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WATER, WATER, WATER.....AGAIN?

What began as a proposal that was “revenue neutral” has evolved into what will probably amount to a water rate increase.

The Sierra Madre City Council tabled the adoption of a draft of the Sierra Madre Comprehensive Water Cost of Service Study (Proposition 218), as concerns arose about water rate increases and the state of the city's infrastructure.

As a result of changes in the delivery of water and sewer services to the community, City Council received an analysis presentation by Habib Isaac, manager with Raffetis Financial Consultants, during their regular meeting on Tuesday May 22, 2018.

In a nutshell, the City is now importing more than 50% of its water to meet consumption demands. Residents have made their voices heard with complaints about the complexity of the current billing structure. In addition, focus is needed for both short- and long-term infrastructure repairs as pipes are aging and leaks are becoming more prominent. Improvements and changes in operation reflected in the study would take place over a five-year period.

Rate increases as stated in the current version of the study include a \$10 increase in water rates and an increase in sewer rates totaling less than one dollar. The adjusted rate in water is expected to:

Maintain the base revenue at \$5.2 million in fiscal year ending 2019

Cover increases in imported water through pass-through charges

Ensure future years in the planning period are indexed to cost of living as opposed to annual percentage increases, and

Fund capital projects and a portion of deferred maintenance. The current, confusing structure consists of four tiers, which would be collapsed into a two-tier system. Tier

1 will consist of water Sierra Madre can produce from its ground source. Tier 2 will consist of water imported the consumption demand.

Single-family, multi-family residents and non-residential customers will pay a fixed bi-monthly charge that will include customer service, meter capacity, and infrastructure charges.

The snag in adopting the current draft was the result over infrastructure concerns, which City Manager Gabriel Engeland referred to as in “crisis mode” despite \$2.2 million put aside in the budget to combat the problem. Water loss in Sierra Madre is currently at 24%. It's a multi-generational fix that won't be resolved quickly by throwing a lot of money at it, according to Engeland. Mayor Pro Tem John Harabedian, who chimed in remotely, supported the City Manager's sentiments and suggested that we need a “bolder plan” to repair infrastructure concerns. Council Member John Capoccia also voiced concerns on how much of an increase in water rates would be acceptable to the community in order to repair water mains and how much repairing would be tolerable at one time. The end result for now is to come back to the table with a revised version for adoption at a later date.

The election process for Proposition 218 requires a 45-day notice and a public hearing. As of this meeting, the recommendation was to set July 24, 2018 at 9 a.m. for public tabulation of protests, and 6:30 p.m. for a public hearing on the matter at City Hall. With this delay, this date may change as well. A copy of the full study of Proposition 218 is available at the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com.

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SURVEY RESULTS FAVOR KEEPING SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY AT CURRENT LOCATION



The city of Sierra Madre recently contracted with the National Research Center, Inc. to conduct a survey to determine resident's preferences for financing, location and services for Sierra Madre Library. The results are in.

Of the 4,910 surveys mailed out to the community, 1,770 were completed for a response rate of 37%. The initial expected return rate was only 20%, which truly shows that library users are generally concerned about the fate of the library, which is in need of updates, including meeting seismic building codes, Federal American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, newer inventory, and other up-to-date services.

Here are some of the highlights

of the results.

Thirty-two percent strongly supported keeping the library at its current location, while moving some of its services to other locations in the city in order to maintain current service levels, and fund repair by selling the back lot for development. Twenty-seven percent somewhat supported this option and 22% strongly opposed this option.

Forty-two percent strongly opposed moving the library from its current location to the Sierra Madre Rec. Center location at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Only 12% supported keeping the library at its current location while significantly reducing library services and limiting public access

to areas of the library building until alternative funding for ADA compliance can be secured.

About 30% selected repairing the library, moving some programming and not increasing taxes as their “most preferred” option.

Eight in 10 surveyed felt having a comprehensive, up-to-date collection of materials was essential or most important.

Seven in 10 agreed that having social and educational programming for all ages and local history archives were essential or very important.

A majority of residents did not support the idea of a parcel tax to pay for a new library or enhance services.


One of the most “astonishing”

figures noted is that 75% of those surveyed say they come to the library at least once to twice a month. The general consensus among council members, library staff and the community is that putting temporary Band-Aids on repairs is no longer an option and safety should be the priority moving forward. The City Manager, Gabriel Engeland directed the Council to review the results and meet at a later date to discuss options in further detail.

The complete survey can be accessed at City Hall public counter, at the Library, and on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com.

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The History of Sierra Madre Community Hospital

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Our speaker, Dr. William White, will talk about the history of the Sierra Madre medical facility. He will also talk about various things throughout the history of Sierra Madre you probably were never aware of.

Dr. White earned his medical degree from Loma Linda University in 1962. He did his internship at White Memorial Hospital from 1962-1963. This is the same hospital that was named after Dr. White's Great Grandmother.




For 33 years Dr. White's medical office was located where The Kensington Sierra Madre stands today and in 1994 he moved his office to Arcadia.

Speaker:
Dr. William White

EVENT DETAILS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018
From: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR June 5, 2018
6:30 pm

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

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



SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 5, 2018
6:30 pm

Can't make it to the meeting, but still want to share your thoughts? You can mail or drop off a written statement to City Hall or email city@cityofsierramadre.com before 30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members. Sierra Madre City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (626) 355-7135

City Council
June 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Planning Commission
May 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm
June 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Community Service Commission
May 21, 2018 at 6:30 pm
June 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Senior Community Commission
June 7, 2018 at 3:00 pm

Library Board of Trustees
May 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm

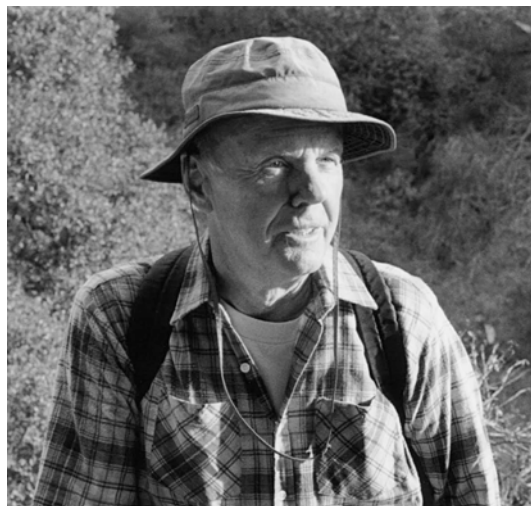
Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource
Commission
May 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm
June 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF JOHN ROBINSON

The residents of Sierra Madre and all lovers of our San Gabriel Mountains are invited to congregate at Lizzie's Trail Inn and the adjacent Mount Wilson Trail Park on Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to noon. We will be celebrating the life and achievements of John W. Robinson, educator, historian and author, who passed away on April 24.

Just as the Red Car and mountain resorts boosted our community from the 1890s through 1950, John was responsible for many of the nature-loving hikers and campers passing through our foothill community. His many books and his participation in Dr. White's Hikes into History brought an awakening among a wide group of Southern Californians regarding our own treasure of the Sierra Madre—our mountains.

Bring your stories of John Robinson and meet with friends and fellow lovers of the best "backyard" in the San Gabriel Valley! There will be speakers, videos and displays. Docents will be at Lizzie's, and water and lemonade will be available. The event is coordinated by Dr. Bill White with generous support of the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society, the City of Sierra Madre, the Los Angeles Corral of the Westerners, and the Big Santa Anita Historical Society.

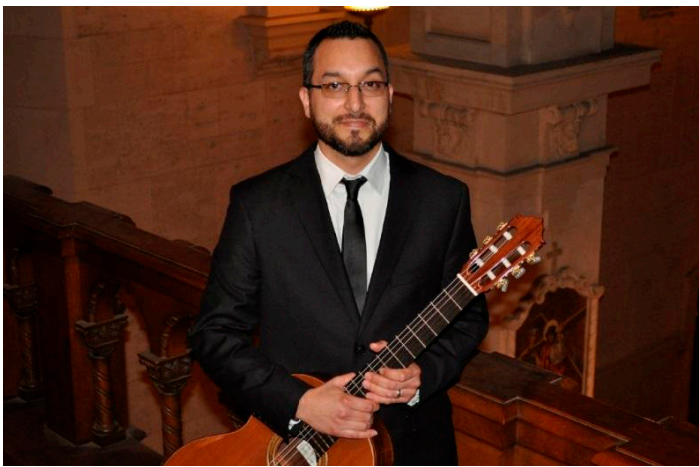


Robinson on Mt. Wilson Trail, 1996

For more details, contact Leslie Ziff, president, Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society at (626) 321-7735.

CLASSICAL GUITAR MUSIC STARTS THE SUMMER AT THE SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Relax and enjoy the beauty of classical guitar



Start your summer with an afternoon of classical guitar music from around the world at 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 9 at the Sierra Madre Public Library.

Andre Giraldo will perform works from Brazil, Russia, France, and Argentina. Giraldo, an LA based classical guitarist, performs, teaches, and is a member of the trio, The Artisan Guitar Ensemble. Giraldo's performance starts the Library's 2018 Sierra Madre Super Summer program. Pick up your passport at the Library or any event on the City calendar. Then start stamping your passport to earn prizes by reading, attending events, shopping local, and by visiting City landmarks.

Read, Discover, Connect @ Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024, (626) 355-7186, Text (626) 662-1254, www.cityofsierramadre.com/services/library

IT'S ALOHA SUNDAY!

Sierra Madre United Methodist Church invites you to wear your favorite Hawaiian apparel to church at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 27th.

In Hawaiian, Aloha means affection, peace, compassion and mercy, but it has commonly been used as a greeting to say "welcome / hello" and to say "goodbye".

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During this period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 315 day and night time calls for service.

Monday, May 14 Officers responded to 600 block E. Sierra Madre Blvd. at about 11:27AM, regarding an unknown male who was trespassing. The subject fled when officers attempted to contact him. The officers set up a containment in the area of Orange Grove Ave and Rancho Rd, with air support from Pasadena PD and Arcadia PD patrol units. The subject was apprehended in the 100 block of Olivera Lane without incident and was arrested for trespassing, resisting arrest and was also in violation of his probation status. He was then transported to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries before being transported to L.A. County Jail for booking. Case to Pasadena DA's office

Tuesday, May 15

A report of a theft was reported that sometime between 5-15-18 at 9:00PM and 5-16-18 at 7:00AM the theft of a bicycle occurred in the 00 block of Monterey Lane. The officers received a description of the bike and video of the possible suspect. Case pending further video footage

Saturday, May 19

At about 6:33AM officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of N. Lima regarding an argument between a couple. The officer's investigation revealed that they were in a verbal argument inside the residence. The female involved was arrested for domestic violence and transported to the Women's Facility in Lynwood. Case to Detectives

SIERRA MADRE 4th of July 2018 Parade

Sierra Madre's Annual 4th of July Celebration is an annual tradition that is an integral part of the Sierra Madre community! A hometown parade that features community members, organizations, classic cars, marching bands, kids on their decorated bikes and so much more.

Presented by: The Sierra Madre Fourth of July Committee,
The Sierra Madre Community Foundation & The City of Sierra Madre



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Parade Registration will be open from May 1 - June 1, 2018 @ 5:00pm

Join in the fun for the 2018 Parade on July 4th, from 10:00am - 12:00pm. The parade route will begin at the corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Sunnyside Ave., and will travel the length of Sierra Madre Blvd. to Sierra Vista Park. Parade participation is open to all; young, young-at-heart and everything in between.

There is NO FEE to participate, but you must register in advance during parade registration May 1 - June 1, 2018.

Due to staging concerns and safety, no late entries will be accepted. Registration is easy on the website, just make sure to fill out all fields and hit the submit button!

Please visit the website
sierramadrefourthofjuly.com



For questions regarding parade registration please contact the 4th of July Committee at 4thofjuly@sierramadre.com or the Community Services Department at 626.355.7135.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Lt. Kenneth Bell VFW Post 3208 invites patriotic Veterans, families and friends to attend our special Memorial Day Ceremonies honoring our deceased War Veterans at Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery, Monday, May 28 at 11:00 A.M. Please arrive early to get a seat. In recent years, the ceremony has attracted standing-room only crowds. A sandwich lunch will be served following the ceremony, courtesy of Post 3208. Patriotic and WW II music will be played before and after the ceremony. Our guest speaker will Dr. Harold "Doc" Martin, a former U.S. Army Captain who fought with the 14th Infantry Regiment in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He served 20 years in the Army National Guard and Reserves. Dr. Martin is a Psychology professor at Pasadena City College and has been the PCC Veterans Club advisor since 2006. Dr. Martin earned his PhD in Counseling Psychology from UCLA. VFW Post 3208 urges all who are available and able to come and honor America's deceased war veterans at our solemn Memorial Day Ceremony.



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WALKING SIERRA MADRE... The Social Side By Deanne Davis

"You can't buy happiness, but you can buy books, and that's kind of the same thing."
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Jose Luis Borges
"Books are a uniquely portable magic." Stephen King

According to Wikipedia, Johannes Gutenberg developed, circa 1439, a printing system, adapting existing technologies to printing purposes. That changed the world. Time passed, more printed works were available, more people learned to read and eventually there were local libraries, like ours, sacred palaces filled with books of every kind. Then, glory of glories, those libraries took to having Used Book Sales. When we were young and first moved to Sierra Madre, we had lots of children, no money, and had just bought our house, a beautiful place, now 102 years old. Oldest daughter, Leah, and I had a common bond. We read. I don't mean we read now and then, I mean we READ! Usually two or three books at a time. In fact, twelve year old Leah never left the house without three books; the one she was reading, the one she planned to read next and one more just in case.

The Used Book Sales were a little slice of heaven for us. Arriving on the appointed day well in advance of the opening, we bought shopping bags filled with goodness knew what treasures for \$1.00. Novels went for a dime or a quarter and we staggered away with delicious booty that kept us happy for weeks.

We, of course, used our Library with gay abandon, taking the limit of books every few days, wallowing in words. Leah got special permission from our Librarian, Mary Tumilty, to have an adult library card so she could devour all the Perry Mason mysteries. I vividly remember telling her she was not to read Forever Amber or Lydia Bailey as I felt they were far too racy for her. Compared to what is available now along the lines of 50 Shades of Grey, they were about as racy as Dick, Jane and Spot, whom we met in the First Grade.

Time marched on and we could buy the latest books fairly cheaply when they came out in paperback at Costco. Time continued to march inexorably on and we became Kindle readers. I have published several things on Amazon Kindle and, occasionally, get a dollar or two in royalties.

So, all those Used Book Sales and purchases here and there have made it possible for me to have a bookcase in literally every single room of my house and I add to them still with various hard or soft cover books. I love how they look. I love the fact that I have read them all, many more than once, and there is something about being surrounded by books that is immensely comforting. Have you ever visited someone and discovered they have no books anywhere? How do they exist?



However...and you knew one was coming...I now must divest myself of many of these beloved books as my partner in life and fellow book lover, John, is now residing – and reading, I'm sure – in heaven and I must let our house go to another family, hopefully, with children who will love growing up here.

Too many books, the real estate people say. Too cluttered. Books are not necessary. They are in the way. How is that even possible, I ask? But, happily, the Sierra Madre Library is willing to take back their books and use them in yet another Used Book Sale. So, I've rolled up my sleeves and put together dozens of cardboard cartons that John had bought for some reason or other and I've spent the last week wandering through the house taking books off shelves and placing them in boxes. I've been to The Bottle Shop and looted their box pile and; although I don't think my back will ever be the same; I have gathered 442 hard cover and 75 paperback books. The Library Super People, Martha Troedson and the Mountain Views News' own Jeff Brown came and took them all away. I was relieved the job was done but sad at the same time.

I am comforting myself with the thought that next month at the June Used Book Sale there will probably be another mother-daughter team, like Leah and me, who will be in book heaven as soon as they walk through the door. If you hadn't planned to go, change your plans! It's Friday, June 1, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. As I'm sure you already know, the sale will be held at the rear of the Library, 440 West Sierra Madre Blvd.

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Editorial:

If there is anything to be learned from the last two years, it is the importance of every single eligible voter making informed decisions about candidates and then voting! We should have also learned that our decisions need to be the result of doing our homework, distinguishing between facts and hyperbolic campaign rhetoric, and choosing who we believe, based on their qualifications, will best serve our concerns.

On June 5th, Californians will have the opportunity to narrow the field of candidates so that we will have viable choices in the November General Election. In 2010, we approved the Top Two Primary system for most offices. As such, all candidates running for office are listed on one ballot, regardless of their party preference. (Previously your ballot only listed the candidates from your stated party preference.) Now, a candidate's party has no impact on how the election is conducted or who is allowed to advance to the General Election. Instead, candidates go on to a run-off election based solely on how many votes they receive in the Primary. The Top Two Primary applies to most of the offices that were previously known as "partisan" and are now known as "voter-nominated" offices.

Many voters do not feel a sense of urgency when it comes to Primary Elections. That may have been tolerable prior to 2016, but it is now 'Captain Obviously' clear that every voter needs to vote in every election! We cannot let being overwhelmed with the current political climate, especially what is going on in Washington, take away from our responsibilities in California. Regardless of where your political views are, as Californians we must "put our oxygen masks on first". In other words, let's take care of our business in our home state.

The Mountain Views News Editorial Board includes a diverse group of political thinkers. The endorsements listed are a reflection of our opinions and we hope they are useful in your choice of candidates.

Whatever you do, whether you agree with our choices or not, make certain you vote. **Vote as if your future depends on it.....because it does!**

JUNE 5TH PRIMARY ENDORSEMENTS:

Governor:

There are far too many candidates listed on the ballot. Our choices have been narrowed down to 3. In our opinion, any of those listed below would make a very fine governor.

John Chiang – His background as State Treasurer makes him super qualified. California has the 5th or 6th largest economy in the world (depending on who you ask), and Chiang has managed the state's finances well through good times and bad.

Delaine Eastin – As a former California State Superintendent of Public Instruction and a former member of the Assembly, she has not only a thorough knowledge of state governance, she has demonstrated her commitment to making California a better place to live for all Californians.

Gavin Newsom – Considered to be the front runner by many, he definitely has the political support and track record as Mayor of San Francisco to lead the state. As Mayor, he was willing to take a stand in the midst of fierce opposition, something sorely needed when dealing with the Trump Administration.

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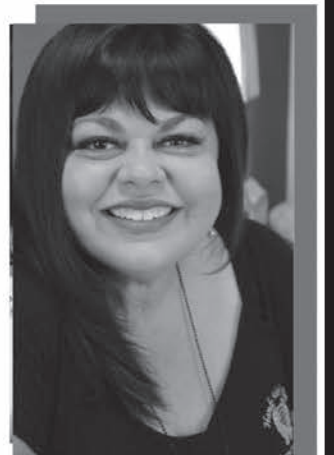


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News From Your Community For Your Community

Metro to Hold SR-710 Public Hearing

Metro officials announced this week they will hold the next meeting in June dealing with historic properties within Pasadena and new information as it relates to a recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The meeting will be held at Maranatha High School.

Following the circulation of the SR-710 North Study Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) in March 2015, Caltrans reviewed comments received concerning potential impacts of the build alternatives on cultural resources within the study area. As a result, Caltrans has completed further analysis and identified an adverse effect to historic properties within the Cities of Pasadena, South Pasadena and unincorporated East Los Angeles. Based on this new information, a Focused Recirculated Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS has been prepared for public review and comment, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act.

A public hearing will be held to receive comments specifically pertaining to the new information provided in the Focused Recirculated Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS.

The hearing will be Wednesday, June 13 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m., presentation at 6:30 p.m. Maranatha High School - Student Service Center is located 169 S St John Av. Free onsite parking is available in the underground school parking lot. For more information visit: dot.ca.gov/d7/env-docs.

Pet of the Week



Max (A448137) is a 2-year-old miniature pinscher who arrived to the Pasadena Humane Society last week and has bonded very quickly with our volunteers and staff here. He likes attention and especially enjoys treats. He will follow commands without much prompting in an attempt to get to the treats quickly. He is energetic and friendly, and has enjoyed playing with other dogs and toys on Wiggle Waggle Wagon field trips. Find out more about him by visiting pasadenahumane.org.

The adoption fee for dogs is \$130. All dogs are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before going to their new home.

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

View photos of adoptable pets at pasadenahumane.org. Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.

Fuller to Move out of Pasadena

By Dean Lee

After 70 years in Pasadena, Fuller President Mark Labberton announced Wednesday that the Multidenominational Theological Seminary will move its main campus to Pomona by 2021.

“Wider access to Fuller’s scholarship is a critical element in this time of transformation,” he said in a statement to faculty and staff. “As we innovate new applications of technology and vocation formation, distance is not an obstacle to forming local leaders around the globe.”

Fuller communications manager Britt Vaughan said that the new campus will be smaller. “Our residential community has been smaller and so this area is no longer necessary, or size is necessary.”

Vaughan said the new location will be four acres, as opposed to the 13 acres in Pasadena. The campus is between Walnut Street and Union Street near Los Robles Avenue.

“There’s a slight caveat to that because Pomona has density zoning that we can build up, so we don’t need a larger area,” he said.

He said the move will help with building a new campus, “Some of the things here have



Photo by D. Lee/MVNews

been restrictive.”

The campus is home to Ford Place Historic District, a residential subdivision of 10 buildings created in 1902, on the National Register of Historic Places.

He also said the decision to sell the campus had not been finalized, “This hasn’t gone to market yet.”

Vaughan said they were being represented by real estate broker CBRE.

“They are looking at it in different ways, either one buyer or separate it with multiple buyers, so there are a possibility of any number of things,” he said adding that they plan to work with city officials.

“We met with the Mayor [Terry Tornek] last Tuesday,” he said.

Olympian to Olympian



Lauren Gibbs, a member of the USA Women’s Bobsled Team that won the Silver Medal at the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea, will be joined in conversation by John Naber, the swimming champion who won four gold medals and one silver medal at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, Canada. The program is scheduled Friday, June 8, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Scott Pavilion at the Pasadena Senior Center, followed by a reception.

Gibbs, the daughter of Pasadena Senior Center Executive Director Akila Gibbs, was a champion volleyball and track and field athlete in high school at Westridge School for Girls in Pasadena and captained the volleyball team at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

She caught the eye of Elana Meyers Taylor, who was on the silver medal-winning U.S. Women’s Bobsled Team at the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, Russia, and wanted to try again in 2018. They teamed up, with Taylor as the pilot and Gibbs as the brakeman. They won a gold medal at the 2015-2016 Bobsled World Cup in St. Moritz in the

Swiss Alps and a silver medal at the 2017-2018 Bobsled World Cup in Lake Placid, events that served as part of the selection process for the 2018 Winter Olympics. Gibbs’s and Taylor’s future plans are to qualify again for the U.S. National Bobsled Team and make another attempt for the gold medal at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

John Naber, a resident of Pasadena, captained the swim team at Woodside High School in California’s San Mateo County and earned a swimming scholarship to USC, leading the university to four national titles from 1974 to 1977 and earning 10 NCAA individual titles. As a member of the U.S. Men’s Swimming Team at the Summer Olympics in Montreal, he set four new world records in 100-meter and 200-meter backstroke competitions and was America’s most decorated athlete at those ’76 summer games.

The June 8 event is free and open to the public, regardless of age or membership status with the Pasadena Senior Center.

For more information visit www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org or call (626) 795-4331.

Dungeon Master Training with Actor Wil Wheaton

Have you ever wanted to play Dungeons and Dragons but never had a dungeon master to facilitate play? Join the Altadena Library for Dungeon Master Training with Wil Wheaton, creator of the TableTop webseries for an inside look at the game. 2:00pm - Mechanics of Being a Dungeon Master 3:30pm - Fundamentals of Being a Storyteller 5:00pm - Practice Your New Skills

Wil Wheaton is an actor, blogger, voice actor and writer. He is known for his portrayals of Wesley Crusher on the television series Star Trek: The Next Generation



and a fictionalized version of himself on The Big Bang Theory. Wil is also the co-creator and host of the YouTube board game show TableTop.

This program is designed for teens and adults. The Main Library is located 600 E. Mariposa Street. For more information call (626) 798-0833.

Vaughan said the Pasadena campus severs about 1,200 students. He said there were another 3,000 Fuller students between two regional campuses in Houston Texas and Phoenix Arizona and online studies.

Vaughan said the faculty and staff were excited about the move. “It’s a whole new start for us, it’s going to be a brand new future for us, its going to let us build a new theological future.”

Police to Focus on Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety

Traffic Enforcement Operations Planned for Pasadena

Pasadena Police Department will step up Bike and Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations today with focused enforcement on collision causing factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Extra officers will be on duty patrolling areas where bike and pedestrian traffic and crashes occur in an effort to lower deaths and injuries.

Officers will be looking for violations made by drivers, bike riders and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in cross walks or any other dangerous violation.

Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped and citations issued when they fail to follow the same traffic laws that apply to motorists. All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet – those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.

Bicycle and pedestrian fatalities are rising in California as more people use these non-motorized means of transportation. Locally, Pasadena Police Department has investigated 374 fatal and injury collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists during the past three (3) years. In 2016, California witnessed 867 pedestrians and 147 bicyclists killed, accounting for more than 28 percent of all traffic fatalities.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Movies in the Park

The South Pasadena Community Services Department is screening two movies at Garfield Park this summer:

June 22 - Despicable Me 3

August 10 - Coco

Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and low seat lawn chairs.

Movies begin 8:15pm (dusk) Garfield Park 625 1/2 Stratford Avenue. For more information, please contact the Recreation Office - 626-403-7380

Playhouse Centennial Celebration Block Party



Pasadena Playhouse announced this week more entertainment and participants for the Playhouse Block Party, the State Theatre’s Centennial celebration in partnership with the Playhouse District Association. This all-day event, free to the public, is from 12-noon to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9 on El Molino Ave. at Colorado Blvd. There will be more than twenty performances on two different stages – a Main Stage and a Kids’ Stage -- during the course of the day, in addition to activity booths hosted by some of Pasadena’s most celebrated arts organizations, theatre tours, a silent disco, and more.

Performances will include Culture Clash (presenting Bordertown Now at the Playhouse May 30 – June 24), Athletic Garage Dance Center, Ballet Folklorico Quetzal, Blue13 Dance Company, Bob Baker Marionettes, Creating Arts Company, Los Angeles College of Music, Makoto Taiko, Nine O’Clock Players, Pasadena City College Theatre & Opera, PCDA (Professional Child Development Associates) Youth Choir, Pasadena Civic Ballet & Musical Theatre, Pasadena Conservatory of Music, Pasadena Dance Theatre, Pasadena Master Chorale, and School of Rock Pasadena. The evening will end with headline bands California Feetwarmers, Caught A Ghost, and Boogaloo Assassins. A full schedule of events can be found at www.playhouseblockparty.org.

Throughout the day, guests can experience interactive and immersive activity booths and games created by community partners and local art organizations. These include Kidspace Children’s Museum, Armory for the Arts, Metaforyou, MUSE/IQUE, Pasadena Dance Theatre, Pasadena Museum of California Art, Pasadena Museum of

History, Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena Symphony & POPS, Pasadena Walking Tours, Rogue Artists Ensemble, Shumel Arts Council, Side Street Projects, Sierra Madre Playhouse, Akabeko Project, Surrogate Gallery Projects, and USC Pacific Asia Museum. In addition, special guided tours of the Playhouse District and of the Playhouse itself will be available, including backstage access and production departments, rarely seen by the public.

Midway through the day, producing artistic director Danny Feldman will take the stage with Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek and other community leaders for a short presentation to honor the legacy of the Pasadena Playhouse, the second oldest regional theatre in the country.

Pasadena Playhouse Producing Artistic Director Danny Feldman said, “Our team has assembled all things Pasadena for our block party -- live music and performances on two outdoor stages, interactive exhibits, food, libations, guided tours, and much, much more. Beginning at noon, families can enjoy activities in the Kids’ Zone centered around a stage erected in the Playhouse Courtyard. In late afternoon and early evening, the focus will shift to a “street party” feel with live music and bands, food, drink, and more fun.”

Playhouse District Association Executive Director Brian Wallace said, “Our partnership with Pasadena Playhouse reflects what is great about our community – the drive to promote the Playhouse District as Pasadena’s home for arts and culture. We are excited to welcome everyone to enjoy what’s great about this area and hope the event encourages many repeat visits to all of our great destinations here.”

For more information visit: pasadenaplayhouse.org.

Free Monthly Events at Pasadena Senior Center

There is something for everyone in May 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.

A Toast to the Joys of Music – Tuesdays to May 29, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tom Campbell returns to play his guitar and sing covers of traditional country, country rock, blues, folk, gospel and classic rock music made famous by The Grateful Dead, Vince Gill, Merle Haggard, B.B. King, Willie Nelson, Elvis Presley, The Rolling Stones and others.

Taxi Vouchers – Tuesday, May 1, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Qualified low-income adults who are 50 and older and live in the Pasadena area will receive two vouchers for taxi rides. Proof of income and a California ID are required. Quantities are limited.

Scenic Walkers Club – Wednesdays to May 30, at 10 a.m. Join members of the Pasadena Senior Center’s Scenic Walkers Club for walks to scenic local places to enjoy the great outdoors and get some exercise. For more information, including where to meet up each week, contact Scenic Walkers Club coordinator Alan Colville at alancolville@charter.net.

Estate Planning Basics, Part 1 – Thursday, May 24, at 10 a.m. Learn the basic facts everyone should know about trusts, wills and probate issues. Presented by the Law Offices of Geoffrey Chin.

Estate Planning Basics, Part 2 – Thursday, May 31, at 10 a.m. Learn the basic facts everyone should know about estate taxes, conservatorships and durable powers of attorney. Presented by the Law Offices of Geoffrey Chin.

Friday Movie Matinees – Fridays, June 1, at 1 p.m. Everyone enjoys the experience of watching movies and the pleasures they bring. June 1:

“Phantom Thread” (2017, R) starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Vicky Krieps. The life of an aging, renowned dress designer at the center of 1950s British society is disrupted by a young, strong-willed woman who soon becomes a fixture in his life as his muse and lover.

Lost Memories – Tuesday, June 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. Follow the Ramirez family in a four-episode telenovela-style miniseries as they confront the challenges of Alzheimer’s disease when Grandma Gloria begins to show signs of memory loss. There will be a discussion after each episode about the warning signs, diagnosis process, disease progression and challenges a family can face before they are able to come together. Each episode is between seven and 10 minutes long. RSVPs are required: call (626) 685-6732. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association.

Disaster Preparedness – Thursday, June 7, at 10 a.m. Are you prepared for the next major earthquake and other potential disasters? Learn how to create a disaster kit, make disaster plans and how to get the special training you need before the next disaster occurs. Presented by Lisa Derderian, emergency coordinator for the Pasadena Fire Department.

For more information visit www.pasadenaseniorecenter.org or call (626) 795-4331.

The Pasadena Senior Center is an independent nonprofit agency that offers recreational, educational, wellness and social services to people ages 50 and older.

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ARCADIA PLANS FOR THE FUTURE



On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, Arcadia City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto presented the City's FY 18-19 budget, launching a robust public discussion regarding vital City services. As always, the City is committed to continuing its work towards maintaining public safety and the quality of services Arcadia residents expect and deserve. The FY 18-19 budget maintains existing levels of public services, but the City can no longer guarantee that services will remain at current levels over the long-term. Due to recent changes in state law and other fiscal constraints, the City's proposed budget has a structural deficit of nearly \$3.1 million with expenditures in excess of revenues. According to the City's long-term financial forecast, the structural deficit will remain for the foreseeable future. "Historical state takeaways, unfunded mandates, and cost increases have put the City at a crossroads," said City Manager Lazzaretto. "While Arcadia has the financial resources to maintain existing service levels in the short-term, in order to avoid catastrophe, we will either need to modify service levels or identify additional locally-controlled funding resources." In a recently-commissioned Community Priorities Survey, Arcadia residents stated strongly that they want existing levels of police and fire public safety services maintained. Among other priorities, residents cited preventing and investigating property crimes, like thefts and burglaries, maintaining local paramedic services, and protecting 911 emergency response times as primary areas of concern.

The City of Arcadia will continue to work hard to preserve the vital City services that our residents

expect and deserve. This budget holds the line on key services through the prudent use of City reserves, but the City will need to do more to protect service levels in the coming years, which is why the City will continue to engage residents on community service priorities. We want to continue hearing the priorities that are important to Arcadia residents and take action to ensure that we work with the community to protect our excellent services and high quality of life. If you are interested in taking a leadership role on this important topic, the City of Arcadia is accepting applications for the newly formed Citizen Financial Advisory Committee.

This ad hoc committee will be responsible for reviewing the City's long-term financial forecast and providing recommendations to the City Council for potential revenue enhancement and/or cost containment strategies. The commitment is expected to be for a period of no more than six months, but will require intense review and discussion about the City's financial future. Due to specialized nature of this Committee, prospective candidates with a background in finance are preferred. To serve on the Committee, candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter, and a resident of the City of Arcadia. Qualified candidates with an interest in serving may pick up an application from the City Clerk's Office, located at 240 W. Huntington Drive, or print one off of the City's website. Applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office on or before the close of business on Thursday, May 24, 2018. Appointments are expected to be made in June.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, May 13th, through Saturday, May 19th, the Police Department responded to 894 calls for service, of which 124 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, May 13:
Shortly before 1:07 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Duarte Road and La Cadena Avenue for having expired registration and a broken head light. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of marijuana. The suspect, a 19-year-old female from Arcadia, admitted to being under the influence of marijuana and was in possession of marijuana while driving. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 2:46 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1800 block of Highland Oaks Drive regarding a disturbance report. An investigation revealed the victim took an Uber ride home from visiting the Commerce Casino and, when he exited the vehicle, an unidentified suspect followed him and attacked him. The victim fought off his attacker and the suspect fled to an awaiting vehicle.

The suspect is described as an Asian male with a thin build. He was wearing a hooded sweatshirt, a scarf around his neck, and a beanie-type hat. The investigation is ongoing.

Monday, May 14:
Just after 9:30 a.m., an officer responded to Santa Anita Cleaners, 1001 North Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a fraud report. The victim stated she accepted a customer's personal check and after depositing it, discovered the account had been closed. The reported loss is \$291.50. The investigation is ongoing.

At approximately 5:00 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1100 block of North Second Avenue regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed the suspect entered the home through an unlocked kitchen window, appeared to have slept in the victim's bed, and fled with a small amount of spare change. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, May 15:
Around 7:39 a.m., an officer responded to the 500 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect smashed a rear window, stole a number of bowling-related items, and fled undetected. The property was located near 1009 West Huntington Drive. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Wednesday, May 16:
Just before 9:45 a.m., an officer responded to the 900 block of La Cadena Avenue regarding a stolen vehicle report. The victim stated his 2004 Toyota Corolla was stolen sometime between May 15 and 18th from the aforementioned area. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

About 12:20 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1500 block of South Santa Anita Avenue regarding a package theft report. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect stole the victim's package from his porch on May

15th at 2:10 p.m.

The suspect is described as a white or Hispanic male, approximately 35 to 39-years-old, wearing a black hat, grey shirt, and he had a medium length beard. The investigation is ongoing.

Thursday, May 17:
Before 10:36 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 400 block of Walnut Avenue regarding an audible alarm activation. The suspects activated the audible alarm by forcing open the front door. Once inside, they ransacked the residence and fled before officers arrived. A witness stated they fled in a white van. The loss is unknown at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

Around 5:31 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Santa Anita Avenue and Live Oak Avenue regarding a road rage incident. The officer discovered an altercation occurred between the victim and suspect resulting in the suspect displaying a toy that looked like a gun to frighten the victim. The suspect is a 22-year-old male from Arcadia. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, May 18:
At about 6:27 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 800 block of West Duarte Road regarding a robbery report. The victim stated an altercation occurred between her mother and herself on May 10th resulting in the mother taking her purse and stealing \$250.00.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic female, approximately 5'2", with blonde hair and green eyes. The investigation is ongoing.

Just before 10:23 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1900 block of Tulip Lane regarding a burglary report. The officer determined unknown suspects smashed a rear sliding glass door, ransacked a few drawers before realizing the resident was home. The suspects fled and it is unknown if any property was stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, May 19:
Shortly after 6:28 a.m., an officer responded to Burlington Coat Factory, 1201 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a petty theft report. The victim stated the suspects entered his vehicle by unknown means and stole the third row seat sometime between 9:30 p.m. and 11:08 p.m. on Friday, May 18th. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At approximately 1:24 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding an intoxicated subject in a parked vehicle. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath and noticed two small children inside the vehicle. A series of tests confirmed the suspect had a blood alcohol content of .193%. The 50-year-old male from Pasadena was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The children were released to their mother.

Shortly after 7:03 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall parking lot, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding an intoxicated subject. Upon contacting the suspect, the officer determined he was unable to care for himself. The 31-year-old male from West Covina was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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AN INCREDIBLE MONROVIA DAYS CELEBRATION...



Which Included the City Successfully Defending Its Pie Eating Championship Title! What an amazing Monrovia Days weekend for our community! It started out three years ago as a modest effort to bring the Monrovia Days parade back in a joint City - School District effort. Last year, we added a carnival component to the event. And this year, we expanded the carnival while also extending the event to take place Friday - Sunday. And boy... what a three days we had! The crowds were bigger this year than ever. The fun and festivities were more impressive than we have seen in the past. And truly, our community won by being able to enjoy a terrific birthday party for Monrovia! Of particular note, I wanted to share with everyone that we significantly exceeded our revenue objectives this year. Staff will be developing a complete budget update for City Council consideration in the coming weeks, however, we thought it would be important to let everyone know that while we were hoping to sell \$40,000 in tickets / wristbands for

the carnival, we exceed that objective significantly! As of our initial count tonight, we made at least \$76,000 in ticket sales for Monrovia Days! And what's more... we also wanted to share that the City successfully defended our pie eating championship this year! The team of Mayor Adams, Council Member Spicer, Oliver Chi, Tina Cherry, and Eugene Suk dominated the pie eating event, taking home first place honors! One last thought before we move on to a few pictures from the Monrovia Days event... while there were a number of individuals and groups that made Monrovia Days 2018 possible - including the MUSD and Centre Stage - the overall program simply would not have been possible without the leadership, hard work, and tremendous execution from the City representatives to the Monrovia Days steering committee. So a special shout out to Larry Spicer, Tina Cherry, and Katie Distelrath - the entire community thanks you for your tremendous efforts!

MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

Vandalism May 17 at 10:30 a.m., a caller reported seeing fresh graffiti next to the train tracks in the 1100 block of S. Fifth. Officers arrived and graffiti removal was notified. This investigation is continuing.

Criminal Threats / Brandishing a Firearm May 17 at 4:12 p.m., a resident in the 200 block of Highland called the police after a family member had made criminal threats toward them and pointed a rifle at them. The family member fled the home after the police were called. Detectives obtained a search warrant to search the private bedroom of the suspect to look for additional weapons. This investigation is continuing.

Injury Traffic Collision May 17 at 8:13 p.m., two vehicles collided in the 800 block of W. Colorado, causing one of the vehicles to collide into two parked vehicles. One of the drivers complained of pain and was transported to a nearby hospital. After an investigation was conducted, the party at fault was issued a citation.

Public Intoxication - Suspect Arrested May 18 at 6:53 p.m., an officer was patrolling the 100 block of E. Olive when he saw a male subject lying on the sidewalk in front of a bar. He stopped to see if the subject needed assistance and found him to be heavily intoxicated. After field sobriety tests were conducted, it was determined the subject was too drunk to care for his own safety. He was arrested and held for a sobering period.

Fraud May 18 at 7:31 p.m., a patron of a hotel in Monrovia realized he had lost his wallet, so he called his credit card company to cancel his card. He was notified that someone had already used it to purchase items at a store in the 300 block of W. Huntington. He immediately called the police. This investigation is continuing.

Public Intoxication May 18 at 11:44 p.m., residents in the 100 block of W. Cypress called the police to report a male subject in their front yard who was yelling and causing a disturbance. Officers arrived and contacted the subject, who they found to be heavily intoxicated. After field sobriety tests were conducted, the subject was determined to be too drunk to care for his own safety, so he was arrested and held for a sobering period.

Grand Theft Auto May 19 at 12:08 p.m., a resident in the 1700 block of Encino walked outside his home and discovered his Nissan had been stolen from his driveway sometime during the night. Officers responded and searched the area for the vehicle, but could not locate it. The vehicle was entered into the DMV stolen vehicle system. This investigation is continuing.

Injury Traffic Collision May 19 at 12:22 p.m., two motorists collided into one another at the

intersection of California and Central. Officers responded to investigate. One of the occupants complained of pain and was transported to a nearby hospital. After the investigation was completed, the motorist who was found to be at fault was issued a citation.

Violation of a Court Order - Suspect Arrested May 20 at 4:34 a.m., a resident in the 500 block of E. Almond reported a former roommate was in her front yard causing a disturbance. She advised she had obtained a restraining order against him and he had been served. When officers arrived, the restrained person fled the front yard, but was found a short distance away. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Attempt Grand Theft - Suspect Arrested May 20 at 6:41 p.m., two male subjects entered a store in the 1600 block of S. Mountain and began filling an empty box with several power tools. They were stopped by store security as they attempted to flee the store with the merchandise. Officers arrived and took custody of both subjects.

Warrant - Suspect Arrest May 20 at 7:24 p.m., an officer was patrolling the 300 block of W. Huntington when he saw a male subject whom he recognized. A computer check revealed the subject had five warrants for his arrest. He was arrested and taken into custody.

DUI - Suspect Arrested May 21 at 12:12 a.m., an officer was patrolling the 2600 block of S. Myrtle when he saw a vehicle traveling south at a high rate of speed. He stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver, who he found to be intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and the driver was arrested for DUI.

Battery May 21 at 4:10 p.m., a resident in the 300 block of E. Palm reported his 25-year-old son had just hit him in the face, and then ran out of the house. Officers responded and searched for the suspect, but could not locate him. An emergency protection order was granted to the father. This investigation is continuing.

Warrant / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Suspect Arrested May 21 at 5:05 p.m., a resident in the 600 block of E. Foothill reported a female subject was in her front yard and did not have permission to be on the private property. Officers responded and located the subject. A computer check revealed she had a warrant for her arrest. She was arrested and taken into custody. A search incident to arrest revealed she was in possession of drug paraphernalia.

BIRD BRAIN BRILLIANCE

I remember as a kid, hearing the term “bird-brain” often used in a derogatory manner, directed at someone who’d just done something really stupid. To me, it seemed rude, but un-like many other words that we kids could have used to convey the same sentiment, bird-brain was one we knew we could get away with in front of the adults.

The teasingly taunting term, “bird-brain” is assumed to have been derived from a similarly insulting moniker, “bird-witted”, which dates back to the early 1600’s. The original term was used to describe a person with what we might call today, ‘attention deficit disorder’, presumably applicable because a bird appears to lack focus when flying to and fro in rapid motion, with no apparent direction. Ironically, in reality, this notion could not be further from the truth.

The presumptuous premise behind the use of the idiom, “bird-brain” is based on the human’s erroneous perspective that birds have proportionately small brains and therefore must lack intelligence. In applying that thoughtless theory to calling someone a bird-brain indicates that a person who acts foolishly must have a small brain like a bird, and therefore he must be stupid.

The remarkable irony behind this theory lies in the fact that birds are far-and-way more focused than the average human believes or perceives. As a matter of fact, some species of birds are even considered to be among the most intelligent wild creatures in the animal kingdom, and certain species of birds possess some amazing brain capabilities that God apparently did not see fit to instill in the human being. I’m not talking about instinctual behaviors only, I am referring to scientifically proven facts about the biological properties of a bird’s brain that equate to higher intelligence as we humans define it.

The most blatantly obvious example of ‘bird brain brilliance’ was proven through an experiment conducted by animal psychologist, Irene Pepperberg at Harvard University. Doctor Pepperberg purchased an ordinary pet-store parrot that she named “Alex” (a cute, catchy acronym for Aviary Language EXperiment), and went right to work, teaching and observing him. By the end of the experiment, Pepperberg wrote in her book, *Alex & Me* that Alex could identify 50 different objects and recognize quantities up to 6; that he could distinguish 7 colors and 5 shapes, and understand the concepts of “bigger”, “smaller”,

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



“same”, and “different”, and that he was learning the concepts of “over” and “under” when he passed away on September 6, 2007.

Yes, it is true that a parrot will sometimes simply mimic sounds and words with no knowledge of what they mean, but they are also capable of learning a wide vocabulary of terms and concepts with a complete understanding of what they mean and how to appropriately respond to them.

In case the brain power of a parrot does not convince the average human that a bird’s brain is indeed brilliant in spite of its size, a particular very remarkable trait possessed by the pigeon is enough to turn anyone green with intelligence envy. The pigeon has an internal GPS (global positioning system) inside his ‘tiny little’ bird brain.

The results of a recent study conducted by Drs. Le-Qing Wu and J. David Dickman was published in *Science*, the world’s leading journal of original scientific research (April 26, 2012), describing the fact that “neuronal responses in a pigeon’s brain stem show how single cells encode magnetic field direction, intensity and polarity - qualities that are necessary to derive an internal model representing directional heading and geosurface location.” To put it in a nut shell, the pigeon possesses a unique neural substrate for a vertebrate magnetic sense. In other words, a bird-brained pigeon is capable of finding any location he wishes to find on the earth’s surface without having to strap on a Tom-Tom! Now run and tell that, Getting, Parkinson and Easton! Oh, and by the way, that thoughtless theory about birds lacking focus and direction goes right out the window when it comes to the common park pigeon.

So, the next time you are tempted to call someone a bird-brain when they’ve done something stupid, think again. The fact is, our seemingly flighty feathered friends have got it going on when it comes to brain brilliance!

BEST FRIEND



Maggie is a 2-year old gorgeous sable German Shepherd girl wearing a girly patch of white fur on her chest and flaunting two beautiful hazel brown eyes. This girl is just stunning! Weighing about 55 pounds this lean and regal girl could definitely strut herself in any dog show and win everyone’s heart. Her regal looks are a perfect match for her sporty and outgoing personality. She is calm on her walks and does well on the leash and she does enjoy long walks and/or runs in the outdoors. When off leash, she is pretty playful and loves to play fetch with toys or tennis balls. It is hard to believe that this pretty girl was found wandering on the streets of Rosemead without a home for an unknown period of time. Now, she’s just waiting

for her forever family and one that could love her unconditionally and never let her loose on streets all alone. If you are a fan of the gorgeous sable German Shepherds, Maggie is the girl for you! Her adoption fee is \$145 and includes spay surgery, vaccinations, microchip and a free wellness exam at a participating veterinarian. Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information. She currently resides at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society located at 851 E. Grand Avenue in San Gabriel which is located off San Gabriel Blvd, north of Mission and south of Las Tunas Drive. To arrange a ‘Meet and Greet’, please stop by any time from 10:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday through Sunday. Website: www.sgvhumane.org.

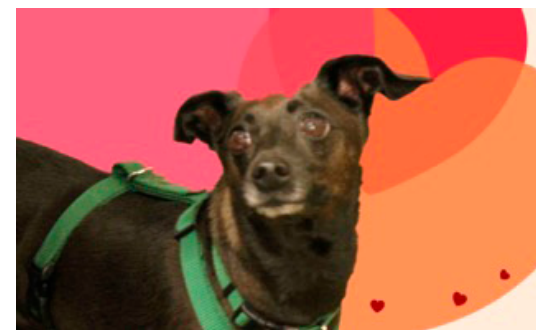
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but because he can be a bit shy, he would do better in a home with older children. To learn more contact (818) 398-6951 or kmbrowne@roadrunner.com. He’s healthy, current on vaccines, and ready to love you. See more pictures and his video at <http://www.lifelineforpets.org/pooch-place.html>.



Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



GREENLAND TELESCOPE OPENS NEW ERA OF ARCTIC ASTRONOMY

To study the most extreme objects in the universe, astronomers sometimes have to go to some extreme places themselves. Over the past several months, a team of scientists has braved cold temperatures to put the finishing touches on a new telescope in Greenland.

Taking advantage of excellent atmospheric conditions, the Greenland Telescope is designed to detect radio waves from stars, galaxies and black holes. One of its primary goals is to join the Event Horizon Telescope (EHT), a global array of radio dishes that are linked together to make the first image of a supermassive black hole.

The Greenland Telescope has recently achieved two important milestones, its “first light” and the successful synchronization with data from another radio telescope. With this, the Greenland Telescope is ready to help scientists explore some of the universe’s deepest mysteries.

“We can officially announce that we are open for business to explore the cosmos from Greenland,” said Timothy Norton of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA), Senior Project Manager for the telescope. “It’s an exciting day for everyone who has worked so hard to make this happen.”

In December 2017, astronomers were able to successfully detect radio emission from the Moon using the Greenland Telescope, an event astronomers refer to as “first light.” Then in early 2018, scientists combined data from the Greenland Telescope’s observations of a quasar with data from the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array, or ALMA, in Chile. The data from the Greenland Telescope and ALMA were synchronized so that they acted like two points on a radio dish equal in size to the separation of the two observing sites, an achievement that is called “finding fringes.”

“This represents a major step in integrating the telescope into a larger, global network of radio telescopes,” said Nimesh Patel of CfA. “Finding fringes tells us that the Greenland Telescope is working as we hoped and planned.”

The Greenland Telescope is a 12-meter radio antenna that was originally built as a prototype for ALMA. Once ALMA was operational in Chile, the telescope was repurposed to Greenland to take advantage of the near-ideal conditions of the Arctic to study the universe at specific radio frequencies.

The Greenland location also allows interferometry with the Submillimeter Array in Hawaii, ALMA and other radio dishes, to become a part of the northernmost component of the EHT. This extends the baseline of this array in the north-south direction to about 7,500 miles—nearly the Earth’s diameter.

“The EHT essentially turns the entire globe into one giant radio telescope, and the farther apart radio dishes in the array are, the sharper the images the EHT can make,” said Sheperd Doleman of the CfA and leader of the EHT project. “The Greenland



Telescope will help us obtain the best possible image of a supermassive black hole outside our galaxy.”

The Greenland Telescope joined the EHT observing campaign in the middle of April 2018 to observe the supermassive black hole at the center of

the galaxy M87. This supermassive black hole and the one in our galaxy are the two primary targets for the EHT, because the apparent sizes of their event horizons are larger than for any other black hole. Nevertheless exquisite telescope resolution is required, equivalent to reading a newspaper on the

Moon. This capability is about a thousand times better than what the best optical telescopes in the world can achieve.

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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

UNCLE SAM STEPS IN FOR YOUR TIPS

My dearly departed pappy Elmer Dills would tell me, don't argue sex, politics and or religion, I must add tipping to the list. I have used this topic many times on my radio show, Dining with Dills on AM 830 KLAA Radio to get the phones buzzing.

There is a new law on the books, actually an old law that is now being enforced. Since January 1, the IRS will classify automatic gratuities as service charges that are taxable as regular wages and subject to payroll tax withholding. That might sound like a bunch of tax law mumbo jumbo, but what it means is that restaurants have to treat those tips like regular wages.

Typically, the IRS left it up to the waiter or tipped employees to declare that money. But with this new change the waiter won't see those "tips" until payday—instead of the end of the shift. And restaurants will have to withhold federal income, Social Security and Medicare taxes on that money, too.

What it means for the diner is that those automatic 18% gratuity charges on tables of 6 or more may well be a thing of the past. The addition has been added onto large parties to ensure that servers are paid for catering to a large group. That doesn't mean you should use this an excuse to start stiffing people.

The new rule actually went into effect in June of 2012, however the IRS postponed enforcement until recently to give restaurateurs enough time to adjust and properly comply. While it might seem great to have some freedom as a customer, the service industry isn't so excited about the idea.

Tips... To insure proper service. Here is my rundown and no it hasn't changed in twenty years of reviewing restaurants.

Anyone in any country that provides a service should be rewarded.

10% buffet plus \$2 directly to busboy that brought you water and had to clean up after the kids through Jell-O on the ground.

\$1 for each drink at the bar

\$2 for a to go order, as long as they got it right

12% fair service, means they brought you the food and came back with your check

15% Good service brought you your food and drinks and refilled drinks and asked how was it

18% Very Good service all of the above plus asked you if your meal was prepared to your liking

20-25% All of the above, brought items in proper order, waited for you to ask for check, asked if there is a validation needed and please ask for me next time.

One more note... I subtract 5% when the server blames the kitchen for a mistake, got it !!

This a fun conversation please listen in AM 830 KLAA on Sunday at 5 PM and join me and the crew at Paco's Mexican Restaurant on June 3rd for an after the races mixer, open to all.



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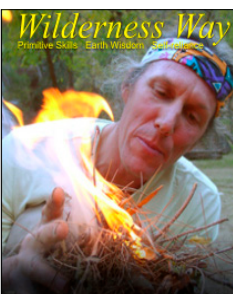
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THE WORLD AROUND US



CHRISTOPHER Nyerges
COMMENTARY ABOUT DABNEY AND JIRAYR ZORTHIAN,
Altadena's most eclectic couple Christopher Nyerges

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It was just one of those days. I had a few hours before my next appointment, and I was driving towards the direction of home and there was the cemetery where my parents had been buried. I hadn't said "hello" for some months, so I pulled in and began looking for the spot. Right away things looked a little different. A road had actually been removed and it was the road that took me right to their tombstone. So I had to drive a little further away, as I was a bit disconcerted. And a movie was being made with the various lights and crew, a distraction from my inner communion with my parents. Still, after some guesswork and wandering, I found the tombstone and knelt before them to chat a bit.

As usual, I just shared some news and thoughts that were swirling in my mind. My mother seemed to respond first, as if she was more alert. Conversation ensued. My father slowly awoke, and passively joined the conversation. Was this all in my mind? Who cares? It was real enough to me, to be there with my memories of them, to feel their presence, to listen to what I think they would have said. I sprinkled some sage on their stones, and then I walked back erratically to my car, always amazed at the diversity of tombstones and messages over such a long period of time. I understood the solitude, and the sacredness, of the cemetery, this place of timelessness where the dead and the living meet. Regardless of whatever hurly-burley is happening in my life, in the cemetery I realize that the physical life has its limits, and will one day end. THE ZORTHIAN TOMBSTONE

Nearly to my car, I happened upon the tombstone of two old friends, Dabney and Jirayr Zorthian. I knew Dabney much better, for she often attended my field trips and we would have long conversations after Jirayr died. I knew Jirayr most through his reputation, and from our many phone conversations. Why had I happened upon their grave this day? For those of you unfamiliar with the Zorthian family, Mr. Zorthian had long been considered the most famous eccentric artist of Altadena, and the parties held at their sprawling foothill property were legendary. Everyone has a story about the Zorthians. The "last words" engraved next to Dabney's name were "I want to know." What a perfect

thing to express! I want to know. She didn't state that she wanted to know a specific this or that, just that she wanted to know! The quest for knowledge, and the drive to do more and try more, was such a signature of Dabney's. In our conversations, she often asked many questions, always listened sincerely, truly trying to learn and to know. Our conversations seemed like true communing, unlike so many of today's conversations where one party is not listening and is just waiting for the talker to stop so they can say what they are waiting to say. Jirayr's tombstone said "Make my heart my mind."

Beautiful! I took that to mean that Jirayr's quest was to think with feeling in all that he does. Even though most of my interactions were somewhat commercial and mundane, I found him to be a creative thinker, thinking outside of the box and finding creative solutions to problems. His tombstone carried a second phrase also: "Give me a pleasurable life." Indeed! Jirayr didn't wait for someone to give him such a life, but he pursued pleasure in his art and parties and interactions with other. I don't believe that he experienced any shortage of pleasures. Though I doubt anyone would ever inscribe a phrase about pleasure on my tombstone, the fact is that I'm not Jirayr, and it did seem appropriate for him. As I stared at the phrase, it made me think of all the pros and cons of pursuing pleasure, the excesses of pleasure, but also the simple pleasures of life which money cannot buy. As I sprinkled some sage on their tombstone, I felt blessed to have had some interaction with one of Altadena's most unique and eclectic couples. And I could not help but feel the shortness of life, that one should never wait in the pursuit of knowledge, that one should pursue new knowledge with every breath, and that one should also do so by allowing the heart to be the mind. In death, Dabney and Jirayr imparted their final lessons to me, and it made me again acknowledge that they indeed had a most wonderful life.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

A KEY ON THE TABLE IS WORTH MANY A CHUCKLE



When it comes to forgetting anything, I am king of the hill. My forgetting has nothing to do with age because I have been forgetting as long as I can remember.

Of course, with age comes an excuse for forgetting something. Don't let anybody know this, but sometimes I use my age to say I forgot something which in reality I had not forgotten. Sometimes forgetting something is the best expression of valor.

I can't remember all the things I have forgotten, however, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage remembers everything, even things I did not forget. Her memory is impeccable and I just have to live with it.

Often she will start a conversation with, "Do you remember...?"

Being married as long as I have, I always go with the affirmative nod, which I never forget to do.

When I was a young husband, I remember very distinctly correcting her about what I remembered about an incident she was talking about. I have remembered never to make that mistake again.

I am forgetting everything these days. It may be my keys. I get to the church office, check my pocket and realize I forgot my keys. Then I have to get on my cell phone (when I don't forget that) and call my wife explaining that I forgot my keys.

Once we went for supper with some friends, I was to pick up the tab, and when the tab came, I had forgotten to bring my wallet. I am definitely not going to do that again.

Once I went on a trip and forgot where I was going. Fortunately, I had the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage with me who is an expert in telling me where to go.

I can't tell you how many lectures she has given to Yours Truly in this area of forgetting. I think she should win some kind of a prize or a doctorate in this area. Maybe I should begin calling her, Dr. Never Forget.

I could not remember all of the things that I have forgotten. I could ask my wife, but that would take a day and a half for her to get them all on the table.

Our relationship is defined this way; I forget everything and she remembers everything. It can be good, but also it can have a negative impact upon a person's life, like mine.

I just thought I would have to live out the rest of my life under this cloud of forgetfulness.

Then the most incredible thing happened, something that has changed the rest of my life.

My wife left early to go to the office and I was about a half-hour getting ready to go and when I went to the door, I noticed on the table was a key ring with a bunch

of keys on it. At first, I thought it must be my wife's and maybe I should pick it up and take it with me.

I realized one very important thing though. My wife never forgets anything. If I pick up these keys and take it to her, I am in more trouble than I could really handle at this stage of life. After all, if her keys are on the dining room table there is a pretty good purpose behind the whole thing. For me to sabotage that purpose would get me in a great deal of trouble, I can assure you.

I went out the door, got in my vehicle and started on my way to the office. As I was backing out of the driveway, my cell phone rang. I noticed it was my wife. I thought I was in trouble. What could I have done now or what didn't I do that I should have done?

When I answered the phone, I heard a meek voice say, "Did you see any keys on the dining room table?" I answered in the affirmative not really understanding the situation.

"Could you," she said most sweetly, "bring them over? I forgot them."

There was a dramatic pause on my side of the cell phone. It took a few moments for the situation to sink in.

As I went back into the house, I was chuckling all the way in and picked up the delinquent keys. When I got to the office, I handed them to her with the biggest smile I've ever had on my face that I can remember. She looked at me and then said rather softly, "You're not laughing are you?"

I recognize I will forget a great deal of things in life. But this incident, I will never forget and it will always strike a chuckle cord in my heart.

Every once in a while, when nothing is going on, I will look at my wife and say, "Do you remember the keys?"

Glancing away from me she will say, "Don't you think it's time to forget that?"

Never in a million years! "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14). Some things are worth forgetting as the apostle Paul points out here. The key to a happy life is knowing what to forget and what to remember.

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MARC HERNANDEZ NAMED NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

La Salle High School has named Marc Hernandez, M.Ed., CAA its next Director of Athletics. He will transition into his role, currently occupied by Anthony Harris, on June 1, 2018. Hernandez was formerly an Athletic Director at Saint Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, and currently teaches English at La Salle.

"We are very excited to have Marc as our new athletic director. He brings a wealth of experience that not only includes coaching and athletic administration, but also classroom teaching and experience from the business world. We know he is the right person to lead La Salle athletics into the future," said Principal Courtney Kassakhian.

Under his direction as Athletic Director at Saint Paul High School, the Swordsmen earned 14 league titles, a CIF Champions of Character Award, a CIF finals berth in baseball and a CIF Championship in football. Hernandez was also Dean of Students and an Assistant Admissions Director. Hernandez was a coach at Woodrow Wilson High School, and a teacher and coach at Salesian High School and Cathedral High School in Los Angeles. Hernandez won the CIF 3A Football title at Woodrow Wilson.

"Today marks a new era in La Salle's Athletics program,

and I am proud that our School will be continuing our strong student-athlete programs and will be led by our new forward-thinking director," said Dr. Richard Gray, La Salle's President. "I could not be more enthusiastic about Marc's appointment as he brings extensive experience, leadership and vision to the position.

A native of Los Angeles, and an outstanding football player at Saint Paul High School, Hernandez was an All-League offensive and defensive player. Hernandez continued his playing career at Central College in Iowa where he played for legendary coach Ron "Skip" Schipper. Hernandez was a four-year letterman and the Dutch were nationally ranked and went 44-4 during his college career. Hernandez was a member of the 1996 All-American Bowl team.

Hernandez earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at Central College, in Iowa and a Master of Arts, Education - Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Phoenix.

"To be chosen as the Director of Athletics of a prestigious, academic institution like La Salle is truly an honor. I look forward to the opportunity to continue the growth of La Salle's athletic program and setting forth a new direction," said Hernandez.

ALVERNO HEIGHTS ACADEMY SENIORS CELEBRATE NATIONAL COLLEGE DECISION DAY!

Members of the Class of 2018 Display Their Future Plans

Sierra Madre, CA (May 23, 2018) – This month members of Alverno Heights Academy's Class of 2018 joined in the celebrations for National College Decision Day by sporting their college sweatshirts. As in years past, Alverno Heights Academy is excited and proud that 100 percent of our graduates were accepted to college! To date, these young women have received over \$3.5 million in scholarships and grants with awards still rolling in.

Alverno graduates will be attending the University of California campuses in Berkeley, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz. Private, out of state, and international universities being attended by members of the Class of 2018 include American Musical and Dramatic Academy, Art Center College of Design, Azusa Pacific University, Boston College, Cal Lutheran University, Caltech, Chapman University, Georgia Tech, Holy Names University, Ithaca College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mount St. Mary's University, Otis College of Design, Pace University, Sarah Lawrence College, University of Portland, University of San Diego. Additionally, members of the class of 2018 have chosen the California State Universities in Channel Islands, Fresno, Pomona, San Diego, San Francisco, and Sonoma as their home for the next four years. Finally, Alverno will have graduates at Citrus College, Glendale Community College, Pasadena City College, and Santa Monica College.

Alverno Heights Academy's Baccalaureate will be held on Friday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Rita's Church at 318 North Baldwin in Sierra Madre. Alverno's Commencement will be held on Saturday, June 2 at 5:30

p.m. on the Alverno terrace. Tickets are required for Graduation.

"Over the course of four years, these young women have worked incredibly hard to get to this exciting moment," said Julia V. Fanara, Head of School. "We are extremely proud of their accomplishments and although they will be missed, we wish them well on this next big adventure in their lives. They are joining more than 3,800 Alverno alumnae who have all gone on and made a lasting impact in this world and we cannot wait to see what contributions these graduates make."

About Alverno Heights Academy

Alverno Heights Academy is an all-girls, independent, progressive Catholic, college preparatory school dedicated to its mission of empowering each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be. Located on the property of the former Barlow Estate in Sierra Madre, California, Alverno Heights Academy was founded in 1960 by the Sisters of St. Francis who sought to create an environment in the San Gabriel Valley where young women could become informed and knowledgeable persons. Later renamed Alverno High School and sponsored by the Immaculate Heart Community, Alverno's program—academic, spiritual, aesthetic, social, and physical—has been shaped by the staff, trustees, and students. As Alverno Heights Academy once again, the school remains committed to its mission by encouraging each of their young women to be who they imagine. For more information about Alverno Heights Academy, please visit www.alvernoheightsacademy.org.

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THE GOOD LIFE

HOW TO CHOOSE A GOOD ESTATE SALE COMPANY

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you provide some tips on how to choose a good estate sale company who can sell all the leftover items in my mother's house?

Inquiring Daughter

Dear Inquiring,

The estate sale business has become a huge industry over the past decade. There are roughly 22,000 estate sale companies that currently operate in the U.S., up nearly 60 percent from just 10 years ago. But not all estate sale companies are alike.

Unlike appraisal, auction and real estate companies, estate sale operators are largely unregulated, with no licensing or standard educational requirements. That leaves the door open for inexperienced, unethical or even illegal operators. Therefore, it's up to you to decipher a good reputable company from a bad one. Here are some tips to help you choose.

Make a list: Start by asking friends, your real estate agent or attorney for recommendations. You can also search online. Websites like EstateSales.net and EstateSales.org let you find estate sale companies in your area.

Check their reviews: After you find a few companies, check them out on the Better Business Bureau (BBB.org), Angie's List (AngiesList.com), Yelp (Yelp.com) and other online review sites to eliminate ones with legitimately negative reviews.

Call some companies: Once you identify some estate sale companies, select a few to interview over the phone. Ask them how long they've been in business and how many estate sales they conduct each month. Also find out about their staff, the services they provide, if they are insured and bonded and if they charge a flat fee or commission. The national average commission for an estate sale is around 35 percent, but commissions vary by city and region.

You may also want to ask them about visiting their next sale to get a better feel for how they operate. And be sure to get a list of references of their past clients and call them.



Schedule appointments: Set up two or three face-to-face interviews with the companies you felt provided you with satisfactory answers during the phone interviews.

During their visit, show the estate liquidator through the property. Point out any items that will not be included in the sale, and if you have any items where price is a concern, discuss it with them at that time. Many estate companies will give you a quote, after a quick walk through the home.

You also need to ask about their pricing (how do they research prices and is every item priced), how they track what items sell for, what credit cards do they accept, and how and where will they promote and market your sale. EstateSales.net is a leading site used to advertise sales, so check advertising approaches there.

Additionally, ask how many days will it take them to set up for the sale, how long will the sale last, and will they take care of getting any necessary permits to have the sale.

You also need to find out how and when you will be paid, and what types of services they provide when the sale is over. Will they clean up the house and dispose of the unsold items, and is there's an extra charge for that? Also, make sure you get a copy of their contract and review it carefully before you sign it.

For more information on choosing an estate sale company, see National Estate Sales Association online guide at NESAs-USA.com, and click on "Consumer Education" then on "Find the Right Company."

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...May Birthdays*

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REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN PEACE OFFICERS



By Joan Schmidt

Remembering fallen peace officers occurs at local, state and national ceremonies. Peace Officers Memorial Day is May 15th, and Police Week is the week in which Peace Officers Memorial Day occurs. This tribute began on October 1, 1961 when Congress asked President John F. Kennedy to designate May 15 to honor peace officers, and he quickly signed the bill.

Besides recognizing fallen peace officers as a nation, special tribute has occurred in Sacramento since 1977 with California Peace Officer Memorial Ceremonies. There is a beautiful bronze monument of three standing figures, representing an 1880's County Sheriff, a 1930's state trooper and a 1980's city policeman looking down at a life-sized figure of a woman comforting a child sitting on a bench, representing the grief-stricken families left behind. Locally, the Sheriff's Department begins its tribute with the annual three-day Memorial Torch Relay Run totaling 339 miles and stopping at each mainland station. Also the Avalon Station has its relay run on Catalina Island.

On May 23, Sheriff Jim Mc Donnell presided at the 49th Annual Los Angeles County Peace Officers Memorial. This year, five names were added to the wall. They included: LASD Deputy Steven Belanger, EOW: February 2, 2018. From the past, Officer Murray F. Olsen, LA County Department of Hospitals, EOW: March 9, 1975; LAPD Policeman Frank L. Coe, EOW: February 11, 1921; LASD Motorcycle Officer Louis Allinson, EOW: March 27, 1913;

Vernon PD Deputy City Marshall Maurice W. Halleran, EOW: November 15, 1913.

The Memorial Service was beautiful and well attended; the Sheriff spoke of the brave fallen officers and their sacrifice, and their families left behind. The Memorial Torch was handed to the Sheriff, doves released, a beautiful wreath for each fallen officer, and the honor guard of officers from many agencies.

Besides commemorating and recognizing these officers the Peace Officers' Memorial Wall was dedicated to the 530 officers whose names are on the wall.

The first wall had been dedicated in 1970 at the Biscailuz Center by Sheriff Peter Pritchess; there were 253 men's names, but no women's. In 1984, the Sheriff's Academy was moved to Whittier, and Sheriff Sherman Block dedicated the second Peace Officers' Memorial. For the next thirty years, the Memorial was held in Whittier.

In 2014, the Sheriff's Academy left Whittier and returned to its original home, the Biscailuz Training Center; it also was decided to return the Memorial. Unlike the Memorial in Whittier that faced the main courtyard, this Memorial overlooks the "grinder", where men and women striving to become peace officers of the future are trained and tested.

This Memorial Wall is not just a place to recognize the fallen officers, but also to recognize and remember those left behind. It is truly a humbling experience to attend this Memorial and see the beautiful wall.

RIBBON CUTTING FOR FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER NEW HEADQUARTERS



Foothill Unity Center will realize a decades-long dream when it unveils its first permanent building at at 709 West Chestnut Avenue in Monrovia on Thursday, May 17. The ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the ribbon cutting at 6 p.m. The facility is six blocks west of the organization's prior leased location.

The Center, the primary provider of food, case management/crisis help, and access to health care resources across eleven San Gabriel Valley cities, has worked out of leased facilities throughout its 38-year history. At its previous headquarters, operations were divided between two small buildings a block apart. The current purchase is being funded through public donations to a capital campaign, From Dream to Reality. To date, \$XX million of the \$6.2 million total has been secured, with vigorous fundraising efforts ongoing.

The much larger facility vastly enhances the capabilities of the organization's staff, volunteers and award-winning programs. "We can now talk privately with clients, rather than in shared offices or public spaces," says Center Director Betty McWilliams. "Our food trucks can deliver directly into the building, including our cold storage facilities. There is an elevator for accessibility, and an array of spaces

where volunteers, board members and other groups can meet and collaborate. Two kitchens will improve our presentation of food education programs and cooking demonstrations for clients. And in contrast to the limited short-term street parking at our previous location, our new home features a spacious parking lot."

Founded in a borrowed church closet in 1980, Foothill Unity Center is now the federally designated Community Action Agency for the Foothill Area and the primary provider of food, temporary shelter, transportation, referrals, and a variety of health services to low-income children, individuals and families in Monrovia, Arcadia, Duarte, Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Bradbury, Azusa, Baldwin Park and Irwindale. The Center has steadily expanded its programs and grown its client base, which more than tripled over the last five years. 79% of clients are at or below the National Poverty Level.

The Center's overall goal is to help families gain stability as they strive toward self-sufficiency, while treating every client with love and dignity. With the establishment of its new home, meeting that objective will take on new dimensions.

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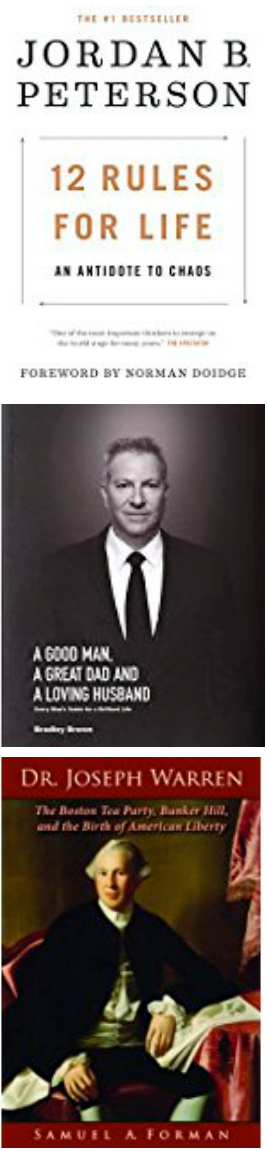
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In this book you will find common-sense approaches to help you to be a good man, a great dad and a loving husband.Brad has invested fifty-five years into researching this book. Like any good scientist, trial and error have played a major part in my findings. Wisdom is about learning from what we have done or what others before us have experienced, and evolving as a result.Also a great section on interviewing for a job as Brad is an expert in the Human Resources area. A fun and interesting read!

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All Things

By Jeff Brown

DO YOU GET DIABETES FROM EATING TOO MUCH SUGAR?

There is a widespread belief that sugar is the sole cause of diabetes. After all, the disease is characterised by high levels of sugar in the blood.Diabetes was first identified through the sweet smell of urine, and it later became apparent that sweet, sugary urine signified a high level of blood sugar. Over time, diabetes treatment has swung from eating primarily sugar (to replace what is lost), to avoiding sweetness (to limit high sugar levels).Today, the debate on amounts and thresholds of sugar and its role in diabetes seems as fierce as ever.Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease, where genetics and environmental factors interact. Some research suggests that sugar intake may play a role in the development of type 1 diabetes, but the research isn't conclusive.There is nothing special about sugar that sets it apart from other foods, and

sugar does not cause type 2 diabetes on its own. Generally, people eating lots of sugar tend to have poorer diets and healthier lifestyles. These, as well as other factors including urban growth patterns, the built environment, the food environment, stressful jobs, poor sleep and food pricing probably contribute more to the rising incidence of type 2 diabetes than dietary sugar.Sugar doesn't cause diabetes. But there is one way that sugar can influence whether a person gets type 2 diabetes. Consuming too much sugar (or sugary foods and drinks) can make people put on weight. ... Weight gain from eating too much of any food can make a person's chance of getting diabetes greater.Consult your doctor about any questions regarding this information.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



I DON'T HAVE KIDS, SO WHY DO I NEED ESTATE PLANNING? PART 1

It's a common misconception to think that if you don't have children, you don't need to worry about estate planning. But the fact is, it can be even MORE important to do estate planning if you have no children.

Some of the common thoughts behind this mistaken belief may take one of these forms:

“If I die, everything will pass to my spouse anyway, so why bother?”

“I'm single with little wealth, so who cares who gets my few meager assets?”

“Estate planning is an expensive hassle and it doesn't even benefit me because I'll be dead, so I'm better off letting a judge sort things out.”

This kind of thinking ignores several basic facts about both estate planning and life in general. Regardless of your marital status, if you don't have children, you face potential estate-planning complications which those with children do not. And this is true whether you're wealthy or have very limited assets.

So even if you're childless, consider these inconvenient truths before you decide to forego estate planning.

Whether you're rich, poor, or somewhere in between, in the event of your death everything you own will be passed on to someone. Without a will or trust, your assets will go through probate, where a judge and state law will decide who gets everything you own. In the event no family steps forward, your assets will become the property of

the state.

Why give the government everything you worked your life to build? And even if you have little financial wealth, you undoubtedly own a few sentimental items (including pets) you'd like to pass to a close friend or favorite charity.

However, it's rare for someone to die without any family members stepping forward. It's far more likely that some relative you haven't spoken with in years will come out of the woodwork to stake a claim. Without a will or trust, state laws establish which family member has the priority inheritance. If you're unmarried with no children, this hierarchy typically puts parents first, then siblings, then more distant relatives like nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Depending on your family, this could have a potentially negative outcome. For instance, what if your closest living relative is your estranged brother with serious addiction issues? Or what if your assets are passed on to a niece who's still a child and likely to squander the inheritance?

And if your estate does contain significant wealth and assets, this could lead to a costly and contentious court battle, with all your relatives (and their lawyers) fighting over your estate—which is exactly what's happening with Prince's family right now.

Finally, if you have a spouse and your assets are passed to him or her, there's no guarantee they'll live much longer than you. In the event of their death without a will or a trust, everything goes to his or her family, regardless of whether you like them or not.

Do you really want your spouse's sister, brother, parents (or the new spouse he or she marries after you die) inheriting what you've worked so hard for? Maybe you do. Maybe you don't. The point is, without any planning, you lose all control of what happens.

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FOR MEMORIAL DAY - SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US

Every Memorial Day, we remember those who died during active military service. But the day gives us a special opportunity to serve those who serve us.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, nearly 42 million American men and women have served during wartime. Nearly 1.2 million died while serving. Nearly 1.5 million were wounded. Since 9/11, nearly 7,000 U.S. service members have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 50,000 have been wounded - many have debilitating injuries and mental challenges that have changed their lives forever.

We may debate the rightness or wrongness of various engagements, but we know that freedom comes at a steep price - and we honor those who have secured it for us. But we can do more. We can serve them back.

"There are many small things people can do that can make a world of difference," said Jerry Newberry, assistant adjutant general at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Such as assisting the family of a service member who has been deployed.

"Family members go through a long period of wondering, worrying and waiting," said Newberry. "But they still need to deal with the car breaking down, a child getting sick, a death in the family. If you know of such families, reach out to them."

Or write an e-mail or letter. The troops - particularly those recuperating in military hospitals - love receiving e-mails, letters and care packages. You can do so at amillionthanks.org.

Donate time. Your local Veterans Affairs office, VFW and other legitimate organizations are in desperate need of volunteers.

Organize a toy drive for children of deployed soldiers. Support the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Provide gift cards to troops through aaes.com.

Donate money. You can give to a variety of needed services for military members - or support the Red Cross to provide basic necessities to service members in military hospitals. Go to vfw.org and click on "Donate" or "Troop Support."

Lori Felix at Military.com offers additional suggestions that are simple and inexpensive. One is to volunteer to place flags on the grave sites of fallen servicemen and women. Your local American Legion or VFW will have the details.

Felix writes that holiday weekends can be challenging times for those who are serving away from home. She suggests contacting the community relations office at your local military base to invite a service member or two to dinner.

Or do something kind for a wounded vet. The Walter Reed National Military Center has a Facebook page that provides inspiration and ideas for brightening a wounded vet's day.

CNN offers some great suggestions.

Some disabled veterans are unable to drive. You can volunteer to give them a ride to their medical appointments at Disabled American Veterans (dav.org).

You can donate your frequent flyer miles so that family members can travel to the bedside of a hospitalized service member. That can be done through the Fisher House Foundation's Hero Miles Program (fisherhouse.org).

CNN reports that more than a third of the men and women who served in Iraq and Afghanistan "have or will experience post-traumatic stress disorder." The Puppies Behind Bars program trains companion dogs for veterans with PTSD. You can sponsor a dog at puppiesbehindbars.com.

Hey, Memorial Day is upon us. What better time to serve the men and women who have served, or are serving, us?

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PRESIDENT DONALD HAS A FARM

President Trump's latest assault on undocumented aliens reached a new low last week when he said, "These aren't people, these are animals."

Essentially, the president believes undocumented aliens are subhuman, or "Untermensch," which was part of the justification used by leaders of Nazi-Germany to herd "undesirable" groups into death camps. These undesirables included Jews, Roma (Gypsies), Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, political opponents of the Nazi hierarchy, and anyone else Adolf Hitler and his cronies didn't like.

Whatever most normal people's opinion of undocumented aliens is - positive or negative - it's unlikely that the majority of Americans view them as "animals." The exception to that statement, of course, is if they concur with the opinion of the president. Or Adolf Hitler.

But why resort to sticks, stones, and names that never hurt you? That would merely put those of us who disagree with the president's perception of humanity - or inhumanity - on his level. Which is a place on earth most Americans have indicated they would rather not be.

Note to the president: you lost the popular vote and, according to numerous polls, less than half of all Americans approve of you or your regime.

It's mind-boggling that this president has called many of the supporters of the neo-Nazis and white supremacists who marched in Charlottesville last year "very fine people." Clearly, in his worldview, undocumented aliens are not. Because they "aren't people," they're "animals." And while the president subsequently back-peddled a bit, saying he was referring to the violent, pre-dominantly Latinx gang MS-13, he fails to recognize that gang members are people as well.

In the president's mind and in the minds of many around him, including John Kelly, his Chief-of-Staff, it's perfectly acceptable to separate children from their undocumented parents should they all be rounded up at the border and routed to immigrant detention facilities; or, as Kelly said, "foster care or whatever."

Attorney General Jeff Sessions summed up the administration's policy on undocumented migrants succinctly, "If you're smuggling a child, then we're going to prosecute you, and that child will be separated from you. If you don't want your child separated, then don't bring them across the border illegally."

The terminus - literally and figuratively - for many of those arriving at Nazi concentration camps was frequently the scene of children being separated from parents. Infants didn't fare as well. On more occasions than not, they were immediately eliminated. That's a tame euphemism for what actually happened.

What the attorney general fails to recognize is that he is referring to human beings. They are not smuggled contraband; not animals. Then again, Sessions isn't exactly known for his sensitivity regarding race, culture, or sexual preference.

The president's attempts to muster compassion and emotion at a so-called "immigration round-table" last week devolved, yet again, into an opportunity to play politics. As usual, his failings as a leader, policymaker, and as a human being were - according to him - the fault of the Democrats, a majority of whom do not agree with most of the president's immigration decrees.

Our beneficent leader had this to say to those attempting to cross the border without proper documentation, "I know what you're going through right now with families is very tough, but those are the bad laws the Democrats gave us. We have to break up families. The Democrats gave us that law."

No. They did not. The president and his administration did.

The president doesn't have a clue about the plight of undocumented aliens. He should. According to published accounts in The Guardian and on CNN, historian Roland Paul notes that President Trump's grandfather, Friedrich, left Germany, the president's ancestral homeland, illegally; failing to notify authorities of his intention to emigrate. And escape the draft. Apparently, Friedrich Trump - unlike his grandson - didn't have bone spurs on the heels of his feet.

A document Paul found in local archives in Bavaria notes that Friedrich Trump, having already become an American citizen, should leave the area by "1 May... or else expect to be deported."

Imagine that, the Trump family was punished for leaving a country illegally rather than arriving in one.

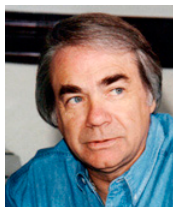
Perhaps if this nation hadn't welcomed the Trump family to America, we wouldn't have the leader we have in office today. Well, as the president told the knights of his round-table, the U.S. has "the dumbest laws on immigration in the world."

Touche.

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ROBERT MUELLER'S INVESTIGATION PLODS ON



It's been said that, for the American people, the only thing shorter than their memory is their attention span.

Now, more than a year and \$10 million later, the investigation into allegations that the 2016 Trump for President campaign dealt with Russian operatives to influence the election outcome is putting that theory to the test.

Despite signs the country has grown weary of it, the investigation led by Special Counsel Robert Mueller plods on, providing grist for the media, national Democrats and, of course, for President Trump's Twitter feed.

Notwithstanding speculation that the end is in sight, the investigation has careened off in other directions unrelated to its initial task of determining whether, in fact, collusion occurred and whether Trump campaign operatives were a part of it.

For instance, the indictment of former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort alleges criminal conduct involving business dealings more than a decade earlier unconnected to allegations of election meddling.

Mueller has also extracted a guilty plea from former National Security Adviser Gen. Michael Flynn for lying to the FBI and has indicted 13 individuals and three companies related to the Russian bots.

The president's legal team - notably former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani -- has taken note of the public memory/attention span concept as well, arguing the investigation has gone far afield and the American people are so bewildered by the mass of conflicting accounts, charges, counter-charges and multiple investigations they are beginning to believe it's hopeless to attempt to sort it all out and make any sense of it.

Tales of spying, secret dossiers, cloak and dagger rendezvous, clandestine contacts, FBI raids, payoffs, Russian billionaires, a blizzard of subpoenas, and millions of dollars changing hands have poured forth for more than a year, creating a surreal air of confusion.

An eclectic cast of characters has drifted on and off this stage drama, but none more bizarre than a porno film actress and her lawyer obsessed with public attention.

Giuliani, of course, has the well-being of his client at heart when he insists Mueller conclude his work quickly, act on his findings and put the issue to rest before this year's mid-term Congressional elections, diluting - if not eliminating - its impact as a turning point campaign issue.

Trump, in the meantime, continues his daily "fake news, witch hunt, no collusion" Twitter blasts, driving the daily news cycle and providing an enormous amount of television time to academics, consultants, opinion writers and anyone who ever served in government and wants to share an opinion.

Mueller has been tight-lipped about the investigation, offering no hint of how far along it is or when he may bring it to an end although Giuliani said last week that Mueller had set Sept. 1 as a reporting date, coincidentally the time when tradition has it that campaigning begins in earnest.

It's a given that Russian apparatchiks meddled in the presidential election, using cyber attacks to drive messages aimed at influencing public opinion. It's a given as well that the effort was designed to benefit Trump and undermine Hillary Clinton.

For all the strum and drang drama, Trump's hard core base has remained steadfast in its belief that Mueller is out to get the president, accepting the witch hunt characterization.

The Resistance has remained equally as steadfast in its belief that Trump is an illegitimate president, his election tainted by Russian interference and carried out with the campaign's participation.

Despite persistent rumors that Trump intends to fire Mueller, the sentiment in the Congress favors allowing him to complete his task without arbitrary deadlines or political pressures. Any anxiety they feel about its timeline is kept largely to themselves.

Giuliani is certain to ratchet up the pressure in interviews and public appearances, making his case that Mueller has already taken far too much time, has uncovered nothing to implicate the president and has strayed well beyond his initial charter.

There is a risk certainly to the president and to Republican congressional candidates if the investigation drags on into the election season. Mueller confronts a risk as well and could open himself to criticism for deliberately prolonging his work, keeping the investigation at the top of the news to influence the mid-term outcome.

If memories are short and attention spans shorter - as Giuliani appears to believe to some extent - it is in his and Trump's interest to try to force Mueller's hand. Mueller in all likelihood has one eye on the calendar as well.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DONALD R. HUNT
CASE NO. 18STPB04336

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DONALD R. HUNT:
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PHILLIP W. WORLEY in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PHILLIP W. WORLEY AKA PHILIP W. WORLEY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 06/11/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 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 MARY JANE LINDQUIST
Case No. 18STPB04313

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY JANE LINDQUIST
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Sonja Karen McDonald in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Sonja Karen McDonald be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (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 on June 7, 2018 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 4 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.
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Araneya is a fashion designer. She graduated with a BA in Fashion Design and an AA in Apparel Industry Management from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM), Los Angeles.

She is highly talented and designs with a unique style that subtly reflects traditional craftsmanship through contemporary styles. Through her fashion background she creates refreshingly silhouettes by incorporating textures, embellishments, and embroideries making her collection feel like a breath of fresh air.



Being served for several apparel companies in California, she has specialized in designing, management, and personal styling; Araneya is working on having an online clothing company and providing her fashion skills in fashion consulting.



Fashion

How do you stay up to date with fashion?
- Fashion Designers stay current by reading magazines, researching fashion trends, browsing the internet, attending fashion shows, and getting inspired by the surroundings.

In which general area of fashion do you work?
- I work in the ready to wear fashion. My work meets western and ethnic wear in embroideries, appliqué, and textures

What does fashion consulting mean to you?
- Every individual's style is unique. I would like to advice wardrobe styling and accessories for clients for any setting.

What seasons will you provide for?
- Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter. All seasons will be provided for the client!!

What is your view on fashion?
- I am of the view that fashion is something that everyone deals with it daily. It talks as it creates self-expression that it signals which cloths or accessory that fit to the day. Besides, it makes any environment pleasant and impressive. Hence, fashion changes the lifestyle of the human being.

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