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CINEMA RETURNS TO SIERRA MADRE

Generosity and a good cause has brought cinema back to Sierra Madre. Ninety-four years after its first film screened, Sierra Madre resident Carolyn Dasher has generously donated a screen to bring films back to the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Her contribution is motivated by her desire to have the Playhouse be the venue for the Wild and Scenic Film Festival on Saturday, March 10, 2018.

On Feb. 2, 1924, the silent film "The Virginian" opened at what was then called the Wisteria Theater with a thirty cent admission and fifteen cents for children. The theater, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Mason Brown showed silent films with an organist and seating for 300. Research indicates that the Browns didn't have it long. It closed after a year, but was reopened in 1930 by J. Coburn at the very time that sound was finding its way into films. Coburn installed a sound system and brought the first 'talkies' to Sierra Madre.

On March 14, 1930 the theater ran the ad: Best and Latest Sound Equipment Now Installed! These pictures are 100 percent Talking"

Unfortunately Coburn's dream seems to have faded a year later with the depression. According to a Mar 26, 1940 newspaper article, the then-owner of the building, Milton Weber, refurbished the building once again, including seats 800 seats!!!!

The theater then ran full-length movies continuously through the '60s. Some current Sierra Madre residents remember "two features and a cartoon for a nickel" and seeing Gone With the Wind and The Thomas Crown Affair (1968) sometime during that period.

According to old L.A. Times Independent Theater Guide listings, it was known as the Bogart Theatre from 1968 to 1971, and showed art house films like Closely Watched Trains and Ingmar Bergman's The Touch.

About 1970, Frank Green purchased the building and divided it, with a foreshortened auditorium and small storefronts on either side of a central aisle in the front portion He showed movies, mostly Disney and cartoons for kids on Saturdays. In the '70s, the theater changed hands again and was transformed into the Sierra Madre Playhouse and the rest is a lot more history.

Dasher Brings It All Home

Carolyn Dasher's first visit to Sierra Madre in the 90s was to audition for the play Blithe Spirit at

the SMP. As she drove up Baldwin Avenue for the first time, she was taken aback at the beauty of the tree-lined street and cute older homes and dreamed of living in such a lovely place.

In 2000, her dreams came true and she became a SM homeowner and has cherished her time in our City. In 2015, she was concerned about the drought and Sierra Madre's beautiful trees. Trees need deep root water. So she began a sheet mulching and swale project at her home to capture the rain water and to lessen the rain runoff to get the trees the water they so need.

To educate citizens on how they can collect the precious rain to protect their trees, she held community garden classes at her home and taught a Water Harvesting class for the City. Subsequently, she was appointed as a Commissioner to the Sierra Madre Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission.

In 2016, the EENR Commission began the Sierra Madre First Annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival in conjunction with the Mono Lake Committee bringing environmental films to the City of Sierra Madre. Films were shown in the City Council Chambers, but outgrowing that venue, Dasher targeted the Playhouse for this year's festival. To overcome only obstacle, no screen, she generously donated one, bringing the Playhouse into a new era of both award winning plays AND films for the benefit of the entire Sierra Madre Community.

Wild and Scenic Film Festival

This year's Wild and Scenic Film Festival is on Saturday, March 10 from 7:00-9:30pm. and features eight short, beautiful films about wilderness, community, belonging, and empowerment through the lens of skiing, mountaineering, climbing, trail running, and more.

For more information and tickets, including film lineups and sponsors, check out the [Wild & Scenic Film Festival, Los Angeles website](#) or call (760)6476595. For a limited time, you can also use promo code MONOLAKE to save 20% on general admission. All proceeds go to the Mono Lake Committee's Outdoor Education Center programs that bring students from Los Angeles to the Mono Basin to learn about the source of their water through five days of life changing outdoor experiences.

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE ANNOUNCES INTERIM FIRE CHIEF KURT NORWOOD



Sierra Madre, CA – The City of Sierra Madre has selected Kurt Norwood to serve as Interim Fire Chief while it initiates recruitment of a Fire Chief. Chief Norwood begins his service to Sierra Madre on the heels of Fire Chief Steve Heydorff's retirement. Stephen Heydorff served as Fire Chief for the Sierra Madre Fire Department for almost 10 years.

Chief Norwood began his career with the Arcadia Fire Department as a paramedic in 1987, and went on to serve as Captain, Battalion Chief, Deputy Chief, and Fire Chief until he retired in 2016.

Soon after he retired, the City of Montebello contracted Chief Norwood to serve as Interim Fire Chief while they searched for a Fire Chief.

Chief Norwood is highly respected in the Verdugo System as well as with area Fire Chiefs. His extensive experience, knowledge, and credibility will help the Fire Department through the transition to a full-service Fire Department.

COUNCIL TO FILL UNEXPIRED CITY CLERK TERM

On Tuesday, February 27th the Sierra Madre City Council is likely to do something that hasn't been done in more than 40 years, appoint a new City Clerk. Due to the resignation of the elected City Clerk last month, the position has been vacant. Below is the staff report on the matter:

SUMMARY

The City Council received notice from elected City Clerk Melinda Carrillo resigning her position effective January 5, 2018. At the January 9, 2018 meeting the Council directed staff to solicit applications to fill the unexpired term of the City Clerk.

ANALYSIS

City Clerk Carrillo was elected to City Clerk in the April 2016 Municipal General Election to serve a four (4) year term. City Clerk Carrillo provided her letter of resignation effective January 5, 2018. Government Code Section 36512(b) states "the Council shall, within 60 days from the commencement of the vacancy, either fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy."

At the January 9, 2018 meeting the Council directed staff to solicit

applications to fill the unexpired term of the City Clerk. Government Code Section 36512(b) provides the City Council with the option of appointing a City Clerk to serve the remainder of the vacant term, until April, 2020. The Council may only appoint an elector of the City (e.g., a City resident and registered voter). The decision to appoint must be made within 60 days of the commencement of the vacancy. The last day Council may make an appointment is March 6, 2018.

City staff advertised the vacancy through social media, on the City's website, through press releases to several media outlets, and in the City's bi-weekly electronic newsletter. A notice was also published in the City's adjudicated newspaper, Mountain Views News. Staff has received four (4) applications and provided them to the City Council in advance of this meeting for their review. The applicants were all previously notified that the Council would be discussing an appointment at the February 27, 2018 City Council meeting.

The applicants are (in alphabetical order):

- Christopher O. Bamberger
- Carolyn Joy Dasher
- Alexandra E. Potter-Watts
- Sue Ann Spears

Duties and stipend of the City Clerk: The statutory duties of a City Clerk, whether elected or appointed, are set forth in Government Code Section 40801 through 40811, and as they pertain to the City of Sierra Madre, are as follows:

- keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the legislative body
 - --keep-and record all city ordinances with the clerk's certificate annexed to each, which record, with the certificate, constitutes prima facie evidence of the contents of each ordinance and of its passage and publication and is admissible as such evidence in any court or proceedings; and act as the custodian of the city seal
- The stipend paid to the appointed City Clerk will be \$250 per month beginning March 1, 2018 and concluding April 2020.



Creative Arts Group is proud to present Art in Bloom 2018, an art exhibition pairing the area's finest floral designers with work from our most talented artists. Floral designers will create an arrangement based on their interpretation of selected art pieces. The art work and the floral interpretation will be displayed side-by-side in

our gallery for the weekend of March 2nd.

The opening reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres will be held Friday, March 2nd from 7-9 pm at Creative Arts Group, 108 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

The show will continue Saturday, March 3rd from 10-5 pm, and Sunday, March 4th 11-4 pm.

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Thur:	Sunny	Hi 50s	Lows 30s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 40s	Lows 30s

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 February 27, 2018
6:30 pm

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

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



SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 2018
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 city@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
February 27, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Planning Commission
February 1, 2018 at 7:00 pm
February 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Community Service Commission
February 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Senior Community Commission
February 1, 2018 at 3:00 pm

Library Board of Trustees
February 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Commission
February 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY?

The City of Sierra Madre currently has 2 commission vacancies:
Senior Community Commission
Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Commission

Applications - The City of Sierra Madre encourages residents to apply for positions on City commissions that have vacancies. This is a great opportunity for Sierra Madre residents to get involved in the community.

If you are interested in filling any one of these vacancies go to the city's website, www.cityofsierramadre.com to download an application.

NOW ACCEPTING OLDER AMERICAN NOMINATIONS

The Senior Community Commission and Community Services Department is now accepting nominations for the Older "Sierra Madre" American of the Year 2018.

If you know someone who lives in Sierra Madre, has demonstrated outstanding community service, and is 60 years of age or older please be sure to fill out a nomination form due by Thursday, March 22nd, 2018.

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The Mt. Wilson Trail Race Training Group will be meet in Kersting Ct. every Saturday at 7:00 am beginning Saturday, February 3rd through Saturday, May 19th.

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Local students are invited to enter the popular Bookmark Contest in March. This year's theme is: Sierra Madre Summer Fun: Draw and write about spending summer in Sierra Madre.

Artwork may be written, drawn or designed with any tools but must be completely original work - graphic designs are acceptable but must be cut and pasted onto the original application.

Applicants must be in kindergarten through 8th grade (including transitional kindergarten.)

Pick up your application at the Sierra Madre Public Library, on the Library website, and at schools in Sierra Madre starting March 1, 2018. Entries are due by March 31, 2018 at the Library.

Winning entries will depict places, events, or people in Sierra Madre, focusing on summer. For more information, contact Youth Services Librarian Christine Smart csmart@cityofsierramadre.com

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

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During this period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 355 day and night time calls for service.

Tuesday, February 13

At about 7:15 p.m. officers responded to a report of a non-injury traffic accident in the 100 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Wednesday, February 15

A report of a man down at Grandview Ave. and Baldwin Ave. was reported at about 1:10 p.m. The Sierra Madre Fire Department transported the victim to a local hospital for treatment.

Thursday, February 16

A resident in the 100 block of E. Montecito Ave. reported that packages she was expecting were apparently taken by unknown person(s). The resident was told by the shipping companies that the packages were signed for with a name that the resident did not recognize.

Sunday, February 18

A hit and run accident was reported in the 200 block of E. Laurel Ave. A witness stated that a vehicle backed out of a driveway and struck a vehicle that was legally parked directly south of the driveway and left the scene without leaving a note. 3:55 p.m.

Officers were dispatched to the 00 block of Esperanza Ave. for a reported case of grand theft. The victim reported that some time between 1/18/18 and 1/30/18 several pieces of valuable jewelry was removed from her home by unknown person(s).

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Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"I have been lucky in my life to have met people that are so special, so extraordinarily talented that they somehow are on a different plane. Sometimes these amazingly talented people find a way to keep reinventing themselves to stay relevant and alive." Tamra Davis

"Heroes are ordinary people who make themselves extraordinary." Gerard Way

What a week we had this last week... The Olympics, of course, where we saw extraordinary people doing outta-this-world sort of extraordinary things that took our breath away. The figure skaters. Seriously? Watching these young men casually toss a girl up into the air so she spins around three or four times, catching her and easing her back onto the ice was just awesome. We were in pain every time one of them fell, knowing they would lose a point, but seeing them able to keep going and not miss a beat was amazing.

Then there were the snowboarders, the majority of whom were fearless teenagers who couldn't wait to hurl themselves off those mile high snow slides, do four or five midair turns upside down and backwards and manage to fall back on the slide and do a splashy flourish at the end. We've got another week to go and I expect we'll all be tuned in to see "ordinary people making themselves extraordinary." And then there's curling. Various members of my family have become so involved with curling that that's all they can talk about. I did ask searching questions about the broom and sweeping like crazy in front of the "stone" which is what that thing is called. OK, after the stone is thrown, "players are allowed to sweep the ice in front of the stone. Sweeping clears the ice of any debris that might slow the stone down or send it off course. Sweeping also melts a thin layer of ice that reduces friction and thus increases the distance the rock travels." This is fun to watch as these folks get rather frenzied in their sweeping.

The venues look great, the opening ceremonies were fabulous and it's thrilling to see these people who have dedicated their lives to their various sports being seen, appreciated and rewarded.

In case you didn't know, this past week or two have seen Daddy-Daughter and Mother-Son dances all over the place. My picture this week is of our Texas girls, Jessie and Emily and their daddy, Christopher, at the Wally W. Watkins annual Daddy-Daughter dance. Emily has acquired a wig, which she is wearing, while shamelessly mugging for the camera. Christopher has his same patient smile and a good time was had by all.

Miss Emily spent the evening racing 'round with friends,

While Miss Jessie and her Daddy talked and laughed till almost eight.

No, they didn't dance a single dance,

Not a foxtrot or a waltz.

But they finally got into the photo booth,

Which you can see was quite a blast!

The Misses E and J and their Daddy, made memories last week.

They looked so lovely and he looked just grand, Nothing they did was thought out or planned, An evening together, dressed up, that's all, But the Misses Emily and Jessie, and their Daddy, who is their Prince, Loved every single minute at the Wally W. Watkins Elementary ball.

Also this week, I got to see pictures of my next door neighbor, Craig Cardella and his three daughters, Violet, Fay and Avery dressed to perfection in preparation for the Daddy-Daughter Dance, while youngest daughter, Charlotte, was captured in the midst of an epic meltdown when she realized that she was not going to be going, too.

Hope you're reading the One Book, One City book - "In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash" by Jean Shepherd, as selected by our excellent library. This is a nifty book, a series of connected vignettes, many of which made up the movie, "A Christmas Story," where nine-year old Ralphie hopes mightily that he will get the Red Ryder Daisy Air Rifle for Christmas,

Watkins Daddy Daughter Dance 2018



in spite of the fact that every time he mentions it he hears, "You'll shoot your eye out, kid!"

I can't close this week without mentioning the other thing that happened last week, the hideous, senseless, unbelievable, impossible, tragedy in Florida. Seeing the pictures of these young people, including two coaches who died trying to save others, whose lives have been cut short is heartbreaking. Seventeen extraordinary people, many the same ages as the Olympic competitors, will never have the opportunity to be all they might have been. We can only pray comfort for their families and friends.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis

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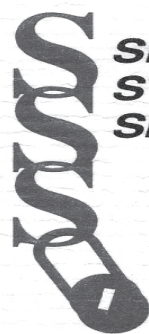
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City Council to Discuss Commercial Marijuana

The Pasadena city council is set to discuss Monday night the possibility of allowing a limited number of commercial cannabis businesses to operate in the city. A second discussion would propose a marijuana business tax ordinance. Both would be placed on the June 5 ballot.

According to city staff, "Placing a City Council approved ordinance on the ballot of the June 5, special election would maintain the Council's ability to develop important policy, land use regulations and fiscally responsible tax measures to preserve the quality of life that Pasadena's residents, visitors and business community desire and expect."

Under consideration for sales, would be a maximum of six retailers, to operate within the city at any one time, and no more than one retailer within any council district. They cannot be located within 1,000 feet of any other cannabis retailer. They also cannot be located within 300 feet of any residential zone, or within 600 feet of any park, K-12 school, church, childcare center, substance abuse center, or library.

The ordinance would also allow marijuana growing with a maximum of four cannabis cultivation facilities to operate within the city at any one time. It would also allow four cannabis testing laboratories any one time. There are numerous other restrictions.

Staff said taxing marijuana would not be a sales tax but rather levied "based upon business gross receipts and square footage of plant canopy."

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

Pet of the Week



Amber (A451206) is a playful 5-month-old calico kitty who loves attention. Her favorite time of day is when visitors come by. She will stick her paws through the bars to tell you it's time to play. She head bumps and rubs against your hand and arms to show affection and enjoys being petted behind the ears. If you are interested in a furry new friend with unconditional love, check out Amber at the Pasadena Humane Society.

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

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

View photos of adoptable pets at pasadenahumane.org. 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.

Painting of Obama Unveiled

Over 100 people, dignitaries, artists and leaders gathered Thursday for the unveiling of an oil painting of President Barack Obama at the Central Library in the Humanities Wing.

The painting was a personal gift from Vice-Mayor John Kennedy.

"On the one hand the French were responsible for some of the ugliest atrocities and colonies around Africa and in Haiti, yet today we celebrate the work of a proud black Frenchman... who reminds us of the beautiful guiding principles to our own imperfect United States of America," Kennedy said.

The work, entitled "Yes We Can," by French painter Pascal Mpeck shows African American historical figures, such as Frederick Douglass, Malcolm X, Marcus Garvey and Rosa Parks. Martin Luther king jr. has his hand on Obama's shoulder.

"I thought, what could possibly be racing through the mind, of the then, first African American to occupy the oval office," Mpeck said of his artistic design.

Mpeck explained that at the top of the painting, can be seen, people being brought from Africa and then civil rights



leaders that paved the way for Obama to be President.

"President Barack Hussein Obama will forever remain the first African American elected to the White House," he said.

Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek said that giving the art in the library will expose children

to the painting and to what it represents.

"Today we are celebrating the history of..., President Barack Obama, and I think that it ties in nicely with the theme of today's event, which is Pasadena's focus on, art, history and cultural diversity," Tornek said.

Participate Pasadena Meeting Focused on Mansionization

Participate Pasadena is set to hold a community meeting focused on mansionization in non-hillside local neighborhoods that do not have Landmark District designation. The meeting will be Wednesday, March 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Lake Avenue Church 393 North Lake Avenue.

Large new single-family homes and major remodels have been on the upswing and can change the character and scale of residential streets and neighborhoods. The City of Pasadena is in the process of drafting new regulations on single-family construction, and information gathered at this meeting will provide constructive input. The evening's agenda also includes an introduction to the City's upcoming Specific Plan process where eight areas of the city are targeted to receive special consideration under the recently updated General Plan.

Pasadena Heritage was very pleased to welcome more than 130 participants to its kick-Off Participate Pasadena meeting last September. After a brief introduction, attendees chose one of four discussion groups and offered comments and questions to the facilitators. Many participants visited more than one break-out group, and comments were recorded in each session's notes. All input has been documented and will be part of a report being prepared for City Council and

other decision-makers.

Participate Pasadena is a community engagement initiative of the local historic preservation non-profit Pasadena Heritage. Extending from the organization's work to identify and preserve historic neighborhoods and buildings, this initiative aims to connect with residents and capture their concerns about and ideas for Pasadena's built environment and community character in general.

Free parking is available immediately west of the church, off Maple Avenue. The meeting is free but registration is required because of limited space. Register today at pasadenaheritage.org/participate. Donations will be gratefully received to support this effort.

We want to know more about what you think. Please take our survey at pasadenaheritage.org/participate.

It only takes about 5 minutes. Tell us what you love most and like least about Pasadena and how you would like to be more involved. And please encourage other residents to take the survey, too. The survey will close on February 28 so that results can be tabulated for presentation at the meeting.

Survey results will be tabulated and used to help Pasadena Heritage develop future programs, provided to City decision makers, and posted here. Survey responses will be kept anonymous.

LitFest Pasadena Comes to the Playhouse District

The Two Day Literary Festival Includes Dozens of Readings, Panels, and Literary Performances and Features Over 150 Authors at Venues Across the Pasadena Playhouse District

The 7th annual LitFest Pasadena coming up on May 19 and 20, 2018. LitFest Pasadena treats Southern California audiences to an exciting and thought provoking weekend full of diverse literary readings, panels, performances, and activities for all ages and interests. It's held at venues and on sidewalks throughout the Pasadena Playhouse District.

Over 2,000 guests and 150 featured authors attended LitFest Pasadena 2017, and the festival continues to grow. This year's program begins each day with literary workshops from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, followed by panels and readings from 3:00pm to 10:00 pm. Events will take place in and around Pasadena Playhouse District businesses. LitFest Pasadena will also present the "LitFest Outer Limits," an opportunity for community reading series, poets, performers, and musicians to engage audiences in literary happenings on sidewalks and in

courtyards, making for a vibrant festival atmosphere.

Starting this year, LitFest Pasadena programming will be held in the late afternoon and evening hours under the bright streetlights of the Playhouse District. In keeping with our new schedule, we are proud to present our new logo and design, which features lamp posts shining in a night time setting.

Rosalind Helfand, LitFest Pasadena Festival Director, says, "The Pasadena Playhouse District is the perfect place for a literary festival. It's filled with great restaurants, theaters, beautiful courtyards, and historic architecture. From the afternoon into the evening under the street lamps, guests will be treated to a diverse and sumptuous literary experience."

Besides our new schedule, LitFest Pasadena is excited to go green this year. Plans include reducing plastic and paper waste including plastic bottled water, encouraging guests to take public transportation, including an "Eco-Lit" panel in our program, and more to be announced.

For more information visit: litfestpasadena.org.

E Waste Recycling

Document shredding will also be available

Residents can safely dispose of electronic waste and have personal and business documents shredded at the City's popular free e-waste event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 3, 2018. The event will be held in Parking Lot I outside the Rose Bowl Stadium near Brookside Park, 360 North Arroyo Boulevard.

Shredding trucks and e-waste collection sites will be arranged at different stations in Parking Lot I. Look for signs directing you to the event. Motorists and bicyclists are advised to use caution while traveling through the area.

E-waste items include computers, keyboards, printers, monitors, laptops, docking stations, scanners, shredders, fax machines, computer mice, telephones, televisions, flat screens, VCRs, DVD players, PDAs, cassette players, tape drives, stereos and household batteries. Many of these products have parts that can be recycled.

Public Works is also helping residents prevent identity theft by providing free paper shredding during the event. The public can bring a maximum of three (3) legal-size boxes for shredding. Sensitive documents such as receipts, checks, pre-approved credit applications, credit card statements, outdated tax returns, pre-printed envelopes, return address labels and business cards are items that can be shredded.

Event participants will be required to show proof of Pasadena residency and the duration of the event is subject to truck capacity. The event is sponsored by the City's Department of Public Works. For more information about the free e-waste collection and document shredding event, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks or call (626) 744-7311.

Altadena Library Pop-Up Book Sale

Today from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., stop by the main library's parking lot for a pop-up book sale with the Friends of Altadena Library. You'll find amazing bargains on fiction, non-fiction, children's books, movies, and more!! All proceeds support the Friends' mission to enrich the programs and materials offered at the Altadena Library District. The Main Library is located 600 E. Mariposa Street, Altadena. For more information visit: altadenalibrary.org or call (626) 798-0833.

Town Council asks Pasadena Officers to Stay out of Altadena

Expressing concern and outrage, members of the Altadena Town Council, sent a letter to Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek and Police Chief Phillip Sanchez asking that Pasadena police refrain from proactively patrolling in Altadena —citing the Nov. 9 traffic stop of Altadena resident, Chris Ballew, "which led to a beating and threat to his life at the hands of Pasadena Police," the letter reads.

The letter, dated Feb. 10, further requests that that officers Larry Esparza and Zachary Lujan, involved in the Ballew incident, be restricted from conducting any police business within Altadena city limits.

Okorie Ezieme Chair of the Altadena Town Council also said there has been an additional harassment incident, after Nov. 9, involving Pasadena police. No other details were given.

Ezieme also wrote "Altadena Residents request that the Pasadena Police Department review, revise and adopt policies and procedures on use of force, racial profiling, and investigatory stops to be more protective of residents of surrounding communities,



compliant and consistent with same requirements as the Altadena Sheriffs and any other law enforcement operating within Altadena."

The letter ends with, "Having a safe Pasadena and Altadena is beneficial to both communities. Altadena residents appreciate your swift response to these requests. We are sure that our mutual goal is to improve the safety of our residents, and restore trust between our communities."

Tornek last week said that the city would respond by "Friday" (yesterday). Pasadena City Manager Steven Mermell said they were doing a thorough investigation into what happened Nov. 9. Esparza and Lujan were a half mile into Altadena when they followed Ballew, before stopping him, then a struggle, that left Ballew with his leg broken and a black eye.

Celebrate One City, One Story

Chosen from a field of thought-provoking nominees, the book selection for Pasadena's 16th One City, One Story community reading celebration is *Rise of the Rocket Girls* by author Nathalia Holt.

This national bestseller has sparked an intriguing blend of book discussions, films, lectures, exhibits and activities for kids throughout March, encouraging the community to join in conversation about the book. Hosted by Pasadena Public Library, all events are free and open to the public.

COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSIONS
Monday, March 5, 11 a.m. Lamanda Park Branch Library 140 S. Altadena Dr.
Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m. Hastings Branch Library 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.
Saturday, March 10, 10:30 a.m. Hill Avenue Branch Library 55 S.

Hill Avenue Saturday, March 24, 10:30 a.m. Allendale Branch Library 1130 S. Marengo Ave.
Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m. Linda Vista Branch Library 1281 Bryant St.
Sunday, March 25, 2 p.m. Central Library/Sunroom 285 E. Walnut St.

In the 1940s and 50s, when the newly minted Jet Propulsion Laboratory needed quick-thinking mathematicians to calculate velocities and plot trajectories, they didn't turn to male graduates. Rather, they recruited an elite group of young women who, with only pencil, paper and mathematical prowess, transformed rocket design, helped bring about the first American satellites, and made the exploration of the solar system possible. For more visit: cityofpasadena.libguides.com/onecityonestory or call (626) 744-7076.

Free February Events at Pasadena Senior Center

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

How You Can Help Foster Kids – Thursday, March 1, at 10 a.m. Learn about CASA L.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and how you can be a volunteer advocate for kids in the foster care system.

Friday Movie Matinees – Fridays, March 2, 9, 16 and 30, at 1 p.m. Everyone enjoys movies and the pleasures they bring. March 2: "Mark Felt: The Man Who Brought Down the White House" (2017, PG-13) starring Liam Neeson and Diane Lane. Mark Felt, known to Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of the New York Times as "Deep Throat," helps them uncover the Watergate scandal in 1972. March 9: "Loving Vincent" (2017, PG-13) with the voice talents of Douglas Booth and Jerome Flynn. Animated in an oil-painting style, the film depicts a young man who travels to the last hometown of painter Vincent van Gogh to deliver the troubled artist's final letter and ends up investigating the van Gogh's final days there. March 16: "Groundhog Day" (1993, PG) starring Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell. A weatherman finds himself inexplicably reliving the same day over and over again. March 30: "Good Night, and Good Luck" (2005, PG) starring David Strathairn and George Clooney. Broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow decides to try and bring down U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy during the senator's communism witch hunt.

Tech It Up! The Basics and Benefits of Technology – Mondays, March 5 to 26, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Do you ever feel lost during conversations

about social media, apps and technology? During this four-week program, learn how to use some popular travel apps. March 5: airbnb. March 12: Uber and Lyft. March 19: Maps/GPS. March 26: Yelp and Expedia. Presented by Jade Myer, a Pasadena community Gold Award Girl Scout candidate.

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program – Mondays and Wednesdays, March 5 to April 11, at 11 a.m. Using low-impact and low-intensity exercises, seniors with arthritis can increase their flexibility, range of motion and muscle strength during this six-week program that can be modified for each person's need, whether sitting, standing or on the floor. Register by calling 626-685-6732.

Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse – Thursday, March 8, at 10 a.m. The opioid epidemic has become a very real problem across the nation. Learn more about it, how to keep track of your prescription drugs and where to dispose of them safely. Presented by Catalina Gonzalez of Day One.

Cal-Med Connect – Thursday, March 15, at 10 a.m. Cal-Med Connect is a State of California insurance program that combines Medicare and Medi-Cal into one plan to provide additional benefits for managed medical care. Specific benefits and eligibility are among the topics that will be discussed during this program. Presented by Health Net.

LA Opera Talk – Monday, March 19, at 1 p.m. An LA Opera community educator will discuss "Finding the Perfect Woman in 19th Century Opera."

Founded in 1960, the Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that offers recreational, educational, wellness and social services to people ages 50 and older in a welcoming environment.

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TRAINING CAMP

At a time during the year, when most students are waiting for finals and then Christmas break to begin, Gooden School eighth-grader Matthew Shepherd spent the first weekend of December at the Rotary International leadership training camp in Running Springs, California. Matthew was selected and sponsored by the Sierra Madre Rotary Club from a pool of 13 applicants. The other participants who were chosen are Natalie Taylor, Isabella Gonzales, and Tosten Pearson. Congratulations to you all.

Rotary Teen Leadership Camp is a leadership-training program for outstanding eighth-graders. The program is instructed by the Rotary Clubs of District

5300. Students interacted with and participated in activities with over 200 peers from areas throughout the Rotary district, which encompasses clubs from California and Nevada.

The students return from the trip and share with the Club about the weekend and the particulars, which made a difference in their lives. Contact them for their stories. You will enjoy each one.

Available to all students from grades 9-12 is Interact. Here the students apply their leadership skills, raise funds for projects they choose and participate with Rotary on the fun activities. For more information go to FB and message us.

and Arcadia Police Officers subsequently arrested him.

The suspect was identified as Marlon Gonzalez, who is a 30-year-old resident of Arcadia. Gonzalez was charged with PC 215(a) – carjacking and PC 245(a)(1) – assault with a deadly weapon. Gonzalez was booked at the Arcadia Police Department, and then he was transported to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Inmate Reception Center. Gonzalez’ bail is \$100,000.

The case is currently under investigation. Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact the Arcadia Police Department at (626)574-5151, case #1800781. If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call “Crime Stoppers” by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), use your smartphone by downloading the “P3 Tips” Mobile APP on Google play or the Apple App Store, or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

PHISHERS SEND FAKE INVOICES

We’ve recently heard that scammers are recycling an old phishing attempt. In this version, scammers, posing as a well-known tech company, email a phony invoice showing that you’ve recently bought music or apps from them. The email tells you to click on a link if you did not authorize the purchase. Stop – do not click on the link. That’s the new twist on an old scam.

More precisely, you just experienced a phishing attempt – that is, when a scammer uses fraudulent emails or texts, or copycat websites to get you to share valuable personal information. The scammers then use that information to commit fraud or identity theft.

Scammers also use phishing emails to get access to your computer or network – then they install programs like ransomware that can lock you out of important files on your computer.

Here are some tips to help keep your information secure:

Be suspicious if a business, government agency, or organization asks you to click on a link that then asks for your username or password or other personal data. Instead, type in the web address for the organization or call them. The link in the email may look right, but if you click it you may go to a copycat website run by a scammer.

Be cautious about opening attachments. A scammer could even pretend to be a friend or family member, sending messages with malware from a spoofed account.

Set your security software to update automatically, and back up your files to an external hard drive or cloud storage. Back up your files regularly and use security software you trust to protect your data.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, February 11th, through Saturday, February 17th, the Police Department responded to 952 calls for service, of which 108 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, February 11:

Just after 7:00 p.m., an officer responded to Ralph’s, 211 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding the report of a theft. Witnesses saw a male suspect grab a case of beer and run out of the store without paying for it. The 25-year-old male suspect from Monrovia was located, arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just before midnight, officers were dispatched to a traffic collision with injuries at the intersection of El Monte Avenue and Las Tunas Drive. An investigation revealed a male driver was seen fleeing the scene on foot. Officers located him and upon making contact, they detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver. Through a series of tests, the officers determined the 38-year-old male from El Monte had been driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. He was also driving without a license. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, February 12:

Just before 4:00 a.m., an officer observed a bicyclist riding on the sidewalk in the area of Las Tunas Drive and Caroline Way. The officer contacted the bicyclist and discovered he was a juvenile out past curfew in possession of cigarettes, a lighter, a methamphetamine pipe and stolen mail. The 17-year-old male from El Monte was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just after 8:00 p.m., an officer responded to Vons, 745 West Naomi Avenue, regarding a suspect in custody for theft. A Vons Loss Prevention Agent observed the suspect select numerous items and place them in a shopping cart, then leave the store without paying for the items. The Loss Prevention Agent detained the suspect until Arcadia Police Officers arrived. The 47-year-old male from El Monte was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, February 13:

Just before 2:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to the parking lot of Arcadia Plaza, 713 West Duarte Road, regarding two auto burglaries. Unknown suspect(s) entered the first vehicle by unknown means and stole a laptop and a wallet. The unknown suspect(s) smashed the driver side window of a second vehicle and stole Beats headphones and a temporary driver’s license. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Just before 10:00 p.m., an officer contacted a subject standing in front of The Hilton Garden Inn, 211 North Second Avenue. An investigation revealed the subject was on parole. Upon searching the subject, the officer discovered he was in possession of drug paraphernalia. The 24-year-old from Monrovia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, February 14:

Just after 8:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to 7-Eleven, 102 East Huntington Drive, regarding a possible theft in progress. The officers contacted two subjects behind the store and discovered one subject was in possession of

methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, foreign currency and a hammer. Further investigation revealed the suspect had committed a residential burglary by smashing a rear glass sliding door at a residence in the 300 block of Floral Avenue. The 27-year-old male from Pasadena was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 8:07 p.m., an officer responded to an apartment building in the 900 block of West Duarte Road regarding a burglary report. The suspect forced entry into a vacant apartment by breaking a window and was still inside. An investigation revealed the female suspect had been living in the apartment and using utilities. She was also in possession of drug paraphernalia. The 35-year-old female from Manteca California was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, February 15:

Just after 1:00 a.m., an officer responded to the 7-Eleven and 76 Gas Station, 102 East Huntington Drive, regarding a vehicle parked in the handicap stall without a handicap placard. The officer made contact with the driver and an investigation revealed she was in possession of fraudulent credit cards and a credit card scanning device. The 23-year-old female from Altadena was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just before 12:00 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of South Santa Anita Avenue regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy packages containing bait property and tracking devices to combat the increase in package thefts from residential areas. Officers located the stolen package inside an abandoned stolen vehicle. Arcadia’s patrol, SWAT and K-9 officers established perimeter containment in the surrounding area. With the assistance of Glendora Air Support and K-9 officers from Pasadena and West Covina Police Departments, the suspect was found hiding in a trash can. The 39-year-old male from Rancho Cucamonga was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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Friday, February 16:

Just after 6:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 2000 block of 8th Avenue regarding a report of suspected child abuse. An investigation revealed the female suspect scratched and kicked her child in the stomach. The 41-year-old female from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At about 9:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Huntington Drive and Michillinda Avenue regarding a license plate hit on a stolen vehicle. Officers located the stolen vehicle and detained the occupants. The suspects were found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia, burglary tools and confirmed stolen property from residential burglaries that occurred in Arcadia and Monterey Park. The driver was also driving without a license and had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The 27-year-old male and 25-year-old female, both from Pasadena, were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, February 17:

At approximately 10:30 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of West Las Flores Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary. An unknown suspect used an unknown tool to unlock the vehicle and steal the installed radio and speakers. The investigation is ongoing.

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DART CONTINUES TO MAKE AN IMPACT

The Duarte Area Resource Team (DART) provides excellent opportunities for high school age people and our community. DART was created to help build positive relationships between local youth and Public Safety through community involvement. In the past three years, over 500 children between the ages of 6 and 18 have been engaged in DART and other CAL GRIP funded youth programs. Current DART President, Yesenia Chavez, has been a member of city programs since the 6th grade. She has

provided over 1000 hours of volunteering in the Duarte community and currently serves on the Mayor’s Youth Council. Vice President, Aranza Caballero joined DART as a Junior, and just this year has already provided 200 hours toward community projects. It is estimated that DART has saved the City of Duarte over \$20,000 through their volunteer efforts in just 2017. The Duarte Kiwanis Club was honored to hear the update and very pleased to provide further assistance to this great program.



Pictured (from left) – DART President, Yesenia Chavez, DART Vice President, Aranza Caballeo and Duarte Kiwanis President, Diane Hernandez. If you are interested in joining Duarte Kiwanis or being a speaker at a future event, contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com.

MONROVIA IN PICTURES

As an Interim Use, Daylight Limited Has Coordinated a Partnership with the Monrovia Historical Society to Showcase a Photographic Exhibition of Historic Monrovia at the Santa Fe Depot

Speaking of the Historic Santa Fe Depot... during the past few weeks, Daylight Limited, LLC – the City’s development partner for the Depot – has been working to identify an appropriate restaurant user for the rehabilitated facility. Given the fact that no deal is currently imminent, we have been in discussions to find interim uses for the Depot facility, and we wanted to share that a partnership has been formed with the Monrovia Historical Society. Based on discussions to date, the proposed program involves establishment of a photographic

exhibition of historic images of Monrovia. All told, around 100 photos will be enlarged and displayed at Depot during the months of March – April, 2018. During that time period, the Depot will be open to the public every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission to the exhibit will be free. Additional program details are highlighted in the flyer below, and of course, if you should have any questions about this particular matter, please feel free to contact the Monrovia Historical Society at (626) 256-3423.

MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 413 service events, resulting in 78 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter, Instagram or Nextdoor.

Public Intoxication – Suspect Arrested February 15 at 9:40 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 200 block of E. Foothill to check on the welfare of a male subject who had fallen and was unable to get up off the ground. When the officers arrived and contacted the subject, they discovered he was extremely intoxicated and was unable to care for his own safety. The officers arrested him for public intoxication.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested February 15 at 11:03 p.m., an officer was on patrol in the 1600 block of S. Mountain when he saw two people arguing loudly in a business parking lot. After investigation, one of the subjects was found to have a warrant. Officers arrested her and took her into custody.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested February 16 at 9:56 p.m., a sergeant was patrolling the Station Square Platform in the 1700 block of S. Primrose when he saw three subjects he recognized. A computer check revealed one of the subjects had a warrant for her arrest. She was arrested and taken into custody for the warrant.

Drinking Alcohol in Public February 17 at 12:05 a.m., a sergeant was patrolling the 700 block of E. Cypress, when he saw a parked vehicle occupied by two subjects next to a closed business. When the sergeant approached the vehicle, he saw both subjects were drinking alcohol in public. They were issued citations to appear in court for the violation.

Public Intoxication – Suspect Arrested February 17 at 1:07 a.m., a sergeant was on patrol in the 100 block E. Olive, when she saw a subject staggering in the street. She stopped the subject to talk to him and found he was too intoxicated to care for himself. The subject was arrested for public intoxication.

Attempt Burglary February 17 at 4:02 a.m., an audible burglary alarm was activated at a business in the 900 block of W. Huntington. When officers arrived, they found a glass window to the business had been removed. No suspects were located and nothing was taken. The owner of the business responded to replace the window.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested February 17 at 11:01 a.m., officers were dispatched to the report of a suspicious vehicle that was occupied by two subjects and parked in front of a business. When the officers arrived, they contacted the two subjects. A computer check revealed one of the subjects had a warrant for a Redondo Beach criminal case. Officers arrested the subject and Redondo Beach Police responded to Monrovia and took custody.

Hit & Run Traffic Collision February 17 at 5:39 p.m., the owner of a parked vehicle discovered fresh collision damage to their car that had occurred while they were inside of a business in the 100 block of S. Myrtle. The investigation is continuing.

Possession of an illegal Weapon – Suspect Arrested February 18 at 12:24 a.m., an officer was extra-patrolling the parking lot of a business that was closed in the 1600 block of S. Mountain when he saw a parked vehicle occupied by two subjects. As the officer approached the vehicle, the subject sitting in the driver’s seat opened the door. The

officer saw there was an illegal weapon next to where this subject was sitting. The subject was arrested for possession of the weapon. DUI – Suspect Arrested February 18 at 3:36 a.m., a sergeant was patrolling the 3000 block of S. Myrtle, when he saw a vehicle in front of him make an illegal wide right turn. The sergeant followed the vehicle and saw the driver make several more driving violations. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was found to be intoxicated. After conducting field sobriety tests, the sergeant arrested the subject for DUI.

Battery February 18 at 9:27 a.m., employees of a business in the 1600 block S. Mountain saw a vehicle that was involved in previous theft enter their store’s parking lot. When they approached the car, the occupants opened the door and intentionally hit one of the employees. The door closed and the vehicle fled the area. The investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft February 19 at 8:28 a.m., a resident in the 500 block of Hacienda walked outside his home and found his truck’s tailgate had been stolen sometime during the night. He had parked the truck on the street the night before. This investigation is continuing.

Vehicle Burglary February 19 at 1:14 pm., the owner of a vehicle found his car window shattered and tools were taken. He had parked his car on the street in the 900 block of S. Fifth earlier in the day. This investigation is continuing.

Shoplifting – Suspect Arrested February 20 at 11:02 a.m., employees of a store in the 1600 block of S. Mountain reported a subject had just stolen a pressure washer. Officers responded and located the suspect fleeing the store. The suspect was detained and, after an investigation was conducted, he was arrested for shoplifting.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested February 20 at 11:09 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle in the 1800 block of S. California for a driving violation. A computer check revealed the driver had a warrant for his arrest, so the officer arrested him and took him into custody.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested February 20 at 1:48 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle at Myrtle and Evergreen. A computer check revealed the driver had a warrant for his arrest, so the officer took him into custody.

Hit & Run Traffic Collision February 20 at 7:08 p.m., a traffic collision occurred between two vehicles at Magnolia and Walnut, and one of the drivers immediately began walking away from the scene. Officers responded and located the fleeing driver, who requested paramedics due to a medical issue. Monrovia Fire Department paramedics arrived and transported him to a nearby hospital for medical treatment.

Violation of Court Order February 21 at 9:24 a.m., a subject came to the police station to report her ex-boyfriend had violated the terms of a court order at her home in the 1600 block of S. Alamitas and had possibly made threats to her through a third party. The third party could not immediately be contacted by the officer. This investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft February 21 at 12:10 p.m., a landscaper reported his lawnmower had just been stolen from the back of his truck, which was parked in the 900 block of W. Hillcrest while he was at a nearby home, gardening. Officers searched the area for the thieves, but were unable to locate them. This investigation is continuing.

JUDSON STUDENTS DISPLAY STEM PROJECTS ON SCIENCE NIGHT

Judson International School's Science Night was an opportunity for students to display their creative and innovative STEM projects to the community. All students, grades K-12, presented their projects for families, friends, and guests. Judson also welcomed alumni who came back to see their alma mater for this fun night. Student STEM projects were creative and interesting. The kindergartners gave guests an opportunity to stick their hands in "blubber" to see how it protected them from cold. First and second graders wrote, directed, produced and acted in their own movie entitled Spiderific that is all about spiders. Third and fourth graders created aquatic creatures that floated down from their classroom ceiling. Fifth and sixth graders, dressed as doctors, presented a journey through the human body. Judson junior high students presented their science research



projects on a variety of topics from augmented and virtual reality to quantum computing to fracking. High school biology students demonstrated worm dissection, DNA testing, and blood typing. High school physics students had to make bridges using only paper that would hold a hardback textbook. The record bridge held 17 textbooks. The creativity and love for learning that Judson is known for were evident in abundance in their STEM projects on Science Night.

BOSCO TECH ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTED DURING NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK

Alumni working in engineering professions returned to their alma mater, Don Bosco Technical Institute (Bosco Tech), on February 21 to commemorate National Engineers Week. These graduates provided motivational talks to inspire current students, the majority of whom are considering STEM-related college majors and careers. This is the sixth year of the popular speaker series. Representing organizations like Edison International and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the speakers made presentations on topics as diverse as space flight mechanisms, effective city planning, and digital cloud storage. This year, the day's special guests included students from neighboring all-girls schools Alverno Heights Academy, Ramona Convent Secondary School, and San Gabriel Mission High School. The students, who selected two presentations of their choice, had the opportunity to ask questions about the speakers' companies, career pathways, and university course work. "Engineers Week is a natural fit for a STEM-based school like Bosco Tech," said Principal Xavier Jimenez. "Hearing

from our own alumni who are engineering professionals is an invaluable opportunity for current students, and we are happy to have been able to share that with students from our sister schools. Bosco Tech regularly engages industry scientists and engineers to visit the campus and speak about the path to university and their careers beyond. That connection to the 'real world' helps to better prepare Bosco Tech graduates for the many opportunities they will have after high school." Bosco Tech is an all-male Catholic high school that combines a rigorous college-preparatory program with a technology-focused education. The innovative curriculum allows students to exceed university admissions requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of several applied science and engineering fields. The school boasts a four-year college acceptance rate of 100 percent and approximately 75 percent of Bosco Tech graduates have careers in STEM-related fields. Visit www.boscotech.edu or call 626-940-2000 for more information.

GOLDENWORDS: DR. DAN'S COLLEGE CORNER

"I'M GOOD WITH PEOPLE:" CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

In recent columns, I've outlined job and career prospects for students who seek to provide medical services to patients of all varieties. What about professions that focus on emotional, mental and social issues faced by different populations across age and disorder spectrums?

Practitioners in Psychology and Social Work arenas cover a wide array of ever-increasing and complicated problems people can confront and endure, and professionals in this field often work closely with their medical counterparts in providing counseling, intervention, emotional and mental support. Sub-specialties abound in both psychology and social work job areas, and most career paths will eventually demand some variety of a graduate degree down the road.

Can you make a career of being "good with people," a phrase college advisors and professors often hear from students exploring Psychology or Social Work paths? Well, your Golden Retriever is also "good with people," and, as it turns out, some of his smiling and patient attributes could be well worth emulating if you want to counsel others in life. If we all could be as calm, as non-judgmental, as good a listener and as reluctant to bite or snarl, no matter the provocation--all of these qualities would serve you well in these professions. In all professions, actually.

Who am I? Why do I do the things I do? What motivates people in general in their behaviors and relationships? What's the role of my family in my self-concept and life path? The role of peer groups, schooling, society in general?

Interested in these kinds of reflective questionings? Then you could begin to examine the plethora of career paths in Psychology and Social Work, which in many respects are first-cousins to each other as job areas. Here's a case situation that illuminates some of the distinctions:

For instance, if you feel the urge to help troubled children in a school setting to heal, to learn and grow, you might initially consider School Psychology, but as it turns out, much of what a School Psychologist does on a daily basis is more closely tied to testing and analysis of learning issues, development of independent educational plans for students and evaluations of children across organic and behavioral areas, as in discerning and addressing issues across the Autism Spectrum, for instance.

It's often the School Social Worker (slightly different undergraduate path, typically a Master of Social Work for graduate training) who is the front-line counselor to students. Social workers in schools can assist children who have ailing or mortally ill relatives, can and do intervene internally in bullying situations, act as mandated reporters when there are suspicions of at-home emotional or physical abuse.

When children in Santa Rosa finally returned to school after their catastrophic fires, the social workers were especially trained to support children who'd lost their homes or family members and who'd actually fled for their lives. Similarly, social workers are dispersed to perform grief counseling to populations that survive the terrors of Sandy Hook, Parkland

and other school massacres.

In Psychology job paths, the PhD in Clinical Psychology is the most demanding specialty, and these practitioners parallel the MD Psychiatrist niche in many respects.

To understand more about other non-doctoral graduate degrees and specialties in both fields, you can look to the website of the appropriate professional societies:

<http://www.apa.org/careers/resources/guides/careers.aspx>
<https://www.socialworkguide.org/careers/>

If you want an insider's synthesis of what they think and feel about their profession, listen closely to the career insights of a geriatric social worker in a memory-loss residential setting:

"I love my work and it drains me sometimes to the limit of my abilities. I'm not ever going to get rich in this profession, but I am rich in 'psychic dollars,' my sense of making a difference in the lives of the vulnerable and troubled.

Some days I come to work to discover a favorite client no longer recognizes me, a family member in frustrated despair over the incapacitation of their loved one, or fellow medical and psychological staffers themselves grappling with the difficulty of doing their jobs with hope and optimism. With all this in mind as I park at my facility, I'd still rather do this job than anything else."

Lots of wisdom here for you if you are considering Psych and Social Work. And, remember that image of the Golden Retriever I mentioned? Well, twice a week a pair of Goldens spend time at this memory-loss facility as therapy dogs (in the company of a specially-trained psychologist), where they offer not only consolation and love to the clients, but typically unlock memories of prior pets, memories buried deep in the minds of folks who've often forgotten almost everyone else in their lives.

There are also equine and porcine therapists out there, and practitioners who help veterans with PTSD through horticulture therapy and, most touching of all, through parrot rehabilitation programs at the VA Hospital in West Los Angeles, where abused and abandoned parrots are brought back to physical and social health--and end up soothing the torments and fears of their human handlers along the way.

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THE YEAR OF THE DOG, A YEAR FOR COMPASSION



by Chris Leclerc

We are well into the new year - the Year of the Dog - which I think that is most appropriate since every year is the year of the dog for me! And as we move along into Spring, I can't help thinking there is much work to be done this year, to improve on the laws that protect our animals.

My dear friends at Social Compassion in Legislation (SCIL) have wasted no time in the new year, preparing proposals and drafting language for several bills to be introduced to California's state legislators, and I am proud to be a supporter of all the good work they are doing on behalf of the animals and the environment.

SCIL has several bills to be considered this year, and all were introduced in due time for the deadline which was February 16. In a recent e-mail update, SCIL published their current bills and I thought I'd share them in this week's column for those of you who - like me - may be interested in tracking their progress and, perhaps getting involved.

Some of these bills have specific language in print, while others were introduced as "spot bills". A "spot bill" is a placeholder bill introduced without the exact language of the legislation, which will later be added. Here are the SCIL-sponsored bills that were submitted last week for legislative review:

SB 1136 (Skinner), Plant-based Food Initiative is a spot bill introduced by Senator Skinner. SCIL teamed up with the experts at the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), founded by Dr. Neal Barnard, to co-sponsor this bill which will require that state run hospitals, prisons and schools always have plant-based meals available, as well as reduce or cut out completely, servings of processed meat. As we know, plant-based food is not only the healthiest, but also the most animal-friendly and environmentally sustainable.

SCR 100 (Lara), Carcinogenic Processed Meats is a resolution introduced by Senator Ricardo Lara that CSIL is co-sponsoring along with PCRM, which calls on the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to comply with Proposition 65 and existing regulatory laws and fulfill its non-discretionary duty to add "processed meat (for consumption)" to the list of chemicals known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

AB 2362 (Rubio), Safe Transportation of Dogs and Cats Act was introduced by Assemblymember Blanca Rubio on Feb. 14. This bill will establish health and safety standards for mobile or traveling housing facilities for dogs and cats, including standards governing sufficient heating and cooling, ventilation, and lighting. California summers are getting hotter and it's necessary that vehicles transporting animals are equipped to keep them at a comfortable temperature. The proposed bill would apply to public animal control agencies or shelters, society for prevention of cruelty to animals or humane society shelters, or a rescue group that is in cooperative agreement with at least one private or public shelter.

SB 1249 (Galgiani), Cruelty Free Cosmetics Testing & Sales Act is an historic bill introduced by Senator Cathleen Galgiani that SCIL is co-sponsoring in conjunction with PCRM which will ban the sale or marketing of any cosmetics that have been tested on animals, including any of the cosmetics' component ingredients. This law will mirror the current regulations in the European Union, which have been in effect since 2013. Some of you reading this article

may remember one I wrote on that very subject when the EU put such regulation into place.

TBD, Repeal & Replace the Aquatic-Toxicity Test is a spot bill introduced by Assemblymember Bill Quirk which would eliminate the state requirement that all potentially hazardous waste products be tested on live fish to determine its toxicity, and instead require an equally effective alternative test which avoids animal testing. Again, PCRM has the subject matter experts and they are co-sponsoring the bill.

TBD, Endangered Species Trophy Act is a spot bill introduced by Senator Henry Stern, which will ban the possession of sport-hunted trophies of some iconic endangered species such as lions, elephants and rhinos among others if they were obtained after the date of implementation. Despite President Trump's tweets, the US Fish and Wildlife Service's current ban could be reversed without notice or due process, and thus California must act on its own to protect the world's endangered species. SCIL is sole sponsor of this bill, but enlisting the best and brightest experts around the globe to help with crafting the language along with Senator's staff.

TBD, Animal Slaughter of Birds - Compassion is always at the forefront of every bill SCIL sponsors. Nearly all boiler chickens are painfully shackled fully conscious at slaughter. The goal of this bill is to make sure all birds are rendered insensible to pain before being killed, including those shackled before slaughter. Major poultry companies and more than 70 of the largest food companies have committed to major reforms. SCIL is determined to change the way all birds are slaughtered for food in facilities inspected by the state of CA.

Whale Entanglements - SCIL strives to see the end of whale entanglements off California's coast. Large whales are drowning in fishing gear and entanglements are at an all time high. Last year there were 71 reported and most commonly identified source of these entanglements was California's commercial Dungeness crab fisheries. Our state has struggled in recent years to adopt effective solutions that remove the number of dangerous nets & traps from the water or require innovative technologies aimed at reducing the risks to marine life. Several pieces of legislation have been introduced recently, aimed at protecting our marine protection areas and reforming the management of marine life resources. In addition, Assemblymember Richard Bloom will lead an effort this year with relevant stakeholders which will explore the use of these new technologies for Dungeness crab fisheries, among many other solutions.



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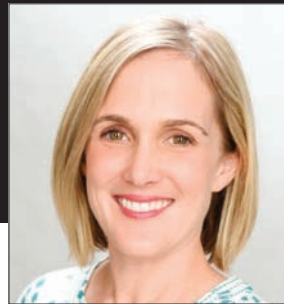
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Yogic Wisdom for Everyday Life CREATING SPACE FOR PRACTICE



Creating a sacred space is one of the key steps we can take toward

a committed practice. In arranging the environment and actual physical space, tone and intention are set. By purposefully doing this, sacredness and divinity are invited into our home, backyard, room, or tiny corner of the wherever. Once a space is made, next we practice--yoga, meditation, contemplation, self-reflection, or any spiritual practice.

I spend quite some time arranging spaces by beautifying, cleaning and simplifying. I make sure that the space where I meditate each day has the essentials. First, I make sure the space is clean and relatively uncluttered. This keeps the energy clean. What I do include is an altar (any small table would work too) that has objects and pictures that are important to my practice. For you, this could include pictures of your spiritual teachers, deity statues (Ganesha or Mother Mary for example), crystals, flowers, candles, or other objects that are special to you. Second, I have what I need to be comfortable and the props available for practice. If I need a cushion or blanket or tissue, I know it is close by. I make sure any extraneous items are out of

sight.

There is something special that occurs when we practice in the same place each day or each time. Positive, sacred energy collects in that space. The energy is felt as you return each day. You may have felt this in other sacred places such as church, a yoga studio, or even a sacred garden or outdoor space. The space becomes warm, inviting and peaceful.

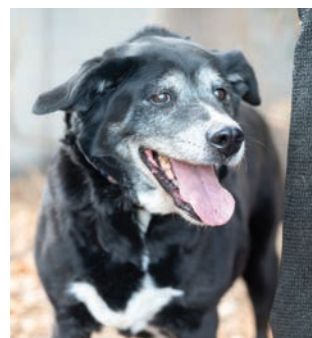
This guide is just for creating the physical space, however, creating the physical space may help you break the mental hurdle of making space in your life for more spiritual practices. A good personal yoga practice or yoga class will get you moving the right direction as well. It will create self-awareness and settle your mind making it possible for you to feel more deeply. Starting from the outside could be how you get to nurturing the inside. Each person's path is unique. Whatever stage you are at, know that you deserve to have a space of peace, contemplation, and beauty in your home. Set the stage for a nourished, healthy you.

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THE MISSING PAGE

Real Life Tips from Life's Instruction Manual

DO WHAT YOU CAN WHERE YOU ARE

Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955) is this week's Black History Month honored dreamer. I love the story of Ms. McLeod Bethune because she kept going in the face of many obstacles. She was the youngest of seventeen children. Her parents were born into slavery and emancipated after the war. Her mother eventually bought the farm from her former owner. By age nine she could pick over 250 pounds of cotton in one day. When she turned ten years old, she learned to read Ms. Mc Cleod Bethune was an educator, philanthropist, business person and a leader in the racial and gender equality movements. She considered education the key to her freedom and dedicated her life to empowering others. She attended a boarding school in North Carolina and then trained to be a foreign missionary in Chicago, but she could not secure sponsorship to serve as a missionary and became an educator.

Then she couldn't get hired as a teacher, so Mary McLeod Bethune founded the Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls in 1904 with \$1.50. The first class had six students and limited supplies so when the school started the students made ink for pens from elderberry juice, pencils from

burned wood and desks from cardboard. Her persistence and ingenuity is an example of a primary dream building tool: Do what you can where you are with what you have. I remind my coaching students and clients of this all of the time. We usually have more than we initially think, but we won't know what we are capable of until we take that first step. In my experience, people are willing to help those people that are willing to help themselves.

Ms. McLeod Bethune was a good friend of Eleanor Roosevelt and the highest-ranking African American to serve as an advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. She eventually gave counsel to five United States presidents and was the only woman of color at the first meeting of the United Nations. She used her connections with political and economic elites to advance her vision for social justice and equality for women, youth and people of color. Where might your dream take you, if you just took that first step?

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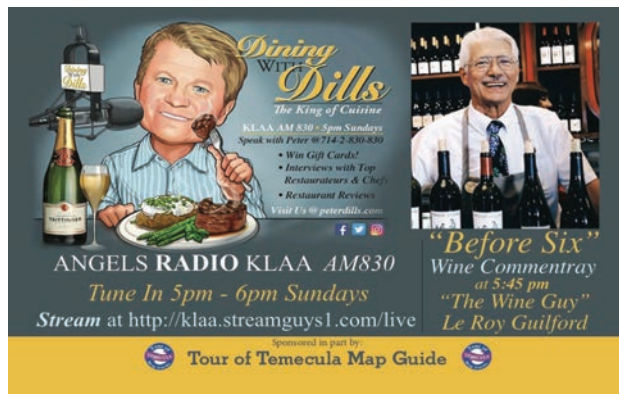


TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

There is wonderful eatery in Pasadena called "Pop," and they specialize in (drum roll) sparkling wines and champagnes. They seem to be doing quite well with "mouse*" crowd. The story here is: sometime back, under different ownership, they were open Wednesday through Sunday. I asked the bartender/sommelier Raphael what they did with the opened bottles of sparkling wine after closing on Sunday? He said they poured it all out in the sink. Having grown up in a waste-not-want-not household, I shook and quivered at such a thought. We made a deal on the spot that I could come in on any Sunday night and for \$15 (friends included) drink what otherwise would be thrown away.

Pop has changed hands since this great event, but it got me to think about the wine that is sitting in your favorite restaurant's refrigerator: how long has it been sitting there? As far as sparkling wines go (remember, it can only be called champagne if the grapes were grown in the region of Champagne, France), there should still be a "pop" when your server takes off the stopper. If you aren't sure, simply grab a utensil and see if you can stir up some bubbles. White wines and red will stay fresh a day or two longer, but here is my tried and true suggestion (and not once have I had a "no" or a roll of the eyes). Simply ask the server when the bottle was opened, and if they aren't sure, ask for a

fresh bottle. The mark-up on wines by the glass is in the restaurants favor; all you are doing is evening the odds. There are a handful of restaurants that sell splits of sparkling wines which gives you about a glass and a half from a split. I don't recommend splits of sparkling wine, though, as they come with screw tops instead of corks. Sparkling wine with a screw top? Dom Perignon would turn over in his grave. If you're looking for wine by the glass, check out the Parkway Grill or Flemings in Pasadena. I



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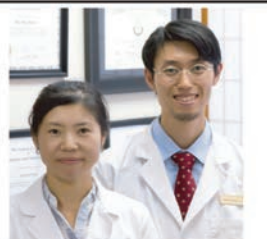
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Interested In Selling

Dear Interested,
Selling a life insurance policy, even a term life policy that you don't want or need any longer – a transaction known as a “life settlement” – has become a popular option among retirees in recent years that could use some extra cash. Here's how it works.

A life settlement is the sale of an existing life insurance policy to a third party company for cash. Life settlements are typically best suited for people over age 65 who own a policy with a face value of \$100,000 or more or someone younger who has experienced a significant change in health.

Historically, if an owner of a life insurance policy decided they no longer needed it, they would either let the policy lapse or turn it in for a meager cash surrender value. But now, with the life settlement option, you can actually sell your policy for more than the cash surrender value would be, but less than its net death benefit.

Once you sell it, the life settlement company then becomes the new owner of the policy, pays the future premiums and collects the death benefit.

How much money you can expect to get with a life settlement will depend on your age, health and life expectancy, the type of insurance policy, the premium costs and the cash value of your policy. You may be able to receive four to eight times more than the policy cash surrender value.

If you're interested in a life settlement here are some things you should know:

Shop around: Because payout can vary, to ensure you get the best price for your policy get quotes from several companies. Also, find out what broker and transaction fees you'll be required to pay. Coventry, the nation's first and largest provider of life settlements, offers some of the highest cash payouts for life insurance policies. To get started, visit CoventryDirect.com or call 888-858-9344. To search for other providers or



brokers, the Life Insurance Settlement Association provides a directory at LISA.org.

Be prudent: Life settlements are regulated in most states. Find out from your state insurance commissioner (see NAIC.org for contact information) if the life settlement company you're interested in is properly licensed.

Protect your privacy: When you sell your life insurance policy, you will have to sign a waiver authorizing the release of medical and other personal information so that the buyer can determine how much to offer for your policy. Before accepting any offer, make sure that the company has procedures in place to protect the confidentiality of your information.

Understand the tax implications: The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act recently updated the tax treatment of a life settlement to be treated the same as the surrender of a policy back to the insurance company. This can be complicated, so be sure to consult a tax advisor.

Other Options

If you want to keep your life insurance policy but could use some extra cash, you may have some other options. For example, some life settlement companies may allow you to keep part of the policy's death benefit while eliminating your premium obligations. You can also ask your life insurer if you can borrow against your policy, or if you're in poor health, see if you're eligible for accelerated death benefits. You should also find out if you're able to convert the cash value of your policy into an immediate annuity (through a 1035 Exchange), which would make regular payments to you for a set number of years or for the rest of your life.

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...February Birthdays*



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



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

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

Bingo Time: Every Tuesday beginning at 1:00p.m. Cards are only \$0.25 each! Everyone is welcome to join. Activity may be canceled if less than five people.

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

Brain Games - *New Activity*: Join us on Thursday November 16th, at 10:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. for

Scattergories. A creative thinking game by naming objects within a set of categories. Everyone is welcome, and no experience is needed. What a great way to strengthen your brain and make new friends. Activities are facilitated by Senior Volunteers.

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, November 15th from 10:30a.m. to Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. Specializing in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates, and Injury. Appointments are required by calling 626-355-7394.

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

Chair Yoga: Mondays & Wednesdays from 11:00a.m. to 11:45a.m. with Paul Hagen. Classes

include yoga and balance exercises. All ability levels are encouraged and welcomed!* A voluntary donation of \$5.00 per week is suggested but not required.

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

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

Free Strength Training Class: Fridays from 12:45p.m. to 1:30p.m. with Lisa Brandley. This energetic class utilizes light weights, low impact resistance and training conditioning. Class equipment is provided.



Whale Watching Tour (Long Beach)

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Meeting Location: Hart Park House Senior Center Cost: \$30 (Does not include lunch)
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GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Billy Graham has passed away. There is little more to be said of the tremendous impact of the Holy Spirit through his ministry that has not already been said by fellow believers and even those outside the Church. That

is why I'm going to try to keep this article simple and to the point.

While it is an understatement to say that Billy Graham was an engaging and articulate speaker, when it comes right down to it, he was nothing more than a tool in the Master's hand --and he knew it. Billy Graham knew that there was nothing inherently special about him or his ability, it was all about God and His saving love for us portrayed in the sacrificial death of His Son on our behalf. This humility is precisely why God was able to work through him so effectively. Like Moses, who was called "the most humble man on the earth," Billy Graham was humble, faithful, and obedient. And for those reasons, he was effective.

His message was simple because the Gospel is simple. It has not changed since the Holy Spirit, through Paul, wrote these words: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord" (Romans 6:23) "God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

Billy Graham didn't need to dress up the Gospel or change it over the years to make it align with cultural trends. Billy Graham's mission and vision statement were Jesus' mission and vision statement: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20). Pretty clear and simple, no changes needed. Brian Brodersen, another favorite pastor of mine, has pointed out that if someone waters down the Gospel, or changes it to adapt to certain societal values, people see no difference between the Church and the rest of the world. Why go to church if church is nothing more than Starbucks or a sporting event? If the Church is just like the world, you might as well not waste your time. However, if Christians takes a firm, unwavering stand about what the Bible teaches, even nonbelievers will respect their integrity.

Billy Graham was not afraid to present the Gospel unchanged and unadulterated. The heart of the Bible is Jesus. God sent Jesus to live the perfect life none of us could live because we are sinners by nature. You did not become a sinner when you did something wrong. You did something wrong

because you are a sinner. A bird does not become a bird when it flies and a fish does not become a fish when it swims. Birds fly because they are birds and fish swim because they are fish. (I cannot take credit for this analogy, I believe I heard it from Pastor Ray Bentley). You may be a good person compared to a murderer, thief, or even the selfish gossip at work. But you are not a good person compared to God, and that is all that matters in the end.

Jesus had to become a human to be like us so that His death would atone for our sins. When Billy Graham stands before God, God doesn't see Billy Graham's righteousness, He sees Jesus' righteousness. That is what saves him from Hell, the fact that Billy Graham put his trust in the perfect life that Jesus lived, rather than his own good deeds and accomplishments, though they were many.

Although Billy Graham was saved from Hell, he, like all Christians, must appear before the judgment seat of Christ. This is where Jesus tests the works of a believer, whether good or bad, and rewards them accordingly. Some will come away with nothing. Works done with wrong motives, such as pride or self promotion, will be burned up, although the believer will still be saved. Those who have led fruitful lives in service to God, their works will pass through the fire like gold, and they will receive a rich reward. This is what every Christian hopes for, to hear Jesus say to them, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" And that is what Billy Graham heard this past week.

Some of us, like Billy Graham, live a long life and gradually come to an anticipated death. But others, like the victims of the horrible shooting in Florida, are taken suddenly without warning. You do not know when will be your last opportunity to accept Jesus and be saved from an eternity in Hell. Some scoff at the Gospel and call it "fire insurance" or a scare tactic. But Jesus didn't shy away from appealing to our very appropriate fear of eternal torment. That is why He spoke more about Hell than He did about Heaven. So in closing, I urge you today to accept His free gift of eternal life. The gift is free but the cost was immeasurable --Jesus' death instead of yours. And what's even more amazing than that is that He was glad to do it. God would rather send His Son to the cross than loose you to an eternity apart from Him. You cannot work your way up to God, so God reached down and provided the way for you. And the way is named Jesus.

If you choose to accept Jesus as your Savior you can pray this prayer and He will come into your heart and give you peace with God --today and forever!

"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen."

SENIOR CINEMA - 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY

February 7th at 1:00 p.m.

Lion (2016)



A traumatizing true story of a five year old, Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata, before being adopted by his Australian

Parents. Twenty-five years later, with his unwavering determination and a revolutionary technology, Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family. Rated PG-13. Run Time: 2h.

February 21st at 1:00 p.m.
Hell or High Water (2016)

Toby is a divorced father who's trying to make a better life for his son. His brother Tanner is an ex-convict with a short temper and a loose trigger finger. Together, they plan a series of heists against the bank that's about to foreclose on their family ranch. This film received four nominated Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Supporting Actor for Jeff Bridges. Rated R. Run Time: 1h 42m.



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Looking Up
with Bob Eklund

MARS RECONNAISSANCE ORBITER PREPARING FOR YEARS AHEAD

NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) has begun extra stargazing to help the space agency accomplish advances in Mars exploration over the next decade.

The spacecraft already has worked more than double its planned mission life since launch in 2005. NASA plans to keep using it past the mid-2020s. Increased reliance on a star tracker, and less on aging gyroscopes, is one way the mission is adapting to extend its longevity. Another step is wringing more useful life from batteries. The mission's extended service provides data relay from assets on Mars' surface and observations with its science instruments, despite some degradation in capabilities.

"We know we're a critical element for the Mars Program to support other missions for the long haul, so we're finding ways to extend the spacecraft's life," said MRO Project Manager Dan Johnston of JPL. "In flight operations, our emphasis is on minimizing risk to the spacecraft while carrying out an ambitious scientific and programmatic plan."

In early February, MRO completed its final full-swapover test using only stellar navigation to sense and maintain the spacecraft's orientation, without gyroscopes or accelerometers. The project is evaluating the recent test and planning to shift indefinitely to this "all-stellar" mode in March.

From MRO's 2005 launch until the "all-stellar" capability was uploaded as a software patch last year, the spacecraft always used an inertial measurement unit—containing gyros and accelerometers—for attitude control. At Mars, the orbiter's attitude changes almost continuously, in relation to the Sun and other stars, as it rotates once per orbit to keep its science instruments pointed downward at Mars.

The spacecraft carries a spare inertial measurement unit. The mission switched from the primary unit to the spare after about 58,000 hours of use, when the primary began showing signs of limited life several years ago. The spare shows normal life progression after 52,000 hours, but now needs to be conserved for when it will be most needed, while the star tracker handles attitude determination for routine operations.

The star tracker, which also has a backup on board, uses a camera to image the sky and pattern-recognition software to discern which bright stars are in the field of view. This allows the system to



identify the spacecraft's orientation at that moment. Repeating the observations up to several times per second very accurately provides the rate and direction of attitude change.

"In all-stellar mode, we can do normal science and normal relay," Johnston said. "The inertial measurement unit powers back on only when it's needed, such as during safe mode, orbital trim maneuvers, or communications coverage during critical events around a Mars landing."

To prolong battery life, the project is conditioning the two batteries to hold more charge, reducing demand on the batteries, and is planning to reduce the time the orbiter spends in Mars' shadow, when sunlight can't reach the solar arrays. The spacecraft uses its batteries only when it is in shadow, currently for about 40 minutes of every two-hour orbit.

The batteries are recharged by the orbiter's two large solar arrays. The mission now charges the batteries higher than before, to increase their

capacity and lifespan. It has reduced the draw on them, in part by adjusting heater temperatures before the spacecraft enters shadow. The adjustment preheats vital parts while solar power is available so the heaters' drain on the batteries, while in shadow, can be reduced.

MRO continues to investigate Mars with all six of the orbiter's science instruments.

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ALL ABOUT NETTLES

Lately, I've been using lots of nettle in cooked dishes. Stinging nettle (*Urtica dioeca*) is a fairly common plant throughout most of North America, as well most of the rest of the world. Nettle is one of those plants that landscapers and Martha Stewart-trained gardeners love to hate. It is one of the plants that you always see on the charts of "noxious weeds" published by companies such as Ortho and others, letting you know that their product will effectively wipe out these "worthless plants" in your gardens.

It's understandable why so many people dislike nettle. If you haven't yet made nettle's acquaintance, brush up against a few plants with bare arms or legs. Ouch! Those tiny white needles that cover the plant are not spines, like cactus spines. They are actually hollow needles filled with formic acid, and the formic acid gets onto your skin when you brush against the plant. Formic acid causes an immediate burning sensation, and, in severe cases, severe welts that will last for hours. The burning of nettles is relieved by taking the common curly dock leaves, bruising them, and rubbing them on the nettled skin. No curly dock? I have taken the young leaves of wild grasses, crushed it so it was like a poultice, and applied it to nettled skin with good results. If you have any Aloe vera leaves nearby, those are even better for dealing with the nettle burns.

Though I don't eat nettles raw, for the past several years I have been collecting young nettles with my bare hands, and it seems to bother me less and less.

So why do we do to all this bother? Are wild nettles any good?

Not only are the cooked nettle greens delicious, but they are also very nutritious for you.

Nutritionally, nettles is a good source of Vitamin C and A. According to the USDA's Composition of Foods, 100 grams of nettle contains 6,500 I.U. of Vitamin A, and 76 mg. of Vitamin C. There was no data on the other commonly measured minerals and vitamins – perhaps more recent research is available.

Herbalist Michael Moore, author of *Medicinal Plants of the Mountain West*, describes nettles as a diuretic and astringent, and he advises the tea for use in cases of internal bleeding. I have made an infusion of the dried herb for years and drank it when I had allergies. It's very effective, plus it tastes good.

It is probably common knowledge that nettles provided food for Europeans during WWII when normal food supplies were not there. Nettles grew everywhere and many good recipes were developed during that era.

On the Wild Food Outings that I conduct, we usually find patches of the nettle which are best collected in late winter and spring. One participant, Carlos Hall, would always be sure to collect a large bag of the nettle tops whenever we encountered some. Then we'd make our fire and cook the tender greens in a large pot. This was Carlos' favorite dish, and it was because of Carlos' insistence that I began to collect and eat nettles on a more regular basis. As Carlos often pointed out, the nettle greens, simply boiled and served with no seasonings at all, was always delicious and had a flavor similar to buttered greens.

Once we'd all eaten the greens, we began to use the water that they'd been boiled in. Again, with nothing

else added, the nettle water is delicious and tastes like a hearty broth. During our field trips, we would pour out this water into everyone's cup. We suspected it would be an excellent basis for soups as well.

So, on subsequent field trips, we made some delicious soups with nettle. Into our cook pot, we'd add water, nettle tops, other greens (typically wild radish and lamb's quarter greens), miso powder, and occasionally chopped potatoes or chopped Jerusalem artichokes. These soups have been so good – and obviously so good for us – that we all stood around the fire wondering why the soups back home or in restaurants never tasted this good.

Nettle also makes a great cream soup. You can heat milk, or begin with powdered milk. You want to slowly warm the broth, not boil it. Chop up the nettle tops and add to the broth. On occasion, we have added potato flour to this to make it thicker. But you can experiment to make the type of soup you like.

You should also try nettles in egg dishes. Heat the pan and fill it with nettle greens. Now would be the time to add chopped onions too. After a few minutes when the greens have started to wilt, add your eggs. You can turn this into a scrambled egg dish, or an omelette. Again, nettles has flavor, so you don't really have to add anything to it. If anything, add some hot sauce.

These days, I collect up to 10 gallons of the fresh plant when it's in season. It's not hard to get this much, because people who have it growing profusely in their yards typically want to get rid of it. And yes, it saves some money too, as I've noted that the boxes of nettle herb tea at herb stores are not cheap.

I take the 10 gallons of the nettle herb and wash it all in an outdoor sink to get rid of any dirt. I also try to remove all the ladybugs which seem to like living in the nettle plants. About half of the nettle I place into my drying racks to dry. These are mesh trays that hang in the shade. I don't remove the stems, but just set it all out to dry. When thoroughly dry, I crush the leaves and stems and store in jars, and then use stems and leaves for tea. If I want to use some of this into a soup, I first sift out just the fine leaf and add that to the soup.

I typically process the other half of my harvested nettle for adding to soups and stews. I remove all the leaves from the stems, which is the most time-consuming part of the process. Then I wash it thoroughly, chop it fine on my cutting board, and blanch it. Blanching means that I put it all into a big pot, fill with water, and bring the water to a boil. At that point, I drain the liquid (often I keep it for a soup base), and then parcel out the blanched nettle into small freezer bags for future use. I always label and date the bags, and even when I freeze a lot, it never seems to last more than a few months.

Drying and freezing are the two ways in which I extend the natural season of nettle into the later part of the year.

Also, as most survival skills practitioners know, the stalk of nettle makes a good fibre for such things as cordage, netting, snares, sandals, and baskets. You gather the mature stalks and let them rot in water for a few weeks. Then you gently pound them to get the fibre, which you then twine into cordage of your desired thickness and length. Of course, if you cannot wait a few weeks, you simply take the stalks to the river and begin the gentle pounding to extract the fibre.

Nettles are found growing best near streams, in moist soil, in rich soil, and often near raspberries and blackberry vines. I also find it growing sparsely in the poorest soil, so its distribution is pretty widespread. If you cannot yet recognize the wild nettle plant, most gardeners or landscapers should be able to show you one. Or go to a nursery, where nettles are often growing in the pots.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

LOOKING FOR MONEY IN ALL THE WRONG POCKETS

An incident happened this past week in which I am still scratching my head. Have you ever known you had something, but for the life of you could not find it? I will accede to the fact that occasionally, I do have a streak of absent-mindedness running through me. At times, I wish it would just walk.

I was fairly certain I had an extra \$20 in one of my pant's pockets. It was what I affectionately refer to as my "mad Money." My wife would be mad if she knew I had it. I do not remember where it came from but my real problem was, I could not find those pants.

Usually, if I find money in my pants pocket there is only one explanation. I'm wearing somebody's pants, but not mine. The truth is, my pants rarely see any extra money. If there is an occasion when I do have money in my pocket, my pants get all excited and wrinkly.

Only this was different. I distinctly remember putting a \$20 bill in one of my pants pockets and thinking what I could do with it. But now, I cannot find it. I knew I had an extra \$20. I distinctly remember putting it somewhere. I've looked everywhere... maybe I should have looked somewhere.

With the aimless look on my face, more aimless than normal, I wandered the house in search of the missing \$20. I tried to act inconspicuous so the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would not discover what I was doing.

Obviously, no Emmy award will come my way because my acting inconspicuous was a complete failure.

"What are you looking for?" My wife queried.

"Nothing," I stammered.

"When you find it, let me know. I really don't know what nothing looks like."

Ha. Ha. Ha. Sometimes she thinks she is a comedian. However, I was not laughing. If I find that money, the joke will be on her. Then we will see who is laughing.

I had two fears facing me at this point. First, she could have found the money and was waiting for me to admit that I actually had some extra money. This would invite a great deal of grief on top of my balding head.

Second, if I told her I was looking for money she would want to know where I got extra money. If I cannot remember where the money is, how in the world am I going to remember where it came from?

Then, she would want to know how much more money I had misplaced somewhere in the house. Actually, I want to know that myself.

Such interrogation from her borders on waterboarding. If the FBI wants to learn a thing or two about torturing people, they could learn an awful lot from her. She can torture a person and

not lay a glove on them. Of course it is not her glove I am worried about, it is her evil eye that goes through a person, me in particular, like a laser beam.

My wife always knows when I'm lying. My lips are moving.

Coming back to the missing \$20. I could offer to split it with her if she would help me find it, which would leave me with \$10. \$10 in the hand is worth more than \$20 that I do not know where it is.

Then, I would have to explain what I needed \$10 for at the time. Christmas is over and her birthday and our anniversary are a long way off, so I cannot tell her I want to buy her a present.

I did have plans for that \$20. Now, I cannot even remember what those plans were. Maybe, if I knew what I planned to do with the \$20 I might remember what I did with the \$20.

While I was musing on this situation, I discovered a correlation between money and love. Without love, you end up with a broken heart. Without money, you just end up broke.

Then out of nowhere, and I mean nowhere, an idea entered my head. I remembered wearing my brown suit when I got \$20. I went to my closet, but the suit was not there.

"Have you seen my brown suit?" I asked my wife.

"Yes," she said rather absent-mindedly, "I sent it to the dry cleaner. Why do you ask?"

Then, with a little smirk dancing on her face, she asked, "You weren't looking for \$20, were you?"

The only thing I hope is that I do not remember where the \$20 came from or what I planned to do with it. I guess a freshly dry cleaned suit is worth \$20.

Seeking that money reminded me of a verse of Scripture. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:33-34).

Then another verse. "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" (Isaiah 55:6).

No matter how hard you search for something, if it is not there, you will never find it. But with God it is a different story. When we truly seek him, we always find him.

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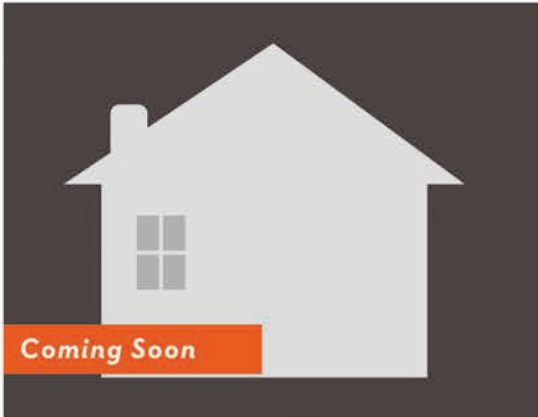
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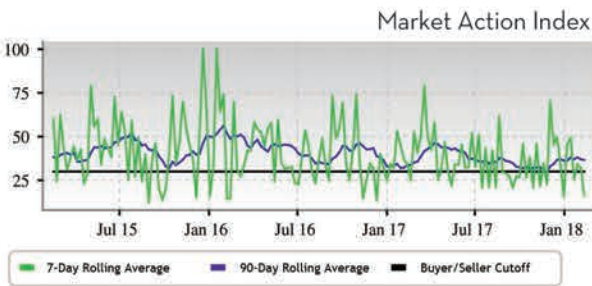
This Week in Sierra Madre

The median list price is \$1,158,000

Inventory is up and Market Action is trending down recently. While days-on-market appears to be trending lower, the overall conditions are weakening a bit.

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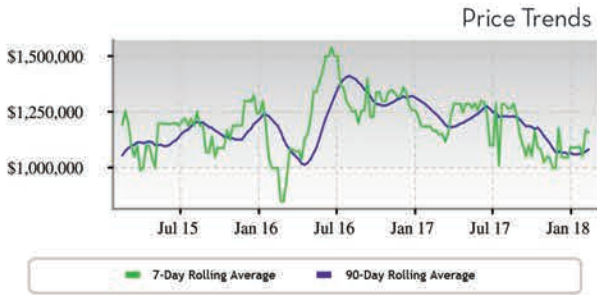
The market has started cooling and prices have been flat for several weeks. Since we're in the Seller's zone, watch for changes in MAI. If the MAI resumes its climb, prices will likely follow suit. If the MAI drops consistently or falls into the Buyer's zone, watch for downward pressure on prices.



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Average Days on Market (DOM)	87	◀▶▶
% with Price Decrease	33%	
% Relisted (reset DOM)	11%	
% Flip (price increased)	0%	
Median House Size (sq. ft.)	1982	
Median Lot Size	0.25-0.50 acres	
Median # of Bedrooms	3.0	
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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

JOCKEYS BEAT HOLY ANGELS AND EXCITING RACES AT THE GREAT RACE PLACE

By Joan Schmidt

On February 1, the 51st annual Jockeys VS Holy Angels Basketball Fundraiser was held. It was quite an exciting game. The Angels had an early lead, but soon the jockeys caught up and took the lead. The final score was 39-28. Leading scorer for the Jockeys was Drayden Van Dyke with 22!

The profits from the game go to the Disabled Jockey Fund, the Eye for Jacob Foundation Research (Looking for a cure for Usher Syndrome), and the Holy Angels Athletic Program. The game is held at La Salle High School, and prior to the game, Alex Solis, Kent Desormeaux and Mike Smith autographed photos for fans. Participating for the Jockeys were Drayden, Kent, Corey Nakatani, Chester Bonnet, Kyle Fry, Geovanni Franco, and trainers Robert Falcone, Jr. and Kenny Black. Coach was Matt Nakatani, Corey's son.

There have been several exciting Stake Races at the Track the last few weekends. It began on January 27; Kent Desormeaux: \$200,000 Unusual Heat Turf Classic on Roy H; Mario Gutierrez: \$150,000 Sunshine Millions F/M Turf Sprint on How About Zero; Tyler Base: \$150,000 CA Cup Sprint on Edward Going Left; Drayden Van Dyke: \$100,000 Ca Cup Turf Sprint on Heck Yeah. The next day, January 28 only had the \$70,000 Clockers' Corner Stakes which Flavien Pratt won on Calculator.

February 3 saw four great stake races and brought many fans to the Park. Victor won the \$200,000 San Pasqual Stakes on Accelerator; Kent: the \$200,000 Palos Verdes Stakes on Roy H; Tyler Baze: \$200,000 San Marcos Stakes on Itsinthepost; and Flavien: \$150,000 Robert B. Lewis Stakes on Lombo. The next day, February 4, our "basketball

champ" jockey, Drayden won the \$200,000 Las Virgenes Stakes on Dream Tree.

Last Saturday, February 10, Bob and I saw Mike Smith on Unique Bella win the \$200,000 San Maria Stakes, Flavien won twice: \$100,000 Thunder Road Stakes on Om, and \$200,000 San Vicente Stakes on Kanthaka. On February 11, Tyler Base won the \$75,000 Sweet Life Stakes on War Heroine.

Lots of exciting races are coming up. On Saturday, February 17 will be the \$200,000 Buena Vista Stakes. Trainer Richard Baltas tied for second with 14 wins in the Winter Meet has two horses entered, Insta Emma and Madame Dancealot. Sunday, February 18 features the \$100,000 Las Flores Stakes and the \$75,000 Baffle Stakes. Bob and I hope to see Princess Karen that day! Monday, Presidents Day will have all the \$1 bargains: beer, soda and hot dogs. It has the \$200,000 CA Cup Derby and the \$200,000 CA Cup Oaks. What is very unique that day: father and son trainers will be competing against each other in the CA Derby at Santa Anita-first time ever! Bob Hess, Jr., 52, will send out two horses, Fire When Ready and Kaleidoscope Kid; his father, Bob Hess, Sr. will send out Intimidate.

Hess, Jr., revealed that he and his dad have run in claimers against each other up north (Dad is based up in the Bay Area), but have never run in a stakes together. Jr. said, "We try to stay away from each other. I don't want him to make me look too bad."

Hess Jr. had nothing but praise for his dad, who he says is his number one fan and has always put not only him, but all of his four children first!

See you all on Sunday, when Princess Karen runs!

\$1.5 BILLION GOLD LINE "BRAIN TRAIN" EXTENSION BREAKS GROUND AT CITRUS COLLEGE

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell

Citrus College Governing Board Member

Citrus College was the site of a historic milestone in regional transportation when the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority recently broke ground on its \$1.5 billion light-rail extension of the Metro Gold Line.

Known as the "Brain Train" because of its proximity to nearly 24 institutions of higher education from Los Angeles to Montclair, completion of the Foothill Gold Line will ultimately connect the Inland Empire to the San Gabriel Valley, the West Side and Long Beach.

During the groundbreaking, regional leaders, such as Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Duarte Mayor John Fasana and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, focused their remarks on the quality-of-life and economic benefits of completing the Gold Line. Construction alone is expected to generate \$2.6 billion in economic output, 17,000 jobs and nearly \$40 million in tax revenues.

Higher education leaders in our region, however, are focused on the dramatically expanded opportunities of low-income and first generation college students to access the many colleges and universities located along the Gold Line, which will be made possible by convenient, cost-effective light rail transportation.

As a member of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am tremendously proud of the college's advocacy efforts on behalf of the Gold Line – an effort that spans more than a decade. Citrus College trustees, Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D., and students and staff lobbied legislators in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento and hosted Gold Line events on our campus. We also spoke at numerous Metro board meetings in downtown Los Angeles, wrote guest columns and participated in many other advocacy efforts. I commend my colleagues on the board for their visionary leadership that will benefit



Dr. Edward C. Ortell

students and the residents of our communities for countless generations to come.

In March 2008, Supervisor Hilda Solis, then a member of Congress, held an event at the sites of future stations along the route of the Foothill Extension. The event, which she called "Walk the Line," began at the site of what today is the APU/ Citrus College Station, located across the street from Citrus College. On that day in 2008, there was nothing but empty track, vacant property and a vision for the future in the minds of the elected officials and community leaders assembled.

In a testament to what can be accomplished when diverse communities and stakeholders work together on a common goal, many of those same individuals gathered at Citrus College to celebrate groundbreaking on the final phase of construction of the Foothill Gold Line.

SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER ACT - OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Ting and Senator Mitchell,

The Foothill Family of Water Agencies submits this letter to convey our opposition to the Brown Administration's budget trailer bill to implement the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Act. The Foothill Family of Water Agencies includes Foothill Municipal Water District, a wholesale provider of imported water and the following retail suppliers of water: Crescenta Valley Water District, La Cañada Irrigation District, Valley Water Company, Mesa Crest Water Company, Las Flores Water Company, Lincoln Avenue Water Company, Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association, and the Kinneloa Irrigation District.

This bill seeks to establish a new Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund to assist communities and individual domestic well owners who lack access to safe drinking water, particularly those in small, rural disadvantaged communities. This effort, while laudable, fails to achieve a more effective and equitable financial solution.

As proposed, the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Act will be partially funded by a permanent assessment based on customer meter size to be borne by the ratepayers of community water systems. This places disproportionate financial reliance on urban communities who already invest in and recover charges for the cost of providing safe drinking water.

Providing safe drinking water is as fundamental

to California as educating our children and providing health care and nutrition to our most needy. As such, the state General Fund should play a substantial role in solving this problem. Beyond the General Fund, the state should also maximize federal funding from the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and prioritize capital funding to disadvantaged communities in future general obligation bonds.

In addition, the budget trailer bill proposes this permanent assessment on urban water ratepayers and, to a limited extent, fees on agricultural operations that contribute to legacy nitrate contamination. By shifting the financial burden for remediation of nitrates disproportionately to urban water customers, the legislation erodes long-standing state and federal policy that responsible parties be held accountable for the cost of cleaning up contamination they have caused.

Finally, we believe there are many factors that led to the challenges small and disadvantaged water systems currently face, including inadequate oversight, management, and expertise in governance. A better solution should be found by other legislative means.

For the above reasons, we oppose the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Act unless it is amended to address our concerns. If you have any questions, please contact Nina Jazmadarian at (213) 709-9142.

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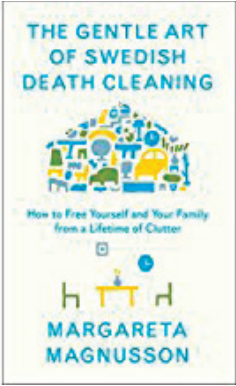
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Jeff's Book Pics

By Jeff Brown

How to Stop Time by Matt Haig
“The first rule is that you don’t fall in love, ‘ he said... ‘There are other rules too, but that is the main one. No falling in love. No staying in love. No daydreaming of love. If you stick to this you will just about be okay.” A love story across the ages - and for the ages - about a man lost in time, the woman who could save him, and the lifetimes it can take to learn how to live. Tom Hazard has a dangerous secret. He may look like an ordinary 41-year-old, but owing to a rare condition, he’s been alive for centuries. Tom has lived history--performing with Shakespeare, exploring the high seas with Captain Cook, and sharing cocktails with Fitzgerald. Now, he just wants an ordinary life. So Tom moves back to London, his old home, to become a high school history teacher--the perfect job for someone who has witnessed the city’s history first hand. Better yet, a captivating French teacher at his school seems fascinated by him. But the Albatross Society, the secretive group which protects people like Tom, has one rule: never fall in love. As painful memories of his past and the erratic behavior of the Society’s watchful leader threaten to derail his new life and romance, the one thing he can’t have just happens to be the one thing that might save him. Tom will have to decide once and for all whether to remain stuck in the past, or finally begin living in the present. How to Stop Time is a bighearted, wildly original novel about losing and finding yourself, the inevitability of change, and how with enough time to learn, we just might find happiness.



The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning: How to Free Yourself and Your Family from a Lifetime of Clutter by Margareta Magnusson
A charming, practical, and unsentimental approach to putting a home in order while reflecting on the tiny joys that make up a long life. In Sweden there is a kind of decluttering called döstädning, dö meaning “death” and städning

meaning “cleaning.” This surprising and invigorating process of clearing out unnecessary belongings can be undertaken at any age or life stage but should be done sooner than later, before others have to do it for you. In The book,Magnusson, with Scandinavian humor and wisdom, instructs readers to embrace minimalism. Her radical and joyous method for putting things in order helps families broach sensitive conversations, and makes the process uplifting rather than overwhelming. Margareta suggests which possessions you can easily get rid of (unworn clothes, unwanted presents, more plates than you’d ever use) and which you might want to keep (photographs, love letters, a few of your children’s art projects). Digging into her late husband’s tool shed, and her own secret drawer of vices, Margareta introduces an element of fun to a potentially daunting task. Along the way readers get a glimpse into her life in Sweden, and also become more comfortable with the idea of letting go.

WaR: Wizards and Robots by will.i.am and Brian David Johnson
An explosive action-adventure novel created by [will.i.am](#) and renowned futurist Brian David Johnson. Wizards are real, robots from the future are here, and the fate of our world rests in the hands of one unsuspecting teenager. When a young man breaks into her home claiming her life is in danger, Ada Luring’s world changes forever. Geller is a wizard, on the run from his father’s hidden clan who want to kill Ada and her mother. Sara Luring is the scientist who will create the first robot, the wizards’ age-old foes. But a robot has travelled back in time to find Ada, and will lay everything on the line to protect her, as she may just be the key to preventing the earth’s destruction in the future. Ada, Geller and the robots must learn to work together to change the past and secure the future. But they don’t have much time before a mysterious enemy launches its attack on Earth.

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



WANT TO GIVE THE KIDS AN EARLY INHERITANCE? 4 THINGS TO CONSIDER

If you’re thinking about giving your children their inheritance early, you’re not alone. [Studies suggest](#) that these days, nearly two-thirds of people over the age of 50 would rather pass their assets to the children early than make them wait until the will is read. It can be especially satisfying to fund our children’s dreams while we’re alive to enjoy them, and there’s no real financial penalty for doing so, if you structure the arrangement correctly. Here are four important factors to consider when planning to give an early inheritance.

- 1. Keep the tax codes in mind.**
The IRS doesn’t really care whether you give away your money now or later—the lifetime estate tax exemption is expected to be \$11.18 million per individual in 2018, regardless of when the funds are transferred. So, whether you give up to \$11.18 million away now or wait until you die with that amount, your estate will not owe any federal estate tax (although, remember, the law is always subject to change). You can even give up to \$15,000 per person (child, grandchild, or anyone else) per year without any gift tax issues at all. You might hear these \$15,000 gifts referred to as “annual exclusion” gifts. There are also ways to make tax-free gifts for educational expenses or medical care, but special rules apply to these gifts. Your trusted advisor can help you successfully navigate the maze of tax issues to ensure you and your children receive the greatest benefit from your giving.

2. Gifts that keep on giving.
One way to make your children’s inheritance go even farther is to give it as an appreciable asset. For example, helping one of your children buy a home could increase the value of your gift considerably as the home appreciates in value. Likewise, if you have stock in a company that is likely to prosper, gifting some of the stock to your children could result in greater wealth for them in the future.

3. One size does not fit all.
Don’t feel pressured to follow the exact same path for all your children in the name of equal treatment. One of your children might actually prefer to wait to receive her inheritance, for example, while another might need the money now to start a business. Give yourself the latitude to do what is best for each child individually; just be willing to communicate your reasoning to the family to reduce the possibility of misunderstanding or resentment.

4. Don’t touch your own retirement.
If the immediate need is great for one or more of your children, resist the urge to tap into your retirement accounts to help them out. Make sure your own future is secure before investing in theirs. It may sound selfish in the short term, but it’s better than possibly having to lean on your kids for financial help later when your retirement is depleted.
Giving your kids an early inheritance is not only feasible, but it also can be highly fulfilling and rewarding for all involved. That said, it’s best to involve a trusted financial advisor and an experienced estate planning attorney to help you navigate tax issues and come up with the best strategy for transferring your assets. Give us a call today to discuss your options.
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All Things

By Jeff Brown

MESSAGES OF RAGE AND PAIN FROM THE TEENS WHO SURVIVED THE FLORIDA SHOOTING

It’s the students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High who are providing the most harrowing public accounts of what unfolded. Many took to Twitter, as follows.Plus others.
I cannot stop hearing the sound of the gun as he walked down my hallway. I cannot unsee my classmates who were shot get carried out by police. I cannot unsee the bodies on the floor. Please keep in mind the horror of what we’ve gone through today. Morgan Williams
Can everyone please take a second to pray for my coach today he took several bullets covering other students at Douglas . Charlie Rothkopf
I was hiding in a closet for 2 hours. It was about guns. You weren’t there, you don’t know how it felt. Guns give these disgusting people the ability to kill other human beings. This IS about guns and this is about all the people who had their life abruptly ended because of guns. carly (@car_nove)
I don’t want your(Trump) condolences you f---g piece of sh-t, my friends and teachers were shot. Multiple of my fellow classmates are dead. Do

something instead of sending prayers. Prayers won’t fix this. But Gun control will prevent it from happening again. Sara@chaddiedabaddie .She later deleted that tweet and said: Hello I’m the 16 year old girl who tweeted you that I didn’t want your condolences, I wanted gun control, and went viral because of it. I heard you are coming to my community soon. I would love for you to hear my opinions on gun control in person.a survivor sara #NEVERAGAIN (@sarahchad_)
I too am sending out thoughts and prayers: thoughts that Congress is a bunch of cowards, and prayers that we’ll finally throw the bums out of office and elect representatives with the guts to enact the sane gun laws most citizens in our country are begging to see put in place.Neil Steinberg
This is my grandpa. When he was 12 years old, he hid in a closet while his family was murdered during the first mass shooting in America. Almost 70 years later, I also hid in a closet from a murderer. These events shouldn’t be repetitive. Something has to change. #douglasstrong

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BUILD YOUR TEAM, BUILD YOUR BUSINESS

Barbara Corcoran, real estate mogul and one of the “Sharks” on ABC’s popular “Shark Tank” television show provided a great analogy about teamwork in a recent interview captured on a Success Magazine CD. She used the offensive line of a football team as one example of what can happen when a group of people commit to a common goal and do their individual best on behalf of the team. “They’re like a moving wall that is unstoppable,” says Barbara.
If you’ve ever watched or played any team sport, you can relate to this dynamic. Whether it is soccer, basketball or hockey, whenever a team begins to dominate the competition, it is because they have tapped into a seemingly magical zone of many becoming one powerful force.
This principle applies to any business, large or small. Three simple questions provide a framework to select and build a team.
What do you want or need to accomplish? Answering this question will pinpoint the end destination. It will serve as the goal line, leading the winning touchdown, the point of repeated achievement and celebration as the team prepares to move toward the goal of another win, ultimately ranking among the top teams vying for championship status.
What is the type of knowledge, skills and talents needed to move toward, and ultimately complete your goal? Answering this question provides important information for you to set the baseline criteria for the requirements needed to play on your team. In small businesses, the tendency is to recruit individuals who are readily available, like relatives, friends or others that you already know. This isn’t necessarily a bad choice, but anyone who you invite to join your team must fit the criteria of what your team actually needs.

Your retired Aunt Sally may have a lot of free time and be available and willing to serve as your receptionist a few days during the week as you work to establish your bookkeeping business. However, if you dear aunt retired from her job as a pastry chef but doesn’t have any office skills beyond knowing how to answer phones and use e-mail, she has no business on your team.

What do you have to offer?
For businesses already established, the obvious answer is a competitive compensation package and the best possible work environment. For newly founded businesses with limited resources, the answer is the same, although the nature of what you will offer to “compensate” the team member(s) will look very different initially. Many people are willing to forgo a great salary in the beginning if they are confident that they will be rewarded after the company moves beyond the start up phase into profitability.

What are the Team Assignments?
Once you’re recruited your team, it’s important that each member understands the roles, responsibilities and parameters of what is expected. Although you, the business owner, are the leader by default, make sure that you identify and provide opportunities for others to move and grow in to leadership positions as the size and profits of your company expand. Here too, if you don’t have the basic skill set to function as a effective leader and manager, invest in learning those skills, or bring in a team member who strong in these areas.
By building a strong team, with strong management to provide the appropriate training, support and leadership needed for the team to operate, you can build a team that thrives in your respective industry.

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VOICES OF SORROW, VOICES OF HOPE

In the wake of last week's mass shooting in Parkland, Florida, new heroes have emerged. They are the young men and women who survived and have made their horrifying experience a defining moment in the lives of all Americans.

The students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School are demonstrating more commitment than their government when it comes to putting an end to unregulated access to weapons of mass destruction, which is exactly what AR-15s and similar, modified semi-automatic firearms are.

Young people are mobilizing in a way not seen since the Vietnam War. They believe that lives are at stake, and unresponsive leaders - fueled by special interest campaign contributions - are thwarting any effort to do something about gun violence.

Florence Yared, a 17-year-old survivor of the shooting, spoke at a protest in Tallahassee this week. Addressing members of Congress, she said, "You are directly responsible for every community that has lost people to gun violence, and you have the power to change this. If you don't, then we will change you."

That has become a rallying cry among many in Florida where, on Tuesday, less than a week after the massacre, state legislators voted down an attempt to revive a ban on assault weapons, much to the horror of many of the young survivors.

Their senator, Marco Rubio, has said that most of the tougher gun restrictions being proposed wouldn't have prevented the slaughter at Stoneman Douglas. The response of many Floridians? They flew a banner along the coastline proclaiming "Shame on you Marco Rubio and NRA."

Last month, the president urged Florida Governor Rick Scott to run for the U.S. Senate, saying "We need business guys like you." The implication being that "business guys" make for strong, decisive leaders. Yet, when asked about gun control and a ban on assault weapons, Gov. Scott chose to point a finger and place blame squarely on the shoulders of the FBI. Gov. Scott can personally move gun control legislation forward, but takes no responsibility and shows no leadership. He has, however, earned an A-plus rating from the NRA.

On NBC's "Meet the Press," Parkland survivor Emma Gonzalez said, "These people who are being funded by the NRA are not going to be allowed to remain in office when midterm elections roll around."

If more articulate young people like Ms. Gonzalez and fellow student David Hogg (who right-wing media has shamelessly branded a "crisis actor") step forward, unresponsive politicians from both parties will be voted out of their jobs.

Young people are speaking up all over the country. Many of them will be at the polls for the first time, in November, exercising their right and their ability to bring about real change when it comes to gun control and who represents them.

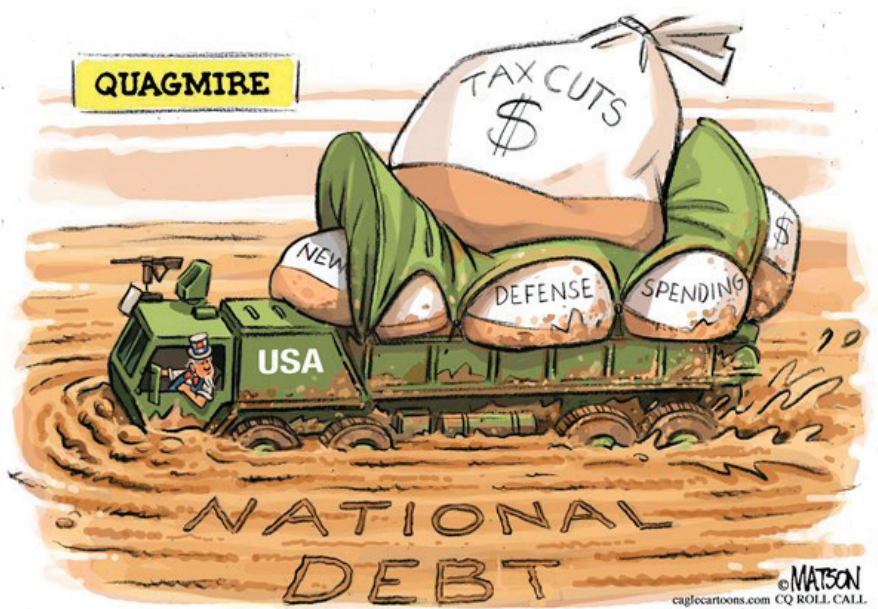
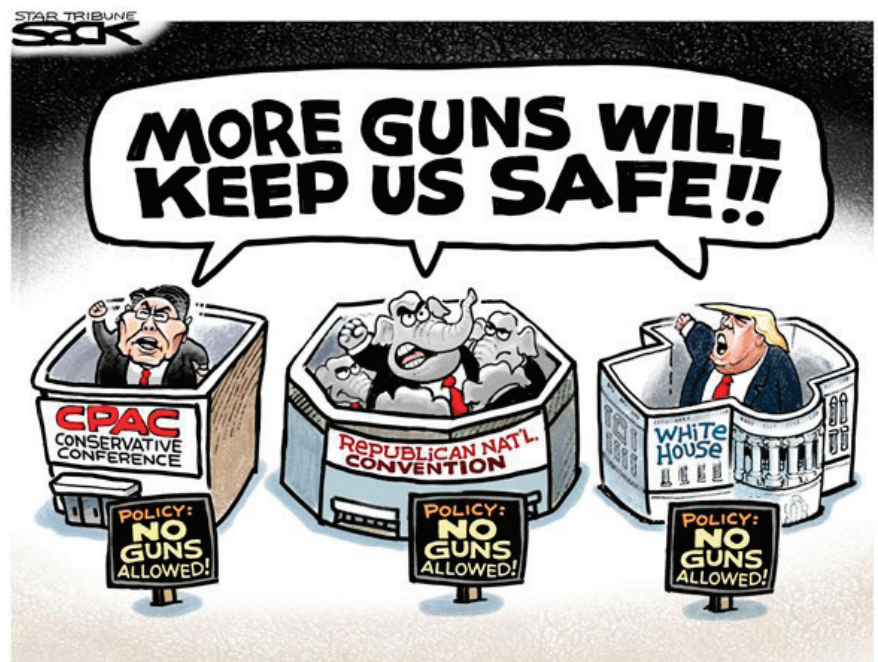
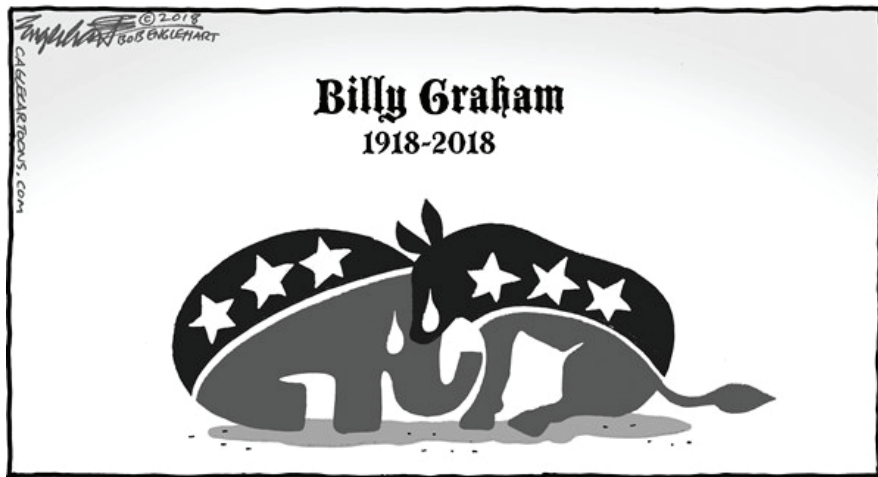
Many of their peers, however, are NRA members. They will fight for their beliefs as well, and continue funding that lobby in the future. Rather than do battle, both sides must come together. Their elders clearly cannot address the issue of guns and gun violence reasonably, nor are they willing to turn their backs on, or close their purses to, one of the most powerful group of lobbyists in America. Perhaps these boys and girls on the threshold of adulthood will succeed in a way we "grown-ups" have failed them. Their voices will not be silenced, nor will their attempts to bring reason to the issue of gun violence be thwarted.

The Vietnam era saw the emergence of political activism among the nation's young. In time, many members of their parents' generation marched beside them, hopeful that together they might unify our country.

Today, we stand on a precipice. We can look out and see a brighter, safer future on the horizon - a future without weapons of war on our streets. Or we can continue forward, leading our children by the hand as we step into the abyss.

Fortunately for all Americans, the courage and political might being displayed by today's young men and women bodes well for a more enlightened time in decades to come. A new spirit of hope has arisen.

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LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN



SUPPORT THE KIDS, FIGHT THE CONSPIRACY THEORISTS



In the aftermath of a horrific school shooting last week in Parkland, Florida, something at once sad, hopeful, and quintessentially American took shape after the tragedy: citizens, moved to action by a wrong they saw and experienced firsthand in their society, were catapulted onto the national stage as they decided to take action by demanding change from their elected lawmakers.

That's what most of the country saw when many of the teenagers who survived a horrendous mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School - one that claimed the lives of 17 of their classmates and teachers - began mobilizing in support of sensible gun control laws.

A few on the fringes of the far right, however, suspected something far more insidious. To them, it was inconceivable that children who had spent hours huddled in closets texting goodbyes to their friends, siblings, and parents could be moved to political action; instead they feared that the all-knowing, all-seeing shadowy Left at work, working to mobilize or even entirely fabricate these survivors' stories to dark political ends.

On the relatively more polite end of the spectrum were commentators like CNN's Jack Kingston, a man once deigned qualified to represent a portion of Georgia in the U.S. House of Representatives. Kingston rushed to accuse the youthful activists of being co-opted by pushers of a George Soros-funded, anti-gun agenda. In his mind, the pain of losing members of their community was, apparently, not a sufficiently motivating force for speaking out in the media and pushing for a nationwide march in favor of any sort of gun regulation; all his subsequent faux-concerned commentary focused on how terrible it was that the radical liberals would use these children in service of their nefarious, anti-Second Amendment crusade.

Sickening as it may be, however, this wasn't the worst behavior on display. Conspiracy theorists immediately screeched that the whole Parkland tragedy was yet another 'false flag' incident designed by the Democrats to seize the weapons of law-abiding patriots. Viral videos and lengthy "reports," to use the term very loosely, insisted that particular Parkland students were not terrorized high school students, but in fact "crisis actors," bounced from tragedy to tragedy (funded by Fake News CNN or, again, Soros) to perpetually play the victim of fabricated tragedies. One shortsighted would-be sleuth eagerly tweeted a picture of a student's yearbook photo, insisting it belonged to an entirely different high school archive - despite a student on the same page literally wearing a Douglas High t-shirt.

To be sure, the entirety of the conservative movement did not react in such an abhorrent fashion. Many Republican lawmakers stayed stoically silent or offered their thoughts and prayers. But when push came to shove last Tuesday, the GOP-controlled Florida House of Representatives failed to even consider a bill that would ban the sale of assault weapons. Their intransigence aside, it seems apparent that America's longstanding gun debate has been slightly reframed, between those who are willing to take the passion of these young people seriously - and those who choose to dismiss their agency, discount their authenticity, or otherwise still refuse take action to address their concerns.

As this new phase of the national conversation develops, Democrats and others on the politically organized left would do well not to give credence to the criticism of those like Kingston. These kids should be supported every step of the way as they come into their own as activists, commentators, and forces for good - but never used in service of views or goals that are not their own. The conspiracy theorists, for their part, should be lambasted and debased as the half-witted, uncompassionate bottom-feeders that they are. They must be chased from the airwaves, the trending charts, and even the halls of Congress back into their caves through the unrepentant, full-throated mockery and derision of thinking people.

As for the rest of the Republican Party, it may be worth a check of the political winds, because these young people are giving voice to many Americans. More and more citizens are no longer willing to sacrifice a fundamental right to safety for the maximalist demands of a noisy minority. And in any functioning democracy, these voters will no doubt subject their elected representatives to consequences at the ballot box should they fail to act - all in service, of course, of protecting their loved ones from far worse consequences like those felt in too many classrooms and other public spaces across America.

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MAKING SENSE by MICHAEL REAGAN

MORE LOVE, NOT GUN CONTROL



We live in a country where liberals are constantly working to get rid of things that were once sacred to America.

They've taken God out of our public schools. They've politicized and disrespected our national anthem.

Now, exploiting a tragic school shooting in Florida, they're aiming to get rid of our guns.

Liberals think turning America into a gun-free zone will make our schools safe and stop sick young men from going on bloody killing sprees like the one in Parkland.

The clamor for stricter gun control by the mainstream media and leading Democrats like Pelosi and Schumer is as simplistic as it was predictable.

But it's not the guns, stupids.

It's not what a disturbed 19-year-old boy has in his hands that makes him kill.

It's what he does not have in his heart - love.

I don't want to sound like a bleeding heart who thinks the Parkland shooter is a victim of society or is not totally responsible for his horrible crime.

But I haven't seen any evidence yet that he had anyone who loved him or truly cared about him after his adoptive mother died last year.

Like other mass shooters, he was an outcast, a clearly troubled, angry and strange kid with serious behavioral and emotional issues.

He had been kicked out of high school and never got the mental health help everyone who knew him knew he badly needed.

Adults failed him. But so did his peers.

I wonder how many of the 3,000 kids in his school embraced him or consoled him after he lost his mother.

How many of his well-to-do suburban classmates from good families - or his teachers - showed him they really cared about his loss or tried to help him get through it?

Not many, I bet.

High school can be a nasty social and psychological experience, even for the most popular kids.

Kids who are different, shy, poor, not-so-bright, adopted or simply deemed to be not "cool" enough by the jocks, cheerleaders and leaders of the other cliques have it extra tough. Too often they are bullied, shunned, teased and - in very rare cases - transformed into angry killers.

When I went to school in the 1950s and the other kids found out I was adopted, I was teased unmercifully.

Being teased about being adopted, about being illegitimate, about being discarded by my real parents, hurt me. It also made me a very angry kid.

But it never made me want to slaughter my classmates with the rifle my father gave me and taught me how to shoot when I was 10.

Times and America have changed and there's no going back to the 1950s.

But school kids today can be just as cruel to each other inside their intense and closed social bubble.

I think the problem is actually worse now because we have a whole generation of kids who've grown up not hearing things like The Rev. Billy Graham's powerful message of love. The great evangelist and global crusader for Christ, who died this week, always ended his sermons with "You don't have to listen to me today. But just remember one thing - God loves you."

Too many kids today are growing up not knowing they are loved by God or anyone else.

Their public schools don't teach such things to them because they don't want to offend anyone with God talk.

Our schools teach to the test, not to the soul.

Getting rid of guns, or controlling their ownership as strictly as they do in Australia, won't stop the next mass killing by a troubled school boy.

More love might. Copyright 2018 Michael Reagan. Michael Reagan is the son of President Ronald Reagan, a political consultant, and the author of "The New Reagan Revolution" (St. Martin's Press). He is the founder of the email service reagan.com and president of The Reagan Legacy Foundation. Visit his websites at www.reagan.com and www.michaelreagan.com. Send comments to Reagan@caglecartoons.com. Follow @reaganworld on Twitter. Mike's column is distributed exclusively by Cagle Cartoons newspaper syndicate. For info on using columns contact Sales at sales@cagle.com.

