

ELECTION COVERAGE



On April 10, 2018, voters in Sierra Madre will go to the polls and select three people from a field of four to sit on the City Council. They will also vote on Measure D which attempts to abolish the city's current Utility User Tax and Measure A an Advisory Measure. The Mountain Views News will provide our readers with comprehensive coverage of this election. Each week, as we have done in the past, we will profile the candidates and give each of the candidates the opportunity to introduce themselves to our readers by answering the following questions:

1. Why are you running for City Council?
  2. What are you going to do for Sierra Madre?
  3. How do you plan on accomplishing your goals?
- (All candidates are being asked to answer the same questions and their answers will be published unedited.)  
This paper will also review the pros and cons of Measure D and Measure A.  
The schedule will be as follows:  
March 3rd Candidate Andy Bencosme  
March 10th Candidate Gene Goss  
March 17th Candidate Denise Delmar  
March 24th Candidate Rachelle Arizmendi  
March 31st Measure D & Advisory Measure A  
It is our sincere hope that each candidate will submit their answers so that we can share them with our readers. A separate letter has been sent to each candidate asking them to participate.  
Our reporting on this election will be as fair and objective as possible. However, please keep in mind that our columnists are always free to share their opinions. Their opinions are their opinions and may or may not reflect the position of the paper. This is true in all things, not just this election.  
We will also provide for you the calendar of important dates regarding the election. It is our goal to do whatever we can to help you make an informed decision on April 10, 2018.  
Susan Henderson, Publisher and Editor

I am honored to have served the residents as a City Councilmember of the unique and special place that is Sierra Madre. When elected we faced a looming budget deficit, a drought which forced the City to import outside water with devastating effects on water pipes, a demoralized police force, and reduction in City Hall office hours. With hard work, tenacity and collaboration of all the City Councilmembers, City Staff, community support, and the leadership of our new City Manager we overcame those obstacles.



I was Chairman of the Sierra Madre General Plan Update which established what the community wants Sierra Madre to be in 30 years. After many hours of work by the Committee, dedicated Sierra Madre residents, and the Planning Commission, the Plan was proudly presented to the City Council. It was unanimously passed and is being implemented and followed as dictated by the Sierra Madre residents. I'm committed to assure that the Plan is adhered to.  
I'm also committed to maintain all the City services for Sierra Madre and retain its village character as voiced in the budget town hall meetings held in 2016.  
The city still faces many challenges, including a continuing budget crunch, an ageing infrastructure, and a continuing demand by the California State government. I bring my past experience in the

City Council and knowledge as Human Resources Director of an organization with over 7000 employees to help resolve present and upcoming challenges.  
I am committed to:  
The General Plan to preserve Sierra Madre  
- Maintain city services  
- Promote efficiencies in the City Government  
- Advocate for our volunteer and civic organizations  
I am asking the voters to cast their vote for me on April 10,  
Email Denise Delmar at [reelectdenisedelmar@gmail.com](mailto:reelectdenisedelmar@gmail.com) with your concerns or wishes for Sierra Madre.

Mayor's  
**State of the City Address**  
Tuesday, March 13 at Noon  
Kiwanis Club Meeting - 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Saturday, March 24 at 10 am  
Hart Park House Senior Center

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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DEMANDS: STOP USING CITY LOGO TO MISLEAD VOTERS

Sierra Madre, CA –The City of Sierra Madre has put TeaPac and the two proponents of Measure D on notice that they must immediately cease and desist the unauthorized use of the City's logo in their Stop the UUT campaign literature, or face legal consequences, including a potential lawsuit. After receiving telephone calls and emails from confused or angry residents demanding to know why the City's well-known and loved wistaria logo was being used in Measure D campaign materials, the City was forced to take immediate action to stop the deception.

Use of the City's logo without express written consent is a violation of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code and may be enjoined as a public nuisance or enforced as a misdemeanor. Use of a city logo or seal in campaign materials in a manner that misleads or gives a false impression that the campaign materials are authorized by a public official is also a violation of state law.

Unlike private committees and initiative proponents, Sierra Madre is held to a higher standard by the Fair Political Practices Commission to communicate only truthful and accurate information to the community on the impacts of proposed initiatives, and cannot produce campaign literature. The use of the City logo to communicate false information

in campaign literature is deceptive and misleading. The March 8th TeaPac email, which used the City's logo, contained several false statements about the City's fiscal condition.

The Utility User Tax (UUT), which is a 10% local tax on utilities, produces \$2.6 million in revenue annually, making up 24% of the General Fund, and pays for Police, Fire, Library and Community Services. The Fiscal Impact Report which analyzes the effects of Measure D on Sierra Madre is available at [www.CityofSierraMadre.com](http://www.CityofSierraMadre.com), by clicking on the link titled Fiscal Impact Report on the home page. This report outlines what is likely to happen to these services if Measure D is approved and 24% (\$2.6M) of revenue is removed from the City's General Fund.

Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, stated "This City Council has worked hard to keep our police and fire services here in Sierra Madre while still maintaining a balanced budget. The UUT is an integral part of that. I trust our residents, who overwhelmingly supported the UUT just two years ago, know this and will not be fooled by false statements from TeaPac. But using our City logo to try to confuse people about supporting Measure D is beyond the pale and we have to just say "No."



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT....

On Thursday, right across the street from Sierra Madre City Hall stood about a half dozen protestors, with a very large yellow banner that suggested that someone was stealing wages. (See picture below),  
The persons associated with the banner were members of one of the Los Angeles area Carpenter's Unions and when queried about their grievance, it was learned that their issue was neither with City Hall nor the building they were standing in front of, The Kensington Senior Living Facility. Rather, according to the spokesperson who did not disclose his name, the allegations of wage theft were directed at a sub-contractor on a project in Redondo Beach. When asked why they were protesting in Sierra Madre, they indicated that while the Kensington was not involved in the dispute, one of the initial developers of the Kensington, Billie Shields, was also involved in the development of the Redondo Beach project.  
A corporate spokesperson for Billy Shields and The Kensington sent the following statement, "We are aware of the public awareness activity near our

community and can assure you that the actions and allegations have nothing to do with The Kensington Sierra Madre.  
The actions and allegations relate to a general contractor who is responsible for building our project in Redondo Beach. The general contractor has hired numerous subcontractors. The actions and allegations relate to one subcontractor's previous work on a non-Kensington project.  
We have every confidence in our general contractor. They have an excellent track record of building first-class senior housing communities nationally." It should be noted that during the development, construction and ongoing management of The Kensington Sierra Madre, wage disputes have not been lodged.  
The banner, however speaks for itself. Wage Theft is a crime, but not one being committed in Sierra Madre at The Kensington.

S. Henderson/MVNews



MAN KILLED AFTER BOULDER THROWN FROM OVERPASS

California Highway Patrol deputies now believe that a large boulder that killed a man in a vehicle Tuesday night on the 134 Freeway in Pasadena was intentionally dropped from the Orange Grove Boulevard overpass. They are looking for anyone that may have witnessed the suspect or suspects to come forward. Full Story on Page 5.



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Wed:	Rain	Hi 50s	Lows 40s
Thur:	Rain	Hi 50s	Lows 40s
Fri:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 50s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR March 13, 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](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).



### SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 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](mailto: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

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## 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.

Forms are available at the Hart Park House Senior Center or by calling the Senior Services Office at 626-355-7394.

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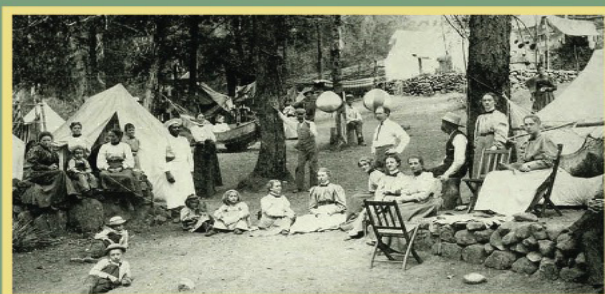
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**Thursday, March 22**  
**5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
Joint Chamber of Commerce & SMWC  
**ELECTION MIXER**  
4 City Council Candidates Speak - Live - w/ Q & A  
★ **Rachelle Arizmendi** ★ **Andy Bencosme** ★  
★ **Denise Delmar** ★ **Gene Goss** ★

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May 26th  
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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.

It is a free program and all levels are welcome, ages 14 and up!



**Sierra Madre  
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**March 5: RSVP TODAY for Day @ Races Mar. 15**  
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**March 14: Join us 11 am for Luncheon**

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## 4TH OF JULY GRAND MARSHAL NOMINATIONS



The Volunteer Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee is seeking nominations for the 2018 4th of July Parade Grand Marshal. The Parade will be held as always the morning of July 4th.

Parade Grand Marshal Nominees should embody the spirit of Sierra Madre, be an active volunteer in any of the local nonprofit organizations or in some way contributed to the betterment of Sierra Madre. Nominees may be an individual or volunteers or an organization.

Nominations must be submitted in writing by Thursday, April 26th and should be sent to the 4th of July Committee, PO Box 1073 Sierra Madre CA 91025 or emailed to

[4thofjulysiamadre@gmail.com](mailto:4thofjulysiamadre@gmail.com). Nominations should be no more than 1 page but at least a paragraph explaining why the honor should be given including contributions to the Sierra Madre community.

Previous Grand Marshals have included 2017 Derek Podrebarac, 2016 Pete Siberell and Hometown Hero Kris Lowe, 2015 Clem and Nina Bartolai, 2014 Pat & DeAlcorn & Hometown Heroes Sierra Madre Search and Rescue, 2013 VFW Post 3208 & Hometown Hero Mama Pete; 2012 Nel and Bob Soltz (Wistaria Vine owners); 2011 Gayle Bluemel & Hometown Hero John Shear; 2010 Lew Wantanabe; 2009 Midge Morash; 2008 Sierra Madre Fire Department; 2007 Ward Family (E. Waldo Ward & Sons); 2006 Judy Webb Martin & Toni Buckner & Hometown Hero Barbara Wamboldt; 2005 Police Chief Wayne Bailey; 2004 Doug Berkshire; 2003 John Grijalva; 2002 Bob Quamstrom; 2001 Ty Gaffney; 2000 Dr. Bill White; and 1999 Jim & Barbara Heasley.

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## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

March 4 to March 11, 2018

During this period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 316 day and night time calls for service.

Sunday, March 4

Sometime between 3/2/18 at 3:30 p.m. and 3/5/18 at 7:00 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 300 block of W. Sierra Madre Bl. The unknown suspect(s) cut the window screen of a window located to the rear of the unit and made entry. The suspect(s) then stole property totaling approximately \$5279.00 Case to Detectives

Monday, March 5

Officers conducted a welfare check on a male sleeping on a bench on Kersting Ct. The male was in possession of alcohol and was unable to provide identification or give the officers his correct name or date of birth. The male was arrested for possessing alcohol as a minor and providing false information. The subject was transported to the Pasadena Jail where he positively identified through fingerprints. Case to DA's office

11:26 p.m.

Officers responded to a call regarding a resident who had attempted to purchase tickets to sporting event from Craigslist. The resident sent the suspect \$1000 cash and was given fake tickets to that event. Case to Detectives

Tuesday, March 8

The victim of a phone scam came to the station's lobby to file a report. The victim stated that she received a phone call from an unknown person advising that her grandson was in jail and in need of bail money. The victim mailed cash to the address provided and later discovered that her grandson was not in jail.

NOTE: This particular phone scam has been active for some time now, please verify any calls of this nature with relatives or authorities to determine if the circumstances are true before responding with any transfer of money to anyone.



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"The first requisite of a good citizen in this republic of ours is that he or she shall be able and willing to pull his or her own weight." Theodore Roosevelt, 26th U. S. President

Friday, March 9th, I was invited by Gayle Bluemel, former Principal and current pianist, to attend the Spotlight Assembly at Sierra Madre Elementary School. This year's Spotlight Assemblies have focused on Art History and each class in turn has explored and then presented a specific part of the world timeline through Music, Theatre and Dance. Visual Art lessons are also aligned with each class theme, resulting in some really nifty ten foot tall representations of Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome and Medieval Times. These paper tapestries are so well done by the various grades involved they could qualify for showing at the Norton Simon!

Medieval Times was presented by the second grade classes of which there are five, ably and superbly taught by Ms. Becky Bickel, Ms. Susan Andres, Ms. Linda Newhart, Ms. Carolyn Halpern and Mr. Steven Mulder. These excellent folk were arrayed in t-shirts sporting a lovely oak tree (I think) and the concepts: Brilliant - Creative - Strong - True-Hearted printed around the tree. They also had glittery gold crowns, which they richly deserved.

Miss Emily Clark, who is the Director and Performing Arts Specialist for Sierra Madre Elementary explained that we were about to take a journey through Medieval Times where we would hear how art evolved through illuminated manuscripts printed on scrolls of parchment as the printing press had not yet been invented. As there weren't a lot of career choices available, one pretty much did whatever one's mother or father did so people had to fit into one certain mold and, my goodness, aren't we glad that's no longer the case!

The program started with the Pledge of Allegiance, heartily pronounced, and then a verse or so of America The Beautiful, with gestures showing us the amber waves of grain. The 100 second graders, now occupying risers on the stage, were costumed for Medieval Times in jester's hats, crowns, various doublets and many of the ladies

wore long velour dresses with sneakers. The Volunteer Costume Committee, as usual, outdid themselves with practically no budget but lots of willing hands.

The music was taken from "Camelot," "Spamalot," and "Pippin," and, having seen all of these musicals, I have to say the second graders did a marvelous job, kicking off with "Magic To Do,"

"We've got magic to do..... Just for you We've got miracle plays to play We've got parts to perform.... Hearts to warm Kings and things to take by storm As we go along our way."

The King and Queen of Camelot, the Knights of the Round Table, Ladies in Waiting all danced - thanks to Lynnanne Hanson-Miller, Dance Specialist - and sang with joy and enthusiasm, ending with "Find Your Grail" from "Spamalot" and the school song. These little people could not have been more professional and well prepared.

Then, my favorite part of the Spotlight Assemblies, the giving out of certificates of merit to at least a hundred students. These awards were, in great part, for being good citizens: For participation, for kindness, for helpfulness, for a good attitude, for a great sense of humor. Yes, for great math work, reading comprehension, but good citizenship, friends and neighbors, is so important and Sierra Madre Elementary is teaching and rewarding exactly that. The pictures this week are the King and Queen of Camelot and just a few of the kids receiving certificates of merit. Next month: First Graders and Medieval Fairy Tales... stay tuned!

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
Check out "The Crown" now that we are heading for Easter...

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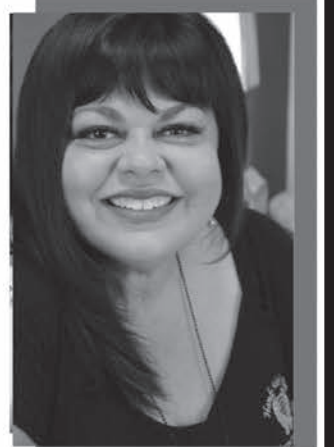
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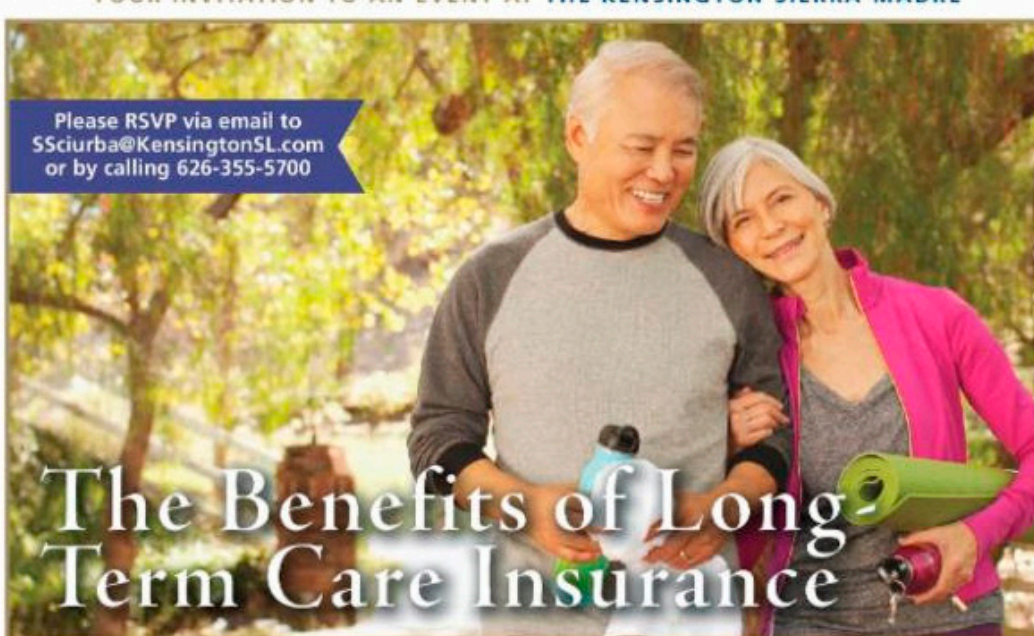
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## Boulder

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California Highway Patrol deputies now believe that a large boulder that killed a man in a vehicle Tuesday night on the 134 Freeway in Pasadena was intentionally dropped from the Orange Grove Boulevard overpass. They are looking for anyone that may have witnessed the suspect or suspects to come forward.

According to investigators, Christopher Lopez, 23, was killed when a 30 to 35-pound boulder smashed through the windshield of the Toyota Corolla he and his family were riding in shortly before 9 p.m. The boulder hit the car as they passed under Orange Grove Boulevard traveling westbound in the carpool lane. Lopez was in the passenger seat.

“He didn’t deserve this. My daughter didn’t deserve this,” said his wife Guadalupe Gutierrez as she made a plea for the public’s help. Gutierrez, pregnant, was driving the car. The couple’s 4-year-old daughter and Gutierrez’s mother were also in the car. No one else was injured CHP deputies said.

CHP Lt. Chuck Geletko said the incident was an “intentional act,” and that anyone who threw a boulder of that size would know it would seriously harm anyone driving on the freeway.

Gutierrez drove her husband to Glendale Adventist Medical Center where he died less than an hour later.

## Pet of the Week



King (A451811) is one stellar dog. This 8-year-old Shepherd mix is an easy going, calm guy. He enjoys attention from everyone he meets. He walks well on leash and already knows training commands including “sit” and “shake.” Plus, he got along great with both small and large dogs on a shelter field trip. King is looking for an owner who can help him lose weight under the guidance of a veterinarian. He came to Pasadena Humane via Redlands Animals Shelter where he had been waiting for a new home since October of last year. Let’s hope he finds one real soon.

The adoption fee for dogs is \$130. All dogs are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before going to their new home. King qualifies for our Seniors for Seniors program, waiving his adoption fee for adopters age 60 and over.

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](http://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.

\*\*Beginning March 22, the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA is hosting a fee-waived “Sweet 16” adoption event to celebrate the 2018 NCAA March Madness Tournament. Learn more about adopting a pet or sponsoring a pet adoption at [pasadenahumane.org/marchmadness](http://pasadenahumane.org/marchmadness).



## Pasadena Metro Bike Share in Jeopardy

With a cost of over \$1.3 million to the city, no current title sponsorship, and with only eight percent fare box recovery —as part of a two-year plan — the city’s Municipal Services Committee looked at options Tuesday that included removing Metro’s Bike Share network completely from the city.

Pasadena Director of Transportation Fred Dock said during negotiations with Metro in 2015, it was estimated that a title sponsorship could generate between \$516,000 to \$750,000 per year and it was also estimated fare box recovery would be 60 percent at best.

“Unless... Metro modifies the terms of any subsequent [Memorandum of understanding] MOU to be more favorable to the city, it is unlikely that continued support for the bike share system in Pasadena can be recommended

as fiscally prudent,” Dock said.

Although no action was taken on the information item, committee members decided that the city should work with Metro to save the program, including looking at local sponsorship such as Kaiser Permanente.

Metro Principal Transportation Planner Jenny Cristales-Cevallos said winter was lowest turnout for bike riding. She said they expect the numbers to go up in summer. Committee Member Tyron Hampton noted that three stations were still not installed including the Allen Gold Line station popular with Pasadena City College students.

Mayor Terry Tornek and Committee Members suggested looking at possibly having the city create its own program similar to Santa Monica or Long Beach.

Hampton also suggested

moving the underperforming stations to other parts of the city.

The lowest performing stations are Fair Oaks/Hammond with 279 rides and Pasadena Central Library with 391 rides. Top performing stations include Memorial Park Station with 1,695 rides and the Rose Bowl with 1,425 rides. The city saw 26,527 total rides since launch.

## Don’t Rely on the Luck o’ the Irish

St. Patrick’s Day is one of the most popular holidays in the United States. The holiday is heavily celebrated by most with friendly pinches of those not wearing something green, bangers n’ mash, and the toasting of green beer. Sadly, all this merry-making can lead to dangerous driving conditions as party-goers head home.

Pasadena Police Department will deploy additional officers on special DUI Saturation Patrols specifically to stop and arrest drivers showing signs of alcohol or drug impairment during the hours of 6:00 PM and 3:00 AM tonight. In recent years, California has seen an increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Booze. If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana use can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

Pasadena Police Department recommends the following safe alternatives to drinking and driving:

First: Always remember to plan ahead. If you plan to drink, plan for a sober driver to take you home. Is it your turn to be the designated driver? Take that role seriously—your friends are relying on you.

There are many other ways to ensure a safe ride home besides relying on a friend. The OTS DDVIP app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. The app offers enhanced features, allowing users to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Additionally, the app users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb.

Have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely.

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## Pasadena Police Chief Sanchez to Retire in April

Without giving much of a reason, Police Chief Phillip Sanchez announced he will retire, effective April 18. Sanchez made the announcement in a letter to City Manager Steve Mermell.

“The decision to step away from serving my community is a difficult one which took much deliberation and careful thought,” Sanchez wrote. “For the past eight years I have had the honor of leading one of the nation’s finest law enforcement agencies, comprised of heroic men and women who serve with distinction in keeping our city safe putting on the Pasadena police uniform everyday has truly been a humbling experience.”

Sanchez is leaving the department at a time of controversy. Last week former Pasadena Lt. Vasken Gourdikian was indicted for selling guns illegally last year and falsifying government forms. He pled not guilty and is free on bond. It was also revealed that a second (unidentified) Pasadena police officer is also under investigation in the case.

Late last month the Altadena Town council sent Sanchez and city officials a letter over a violent traffic stop in November requesting that Pasadena



officers Zachary Lujan and Lerry Esparza stop any police business in Altadena. They also asked the department to stop proactively patrolling Altadena until doing a review of their use of force procedures.

The officers stopped Ballew Nov. 9 initially for driving with tinted windows and missing a front license plate. An altercation between Lujan, Esparza and Ballew left Ballew with a black eye and a broken leg. Video of the incident by a bystander went viral. Civil rights activists had demanded the officers be placed on leave.

According to reports, John Perez, Deputy Police Chief will become interim chief starting Monday. Sanchez will remain with the department until April.

## Eyes On The Universe

### Southern California's Leadership In Astronomy Today

Dr. John Mulchaey, Director of the Carnegie Observatories, will discuss the history and accomplishments of the Carnegie Observatories on Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m. at Pasadena Public Library’s Linda Vista Branch, 1281 Bryant St.

Mulchaey is the 11th director of the historic department, founded in 1904. He has been with Carnegie for more than 20 years and has been intricately involved in research and telescope development during his tenure. As the leader of Carnegie Observatories he follows in the footsteps of such astronomical giants as George Ellery Hale and Horace Babcock.

His focus at Carnegie has been on groups and clusters of galaxies, elliptical galaxies, dark matter—the invisible

material that makes up most of the universe—active galaxies, and black holes. He studies galaxy groups to understand the processes that affect most galaxies during their lifetimes.

Mulchaey works extensively with space-based, X-ray telescopes, and the extraordinary optical Magellan telescopes at Carnegie’s Las Campanas Observatory in the Atacama desert of Chile. Both types of telescopes play a role in delving deeper into the nature of galaxy groups. Join us to learn more about galaxies as well as other projects currently underway at Carnegie Observatories.

2018: Year of Science is sponsored by the Linda Vista Library Associates. For more information on this and other upcoming science programming events planned, contact Robin Reidy at (626) 744-7278 or [rr Reidy@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:rr Reidy@cityofpasadena.net) or Deborah Takahashi at (626) 744-7278 or [dtakahashi@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:dtakahashi@cityofpasadena.net).

## Free February Events at Pasadena Senior Center

Opera.”

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.

**Friday Movie Matinees – Fridays at 1 p.m.** Everyone enjoys movies and the pleasures they bring. 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 to March 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 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.

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

**ClearCaptions Phones – Thursday, March 22, at 10 a.m.** Learn how seniors with any form of hearing loss can live healthier, happier and more independent lifestyles with free ClearCaptions phones, which allow you to see every word said during a telephone call. Presented by Steve Soiferman, an ADA ClearCaptions specialist.

**Understanding the Bill of Rights – Monday, March 26, at 1 p.m.** The U.S. Constitution has 27 amendments. Learn about the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments that were ratified in 1791 and outline the basic rights and freedoms of American citizens. Presented by Carol Cheadle. Please RSVP at the Welcome Desk.

**Five Wishes/Advance Directives – Thursday, March 29, at 10 a.m.** Do you know what kind of care you want if you become seriously ill? By filling out a simple form, you can tell your family and friends about your healthcare wishes ahead of time and spare them the uncertainty and confusion that can be associated with trying to make decisions without such a directive. Learn how a healthcare power of attorney is used in California and how to communicate your wishes with a concise yet comprehensive document. This class will highlight Five Wishes, the advance directive used by most physicians and health plans. Attendees will receive forms at no cost. Presented by Vitas Innovative Hospice Care. The Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that offers recreational, educational, wellness and social services to people 50 and older.



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## 44TH ANNUAL CITY OF ARCADIA MAYOR'S COMMUNITY BREAKFAST FEATURING THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

**Friday, April 6, 2018 at 7:30 a.m., Arcadia Community Center**

This year the City of Arcadia is partnering with the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce to host the 2018 Mayor's Community Breakfast featuring the State of the City Address. This new take on the City's featured event gives Arcadians a fresh opportunity to come together as a community and share in the spirit of our hometown.

"We are excited to be partnering with the City of Arcadia to host the Mayor's Community Breakfast," said Arcadia Chamber CEO Karen Mac Nair. "Bringing the State of the City Address to this signature event in Arcadia is part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the City's profile, and the Chamber and Foothill Credit Union are proud to be sponsors."

"The theme for this year's breakfast is about Legacy," said Mayor Peter M. Amundson. "Arcadia is great because of the devotion and dedication of those who came before us. As Arcadians, we each play a role in shaping the future of our community. I encourage everyone to do their part to keep Arcadia great." Mayor Amundson will speak further on the subject of "Leaving a Legacy" in his State of the City Address.

This year's keynote speaker is former Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich who served Arcadia in the Fifth Supervisorial District from 1980 to 2016. His 36 years as a County Supervisor were characterized by his commitment to public safety, effective and responsive representation, support for small business, and addressing the needs of our County's foster children, seniors, and veterans. Mr. Antonovich will share some of his views on the virtues of service and legacy.

Tickets to the event are \$20 per person, with a breakfast buffet included. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Foothill Unity Center.

Reservations required by March 28. For additional information please contact the Mayor's Office at 626-574-5403, or email [mbuttice@ArcadiaCA.gov](mailto:mbuttice@ArcadiaCA.gov)



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## CITY OF MONROVIA SET TO LAUNCH A NEW MODEL FOR SUBURBAN MOBILITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH LYFT AND LIMEBIKE

The GoMonrovia transportation program is set to launch on March 17, 2018, and will provide the public \$0.50 Lyft rides and access to LimeBike's dockless bike share program.

Monrovia, Calif. - In response to the evolving transportation needs of suburban communities, the City of Monrovia, in partnership with Lyft and LimeBike, will be launching the GoMonrovia program on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at Monrovia's Library Park (321 South Myrtle Avenue). Through the GoMonroviaprogram, the public will be able to access a Lyft ride anywhere in the GoMonrovia service area for just \$0.50. In addition, LimeBike will be deploying more than 200 bikes throughout Monrovia, each of which can be accessed by the public for \$1.00 for a 30-minute ride.

This unique and innovative public-private partnership was designed to provide the community with enhanced and affordable public transportation options that leverage the strengths of Lyft and LimeBike. "As the Southern California population continues to grow, suburban communities are becoming denser and more congested," said City Manager Oliver Chi. "Through the GoMonrovia program, we have worked to develop a new transportation program that will provide greatly improved mobility options for the suburban user."

Unlike urban environments, residents living in suburban communities rely primarily on private automobile use for their transportation needs, even though most trips are under five miles. While this paradigm exists for a multitude of reasons, one contributing factor is that suburban transportation programs have been, by and large, slow and inconvenient. "The City of Monrovia, like most suburban communities, has historically relied on a dial-a-ride shuttle bus program as our primary method of providing public transportation," said Mr. Chi. "Unfortunately, the program serves only a very narrow range of public transportation users, is inconvenient for general everyday use, and is an incredibly costly way to move people around. In fact, each ride on our dial-a-ride system costs the City around \$19.70 per person. We kept thinking, there has to be a better way," Mr. Chi continued.

More recently, in response to local housing growth, an expanding job base, and regional population trends, the City of Monrovia started to rethink its role as it relates to the provision of public transportation. "The challenge we were trying to solve in developing the GoMonrovia initiative was to see if we could create an affordable transportation program that was so easy to use that the broader community might seriously consider public transit in Monrovia as a real option," said Mr. Chi.

Given the extensive public use of ride sharing

services, the City worked to identify possible private sector transportation program partners. "As we assessed the situation, we realized early on that widely adopted technology platforms could facilitate a new public transportation model for our suburban community," said Mr. Chi. "Private sector firms such as Lyft and LimeBike have created tremendous technologies that enable them to provide a personalized and on-demand transportation service. We knew that from a user perspective, existing public transit options just can't compete with the speed and convenience offered by these new tech platforms. And so instead of fighting, we looked to see how we could leverage what these companies do best in order for us to better serve the community."

"In addition, Lyft and LimeBike immediately stood out as our preferred transportation partners," said Mr. Chi. "The team at Lyft operates with the civic-minded ethos that their ride-sharing platform should exist to complement existing public transportation services, not replace them. And the LimeBike team has not only been a tremendously valued partner, they were also the only legitimate private dockless bikesharing company we could identify that maintains all of its data securely in the US."

"We are excited to be part of GoMonrovia's community mobility program," said Paul Davis, Lyft's Transit Partnership Manager. "The City of Monrovia is launching a bold program that is a creative and thoughtful approach to rethinking suburban mobility. Lyft is excited to be part of this initiative, which could serve as a blueprint for how to decouple suburban mobility from auto ownership."

"LimeBike applauds the City of Monrovia for taking a forward-thinking and thoughtful approach in solving the first and last mile transportation challenge," said Jack Song, spokesperson for LimeBike. "As the largest dockfree smart mobility solution provider in the US, LimeBike is excited about giving the Monrovia community access to a new transportation option that is affordable, accessible, and green for the environment."

As part of the March 17, 2018, GoMonrovia launch event, representatives from Lyft and LimeBike will be on hand as the new mobility program is kicked-off with a community bike ride. Once the program goes live, in addition to being able to access Lyft rides anywhere in the GoMonrovia service area for just \$0.50 / ride, LimeBike will be deploying bikes throughout the community, including at new bike rack stations located at the Community Center, Library Park, Old Town Monrovia, and Station Square.

For more information on the GoMonrovia program, including instruction on how to use the Lyft and LimeBike apps, and additional information on the launch event, please visit [www.gomonrovia.com](http://www.gomonrovia.com).

## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

*For the period of Sunday, March 4th, through Saturday, March 10th, the Police Department responded to 955 calls for service, of which 115 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, March 4:

Just after 12:00 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a bicyclist for failing to stop at the intersection of South Second Avenue and East Camino Real Avenue. A consensual search of his backpack revealed he was in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. The 48-year-old male from Monrovia was issued a citation.

Just before midnight, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of North Baldwin Avenue and Duarte Road for having expired registration and multiple outstanding parking tickets. An investigation revealed the occupants were in possession of stolen checks, connecting them to two burglaries. The driver also had an outstanding warrant for her arrest. The 23-year-old female from Temple City and the 26-year-old male from Pasadena were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Monday, March 5:

Just before 9:00 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 200 block of San Luis Rey Road regarding a fire. Officers discovered the cause of the fire was a live wire that was down and actively arcing. Further investigation led to the discovery that the house involved was being used to grow marijuana and the electrical meter box had been bypassed. A 47-year-old female was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Tuesday, March 6:

Just after 2:00 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Naomi Avenue and Baldwin Avenue for an equipment violation. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the driver was driving with a suspended license and his vehicle was required to have an ignition interlock device, which it did not have. The 35-year-old male from Temple City was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just before 9:00 a.m., an officer responded to a residential construction site in the 300 block of Santa Cruz Road regarding a burglary. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) entered the construction site by cutting the wire ties on the gate. The suspect(s) stole numerous tools and fled the scene in an unknown direction. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

### Wednesday, March 7:

Just after 1:00 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 2000 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a domestic violence call. The suspect punched his wife on the side of her head and under her chin. He then took her cellphones and fled the scene. The suspect was located in San Gabriel by deputies of the Temple City Sheriff's Department. The victim's cellphones were located in his vehicle along with a handgun. The 40-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to

the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 8:00 p.m., an officer responded to Sephora, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a suspect being detained by loss prevention officers for shoplifting. The suspect concealed several items in her purse before paying for one item and exiting the store. The stolen items were recovered and the 20-year-old female from San Rafael was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Thursday, March 8:

Just before 11:30 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Dollar Tree, 131 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a male seen hitting a female inside a vehicle. An investigation revealed the suspect punched his girlfriend in her face because he felt she took too long shopping inside the store. The 63-year-old male from Monrovia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just after 12:00 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of West Foothill Boulevard and Rancho Road for having expired registration. The officer contacted the driver and discovered she was driving without a license and was in possession of stolen mail, stolen driver's licenses and stolen checks. The 22-year-old female from Whittier was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Friday, March 9:

At approximately 3:30 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the parking lot of 300 West Huntington Drive for a hit on an outstanding warrant. The officer contacted the driver and discovered he had three outstanding warrants for his arrest. The 48-year-old male from Pico Rivera was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just before 10:00 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 400 block of East Live Oak Avenue regarding the report of a stolen vehicle. The victim stated he last saw his vehicle the prior evening when he parked his car on the street and secured it with a steering wheel locking device. He returned in the morning to find it missing. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At approximately 10:40 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1400 block of Carmelita place regarding a burglary. Unknown suspect(s) entered the home by smashing a window to the master bedroom. The suspect(s) ransacked the residence and fled the scene in an unknown direction. The investigation is ongoing.

### Saturday, March 10:

At around 1:30 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1400 block of Carmelita place regarding a burglary. Unknown suspect(s) entered the home by smashing a window to the master bedroom. The suspect(s) ransacked the residence, stole checks and a large amount of cash, before fleeing the scene through a sliding glass door. The investigation is ongoing.

Just after 11:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of East Santa Clara Street regarding a suspicious vehicle. The officer contacted two subjects near the vehicle and discovered one subject was in possession of drug paraphernalia. The 41-year-old male from Glendora was issued a citation.



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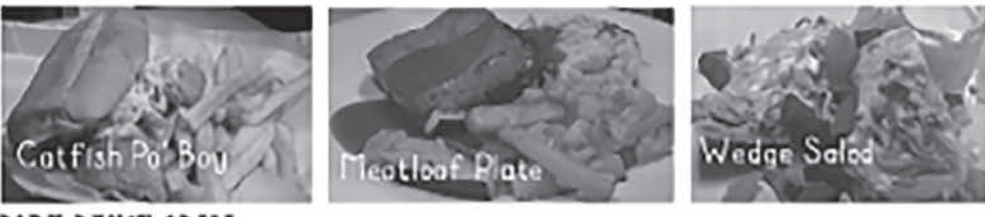
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## DOGGIE DOOMSDAY



by Chris Leclerc

Being prepared to successfully survive a major earthquake, tornado, hurricane or any other type of potential “doomsday” disaster is by no means a new concept. However, if you are like me, you will agree that it can't hurt to re-visit the topic now and then, and subscribe to any fresh ideas or suggestions on disaster preparedness, in case that day should come when you'll need to be ready.

I once read an article in Dog Fancy magazine entitled “Ready for Anything”, by Kitson Jazynka. It was a true story about an experience had by the Anastasias, a Maryland family who found themselves dealing with three very frightened dogs, two of which went missing during Hurricane Irene. For a while during the ordeal, the Anastasias began to think that they might never see their precious pups again.

It all happened while they were trying desperately to escape their home after a huge oak tree had been pushed over by the high winds and landed on their roof. They ran to find refuge at a neighbor's house, and were making their way across a small field when the two frightened dogs broke away and ran randomly without direction into the dark night.

I could relate to how the Anastasias must have felt when their dogs got away and ran in fear, and I could imagine that happening at my house, if we were to find ourselves in a similar situation. I had to face the fact that, although I love my dog and I like to think I am a responsible pet owner, I was nowhere near as ‘pet-ready’ for a major disaster as I should and could be. I'm not sure I could forgive myself if my Molly went missing or perished during a hazardous event, knowing I had not done everything in my power to protect her.

Fortunately, the Anastasias did manage to find their two frightened dogs and gathered them in to safety before they were lost or injured, but the end result could have been grim, considering their lack of preparedness. One good thing that came from that experience was the family realizing how important it is to be ‘pet-prepared’ for a disaster, and then sharing what they learned in Kitson Jazynka's Dog Fancy article.

First and foremost, the Anastasias realized that it is very important not to wait until the night of the storm or disaster, to prepare. To really be ready, one must take the time to plan ahead. What a challenge for this habitual procrastinator!

Preparing your pets for a “doomsday” event includes several factors and should begin with writing out a plan. Ideally, the plan will include a list of various scenarios with corresponding actions to be taken. For example, how can you best be prepared to care for your pets in the case of a mandatory evacuation due to a fire or flood? Or, like in the case of the Anastasias, what if you are forced to flee from your home during a raging storm?

Conversely, what steps of preparation should you take to protect your pets if you are forced to stay inside your house without power after a blizzard? We may not have blizzards in Southern California, but there may be other causes that can

occur for having to remain within the home - with or without power - for an extended period of time, and we should be ready to help our pets get through it.

Preparation plans will vary depending on the specific set of circumstances and the specific needs of your pet, but here are a few basic tips that are sure to pertain to nearly any household with domestic pets:

Microchip your dog. Collars and tags can easily fall off and get lost, and the appearance of your pet may vary depending on the elements and whether your dog is injured. A registered chip implanted under your dog's skin will ensure it's unmistakable identity, should he get lost. Ask your veterinarian about microchip implants and registering.

Crate train your dog, or at least train him to be accustomed to walking in and out of a small area such as a storm cellar or underground crawl space. If a dog if fearful of small spaces, he may not be willing to take shelter.

Keep extra copies of your pet's vaccination records and photos on hand both in your vehicle and in your home to help identify and prove ownership of your pet.

Establish a buddy system with your neighbors to help ensure that your pets will be kept safe in case you are unable to get home during a disaster.

Keep a box of extra pet foods and any other pet necessities you may need in case the stores are closed for an extended period of time after a disaster. The pet supply box should be stored along with your own “human” survival kit for easy retrieval in case of an evacuation.

Regardless of the circumstances, it is very important that you secure your pet on a leash or in a crate at the onset of a major storm or earthquake. If your pet is not secured, he is much more likely to escape and run out into the street where he could be hit by a car, or roam randomly into the neighborhood or forest where you may not be able to find him.

Animals often become nervous during a storm or earthquake and they pick up on our energy if we ourselves are nervous or afraid. If you plan ahead and practice the basic steps of preparedness before a disaster hits, you're much more apt to remain calm during an ordeal, and in that way help your pets to do the same.

It's up to us humans to be responsible pet owners and take necessary steps to protect our doggies (and kitties) during a disaster, so let's do our best to be prepared. And as always, don't forget to love and let live!



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GOOD NEWS: Maliah has a pending adoption.

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Yogic Wisdom for Everyday Life  
NAVEL CENTER, THE PRANIC HUB

As the sages say, create a fire in your belly and ignite your

passion for life!!

So much takes place at the navel center. Many studies report that serotonin production begins in the gut and it's often called our “second brain”. There are so many articles on this topic. Browse for them and you will be amazed. Thus, the navel center is like a central storehouse for motivation, joy, and power. This is true physically and energetically. We can relate this back to the strong feeling we get from doing “core” work. Although the core goes around back too, this strengthening at the belly helps to stabilize the entire body.

In my tradition, when we say “fire in the belly” we are referring to the energy center at the navel. When our fire or flame is lit, the essence of who we are is apparent.

We have the motivation, stability and stamina to accomplish what we want and be who we want to be. Creating this fire or vibrant flame at the navel center also plays another role. The heat and flame can help dissolve some of the crud built up in the lower two chakras (energy centers). Most of our unresolved issues (what holds us back) from the past are held at the root and sacral regions. These

areas have to do with security, desire, and relationships. If the fire becomes bright enough and steady enough, it can help us TRANSFORM beyond our limitations. Thus, fire in belly facilitates our transformation. To create this in our practice, it's best to first, make the body and mind as clean, clear and stable as possible. We'd never want to ignite a flame without the proper fuel for the fire. It will just burn out that way. A steady burning flame is the one we want, with an even, abundant fuel source. The fuel source being our vital energy reserves and stable mind. Transformation is not going to happen when we're running on empty. Next, we simply begin to gather and direct energy there to strengthen and enliven the entire area.

Think about the power held at navel center, do some work in the area and see what happens. In fact, consider beginning a meditation practice specific to directing energy there. Please contact me to learn more at [keely@keelytotten.com](mailto:keely@keelytotten.com).

Until then, enjoy the confidence and joy that comes from a focus at the navel center.

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## THE MISSING PAGE

## Real Life Tips from Life's Instruction Manual

## AN ARTIST FOR PRESIDENT

It's International Women's Month, and I hope to challenge your thinking and shake things up for you. The purpose of my work and column is to help you rethink what's possible for you. This week we learn about former Altadena resident Sue Dakin who ran for President of the United States against incumbent President Ronald Reagan in 1984. Her effort was a performance art piece designed to challenge the status quo and expand the nation's notions about art and politics. She never expected to win the presidency, but she did extend the conversation. She initially asked several more established and recognized artists, but no one was interested. Eventually, she accepted that it was a job assignment just for her. She afraid and unsure, but she went ahead and declared her candidacy. She suggested guidelines for a chakra-balanced Presidential Cabinet.

Chakras, are believed to be energy focal points located in and around the body. Chakras regulation is done in some Indian and Egyptian practices. Ms. Dakin wanted to include native traditions of the many people that call the United States home. She assigned the art of song to the Secretary of the Department of Treasure. According to Ms. Dakin, a qualified Artist for President would have

to pass scrutiny in the arts of gardening, portrait painting, fine cuisine, sculpture, poetry, and dance, as well as song, to have lines of communication fully open between the President and each member of the Executive Cabinet.

"The main focus of my 1983-84 campaign was the idea that if every citizen were truly an artist, any president we elect will by default be an artist. "The Nation is the Artwork; we are the artists creating it" and the only difference between being or not being an artist is that artists take aesthetic responsibility for what we create, and for cleaning up the messes we leave in the creative process.

Think of this: If we live as if the future will reveal itself as the consequence of rigorous art practice, it just might do that!" Sue Dakin

This sculptor, performance artist, writer, educator didn't seek permission and ran for President of the United States. What challenge waits for you? Learn more about Sue Dakin in her book, An Artist for President.

Learn more about Lori at her website [www.Loriaharris.com](http://www.Loriaharris.com).



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

### AND A HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO YOU.....

One of the most common questions I am asked is "How do you select your wines for review?" Two ways. First: my loyal readers, such as yourself, and second: while dining with friends at a restaurant. So when reader Bob Carlson had a suggestion for me, I was all ears. His suggestion was the Prisoner Blend from winemaker and past founder David Phinney's stable of great wines.

I headed over to my local wine market and picked a bottle of this 2016 blend. The price was \$43, maybe \$50 retail. (Note.... many local supermarkets are having prices wars so now is a great time to stock up).

I decided on a stew to go with this Napa gem, though a chicken pot pie or a veal, would also have been a good choice. For me, with reds, especially blends, I like something hearty for these tastings/critiques. The wine has a deep ruby red color and aromas of black cherry and plum. The first taste was powerful, and if you have been following my columns, you know I don't swirl -- I go for a complete taste. There's no need to let this blend sit; it was ready to enjoy right after opening.

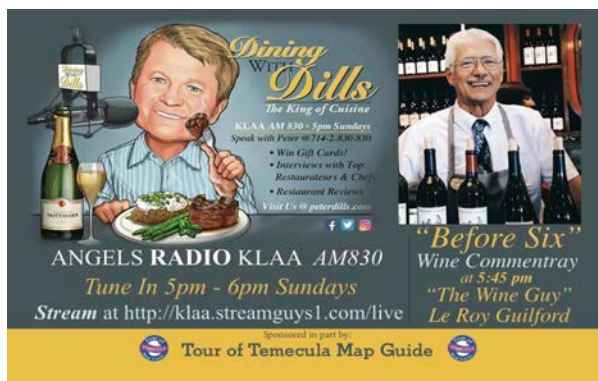
This is an absolute favorite of mine, one of the best blends that I have tasted at any price in the past year, and great for a special occasion or if reader Bob is buying. My research tells me that 2016 was a slow and cool growing season in Napa Valley that allowed for great hang time and optimal

ripeness.

Blend: 46% Zinfandel, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Petite Syrah, 12% Syrah, and 2% Charbon Alcohol 15.2%; 60,000 + cases of 2016 Prisoner Blend

Dills Score 91

Each week I will give you my Dills Score. I have added points for value. I'm starting with a base of 50 points; I added 9 points for color, 7 points for aroma or "nose"; 9 points for taste, 8 points for finish, and 8 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating.



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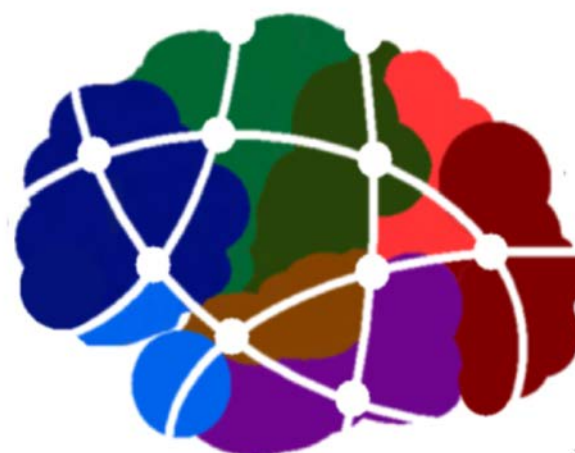
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## TIPS AND RESOURCES FOR OLDER JOB SEEKERS

Dear Savvy Senior,  
What resources can you recommend to help older job seekers? I'm 60 and have been out of work for nearly a year now and need some help.  
Seeking Employment

Dear Seeking,  
While the U.S. job market has improved dramatically over the past few years, challenges still persist for many older workers. To help you find employment, there are job resource centers and a wide variety of online tools specifically created for older job seekers. Here's where you can find help.

**Job Centers**

Depending on where you live, there are career service centers located throughout the U.S. that can help you find a job. One of the best is the American Job Center (AJC) that has around 2,500 centers nationwide. Funded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, AJCs are free-to-use resource centers that can help you explore your career options, search for jobs, find training, write a resume, prepare for an interview and much more. To find a center near you, call 877-872-5627 or go to CareerOneStop.org.

Some other good programs for older workers include the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), and AARP's Back To Work 50+ program.

The SCSEP – sponsored by the Department of Labor – helps place income-eligible workers over age 55 in part-time, temporary community service positions where they can learn job skills. To learn more or locate a program in your area visit [DOLETA.gov/seniors](http://DOLETA.gov/seniors) or call 877-872-5627.

AARP's Back To Work 50+ program currently offers workshops in 19 locations around the U.S. that provide career counseling, job coaching and skills development for 50-plus job seekers. Or, if you can't attend their workshop, they also offer an excellent guide called "7 Smart Strategies for 50+ Jobseekers." To get a free copy, or see if there's a workshop in your area call 855-850-2525.

If none of the above programs are available in your area, check with your local public library or nearby community college to see if they provide career services.

**Job Search Sites**

There are also a number of online job search sites that can help you connect with companies that are looking for



mature, experienced workers.

Some good sites for 50 and older job seekers include: WhatsNext.com, which offers a job search site and has online assessment tools, calculators, career guides and career coaches to help you; RetiredBrains.com that provides information on finding temporary or seasonal jobs, as well as starting your own business, working from home, writing your resume, finding full-time work, and continuing your education; RetirementJobs.com that lets you post your resume and search for full-time or part-time jobs online; and Workforce50.com, which has job search functions and a list of favorite age-friendly employers by industry. It also gives you the ability to sign up for job alerts.

**Work at Home**

If you're interested in working at home, there are many opportunities depending on your skills, but be careful of work-at-home scams that offer big paydays without much effort.

Some popular work-at-home jobs include sales and marketing, customer service, teaching and tutoring, writing and editing, Web development and design, consulting, interpreting and medical coding just to name a few.

To find these types of jobs, a good place to start is FlexJobs.com, which filters out the job scams and lists thousands of legitimate work-at-home jobs in dozens of categories. You can gain access to their listings for \$15 for one month, \$30 for three months or \$50 for a year.

**Start a Business**

If you're interested in starting a small business but could use some help getting started, the U.S. Small Business Administration offers tips, tools and free online courses that you can access at SBA.gov.

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

KATIE Tse .....This and That  
THEY'RE BACK!

Please forgive me for recycling articles two weeks in a row now. However, last week my dad said he didn't remember the article that appeared in the paper, so I suspect neither did you! Anyway, I was very happy this week to notice the annual arrival of my friends visiting from Canada (I assume that's where they're from) --Canada geese at PHS!

Have you seen the latest volunteer mascots for Pasadena High School? If you haven't noticed yet, two Canada geese have made PHS their winter home-away-from-home for several straight years now. (Yes, they're technically called "Canada geese," not "Canadian geese." For what reason I don't know.) I often saw them lounging in the median in the morning on my drive to work, and they would be there in the afternoon as well. This year it's been so cold I wouldn't blame them if they skipped southern California all together and pushed on to Mexico for warmer weather. But no, they're both back, faithful as a geyser. Sometimes I've only see one, and I worry that some terrible fate happened to its mate. But then I spot the two of them together and my fears are relieved.

I wonder if PHS knows about them. They must. If a passing motorist has noticed them, then I'm sure the PHS students and faculty know about them, too. I wondered if PHS might adopt these geese as their new official mascot. But then again, geese aren't as intimidating as bull dogs, the current mascot. On the other hand, however, neither do dolphins inspire much fear, but Florida has stuck with them as the symbol of their football team for quite a long time.

Geese are interesting because they're one of the many birds that migrate long distances. I'm convinced these two geese are the same ones year after year, but many other animal species die off

between generations in their migratory cycles. For example, monarch butterflies travel from Canada to Mexico and back, without any one butterfly seeing the whole trip in its lifetime. Then there are the plovers. These little birds leave their newly hatched offspring in Alaska to make a non-stop flight to Hawaii. After their young have gained enough weight for adequate burnable body fuel, they, too, fly from Alaska to meet up with their parents in Hawaii.

How exactly do these birds know how to navigate an ocean they've never crossed to arrive at a destination they've never been to? For the Christian the answer is self evident --God programmed them to do it, just as He created the human eye to function only when all its individual parts work in conjunction with each other. That's just one example of a host of other miracles we take for granted on a daily basis. Now, maybe an intelligent Creator made all the amazing things we see around us, or maybe they came out of nothing, as the product of random chance. If you hold to the latter theory, you must recognize that there is a greater chance that your smart phone was

the product of a factory explosion than the result of years of human creation within technological sciences. I'm not a scientist by any stretch of the imagination, but I know that I don't have enough faith to be an atheist!

(By the way, I can't take the credit for that witty line. Frank Turek, a much more clever writer than I, coined that phrase, along with another favorite of mine in talking about those who doggedly deny the existence of God --"There is no God, and I hate Him!" You can purchase his book, "I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist," and other insightful works by Turek and Norman Gisler on Amazon.) With all that said, I hope you have a great week and that you get to see the geese before they return to Canada for the summer.

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

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

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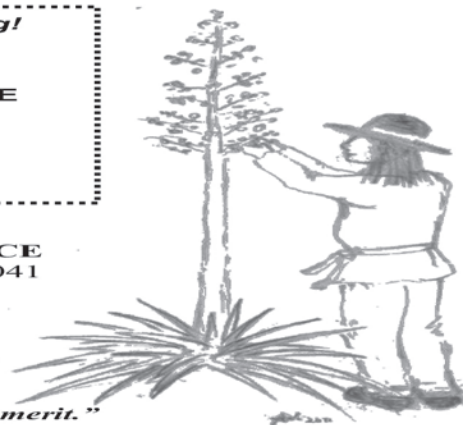
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Looking Up  
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NEW HORIZONS CHOOSES NAME FOR “ULTIMATE” FLYBY TARGET

As NASA’s New Horizons mission continues exploring the unknown, the mission team has selected a highly appropriate name for its next flyby target in the outer reaches of the solar system.

With substantial public input, the team has chosen “Ultima Thule” (pronounced ultima thoo-lee”) for the Kuiper Belt object the New Horizons spacecraft will explore on Jan. 1, 2019. Officially known as 2014 MU69, the object, which orbits a billion miles beyond Pluto, will be the most primitive world ever observed by spacecraft—in the farthest planetary encounter in history.

Thule was a mythical, far-northern island in medieval literature and cartography. Ultima Thule means “beyond Thule”—beyond the borders of the known world—symbolizing the exploration of the distant Kuiper Belt and Kuiper Belt objects that New Horizons is performing, something never before done.

“MU69 is humanity’s next Ultima Thule,” said Alan Stern, New Horizons principal investigator from Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado. “Our spacecraft is heading beyond the limits of the known worlds, to what will be this mission’s next achievement. Since this will be the farthest exploration of any object in space in history, I like to call our flyby target Ultima, for short, symbolizing this ultimate exploration by NASA and our team.”

Looking for a more inspirational albeit temporary moniker than the designator 2014 MU69, NASA and the New Horizons team launched the nickname campaign in early November. Hosted by the SETI Institute of Mountain View, California, and led by Mark Showalter, an institute fellow and member of the New Horizons science team, the online contest sought nominations from the public and stipulated that a nickname would be chosen from among the top vote-getters.

The popular campaign wrapped up on Dec. 6, after a five-day extension to accommodate more voting. The campaign involved 115,000 participants from around the world, who nominated some 34,000 names. Of those, 37 names reached the ballot for voting and were evaluated for popularity—this included eight names suggested by the New Horizons team and 29 nominated by the public.

The team then narrowed its selection to the 29 publicly nominated names and gave preference to



names near the top of the polls. Ultima Thule was nominated by about 40 members of the public and one of the highest vote-getters among all name nominees. “We are grateful to those who proposed such an interesting and inspirational nickname,” Showalter said. “They deserve credit for capturing the true spirit of exploration that New Horizons embodies.”

The name was suggested to think of MU69 as a distant follow up to Pluto, which New Horizons historically and famously encountered in July 2015. Other names considered included Abeona, Pharos, Pangu, Rubicon, Olympus, Pinnacle and Tiramisu (the final tallies are posted at <http://frontierworlds.seti.org>).

After the flyby, NASA and the New Horizons team will choose a formal name to submit to the International Astronomical Union, based in part on whether MU69 is found to be a single body, a binary pair, or perhaps a system of multiple objects.

You can contact Bob Eklund at: [beklund@MtnViewsNews.com](mailto:beklund@MtnViewsNews.com).



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IN SEARCH OF THE REAL SAINT PATRICK

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There’s a lot of green right now in Sierra Madre. Saint Patrick green: shamrocks, leprechans, beer. But who was Saint Patrick? Was he a real person? Children are told “Saint Patrick wore a green suit, talked to leprechans (he was probably drunk at the time), and while trying to convert the pagans with a shamrock, he marched all the snakes out of Ireland.” Will the real Saint Patrick please stand up?

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

Around age 16, he was sold into slavery in Ireland and worked for the next 6 years as a shepherd. Keep in mind that human slavery, as well as human sacrifice, was considered normal for those times. After his six years in slavery, he believed that an angel came to him in a dream, prompting him to escape and seek out his homeland. He actually walked about 200 miles to the coast, where his dream indicated a ship would also be waiting for him. He successfully escaped, and spent the next twenty years of his life as a monk in Marmoutier Abbey. There he again received a celestial visitation, this time calling him to return to the land where he’d been enslaved, though now with a mission as a priest and converter.

Patrick was called to Rome in 432, where Pope Celestine bequeathed the honour of Bishop upon him before he left on his mission.

Patrick returned to Ireland not alone, but with 24 supporters and followers. They arrived in Ireland in the winter of 432. In the Spring, Patrick decided to confront the high King of Tara, the most powerful King in Ireland. Patrick knew that if he had the King’s support, he would be free to take his Christian message to the people of Ireland.

Patrick and his followers were invited to Tara by the King of Laoghaire. It was there that he was said to have plucked a shamrock from the ground as he tried to explain to the Druids and the King that the shamrock had three leaves just like the idea of God’s three aspects - The Father, The Son and the Holy Ghost. This was called the Trinity. Of course, triads and trinities were a common concept among the Druids. In fact, one could argue that the trinity (a term not found in the Bible) was a concept given to Christianity by the Druids, rather than the other way around. Nevertheless, King Laoghaire was very impressed and chose to accept Christianity. He also gave Patrick the freedom to spread Christianity throughout Ireland.

When Patrick returned to Ireland, he treated the “pagans” with the respect implicit in his dream. Part of this respect was attempting to communicate with the Druids on their terms, which is why he used the shamrock as a teaching

tool. He also blended the Christian cross with the circle to create what is now known as the Celtic cross. He used bonfires to celebrate Easter, a Holy Day that Christianity supplanted with the already-existing spring equinox commemoration. In fact, he incorporated many of the existing symbols and beliefs into his Christian teachings.

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

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

According to Thomas Cahill, author of [How the Irish Saved Civilization](#), Patrick’s influence extended far beyond his adopted land. Cahill’s book, which could just as well be titled [How St. Patrick Saved Civilization](#), contends that Patrick’s conversion of Ireland allowed Western learning to survive the Dark Ages. Ireland pacified and churchified as the rest of Europe crumbled. Patrick’s monasteries copied and preserved classical texts. Later, Irish monks returned this knowledge to Europe by establishing monasteries in England, Germany, France, Switzerland, and Italy.

When the lights went out all over Europe, a candle still burned in Ireland. That candle was lit by Patrick.

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

Patrick was not Irish, had nothing to do with leprechauns, almost certainly was not a drunkard, and didn’t drive all the snakes out of Ireland. In fact, there were no native snakes in Ireland, though this story is believed to be an analogy for driving out the so-called “pagans,” or, at least, the pagan religions.

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

Perhaps it’s time for all of us to re-think how we commemorate this special man, and his vast contribution to world culture.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

WHEN I’M BESIDE MYSELF, I’M IN BAD COMPANY?

In the beginning of the week the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, “On Thursday the girls and I will be going to St. Augustine for the day to visit thrift shops.” It was spring break and so the girls did not have school. It was the perfect opportunity for an outing for them.

“Do you think,” she asked, “you’ll be able to handle the day without me?”

I laughed, but not too hard, and said, “I think so. Just go and have a wonderful time in St. Augustine.”

That was Monday and when Thursday came, I was drinking my morning coffee and my wife came in and said, “Well, it’s time for us to go. Are you sure you’ll be able to take care of yourself today?”

I looked at her and said, “Where are you going?”

“Don’t you remember what I told you Monday?”

Actually, I really did not remember what she told me Monday. She tells me so much that it is very hard to remember everything.

“Don’t you remember I said the girls and I will be spending the day in St. Augustine?”

I had been working so hard all week trying to catch up, I forgot about this Thursday trip.

I walked her to the door and kissed her goodbye. She turned and looked at me and said, “You’re not smiling are you?”

Then she said, “I have your lunch prepared with instructions. Follow those instructions to the letter.”

It is not often I have a free day all to myself. I do not need too many of them but occasionally it is good to have a free day where all you have to deal with is yourself. Of course, that can get a little tiring when I am dealing with myself.

I went to my office, sat down and started to catch up on some work I had gotten behind on. It’s terrible when you get behind on your work and it takes twice as long to try to catch up. I often wonder if you ever really do catch up?

I was working so hard that I as I glanced at my watch I noticed it was noon. I love lunchtime. My wife makes such wonderful meals for lunch.

I arrived at the house, got out of my truck and walked through the front door and as I did I said, “Honey, I’m home. What’s for lunch?”

As I walked through the door, I got a strange sense. Usually there is a wonderful aroma of lunch. This time, there was no aroma whatsoever.

It then dawned on me. The wife is away for the day and I am in charge of lunch.

That can be a good thing or it can be a very bad thing. One good thing was, my wife had prepared my lunch, all I had to do was put it in the little micro oven and it

would be finished. It was pizza for the day.

She had written instructions. She said, “Use the third button and set it for 15 minutes.” Usually, she is quite precise in what she says. This time I was confused.

On the micro oven, there were four buttons. Now, when she said use the third button, was it the third button from the top or the third button from the bottom?

At the time I was tempted to text her and get a clarification on this instruction. However, I knew if I did that I would never hear the end of it for the rest of my life. She put the instructions there and I was supposed to interpret those instructions.

That is what it means to be a husband these days. Your wife tells you something and you have to interpret it and most of the time we husbands get it wrong. I know I do.

I did what any sane husband would do under the circumstances. I got a quarter out and did the “heads or tails” movement. Heads it was from the top down, tails it was from the bottom up. It turned out to be heads, which was the right way to go unbeknownst to me.

I did not quite know how to read that little button and so I turned it all the way and then put my pizza in to warm it up.

Only a few moments later I began to smell an aroma. It was not the aroma of pizza being warmed up, but rather the aroma of something on fire.

I ran to the kitchen and to the oven and there my pizza was sizzling and burning. I opened the door, pulled the pizza out and looked at it for a few moments. As much as I can remember, this is not the kind of pizza the wife does. What do I do with this burnt pizza?

When the wife came home later that afternoon, she asked me how the pizza was. I assured her that it was rather delicious.

“Why then,” she said rather sternly, “is there burnt pizza in the garbage?”

My little slip reminded me of what Solomon said. “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest” (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

Sometimes, what my hand “findeth to do” is not the right thing to do and gets me into trouble.

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SECTION B

## The Vine

Sierra Madre's 124-Year Old Wistaria\* Vine By Phyllis Chapman

In 1894, William and Alice Brugman purchased a home on what was then called Piedmont, which is now called W. Carter Ave. The house had been built one year before by builder Amos Trussell for his daughter Winona and son-in-law Edward B. Jones when they married. It was the first wedding celebrated in early Sierra Madre.

The Trussells and the Jones had a change of plans, sold to the Brugmans and moved away. To enhance her new home, Alice Brugman and her neighbor Mrs. W. B. Crisp, drove by horse and buggy to the R. H. Wilson Pioneer Nursery in Monrovia and for \$.75 purchased a gallon can of wistaria. It was the Chinese Wistaria variety (Wisteria sinensis). She planted it in a corner of her front porch remarking to her neighbor: "They say Wistaria grows fast." And grow it did.

Mr. Brugman, a mining engineer, was in Mexico when the vine was planted. He died in 1899 and Mrs. Brugman sold the home in 1906. The property changed hands until it was purchased in 1913 by Henry T. and Estelle Fennel. Mr. Fennel, who was a bit of a horticulturist, loved the vine, and gave it devoted care, even building support trellises.

Although the Wistaria is a vigorous grower, the added support of the trellises may have contributed to this vine's phenomenal growth. The arbors prevented the end tendrils from hanging down and causing the tender terminal buds to die from the added weight. Wistaria requires good drainage, certainly provided by this hilly, terraced location. There may also be an underground spring providing water to the tap root.

The vine eventually destroyed the original home, growing into the walls and fireplace and causing the roof to collapse. Mr. Fennel built a new home 200 feet to the north (the present upper home) and trained the vine to grow up to, but not covering the new residence. A portion of the foundation of that original home was saved to continue to provide support for the vine as its branches extended such a distance.

When the vine was in bloom, the Fennels would invite friends to come and enjoy the blossoming plant. Visitors also came from Pasadena's main hotels: The Green, The Huntington, and The



Raymond. In 1918, the Fennels opened the vine to the Sierra Madre Chapter of the American Red Cross, which sponsored a very successful fundraiser to help the war effort. 12,000 people attended the event. This was the beginning of many Wistaria festivals that took place year after year. Sierra Madre became known as the Wistaria City. Many local organizations, including the Board of Trade (now the Chamber of Commerce), the Woman's Club, the Masons and Eastern Star, the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Dept., etc. were involved.

Many homemade items, fancy work, ceramics, artwork, gift books, and Wistaria fragrances, perfume, hand lotion and bath salts were sold at booths under the vine. Luncheons and teas were served, often with young Japanese women wearing their kimonos.

The hard work and money earned at the vine by the Woman's Club paid off the mortgage of their first clubhouse. One year the Fire Dept. parked 30,000 cars on the parking lot that existed in Floral Canyon. (This is now Sierra Meadow Dr.). Easter sunrise services were among vine activities. People came from all over the world and extra street cars were added to handle the crowds. Among the famous were Fritz Kreisler, Janet Leigh, Mary Pickford, and Norman Rockwell. These two helped select the festival's Wistaria Queen. Packard Automobile Co. used the vine as a backdrop to advertise its automobile.

On December 5, 1936, Carrie Ida Lawless purchases the vine property (Continued on B2)



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## The History of Sierra Madre's Most Well Known Landmark

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from Mrs. Fennel, who was now a widow, for \$17,000.00. December 5th was Mrs. Lawless' birthday, and according to one account, she was making a present to herself of the world's largest bouquet. Also a widow, her husband William J (Bill) Lawless was mayor of Sierra Madre during 1928-29. She, herself, was a successful businesswoman having founded the Weaver Jackson Beauty Co. in Los Angeles and was active in the community, serving as president of the Woman's Club and the Garden Club.

Mrs. Lawless spent a small fortune (around \$100,000) enhancing the grounds of her new property and caring for the vine. When the festivals were held they often lasted for the weeks the vine was in bloom, not just for one day. Mrs. Lawless, a patron of the arts, also sponsored vine activities all year long.

She hosted art exhibits, musicales, and poetry readings. Nearby residents objected to the constant activity and took their complaints to the City Council. Nothing was done as Mrs. Lawless presented the argument that the vine existed before these neighbors purchased their properties.

In recognition for her contributions to the community, the Garden Club planted another Wistaria in the terraced garden on the west side of what is today the Solt's garden. It blooms a bit later than the original vine and the plaque commemorating the occasion is gone.

When Mrs. Lawless died in 1942, she provided for the vine by leaving a legacy to her nephew and heir, Bruce McGill, to continue care of the property with a committee headed by the Garden Club President. In 1944, the property was purchased by Richard and Marian Thayer. Marian is the daughter of M. Penn Phillips, a well-known developer of desert property. In 1944 the vine was overgrown and in poor condition. Richard Thayer planned to chop it up and get rid of it. A protest was raised and an association was formed to protect the vine, with money provided to pay property taxes and provide year-round care for the vine.

In 1961, after Richard Thayer died, the lot was split. Marian married builder Ronald Cook who developed the west side of the property with homes and built the present Solt home for he and Marian in 1962. The upper home was sold to Joseph and Marie Feeney who raised eight children there. In 1972, Ron and Marian sold the lower home to Bob and Nell Solt. In the late 1990s, Joe Feeney died and Maria sold the property. It was purchased in 2003 by the present owners, Dan and Dana Dorrance.

By the 1970's Vine Festival activity had about ended. It started up again in the late 70's when sponsored for one day each year by

the Chamber of Commerce. The Sierra Madre Beautification Committee was the yearly sponsor in the 1980's. Approximately 500-600 people attended the festival each year. In the spring of 1989, Huell Howser came to film the vine for his program Videolog, which aired on KCET. The next year, approximately 6,000 people came to view the vine. The festival organizers were unprepared for such a turnout; lines stretched for two blocks. Howser returned in 1992 to film again for his California Gold program. Sierra Madre and the Chamber of Commerce quickly organized and combined the annual Vine viewing with a downtown street fair. A shuttle bus is provided, and people procure tickets to see the vine at a pre-scheduled time.

The Guinness Book of World Records has named the Vine the World's largest flowering plant. It is estimated that at the height of bloom it has 1.5 million blossoms with 40 blossoms per sq. ft., weighs 250 tons and has branches that extend 500 feet. Wistaria is a member of the pea family though its seeds resemble a flat bean. Seed pods burst open in the summer. The plant is deciduous, losing its leaves in the winter. Wistaria seeds were brought from China by Marco Polo in the 13th century.

Today, the vine covers approximately one acre. Over the years, it has shown distress and seemed to be dying. Experts have been brought in from Cal Tech, Occidental, and Cal Poly Pomona. Correct pruning, treatments with hormones, and vitamin B have helped the vine to recover and to flourish. To help maintain the Vine's health, records of vine growth and care are now kept on a computer log. The Vine seems to produce its greatest flowering after a cold winter followed by a sudden hot spell.

*What is the correct spelling for wisteria—wisteria or wistaria?* In the Sunset Western Garden Book it is spelled wisteria. Sierra Madre has always spelled it wistaria. According to L. A. County Arboretum and Botanic Garden senior biologist Jim Bauml and Librarian Joan De Fato, the plant was named to honor Caspar Wistar (1761-1818), an American physician and teacher, who taught at the University of Pennsylvania. Among his accomplishments, he wrote the first text-book on anatomy. When the name of the genus Wisteria was put into the books, it was incorrectly spelled, says De Fato. So, one could say that all along, Sierra Madre has correctly spelled Wistaria!

## THE ORIGIN OF ST. BALDRICK DAY AND RAISING MONEY FOR YOUNG CANCER VICTIMS



By Joan Schmidt

Several years ago, I read about firemen and policemen having their heads shaved to raise money; in addition, students also participated in this annual event, on St. Baldrick Day. I had never heard of a "St. Baldrick", and wondered about it.

How and when did this wonderful program begin? In Manhattan in 1999, Tim Kenny issued a challenge to colleagues John Bender and Enda Mc Donnell. "How would you give back in return for your good fortune in business?"

Enda's thick head of hair gave John the big idea of shaving their heads for donations to raise funds for kids with cancer.

On March 17, 2000, the reinsurance industry's annual St. Patrick's Day Party at Jim Brady's Pub in Manhattan became the first St. Baldrick event. The goal of shaving 17 heads and raising \$17,000 turned into 19 bald heads and \$104,000 which was donated to fund the research of the Children's Oncology Group.

The second event in 2001 raised \$140,000. John and Enda then planned to expand the fundraiser past the reinsurance industry. After 9/11 the founders lost hundreds of friends and colleagues, but the dedication to this project did not stop. By 2002, there were now 37 head-shaving events and \$1 million had been raised. In 2003, firefighters,

policemen and military-not only US bases, but also Germany and Iraq-began to take part. In 2012, 30 million was raised and recently the \$100 million mark has been reached in research grant money. It is so amazing how one man wanted to give back, and from his gratitude, such a great program began.

Locally, there are two events. In Arcadia, Matt Denny's will hold its 17th Annual St. Baldrick event at Matt Denny's at 6pm on Saturday, March 17. Their goal is \$60,000 and so far they have reached 48,000. The Arcadia Police and Fire Departments participate as well as students from Holy Angels School in Arcadia and many other wonderful groups.

This year, Monrovia will have its 3rd annual Fuzz Fest at Old Town from 5-9pm on Friday, March 16. Besides participating in the "Shaved Head" event, volunteers and donors are greatly needed and appreciated. The Monrovia St Baldrick Foundation site is 1333 S. Mayflower, #400, (626)792-8247.

The website for the Foundation is [www.stbaldrick.org](http://www.stbaldrick.org). It gives so much information- not only what funding has been raised and donated,- but also various links to what research has been done, children, who have been helped and a lot more. In 2017, \$36,543,276 was donated. So far, \$15,915,628 has been donated this year!

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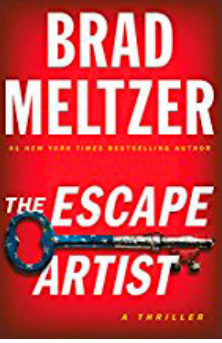
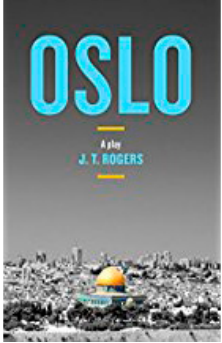
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Jeff's Book Pics

By Jeff Brown

**Oslo** by J.T. Rogers  
Winner of the 2017 Tony Award for Best Play, Winner of the 2017 New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Play, “Oslo is a wonderful and moving work that portrays how real diplomacy works. The play shows us what can happen when men and women on opposite sides of what is perceived as an intractable divide strive to create a shared humanity.” – Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations. “Exhilarating theatrical magic...Oslo makes high drama out of a complex set of negotiations that in any less wizardly hands would be a shallow biopic.” – John Guare, Tony Award-winning author of Six Degrees of Separation and The House of Blue Leaves, A darkly funny and sweeping new play, Oslo tells the surprising true story of the back-channel talks, unlikely friendships, and quiet heroics that led to the 1993 Oslo Accords between the Israelis and the Palestinians. As he did with such wit and intelligence in Blood and Gifts, J.T. Rogers presents a deeply personal story set against a complex political canvas.



**Built: The Hidden Stories Behind our Structures** by Roma Agrawal  
The wonders of engineering revealed- by the inspirational female engineer behind The Shard, Western Europe's tallest building. While our cities are full of incredible engineering feats, most of us live with little idea of what goes into creating the built environment, let alone how a new building goes up, what it is constructed upon, or how it remains standing. In Built, structural engineer Agrawal explains how construction has evolved from the mud huts of our ancestors to skyscrapers of steel that reach into the sky. She unearths how humans have tunneled through solid mountains; how we've walked across the widest of rivers, and tamed nature's precious water resources. She tells vivid tales of the visionaries who created the groundbreaking materials used to build the Pantheon and the Eiffel Tower; and explains how careful engineering can minimize tragedies like the collapse of the Quebec Bridge. Interweaving science, history, illustrations, and personal stories,

Built offers a fascinating window into a subject that makes up the foundation of our everyday lives. Agrawal is a structural engineer who builds big. From footbridges and sculptures, to train stations and skyscrapers, she has left an indelible mark on London's landscape. She is a tireless promoter of engineering and technical careers to young people, particularly under-represented groups such as women.

**The Escape Artist** by Brad Meltzer  
“Meltzer is a master and this is his best. Not since The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo have you seen a character like this. Get ready to meet Nola. If you've never tried Meltzer, this is the one.”--Harlan Coben. Who is Nola Brown? Nola is a mystery. Nola is trouble. And Nola is supposed to be dead. Her body was found on a plane that mysteriously fell from the sky as it left a secret military base in the Alaskan wilderness. Her commanding officer verifies she's dead. The US government confirms it. But Jim “Zig” Zigarowski has just found out the truth: Nola is still alive. And on the run. Zig works at Dover Air Force Base, helping put to rest the bodies of those who die on top-secret missions. Nola was a childhood friend of Zig's daughter and someone who once saved his daughter's life. So when Zig realizes Nola is still alive, he's determined to find her. Yet as Zig digs into Nola's past, he learns that trouble follows Nola everywhere she goes. Nola is the U.S. Army's artist-in-residence-a painter and trained soldier who rushes into battle, making art from war's aftermath and sharing observations about today's wars that would otherwise go overlooked. On her last mission, Nola saw something nobody was supposed to see, earning her an enemy unlike any other, one who will do whatever it takes to keep Nola quiet. Together, Nola and Zig will either reveal a sleight of hand being played at the highest levels of power or die trying to uncover the US Army's most mysterious secret-a centuries-old conspiracy that traces back through history to the greatest escape artist of all: Harry Houdini. The preceding reviews are from Amazon.com

All Things

By Jeff Brown

IS YOUR SMART PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING INCREASE YOUR ACCIDENT POSSIBILITY?

The National Safety Council reports that cell phone use while driving leads to 1.6 million crashes each year. Nearly 330,000 injuries occur each year from accidents caused by texting while driving. 1 out of every 4 car accidents in the United States is caused by texting and driving. The U.S. has seen a 14-percent spike in roadway fatalities over the past two years. It's also seen the biggest back-to-back increase in motor vehicle-related death rates per mile driven in more than 50 years and 37,461 lives lost by drivers, passengers, cyclists, and pedestrians in 2016 alone. What's to blame? Many experts, writers, and organizations are pointing to smartphone use and other tech-related distractions while driving as major culprits. The past 20 years of work in cognitive science have been showing just how dangerously distracting phone usage of almost any kind can be to drivers. Cognitive scientists have

found that, contrary to popular belief, hands-free phone conversations result in the same drop in driving performance as hand-held phone usage. Studies have even pointed to a level of impairment comparable to drunk driving. And despite often being marketed as a safety feature by car manufacturers, recent studies also show that dashboard-integrated hands-free calling and texting are little or no better. Yet drivers can't seem to help but take their eyes off the road to respond to the pings and draws of their devices. A 2016 AT&T study and a 2017 AAA study both suggest that about two-thirds of drivers admit to engaging in smartphone activities while driving, which includes talking, reading and sending messages, or browsing. Accidents have also increased in Sierra Madre. Keep your phone off when driving and spare yourself, your family, and the rest of us from injury or death.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

HOW ESTATE PLANNING CAN HELP YOU DREAM ABOUT YOUR FUTURE

A dream without a plan is simply a wish. Estate planning is not just about death and taxes -- it puts you in the driver's seat of your financial life, allowing you to set achievable goals. But it's also a great opportunity to focus on the legacy you want to leave behind for loved ones, help you avoid the expense and delay of probate, as well as help you save on taxes.

Putting Your Dreams on Paper  
When putting together your estate plan, think about what legacy you want to leave behind. The best way to do so is to write down your wishes. Consider the values you want to promote. Think about important family traditions you want to encourage or memories you want to preserve. Rather than a just dry discussion of what happens to your assets, including these wishes in your documents makes your plan relatable and more meaningful for your family. Because you've passed along values and wisdom along with your financial wealth, you will have solidified and furthered your dreams, hopes, and aspirations you have for your family, even though you are no longer with them.  
For your estate plan to effectively pass along your values and wisdom, it should:  
(1) clearly state who you are leaving your assets to;  
(2) give an explanation as to why an individual is receiving a particular asset;  
(3) provide guidance about how you want a beneficiary to benefit from your assets (e.g. what "education" you intend to help with, whether or how you want to instill a work ethic, what you mean by "support," etc.);  
(4) make sure that those assets are received by your beneficiaries at the right time to maximize their benefit, and

(5) protect your legacy from being taken by estate taxes, creditors, predatory lawsuits, government claims or divorce.  
You even have the opportunity to protect your legacy beyond your beneficiaries' lifetimes into future generations if you want to do so.

Estate Planning Basics & Benefits  
There are several benefits of developing an estate plan with your legacy in mind. You can help the next generation become empowered to achieve competence, character, and confidence. You can also preserve and reinforce your family's core values and traditions.  
In addition to preserving your legacy after you die, a comprehensive estate plan can provide guidance for managing your affairs if you become incapacitated and unable make decisions for yourself. Some basic documents that should be included in your estate plan are:  

- A will: A written document that states who you want to inherit your property and names a guardian to care for your minor children or disabled family members. The use of a will as your primary estate planning strategy does require the court process known as probate.
- A trust: A legal structure which holds property for your benefit during your life and for the benefit of your beneficiaries after your death. The use of a "fully funded" trust allows your beneficiaries to avoid the costly and time-consuming process of probate.
- A healthcare directive: A written document that spells out your wishes for healthcare and end-of-life choices when you are unable to make these decisions for yourself.
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BUSINESS TODAY

The latest on Business News, Trends and Techniques

By La Quetta M. Shamblee, MBA

If you've looked at your cable bill lately and experienced a slight rise in blood pressure when looking at the monthly cost, you are not alone. I seem to recall that "commercial-free" programming was one of the main reasons it made sense to pay for cable when it was first introduced. After all, it seemed to make perfect sense for subscribers to pay some type of fee, especially since the cable networks wouldn't be earning any money for airing commercials from corporate America. That didn't last long.  
We should have known that something was amiss when "pay-per-view" reared its head to latch on to popular sports events that had previously been available on the free airwaves to be enjoyed by anyone who had a working television. It was one of the first indications of our collective cultural addiction to watching others act out our hopes, dreams, fantasies and fears. Not only had the cable companies convinced us to accept "pay-per-view" as the status quo for certain programming, but they also eventually groomed subscribers to sit through an increasing barrage of commercials, without demanding any corresponding decrease in our cable bills.  
Cable subscribers are paying hefty monthly fees to watch stations that have up to 40% of the airtime dominated by some form of paid advertising. Of course we don't have to be bothered with the disruptive stream of commercials if we choose to pay to watch a movie of some other special broadcast. Still, we'll be subjected to the select group of advertisers who pay for advertising and product placement to reach those of up who make up the target audience for those particular broadcasts.  
These deep-pocket-diving-for-profit maneuvers by cable providers are very frustrating. In the past if we chose to eliminate television from our lives, we were left with few alternatives. Until recently, the multinational corporate telecommunications providers have been in total control, socking us with outrageous fees just to watch TV. They have done an outstanding job of growing their profits and shareholder value by siphoning monthly fees equivalent to car notes in some instances.  
Providers have increasing their efficiencies with

investments in new technology and equipment that requires fewer staff to maintain. Some have also reduced expenses by outsourcing online and call-in customer service functions to low-cost, offshore operations. So let's look at this picture -- they lower costs, but the price to subscribers has continued to climb? It is clear there is no thought of passing any cost reductions along to subscribers. What about those great specials they advertise? Read the fine print and calculate the total amount we'll need to fork over after the time period for the special price has run its course. Also pay attention to the early cancellation fee, which is nothing more than a penalty for refusing to continue the insanity of paying an outrageous monthly fee.  
We accept the fact that the good ole days of free television are history, but we don't have to accept the blatant pocket gouging by the cable industry. It's time to take a lesson from the providers and do a better job of reducing our cable expenses by finding the most affordable option. A growing number of friends who have unplugged from cable completely seem to be doing just fine. They have found other options that require a one-time purchase, like the Amazon Fire Stick or Apple TV. Add another one-time purchase of \$30 or so to get an antenna that attaches to the back of your TV, and you're able to watch all of the major and local TV channels in your area. You can also download numerous free apps that can give you access to a laundry list of additional stations and television shows.  
Still want to be able to watch almost any movie? Create your own customized "bundle" of services for your TV watching pleasure. You can add low-cost options like a Netflix account (or other company that provides a library of movies that can be streamed). A bonus feature is that you can watch your movies at any time, typically on any of your digital devices -- unlike the cable box that restricts your service to where it is located, your account is attached to you, and not to the TV sets in your home or office. With a monthly fee typically less than \$20, you'll have your own private on-demand cinema choices, with plenty of money left over for popcorn, plus a surplus to use towards that car note.

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TIME TO NURTURE  
AMERICA'S IRISH-INSPIRED  
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It's always grand in March of every year to pour myself a pint of Guinness and enjoy the glorious Irish wit.

It's my good fortune to be a fellow of Irish descent. I share my good fortune with a quarter of all Americans, who can trace their heritage to the rolling, green hills of Ireland - including my Uncle Mike, rest his soul, whose grandparents came to America from Ireland.

As a lad, I loved the way he and my father celebrated St. Patrick's Day: by swapping the same Irish jokes and witticisms that I've been retelling for years.

Such as the one about a famous Irish dancer who decided to go to confession one Saturday.

Father Sullivan began asking her about her work. She explained that she was an acrobatic dancer, but the priest didn't know what she meant.

"I'll show you, father," she said.

She stepped out of the confessional and went into a series of cartwheels, handsprings and backflips.

An elderly woman turned to another parishioner and said: "Look at the penance Father Sullivan is givin' out, and me without 'me' bloomers on!"

Catherine McHugh writes for biography.com that "the Irish indisputably have a way with language, as countless phrases and sayings born on the Emerald Island have been quoted across the world."

She shares some of the most memorable witticisms from famous Irish writers, politicians and entertainers, such as these two lines from the great writer Oscar Wilde:

"Be yourself; everyone else is taken."

"The pure and simple truth is rarely pure and never simple."

Playwright George Bernard Shaw spoke one of my all-time favorites: "A government that robs from Peter to pay Paul can always count on the support of Paul."

He also coined this well-remembered line: "Youth is wasted on the young."

Playwright Sean O'Casey offers a clever take on a famous Shakespeare quote: "The world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed."

The great satirist Jonathan Swift offers sound advice: "May you live all the days of your life."

And Irish footballer George Best celebrates the Irish wit in all its glory with a line that made me laugh out loud: "In 1969, I gave up women and alcohol. It was the worst 20 minutes of my life."

According to author Bob Callahan in a Salon article, the Irish influence on American culture is considerable.

The melodies of the Irish fiddle were blended with the rhythms of African music to give birth to today's popular music.

Irish vaudevillians, masters of knockabout physical comedy, influenced early Hollywood filmmaking and even gave birth to the newspaper comic strip.

But it is the mischievousness of the Irish spirit and wit - the "hard-boiled, darkly humorous, racetrack bitten" language of the Irish - that really benefited America.

Irish spirit and wit were the precursors to "brilliant, wisecracking Irish-Americans," who were precursors to the gregarious American spirit and sense of humor that are among our most treasured resources.

We sometimes take ourselves too seriously and lose our sense of humor - we sometimes get lost in the narrowness of our own point of view.

Well, St. Patrick's Day is a great day to pour yourself a pint of Guinness, and to feed and nurture our badly-needed sense of humor - because nothing helps people get along better than a hearty laugh.

Which reminds me of one joke that I am confident we can all agree on:

Q: Why are Irish jokes so simplistic?

A: So Congress can understand them.

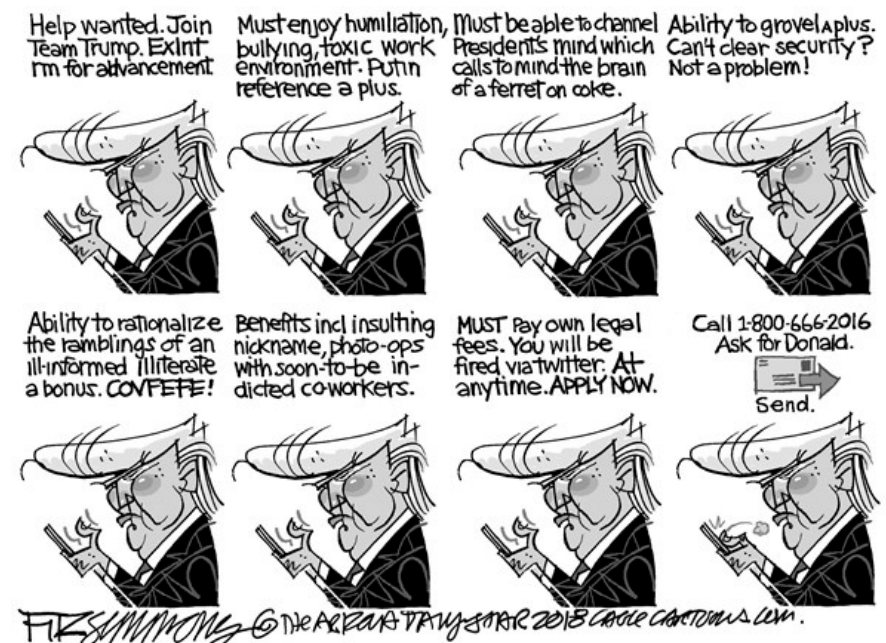
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TRUMP IS STOCKING WHITE  
HOUSE WITH YES-MEN

We should have seen this coming. Donald Trump, who thrives on the love of the crowd, who listens to the last person to successfully worm their way into his ear and who cannot endure even the most minor of slights, is systematically building an administration of yes-men.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who famously referred to his boss as a "moron," and who broke with him on Russia and Iran, got the sack via Tweet. He was replaced by CIA Director Mike Pompeo, who shares Trump's hawkishness on Iran, but who also reportedly harbors a corrosive Islamophobia.

Trump, who never enjoyed a close relationship with his chief diplomat, reportedly wanted to change horses ahead of his meeting with North Korea. As awful as Tillerson was at his job, whether that's actually a good idea remains to be seen.

Meanwhile... Trump's longtime body man, John McEntee (a personal aide), got the hook on Tuesday because he's reportedly under investigation by the Department of Homeland Security for financial crimes.

Tillerson and McEntee followed economic advisor Gary Cohn out the door, and with it, the voice of establishment Wall Street. He broke with Trump over potentially destructive, and most definitely extortionate, tariffs on steel and aluminum.

Cohn lost a fight with White House trade advisor Peter Navarro, who shares Trump's protectionist bent. As the Washington Post reports, Navarro, who was once barred from sending private emails and was reduced to "skulking" in the West Wing, is now ascendant.

White House Communications Director Hope Hicks, who admitted before a congressional oversight committee to telling "white lies" on Trump's behalf, also resigned. There, Trump lost one of his closest advisors and confidantes. Hicks had been with Trump since before the beginning of his political career.

And it's probably only a matter of time before Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who has been repeatedly voted on and off the island by our reality TV president, finally has enough or is similarly purged.

As The Week reports, Tillerson's exit through the White House's madly spinning revolving door adds up to at the 37th staff departure in the 14 months of Trump's administration. That's a higher rate than the previous five administrations, according to an analysis by The Brookings Institution.

Trump has "experienced such high turnover," because he "has valued loyalty over qualifications and suffered from a White House that has functioned in a chaotic manner," Brookings scholar Kathryn Dunn Tenpas concluded.

As result, it's been difficult for Trump "to retain staff and [it has] contributed to the governance difficulties he has encountered," she wrote. "If history is any guide, staff recruitment and retention during his second year could prove challenging as well."

So who's left? Trump's narrowing inner circle is now comprised of Kelly, who was supposed to serve as a check on the president's worst excesses, but has dramatically underperformed in that role; as well as daughter Ivanka Trump, who is a senior adviser when it suits her, and an aggrieved daughter when it does not; and son-in-law Jared Kushner, a secretary of all, but knower of not much, as it turns out.

Writing for The Guardian, David Smith concludes that "Trump is creating... less a team of rivals than a chorus of praise singers."

Back in August - which just seems light years away now - The National Review's Philip H. Devoe wrote that it was too soon to tell whether Trump's turnover was abnormal. But he said the White House "should heed warning signs about in-house turmoil."

Yes, a president is entitled to name his own team and they should exhibit some core ideological and political sympathies. But they should also be able to disagree with the chief executive without risking dismissal.

After all, every school kid knows the story of the team of political contrarians that President Abraham Lincoln assembled in 1861.

The 16th president's decision to bring former opponents into his White House is now praised as a model of executive leadership, underscoring the importance of the leader of the free world being presented with views that do not comport with his own.

Barely more than a year into his presidency, Trump, who shares an affinity for strongmen, is stumbling his way toward a regime of Yes-Men.

And while that might shore up his tender ego, it's bad news for the rest of us.

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MAKING SENSE by  
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TRUMPING THE NORTH  
KOREA NAYSAYERS



President Trump will never win. Not with the liberal media, anyway.

First they were all over his case for not wanting to meet with North Korea's dear leader, Kim Jong Un.

Then they ripped him for his tough-talking tweets describing the "fire and fury" America would rain down on North Korea if Kim ever fired a nuclear missile at us.

Then they were so blind with Trump Hate they couldn't see the humor when the president dubbed the dictator Kim "Rocket Man."

And now, with planning meetings for a Trump-Kim summit apparently in the works in Sweden, the liberal media and their favorite foreign policy experts and professional second-guessers are terrified that Trump will sit down with Kim.

It'll be a while before we find out if President Trump will succeed in reducing North Korea's misbehavior where previous administrations have only failed.

His "Tweet Diplomacy" is part of a different kind of negotiating strategy that breaks the rules and puts America's interests first, not last.

His "Nuclear Button" tweet of Jan. 2 was one of his best - and one of his funniest: "North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un just stated that the 'Nuclear Button is on his desk at all times.' Will someone from his depleted and food starved regime please inform him that I too have a Nuclear Button, but it is a much bigger & more powerful one than his, and my Button works!"

Trump's straight talk about the nature of the North Korean regime reminded me of my father's famous "Evil Empire" Speech in 1983.

Most of his staff, everyone in the media and most foreign policy experts of the time went nuts when my father chose - on his own and without telling anyone in advance - to say the Soviet empire was immoral and built on evil.

Everyone on the planet not working for the KGB or the New York Times editorial page knew what Ronald Reagan said was true.

But saying Soviet totalitarianism was evil was not something a president of the U.S. was ever supposed to say out loud.

In the 1970s and 1980s Americans were being told by the media and the Washington political establishment we had to coexist with the USSR forever, not try to defeat it militarily or economically.

It was not politically correct to say America was morally superior to the USSR. But my father knew the truth and was not afraid to say so.

A few years later the same thing happened in Iceland when he walked away from the nuclear weapons talks with Mikhail Gorbachev.

The media went nuts. They called him a loser. They said he was risking a global nuclear war. They said he was too tough on that nice young liberal man running Russia.

We all know how that Cold War story ended - the Berlin Wall came down and the USSR's empire crumbled into pieces and went out of the evil business.

As I've noted many times, my father's basic foreign policy strategy was never complicated - "We win, they lose."

While I disagree with Trump on many things, he's basically taking the same America-first approach, whether it's on tariffs and trade or in his dealing with Kim.

So now it looks like Rocket Man is coming to the table.

It never would have happened if President Trump had not taken the tough stand he took and said the outrageous things he said.

As I watch the North Korea cards play out and listen to the naysayers, I see the same characters and hear the same arguments I heard in the 1980s.

What the naysayers and foreign policy pros really need to do first is applaud the fact that at long last there is going to be a face-to-face meeting with Kim to discuss nuclear weapons.

That's what's most important.

Once the Kim-Trump summit is over, the naysayers can comment or complain all they want about the results.

For now they should shut up and clap.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROGELIO MORENO CONSTRUCTION, 686 ELMIRA ST., PASADENA, CA 91104. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROGELIO MORENO, 686 ELMIRA ST, PASADENA, CA 91104. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed, ROGELIO MORENO . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2018. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2018-036257  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RUSH SILK PRINTING, 1677 E. 41<sup>ST</sup> STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EVER SANTOS GUEVARA MEJIA, 1677 E. 41<sup>ST</sup> STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed, EVER SANTOS GUEVARA MEJIA . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2018. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2018-036166  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SOAR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, 649 JALAPA DR., COVINA, CA 91724. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARCO VILLEGAS, 649 JALAPA DR., COVINA, CA 91724. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed, MARCO VILLEGAS . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2018. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.

2018-037215

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SOUTH BAY TRANSMISSION, CAR ANGELES, 25212 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, LOMITA, CA 90717. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LOMITA AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 25212 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, LOMITA, CA 90717. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed, JUAN PEDRO DIAZ . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/13/2018. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2018-039128  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TEAM PATRIOT BUILDERS, LLC, 384 PARK SHADOW CT, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TEAM PATRIOT BUILDERS, LLC, 384 PARK SHADOW CT, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed, MANUEL AMAYA, 384 PARK SHADOW CT, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2018. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2018-036360  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VENTURA PRODUCE, 1320 LAWRENCE ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90021. MAILING ADDRESS: 735 S CAJON AVE, WEST COVINA, CA 91791. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SAUL CAYON VENTURA, 735 S CAJON AVE, WEST COVINA, CA 91791. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed, SAUL CAYON VENTURA, 735 S CAJON AVE, WEST COVINA, CA 91791. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/12/2018. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2011. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VIP MOBILE OUTLET, 5848 IMPERIAL HWY # A, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VIP OUTLET, INC., 5848 IMPERIAL HWY # A, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed, MICHAEL A CUELLAR . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/14/2018. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2018-037766  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YIP REMODEL, 1704 W. COMMONWEALTH AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERT SARIS, 1704 W. COMMONWEALTH AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803; GENEVIEVE ARCHIBUEGO, 1704 W. COMMONWEALTH AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed, ROBERT SARIS . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/14/2018. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PATRICE CANTRELL CASE NO. 17STPB08606

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of PATRICE CANTRELL.

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

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

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/29/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

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## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT H. GLASS CASE NO. 18STPB00467

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROBERT H. GLASS.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LESLIE B. GLASS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LESLIE B. GLASS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/22/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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name: CALIFORNIA FRONTIER TRUCKING, 16102 LOS ALAMOS ST., GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 11/18/2015, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2015294054. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 02/09/2018. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) ERICA LUNA Publish: Mountain Views News  
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# RE-ELECT Rachelle Arizmendi

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As a Council Member and your current Mayor, it has been my honor to serve you for the last four years.

I have worked with my City Council colleagues to:

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As a Sierra Madre homeowner, I know that overdevelopment can ruin the quality of life in a neighborhood.

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Let's Keep Sierra Madre Great!

***"I am committed to maintaining a beautiful, safe place where individuals, seniors and families can flourish." – Rachelle Arizmendi***

**Rachelle Arizmendi** was first elected to the Sierra Madre City Council in 2014 and currently serves as the Mayor of the City of Sierra Madre.

In 2017, Rachelle was appointed by California's Governor to serve on the State's Board of Food and Agriculture. She also serves on several Boards including the California League of Cities and Foothill Workforce Development Policy. Rachelle is a Governor Appointee to the Interagency Council on Early Intervention and is an Advisory Member of the South Coast AQMD Local Government & Small Business Advisory Group.

Rachelle is the Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of PACE (Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment). PACE is a non-profit community development organization that serves over 40,000 people every year in the areas of job training and employment, business development, early education, asset building, energy, and weatherization. She oversees a budget of \$25M and a staff of 300 employees. In her previous capacity, she held the position of Education Project Director for 16 years. She was also the Executive Director for 2-1-1- California (an affiliate of the United Ways of California).

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