, among them life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

"OK, why were the colonists so upset with the Brits that they declared independence?"  
"Well, sir, this was because of the Stamp Act, the high taxes imposed on every piece of paper they used. This 'taxation without representation' infuriated the colonists and motivated their desire for independence."

"Fascinating. I didn't know that, either, young fellow. OK, what was the Constitutional Convention?"

"Sir, this took place in Philadelphia during the summer of 1787, when 55 delegates from 13 colonies drafted the U.S. Constitution. It established a republic, which grants power to the people, who vote for officials to represent them. The Constitution divided government power among three branches — legislative, judicial and executive — to ensure checks and balances."

"Hey, that was some good thinking. What does the judicial branch do?"  
"Its job is to review and explain the laws and resolve disputes between parties. Most importantly, it is supposed to objectively determine if a law is in accord with the U.S. Constitution."

"OK, what is the First Amendment?"  
"It is from the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the Constitution that were designed to protect individual rights. The First Amendment protects freedom of speech, religion and assembly, the right to petition the government, and freedom of the press. It is essential to the survival of a democracy that the press be objective and that it works hard to root out corruption."

"I had no idea that amendment had so much stuff going on. What is the rule of law?"  
"That's an important one, sir. In America, everyone must follow the law, including leaders and government employees. No one should ever be above the law in America."

"OK, name two or more ways that Americans can participate in their republic."  
"Americans should participate in their republic if they want it to survive. Americans should vote. They should contact elected officials and say what they think about the issues. They should write letters to the editor. And why not consider running for elected office themselves?"

"Young fellow, you know more about American civics than most people. It's too bad all Americans aren't required to pass the citizenship exam every now and then to understand basic facts about our government and its unique history."  
"Perhaps so, sir, but that would be unconstitutional."

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Has anyone out there written the book "The Art of the Presidency"? If so, please send Donald Trump a copy. Overnight.  
Our billionaire president knows what to say or do when he's making a business deal or running a big business.  
But it's very obvious he still needs to learn that what is OK to say and do when you're the CEO of the United States is entirely different.  
On Thursday it was painfully clear from the testimony of fired FBI Director James Comey that Mr. Trump needs a lot of help from someone who knows how a president should behave. Comey's appearance before the Senate Intelligence Committee was no day at Palm Beach for Trump. But it was nothing close to the death blow to his presidency that his enemies in the drooling liberal media had hoped for.  
What ex-FBI Director Comey said Trump said and did to him didn't reflect well on Trump's judgment or his ability to tell the truth, to say the least.  
But at least "The Comey Show" made it clear to the whole country that Trump himself was never the target of an FBI investigation and that, according to Comey, some of the worst news stories about the Trump administration's Russian troubles in the New York Times and Washington Post based were mostly fake.  
Trump's reign will continue for now and MSNBC and CNN's ratings will stay high. But before the president gets himself into another unnecessary self-inflicted fiasco, he needs to quickly find a competent chief of staff.

It has to be someone he respects as an equal, who will stand up to him and who he'll listen to. Then Trump has to have him — or her — surgically attached to his hip.  
If from Day One Trump had hired a savvy and competent chief of staff like James Baker III, who served my father, the Oval Office drama between Trump and Comey never would have happened. If a pro like Baker had been on the job instead of an amateur like Reince Priebus, when Trump asked Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Priebus to leave him alone in the Oval Office with Comey, chief of staff of Baker would have stepped in immediately.  
He would have told Trump it was totally improper to meet alone with Comey. Trump and Comey would never have had their awkward and inappropriate chat and "The Comey Show" would never have been aired.

The lack of a strong chief of staff who will stand up to Trump and make him behave like a proper president is the major source of the problems in the Trump White House.  
Until the president finds someone to trust, to respect, and to listen to — like James Baker III — things are not going to get any better for him.  
Meanwhile, it's becoming harder and harder to support President Trump, who continues to be his administration's worst enemy and main saboteur.

Earlier this week I watched him make news by launching twitter attacks on his own Justice Department and the Mayor of London when he should have been talking about his plans to reform the VA health system and modernize the country's clogged-up air-traffic control system. It's clear that after six months on the job he doesn't realize why he came to Washington.

He needs a chief of staff that will remind him every second that it was not to make news with his morning tweets, fight with the liberal media every day or make his White House staff clean up after his mistakes with their Pooper Scoopers.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: S.O.M. JEWELRY MFG. 629 S. HILL ST., STE. 406A, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SAHIN BOZKURT 629 S. HILL ST., STE. 406A, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90014. This Business is conducted by: Individual. Signed: Sahin Bozkurt, Owner.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 5/15/2017. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/1988. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WORKLAB.IO 6020 VENTURA CANYON AVE. VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARC VINCENT PRECILLA 6020 VENTURA CANYON AVE. VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. This Business is conducted by: Individual. Signed: Marc Vincent Precilla, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 5/15/2017. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LEGAL EASE PARALEGAL SERVICES 6130 NEVADA AVE. #104 WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91367. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TIFFANY BRISCO 6130 NEVADA AVE. #104 WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91367. This Business is conducted by: An Individual. Signed: Tiffany Brisco, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 5/15/2017. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2017126052

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: E.P.P.I. 1438 E. BENNETT AVE., GLENDORA, CA. 91741. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DKCP, INC. 1438 E. BENNETT AVE., GLENDORA, CA. 91741. This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. Signed: DKCP, INC., Douglas Fessler, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 5/16/2017. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
RICHARD THOMAS SOKOL AKA RICHARD T. SOKOL AKA RICHARD SOKOL  
CASE NO. 17STPB04667

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RICHARD THOMAS SOKOL AKA RICHARD T. SOKOL AKA RICHARD SOKOL.

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

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 06/27/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### RENT CONTROL IN SIERRA MADRE

Dear Mountain Views News:

I am writing to you about the Letter To The Editor in the June 3, 2017 issue of the Mountain Views News titled "Rent Control In Sierra Madre" sent to you by JB of Sierra Madre.

I have mixed emotions when it comes to the subject of rent control. I know that there is a shortage of rental properties in California and that the demand is greater than the supply which is why rents are increasing. I understand that older people on fixed incomes who have lived in their apartments for years are finding it difficult to pay the increasing rents. However, I believe that the cause of the increasing rents is government imposed Rent Stabilization the very thing JB is supporting.

I am an industrial property manager but I have been managing a small three unit apartment building in Los Angeles for the past 15 years which is subject to the city rent stabilization ordinance. I have seen the building owner's income go down each year under rent control. The cost of maintaining the building goes up each year more than the allowed 3% rent increase. Because the owner knows that each year he will make less money than the year before there is absolutely no incentive for him, or any other apartment owner, to build additional units.

The reason the rents are going up is due to the lack of available units. As each city imposes rent controls fewer units will be built and the problem will get worse as a result of rent control, not better.

If rent controls were removed investors would be able to make a reasonable return on the significant investment of building more apartment units. This would result in a

building boom and the number of rental units in the state would skyrocket. Soon the supply would equal or exceed the demand and rents would come down to a fair level.

Still I have some mixed feeling knowing that some will suffer through this process. But I have to weight this against added government control of our lives. New York wants to control soda, salt, and trans-fat sales; Massachusetts requires that all preschoolers brush their teeth after lunch; in many cities children need a license for a lemonade stand.

There are literally hundreds of laws that tell us what we must do or not do when it comes to living our lives. Most are well meaning, but as more and more regulation are created we get closer to becoming automatons who are told by the government how many hours to sleep each day, how many to work, what work we can do, what we can eat and drink, where we can live, what we can wear, how many children we can have, and the list will never end.

Rent control laws are a big step forward towards this socialistic, communal, controlled society of the near future. After rent control there will be price control. If the government can tell a landlord how much he can charge for rent then they can certainly tell Target, Wal-Mart, or Vons what they can charge for their products.

There will soon be no incentive for anyone to try to make a better mouse trap. There won't be any more Steve Jobs, Sam Waltons, or Bill Gates. If this is the kind of world JB wants then rent control is a good thing. I believe the long term effects of rent control will be devastating.

Respectfully,  
Barry Gold - Sierra Madre, CA

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## When School's Out, Safety's In!

When school is out, you will have to take care of yourself a little more. Make sure that **safety** is in your day as well as **fun, fun, fun!**

During vacation there is more free time to enjoy, and there are lots of things you can do outside every day. Thinking about safety is smart. For example, protective equipment is a "no-brainer" when skateboarding and practicing tricks. I **always** wear a helmet and I don't mind wearing the knee and elbow pads either.

**Read the clues to fill in the safety puzzle:**

- Stay in the shallow end of a \_\_\_\_\_ until you learn to swim.
- Pack picnic food away in the \_\_\_\_\_ after you are done eating (help prevent food poisoning).
- Head indoors at the first sign of lightning or thunder when a \_\_\_\_\_ is coming.
- At the \_\_\_\_\_, climb on equipment using two hands. On the slide, wait for the person in front of you to finish sliding before taking your turn.
- Before you have friends over to play outside, ask them if they have any \_\_\_\_\_ to bee stings, plants or any foods.
- Offer your \_\_\_\_\_ water often and don't leave them in the car.
- Wear your \_\_\_\_\_ when bicycling – plus pads when riding a scooter or rollerblading.
- Drink plenty of \_\_\_\_\_ when out in the heat to avoid heat stroke.
- Never leave a burning \_\_\_\_\_ unattended.
- Before hiking, learn what poisonous \_\_\_\_\_ such as poison ivy look like.
- At the beach, pay attention to the tides and stay in the view of your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Where \_\_\_\_\_ are being used, keep at a safe distance.
- When outside, stay with \_\_\_\_\_ and don't talk to strangers.
- To prevent a \_\_\_\_\_ put on sunscreen before going outside.
- If you have to stay home alone, have a sheet of phone \_\_\_\_\_ handy and know where your parents are (address).

Remember sunscreen!

campfire

storm

pool

friends

parents

plants

sunburn

helmet

pets

water

playground

fireworks

allergies

cooler

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EEK! Head for the nest... er, shelter.

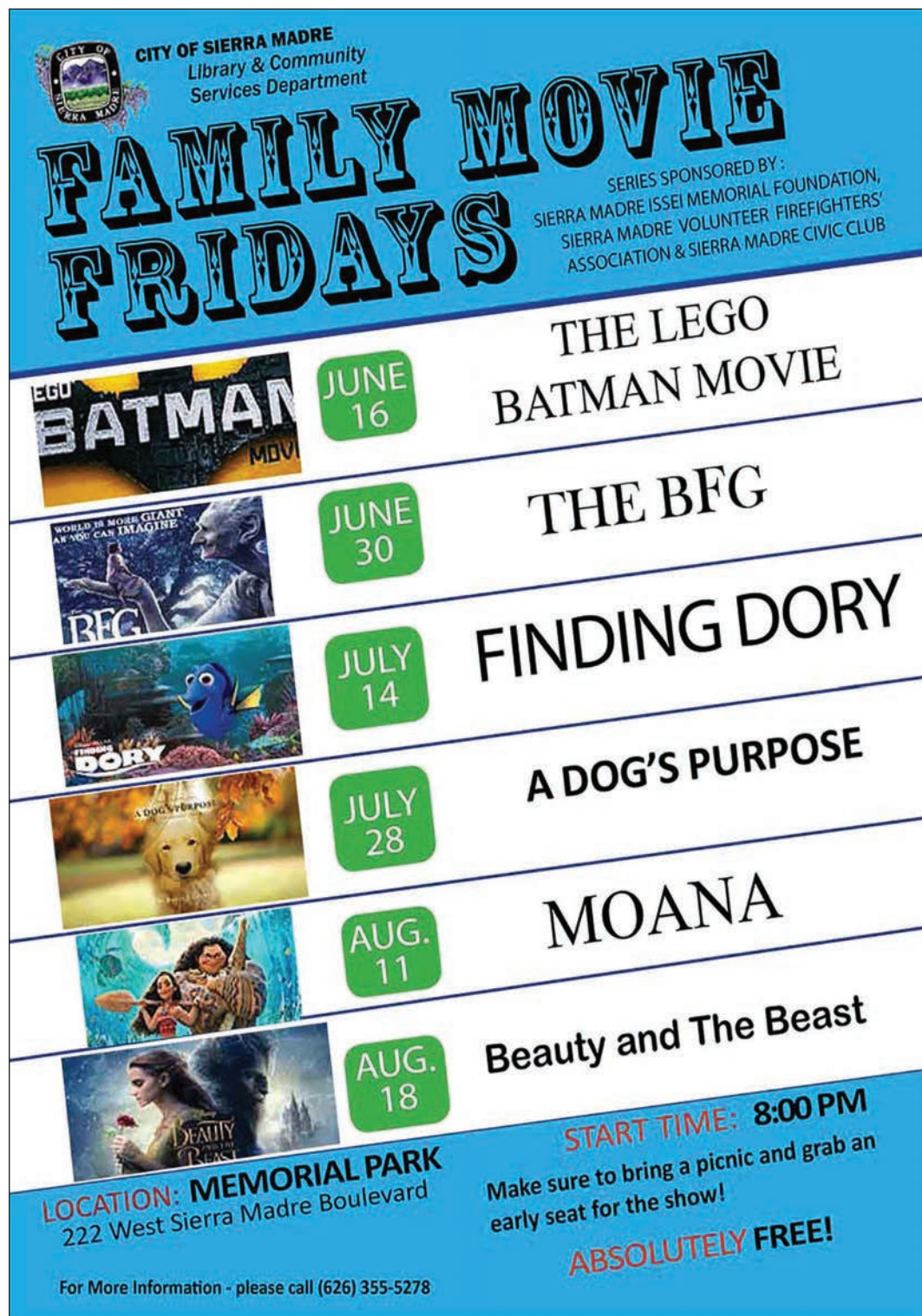




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