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## REMEMBRANCE

### ARTHUR 'ART' CONTRERAS

June 16, 1922 – June 3, 2018



Sierra Madre has lost another treasure. WWII U.S. Army Veteran Art Contreras passed away last week just shy of his 96th birthday. Masonry was his chosen vocation, something he truly loved. He continued to visit job sites with his partner until last year.

Art attended McKinley Jr. High School and was on the football team where he was first noticed by his wife. He went on to graduate from Pasadena High School. Shortly thereafter, Art joined the Army and served in the Infantry during World War II.

Art and Sally lived in Sierra Madre for 55 years. They had two children Elizabeth and Arthur, four grandchildren, Thomas, Gina, Marcus and Vance, and 3 great grandchildren, Rebecca, Shane and Ryan. He also has 3 great great grandchildren. Art loved spending time with all his family, especially the great great grandchildren to whom he would tell them stories of when he was a little boy,

He was an active member of VFW3208, the Knights of Columbus

and the St. Rita Men's Club.

The family has requested a Memorial Service, followed by a Reception, at St. Rita's on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at St. Rita's Church, 322 N. Baldwin, Sierra Madre.

#### Your Tax Dollars At Work:

### STREET CLOSURES ON WEST GRANDVIEW AND WEST HIGHLAND AVENUES

Sierra Madre Public Works Street Project continues. June 19th and June 25th. The following streets will be closed to all traffic between the hours of 7:00 am to 7:00 pm:

West Grand View Avenue from Baldwin Avenue to Hermosa Avenue. All intersecting streets will be closed and not accessible until 7:00 pm.

West Highland Avenue from Auburn Avenue to N. Lima Street. All intersecting streets will be closed and not accessible until 7:00 pm. Auburn Avenue intersection will be closed. N. Lima Street intersection will be open.

Residents and visitors should park their vehicles outside the project area. Overnight parking restrictions will not be enforced in the project area.

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## SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW BALANCED BUDGET

While other cities find themselves facing serious financial shortfalls, on Tuesday, Sierra Madre City Manager Gabe Engeland and staff delivered to the City Council the FY 2018/2019 balanced budget with a few dollars to spare. It is expected that the city's general fund revenue's will increase by approximately \$700,000 over the previous fiscal year. Recently the city received \$628,199 from the city of Laguna Beach, the result of the sale of the city's SCE allocation which certainly helped. (For details go to <http://mtnviewsnews.com/v12/htm/n20/index.htm>). General fund expenditures will increase however, by approximately \$521,000 primarily due to rising costs.

The General Fund for Sierra Madre unlike other cities has no significant income other than property taxes and the utility users tax. Sales taxes are relatively non-existent as the town has very little commercial or retail activity. However, despite those challenges the new budget shows a surplus of \$300,000 in the general fund at the end of the year.

In the staff report presented to the council, the details show exactly how, with increased costs in some areas, and some reductions in spending in others, the balanced budget was accomplished with minimal impact to the services provided to residents. (Go to: <http://cityofsierramadre.hosted.civiclive.com/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=13213123>)

City Manager Engeland is quite proud of the new budget and noted that, "The city council budget reduces overall spending, provides for a surplus in the General Fund, and invests more than two million dollars of investment in water infrastructure." The council unanimously approved the budget without controversy, quite a feat for Engeland who has only been with the city since 2017.

S. Henderson/MVNews

## PRIOR COUNCIL RULING OVERTURNED - 1ST STONEGATE HOUSE AUTHORIZED

In an effort to avoid more costly litigation, the current council voted to reinstate the 2014 Planning Commission decision to permit construction of 610 Baldwin Court in the development known as Stonegate. (Formerly 1 Carter).

Prior to the Planning Commission's approval in 2014, there were a dozen public hearings on the project.

The 2014 council blocked the project from moving forward and the developers, CETT, filed suit against the city in 2015 citing among other things, the prior settlement agreement of 2010 and the developers compliance with numerous changes mandated by the planning commission. The latest agreement between the city and the

developers also allows for CETT to proceed with processing of the remaining lots via the planning entitlement process agreed upon in 2010, for an 18 month period.

The decision to move forward is certain to raise the ire of preservationists in Sierra Madre as since the inception, the development has been deemed by many as 'out of character' for Sierra Madre.

In the council's ruling on Tuesday, it was declared that its decision was final.

For complete details, go to: <http://cityofsierramadre.hosted.civiclive.com/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=13213117>

## 2018 CONCERTS IN THE PARK

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

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR June 26, 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

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### SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

Regular City  
Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 26 2018  
6:30 pm

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

City Council

June 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Planning Commission

June 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm CANCELLED

June 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm

July 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm

July 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Community Service Commission

June 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm

July 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Senior Community Commission

June 7, 2018 at 3:00 pm

July 5, 2018 at 3:00 pm

Library Board of Trustees

June 27, 2018 at 7:00pm

July 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource

Commission

June 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm

July 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm

August 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm



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### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE ON SUPER SUMMER TUESDAY NIGHTS IN SIERRA MADRE

Create with 3D Printing

Learn to use new 3D printers on Tuesday nights from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Two new 3D printers are now installed at the Sierra Madre Public Library and are available for public use. 3D printing builds a three-dimensional object from computer-aided design by adding material layer by layer. The printers were furnished through a grant from the State of California.

Explore New Worlds with Virtual Reality

Step in to a different place and time with the new easy-to-use virtual reality systems at the Sierra Madre Library. Visitors, age 13 and older, can move into a realistic computer-generated virtual environment every Tuesday evening between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Virtual reality is a computer system that uses a headset to generate realistic images simulating the operator's physical presence in an imaginary environment.

Relax with Tabletop Games and Coloring Books

Play board games, do word puzzles, or color from 5:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday nights at the Library. Bring your own or use the Library's huge collection of games, word puzzles, and coloring materials.

Pick up your Super Summer Passport and have it stamped at these Super Summer events

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](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/services/library)

### INTERACT WITH THE NANCY EVANS DANCE THEATRE

The whole Library will be the stage when the Nancy Evans Dance Theatre brings its distinctive style to the Sierra Madre Public Library on Saturday, June 23 at 4:30 pm. The dance troupe presents a unique take on storytelling through movement using literature and audience prompts to create a one-of-a-kind dance experience.

Nancy Evans Dance Theatre is a modern-based company established in 2009. It has performed in various festivals and has been a guest company at Moorpark College's Motion Flux concert.

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### SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During this period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 409 day and night time calls for service.

Thursday, June 7

On two separate occasions, officers responded to the 400 block of Fairview Ave. for a family disturbance. On the second visit, the male subject causing the disturbance refused the officer's orders to exit the room he was in. The officers were forced to make entry into the room out of caution for the subject's safety. During the entry an officer was injured and the subject was taken into custody without further incident. The injured officer and the subject were transported to local hospitals for evaluation and treatment.

Case referred to Pasadena DA's office for review

Sunday, June 10

At about 8:40AM officers responded to a call in the 100 block of S. Baldwin of a transient sleeping in a resident's yard. A warrant check of the transient revealed that the subject had a no bail warrant from the Probation Department. The subject was arrested and transported to Pasadena Jail where he was released to the on-duty jailer. Case to Detectives



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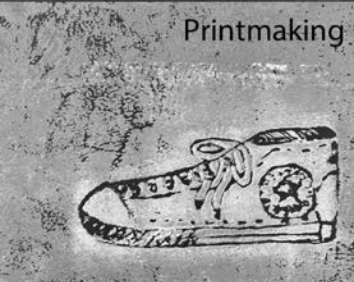
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## MT. WILSON THEN AND NOW

The Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society proudly presents a talk and slide show about the Mt. Wilson Observatory on Thursday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m. You do not want to miss this opportunity to hear a remarkable speaker recounting the history of the famous observatory on top of our mountains.

We are extremely fortunate that Tim Thompson, physicist, astronomer and observatory historian will be presenting this program. Mr. Thompson, who joined the laboratory staff of JPL in 1981, and who has volunteered at the observatory since that year, is a Mt. Wilson Institute Trustee. He was one of the founders of the observatory docent and

session programs and serves as those programs' director.

In addition, he has been President of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society for 11 years, receiving their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004. His research experience includes planetary radio astronomy, atmospheric physics & chemistry, infrared geological remote sensing and infrared astronomy.

Thursday, June 21st  
7:00 p.m.

Hark Park House in Memorial Park

Sierra Madre Historic Preservation Society  
Presents

Photo: Huntington Library/Carnegie Observatories

**Mt. Wilson  
Then  
and Now**

Photo: Elia Webster

**Astronomer and Mt. Wilson Historian  
Tim Thompson**

**Thursday, June 21  
7:00 p.m.  
Hart Park House  
in Memorial Park**

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



Walking Sierra Madre.....The Social Side  
Deanne Davis

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there,  
But a guiding light whose love shows us the way."

"Becoming a Father is easy enough...But being one can be rough!"  
Wilhelm Busch 1832-1908

So who exactly is Wilhelm Busch and what did he know about it? He was a humorist, poet, illustrator and painter, satirizing Catholicism, strict religious morality and bigotry. He even got himself banned in a few places. He was right, though, about that father thing being rough.

As Father's Day is tomorrow, and if you still have a father, by all means celebrate him. It's not too late to get a card if you haven't already. My Dad, through no fault of his own, was absent for most of my life. I only saw him two or three times during my childhood, the last time being when I was fifteen and in my "Rebel Without a Cause and/or Good Sense" stage. As he was leaving the United States for an extended period, to work in Germany as an engineer for Lockheed, he took my mother and me out to dinner. I was sullen and smoked, for pity's sake!

Thanks to God's perfect plans in our lives, I was reunited with my Dad in my 40's when I began wondering where he was and what he was really like. But how do you find that needle in a haystack person when you know nothing about them. Then God stepped in. I was sitting out on my front porch one morning, reading Dear Abby, waiting to drive some kid to school when, right there in Dear Abby was just what I needed. Abby told me, and the immediate world, that the Salvation Army had a service in 80 countries around the world working to put lost relatives in touch with each other. A phone call, a form to fill out, a check for five bucks and my search was underway. A search, by the way, which was already in trouble due to lack of information: His Social Security number? Last known address? Other relatives? Correct spelling of names? Place of birth? I knew none of it.

But God had His hand on the situation. As I was reading Dear Abby, my Dad was sitting in his kitchen in Glendale!...reading Dear Abby. A phone call, a form, a check for five bucks and now both of us were in the search business. I sent it in and forgot about it. Months went by and one evening the phone rang. A Major Hood of the Salvation Army was on the other end, "I think I've found your father," she said. And she had! A delightful relationship began which continued through many years. He's gone now, but his memory lives on for me in his artwork, which is all over my house - he was quite a

famous artist. He's in the book I wrote from the letters he sent me about his childhood, his Dad and the early wild days of California and Mexico (A Treasure Map, A Drunken Owl, and 47 Rattlers In A Bag!) - Available on my page on Amazon: [DeanneDavis@Amazon.com](mailto:DeanneDavis@Amazon.com)

I am fortunate to have married an exceptional man who was a fantastic father. As I grew up without one, I had no clue how this worked, but John showed me that a father is patient, he is kind, he isn't proud, doesn't dishonor the children or his wife, not self-seeking, not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs. A good father rejoices with the truth. Always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. That means explaining the same algebra problem for the nineteenth time without throwing the book or the child on the floor. It means going to get a daughter and bring her home from a bad situation. It means staying awake at night when someone isn't home who should be, and gently grounding them for a year. It means being so proud of every achievement, no matter how minor. This sounds a lot like that Corinthians 13 thing, doesn't it. The picture is two great dads, my own dad, Kim, and my beloved John.

My son is an excellent father, dealing simultaneously with adult children, a five-year old and a three-year old. He's tired, but he's available to take little people to swimming lessons, read them a story or just hold them to give their mom a break.

My son-in-law, Dave, is a splendid father. He and Patti have raised four exceptional people: David, who lives in Germany and is a wonderful father to his little girl, Erin, and his little son, Jamison; Nicole who works at the L.A. Zoo; Blake who has graduated from Biola and USC with Engineering degrees galore and Luke, who is talented, charming, bright, and will soon graduate from USC and star on Broadway one day.

My Arizona son-in-law, Chris, is the father of two little girls, adopted foster children, born of drug addicted mothers. These are not easy little people, but Chris and Crissy will keep on keeping on, being the best parents possible, rejoicing in these girls' accomplishments and the neat people they are becoming.

Take a look at the guys around you who are fathers, and tell them they are God's appointed and anointed men and you appreciate them. I got to tell my Dad I loved him many times before he died, we missed that father-daughter thing, but I've seen the best at work in my family. I hope you have, too. Happy Father's Day!

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### EVENT DETAILS

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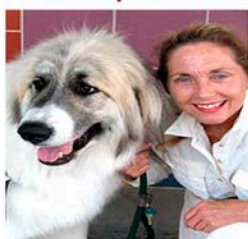
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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## County to Retain Eaton Canyon Golf Course

L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger said Monday that after some discussion about a possible transfer to the city of Pasadena, the County of Los Angeles will retain ownership of the Eaton Canyon Golf Course, and will work to ensure that the facility is maintained at the highest possible standard.

“Our new reputable operator at the course has enabled us to not only provide a valuable recreational resource for the community but also attract a new clientele for the future,” said Supervisor Barger.

Course management, maintenance and the overall quality of the facility has improved dramatically under CourseCo., who will continue as the operator through a contract with Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.

“I am very encouraged by the input I have received by all of the stakeholders and I support giving our golf course an opportunity to succeed and flourish,” Barger added. “I want to invite the community to utilize this course as much as possible. Your patronage as regular golfers and diners at the restaurant helps keep the facility vital and helps us attract a new generation of golfers.”

Pasadena City Manager Steve Mermell had said in March that city officials were in talks with the county.

“The county approached the city and said they were interested in transferring [Eaton Canyon Golf Course] —and if the city was interested in taking it over as a golf course?” he said. “We are interested in it as a park only.”

In recent weeks, residents in the area had opposed the transfer and had asked the county and Barger to keep the golf course.



## Pasadena Playhouse Celebrates 100

Just a week after the city celebrated a birthday, the Pasadena Playhouse, the State Theatre of California, held a block party Saturday for its centennial that included the theatre's Artistic Director Danny Feldman and Mayor Terry Tornek (pictured above second left) unveiling a cake.

“Last week we cut a cake over at the Museum of History celebrating the city's 132 birthday and today we're celebrating the Playhouse hundredth birthday,” Tornek said. “The great thing about this is that in addition to celebrating our history, and the fact that we have done so many things so well, so long, but its what's going to happen, its celebrating what we are going to be doing in the future, I don't think there is a better example of that than our Pasadena Playhouse.”

Feldman (pictured above second right) noted that a little over a year ago the theatre received a grant from the state for \$1 million,

“that helped refurbish the buildings,” he said.

California State Assemblymember Chris Holden (pictured above center) said, “When we said to the State of California... 100 years, we are going to be marking the anniversary for the playhouse, the state has to do something, to support it. Do you know, they didn't even know that it was a state landmark, historic theatre. So they go back in there records and find it... when they did that, it made it a lot easier to get the \$1 million.”

According to officials, Pasadena Playhouse is one of the most prolific drama-producing organizations in the history of American theater, having commissioned over 550 new works, produced upwards of 1,200 shows, spearheaded over 500 world premieres, developed several shows that went on to Broadway, and welcomed more than one million audience members.

As a community center, it has been the recipient of well over

a million hours of service by more than 12,000 volunteers. The well known Friends of the Pasadena Playhouse has been instrumental in the running of the theatre both backstage, front of house, and administratively. For more than thirty years, Pasadena Playhouse ran a famed and fully accredited college -- more than 30,000 students received arts education and access programs.

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

## Colorado Street Bridge Party

Join Pasadena Heritage for the celebration at the Colorado Street Bridge Party Saturday, July 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Stroll along one of the most beautiful bridges as you enjoy an evening of music, dancing, vintage cars, free kids activities, and festive foods and beverages.

Old favorites will return and new attractions are being added to make a night to remember. There will be live music on three stages, which will offer groups such as Vin Piz Flyer Band, Dilemma, Jimbonaries, Upstream, Mercy and the Merkettes, and Art Deco Entertainment. Our display of vintage automobiles is always a hit, and this year the new joins the old with a display of state of the art Teslas joining a 1948 Porsche, a 1957 23 Window Bus, and a 1957 Bel Air. Youngsters will be entertained in the children's area with balloons, face painting, drum circles, a rock wall and more.

Guests have the rare opportunity to stroll along the Bridge on foot, enjoying food from vendors such as Mijares Mexican Restaurant, Robin's Wood Fire B B Q, DogHaus, P a m 's Sweet Shack a n d Funnel Cakes, a n d beers from Craftsman Brewing and Eagle Rock Brewery. Specialty cocktails, and wine will also be available. The Colorado Street Bridge has been threatened numerous times in its one hundred and five year history, and for the last 41 years, Pasadena Heritage has been its leading champion. To save and restore this iconic structure, the organization conducted letter-writing campaigns, constant lobbying and national publicity efforts. Pasadena Heritage's famous summer event on the spectacular span first highlighted the need to repair it. After many years of effort, the Bridge was saved, seismically upgraded and restored to its original grandeur -- a feat that is celebrated biennially and what has become a much anticipated community event. Join us this year and become a part of the tradition!

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



## In Related News: Playhouse Awarded Arts Education Grant

The California Arts Council announced Tuesday its plans to award \$15,300 to Pasadena Playhouse, The State Theater of California as part of its Arts Education: Exposure program.

As a segment of the California Arts Council Arts Education grant opportunities, Exposure grants support attendance at performances and exhibitions for students who may otherwise have limited access to these experiences. The impact of student attendance at these events is complemented by pre- and post-attendance activities.

Danny Feldman, Producing Artistic Director of Pasadena Playhouse, says, “At Pasadena Playhouse, we believe that theater not only has the power to change lives but also to build stronger communities. Through Community@Play, Pasadena Playhouse provides thousands of underserved students access and exposure to an enriching

professional theater experience. Community@Play serves participants of all ages by removing the barrier of cost and partners with Title I schools, at-risk youth and social service organizations.”

Pasadena Playhouse, The State Theater of California, is one of 113 grantees chosen for the Arts Education: Exposure program. The award was featured as part of a larger announcement from the California Arts Council.

“Studies have shown that projects like the Pasadena Playhouse's Community@Play that offer real-world, authentic interaction with the arts have a rewarding effect on learning ability,” said Nashormeh Lindo, California Arts Council Chair. “These early life experiences can spark interests, provoke thought, and build a student's capacity for success. The path of what's possible is widened by every opportunity to step outside the familiar.”

## Tournament of Roses Foundation Grant Awards

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation announce the 2018 grant awards totaling \$200,000 presented to 33 civic, educational and cultural organizations in the San Gabriel Valley. Two of the 33 organizations funded are first-time grant recipients. These organizations are: K9 Youth Alliance, and the San Gabriel Valley Choral Company.

“We believe it's not just the girls who benefit, but the entire Pasadena community,” said Molly Snow - Executive Director, Girls on the Run of Los Angeles County

Since its inception, the

Tournament of Roses Foundation has funded over \$3 million in charitable contributions on behalf of the Tournament of Roses Association. The Foundation assists charities in the greater Pasadena area by funding sports and recreation, visual and performing arts, and volunteer motivation and leadership development. These grants will help support new and ongoing programs benefiting children, teens, adults and seniors.

The complete list of 2018 Tournament of Roses Foundation grant recipients can be found at: [tournamentofroses.com/foundation](http://tournamentofroses.com/foundation).

## Reminder: All Fireworks Are Illegal in Pasadena



The City of Pasadena recently amended the municipal code holding property owners and tenants responsible for permitting the possession, sale, usage or discharge of fireworks on their property. The ordinance change allows for the prosecution of fireworks-related offenses and for the demand of payment for all costs associated with the safe disposal of confiscated fireworks. The City maintains a zero tolerance enforcement policy for fireworks and Pasadena's police and firefighters are teaming up for special fireworks enforcement patrols before and during the Fourth of July holiday. Violators are subject to arrest; having their vehicles impounded; and serving up to one year in jail and fines up to \$50,000.

Statistics show that fireworks are among the most dangerous of all consumer products. Even hand-held sparklers, which many consider safe, are dangerous and can reach 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, causing serious burns or fires. National Fire Protection Association statistics reveal that 90 percent of all fireworks-related injuries are caused by so-called “safe and sane” fireworks which are illegal in Pasadena.

The City of Pasadena invites you to celebrate the Fourth of July responsibly and join us for the 92nd annual “Americafest,” one of the best family-friendly celebrations and professional fireworks shows in Southern California at the Rose Bowl Stadium. For ticket and event information, please visit [www.rosebowlstadium.com](http://www.rosebowlstadium.com).

Due to the potential for fire hazards and injuries, Pasadena police and fire personnel will staff checkpoints around the

stadium to search for and seize any fireworks. Parking enforcement officers will ensure that vehicles illegally parked in Pasadena's hillside areas on July 4th are impounded.

The Pasadena Fire Department will be applying Phos-Chek on Monday, July 2nd to brush areas around the Arroyo area. The main ingredients of this fire retardant are phosphates and fertilizers to help prevent plants from burning and to re-vegetate burned wildland areas.

Pasadena's Fire Chief Bertral Washington, Interim Police Chief John Perez and Public Health Officer Dr. Ying-Ying Goh urge everyone to make safety their top priority and offer the following reminders:

Celebrate responsibly and always designate a driver.

Stay hydrated, drink water or other nutritious fluids before becoming thirsty; limit alcohol & sugary drinks.

If outdoors, remember to use sunscreen, wear a brimmed hat and seek shade, if needed.

Fight the Bite, use bug spray/repellent to protect against mosquitoes.

Many areas of the City, including outdoor areas, are designated as “No Smoking” zones. Smoking anything in “No Smoking” areas is strictly prohibited. Always make sure that whatever you smoke in an official smoking area is fully extinguished before disposing in an appropriate trash container.

Always have someone tending the barbecue and watching the swimming pool when in use.

Call 9-1-1 for all life-threatening emergencies.

Call (626) 744-4241 for all other public safety needs.

When calling for help, speak calmly, give accurate location information.

## That's Entertainment: Gershwin to Sondheim

June 23, 2018 at the LA County Arboretum  
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Concert begins at 7:30pm.

Michael Feinstein, conductor  
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Say hello to summer as Michael Feinstein kicks off the POPS season at the Arboretum with a blockbuster program covering hits from Gershwin, Sondheim, and everything in between. Hear your favorites from Porgy and Bess and An American in Paris to Company and Follies, plus popular standards and vintage archival surprises with Nice Work if You Can Get It, S'Wonderful and Being Alive just to name a few.

The POPS welcomes two Sondheim alum to the stage for this Broadway-infused season opener. Emmy-winner Liz Callaway, who got her Broadway start in Merrily We Roll Along and went on to star in Miss Saigon, Baby and Cats among others, will sing alongside Drama Desk nominee Aaron Lazar, who has just been slotted to star in the national tour of Dear Evan Hansen.

So bring a picnic, grab a seat or a spot on the lawn, and soak in the lush surroundings of the Arboretum. Tickets start at just \$25 and are selling fast with table seats nearly sold out. Buy your tickets today by calling the box office at (626)-793-7172 or by visiting: [pasadenasympphony-pops.org](http://pasadenasympphony-pops.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.

**Friday Movie Matinees – Fridays, June 22, at 1 p.m.** Everyone enjoys the experience of watching movies and the pleasures they bring. June 22: “The Awful Truth” (1937, NR) starring Irene Dunne and Cary Grant. Unfounded suspicions lead a married couple to begin divorce proceedings, whereupon they start undermining each other's attempts to find new romances.

**Healthy Summer Snacks – Thursday, June 21, at 10 a.m.** Summer is almost here! Learn about healthy snacks you can make at home as alternatives to store-bought snacks that are high in fat, sodium and bad carbs. Presented by Regal Medical Group.

**Mail Fraud – Thursday, June 28, at 10 a.m.** Older adults should be vigilant about a

number of scams intended to deplete their life savings. Learn how to protect yourself from mail fraud. Presented by the U.S. Postal Service.

**LIMITLESS/LENNY – Friday, June 29, at 3:30 p.m.** Guest artists from MUSE/IQUE will explore the music of Leonard Bernstein and his enormous impact on the American sound. A limited number of complimentary tickets will be available to the LIMITLESS/LENNY concert Saturday, June 30, led by MUSE/IQUE musical director Rachael Worby. Register at the Welcome Desk or by calling (626) 795-4331.

For more information visit [www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org](http://www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org) or call 626-795-4331. Founded in 1960, the Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that offers recreational, educational, wellness and social services to people ages 50 and older in a welcoming environment. Services are also provided for frail, low-income and homebound seniors.

## Pet of the Week



Bronson (A459074) is a very affectionate, lovable dog. He is a good side kick, and likes to be only a few paws away at all times. He has been on a few Wiggle Waggle Wagon field trips and volunteers report he is energetic and friendly to people of all ages. He loves going for walks, runs, and is looking for a new best friend. Come visit Bronson at the Pasadena Humane Society today.

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](http://pasadenahumane.org). Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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



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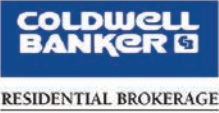
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## MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

### Public Intoxication – Suspect Arrested

June 7 at 1:01 a.m., an officer was on patrol in the 800 block of E. Olive when he saw a male subject in Recreation Park after closing hours. He stopped the subject to issue a citation and found him to be too intoxicated to care for his own safety. The subject was arrested for being drunk in public.

### Residential Burglary

June 7 at 8:56 a.m., a resident in the 600 block of Parker walked outside her home and discovered she had left her garage door open all night. She noticed several things were stolen from the garage and from inside her unlocked vehicle, which was parked in the garage. This investigation is continuing.

### Public Intoxication – Suspect Arrested

June 7 at 9:45 a.m., a caller reported a male subject walking down the middle of the street in the 1600 block of S. Myrtle. Officers located the subject and found him to be too intoxicated to care for his own safety; he was arrested for public intoxication and taken into custody.

### Shoplifting / Drug Activity – Suspect Arrested

June 7 at 2:09 p.m., a male subject was detained by employees of a store in the 500 of W. Huntington because they had observed him shoplifting. Officers arrived, arrested the suspect and the merchandise was returned to the store. The subject was also found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

### Injury Traffic Collision

June 7 at 6:26 p.m., a caller reported that two vehicles had collided in the 500 block of W. Foothill. Officers arrived and found one of the drivers was complaining of pain, so she was treated by paramedics. After investigation, the driver at fault was issued a citation.

### Vandalism

June 7 at 6:51 p.m., a resident in the 100 block of Hidden Valley returned home and discovered someone had pried open his locked mailbox. The mail had already been delivered and collected earlier in the day, so no mail was stolen. This investigation is continuing.

### DUI – Suspect Arrested

June 7 at 11:56 p.m., an officer was patrolling the 2600 block of S. Myrtle when he saw a motorist commit a driving violation. He stopped the vehicle and found the driver to be intoxicated. After field sobriety tests were conducted, the driver was arrested for DUI.

### Drug Offense – Suspects Arrested

June 8 at 1:02 a.m., an officer was patrolling the 800 block of E. Olive when he saw a male subject loitering in Recreation Park. He stopped the subject for being in the park after closing. The subject was found to be in possession of a pipe that had been used to smoke methamphetamine. The suspect was arrested.

### Drug Offense – Suspect Arrested

June 8 at 2:26 a.m., employees of a hotel in the 700 block of W. Huntington reported a female subject sleeping in a vehicle in the hotel parking lot. Officers contacted the subject and a computer check revealed she was on parole. She claimed she had a room in the hotel. When officers checked the room, they found another female subject in the room that was in possession of heroin. That subject was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

### Warrant – Suspect Arrested

June 8 at 2:54 a.m., an officer was on patrol in the 2000 block of S. Myrtle when he saw a bicyclist commit a violation of the rules of the road. He stopped the bicyclist and a computer check revealed he had a warrant for his arrest. The subject was arrested and taken into custody.

## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

*For the period of Sunday, June 3rd, through Saturday, June 9th, the Police Department responded to 946 calls for service, of which 112 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, June 3:

Shortly before 9:47 a.m., an officer responded to Academicise Preschool, 325 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. The reporting party located the word, “PreD 666” on one of the building walls. The investigation is ongoing.

### Monday, June 4:

At approximately 10:49 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of La Cadena Avenue regarding a fraud report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect used the victim's bank account to purchase a cellphone in the City of Roseville, California. The victim does not know how the suspect obtained his personal information or the identity of the suspect.

Just after 15:13 p.m., an officer responded to Santa Anita Race Track, 285 West Huntington Drive, regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed the race track's security department identified a known thief, located him, and found him in possession of the stolen tools and electronics. He was also in possession of a smoking pipe and methamphetamine. The 30-year-old male from La Puente was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 5:28 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a burglary report. The victim stated an unknown suspect broke a front window, entered his residence, and fled with \$100.00 worth of marijuana. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

### Tuesday, June 5:

1. Around 1:07 p.m., officers responded to Albertson's, 298 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a robbery report. Officers determined the suspect, a 47-year-old male from El Monte, attempted to exit the store with \$67.00 worth of meat but when the manager approached him, he pushed the manager and fled without the groceries. He was located, arrested, and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Wednesday, June 6:

At about 12:14 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of West Palm Drive regarding an attempted burglary report. An investigation revealed two females were seen running away from the side gate of a residence and entering a silver Kia. They fled westbound on Palm Drive. The suspects did not gain entry into the victim's residence and no property was reported missing.

The suspects are described as wearing hooded sweatshirts and gloves. The investigation is ongoing.

Shortly after 1:53 p.m., an officer responded to the Pizza Hut parking lot, 161 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. The unknown suspect smashed a rear window and stole a case of water. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Just before 3:21 p.m., an officer received notification that a nearby vehicle had passed an Automated License Plate Reader system and that the vehicle had

been reported stolen out of Paramount. The officer conducted an enforcement stop on the vehicle and the driver attempted to flee on foot. The officer successfully detained the suspect and found her to be in possession of shaved keys, methamphetamine, and a smoking pipe. The 27-year-old female from Norwalk was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Thursday, June 7:

2. Before 11:41 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Methodist Hospital regarding a robbery report. The victim stated he was walking in the 800 block of South Baldwin Avenue when he was struck with an unknown hard object before the suspect stole his wallet. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located. The investigation is ongoing. The victim walked to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for evaluation.

Around 11:41 a.m., an officer responded to LA Fitness, 1325 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect entered the men's locker room, damaged the victim's lock, and stole his car keys. The suspect then entered his vehicle and stole the victim's watch, wallet, and other personal items. The investigation is ongoing.

At about 3:03 p.m., an officer responded to the 700 block of West Duarte Road regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy packages containing bait property and tracking devices to combat the increase in package thefts from residential areas. The officer discovered the suspects, a 44-year-old female from San Gabriel and a 36-year-old male from San Gabriel had the stolen package, property, and tracking device in their vehicle. Both suspects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Friday, June 8:

Just before 11:12 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of Beverly Drive regarding found property. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect stole mail from a residence in the 100 block of Genoa Street and then discarded the items on Beverly Drive. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Shortly after 9:38 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1000 block of South 6th Avenue regarding a burglary in progress. The victim encountered the suspect as he attempted to enter her home. She scared them off and they fled before officers arrived.

The suspect is described as a light skinned male, possibly Hispanic or black. He was wearing a light blue hooded sweatshirt with an undistinguishable white graphic on the front. A second suspect was heard running but was never seen. The investigation is ongoing.

### Saturday, June 9:

At approximately 4:48 p.m., an officer responded to Santa Anita Race Track, 285 West Huntington Drive, regarding an assault report. An investigation revealed two suspects initiated a fight with the victim after making insulting comments to the victim. A records check revealed both suspects had outstanding misdemeanor warrants. The 25-year-old male from Duarte and 26-year-old male from Duarte were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

## DUARTE'S JOINT MEETING AND HONORING DR. MUCERINO



### By Joan Schmidt

Last night was bittersweet. The Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council were Invited Guests at the joint Duarte City Council/Duarte School Board Meeting. There was so much positive information given. The City, unlike many neighboring cities, has seen crime reduction. Unfortunately Brian Villalobos told us that LA County Probation is taking away our Kevin Paris at Pamela Park. (Duarte is also losing a Probation Officer) This is very upsetting; Kevin held Parenting Classes and so many positive programs for teenagers. Probation wants their officers working with parolees, not as counselors, for teens. It's a shame-proactive positive programs are what keep teens on the right track.

We saw slides of the various schools and how well students are doing. There also was an update on the California School of the Arts. A short history was given and their curriculum program and emphasis on arts were explained. Dr. Mucerino told us that students from 86 cities attend the California School of the Arts.

How did Dr. Mucerino and the School Board turn the Duarte School District around into a Magnet School District? First there was a competitive advantage plan which was implemented in the 2016-2017:

- Duarte Unified School District was rebranded.
- Grades K-8 focused on vigorous academics and STEM (Science, technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

- Early College Comprehensive High school
- Career Technical education
- Pathways Programs
- CA School of the Arts.

Prior to this meeting was a wonderful reception for Dr. Mucerino. Dinner and appetizers were provided by Skewers and everyone raved about the food. There were so many accolades for Dr. Mucerino. Beginning was Duarte's Mayor John Fasana who presented a tile of Duarte. Also attending were Mayor Pro tem Liz Reilly and Council Members Sam Kang and Tzeitel Paras-Caracci. Certificates were presented by Kristy Lopez (Senator Anthony Portantino), Veronica Lopez (Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio), Sara Maravilla (Supervisor Kathryn Barger) and Dave Hall (Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council). School Board President Rev. Doug Edwards, and Members Tom Reyes, Reina Diaz and Ken Bell also attended. The School District will honor Dr. Mucerino at an additional reception on Thursday. Captain Dave Flores from Temple Station, Duarte's Sgt. Osterman and School Resource Deputy McLean also were on hand. Betty Mc Williams from Foothill Unity Center and Bob Cruz from the Gas Company spoke of Mucerino's commitment to youths and the community as he also was on the Foothill Unity Center Board. Everyone wishes Dr. Mucerino much success and happiness in his new position in the Alvard School District in Riverside County.

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TIME FOR SUMMER FUN, BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE FROM THE SUN!

It's that time of year again, and the heat is on in Southern California. But who doesn't already know this happens every year around here? When I first moved to Sierra Madre in 1991, there were few spots where the sun's rays hit the pavement on my street because there were so many trees on either side with branches that met in the middle, it created a canopy of complete shade.

Those were the days, but now we are in a new age and folks seem to be cutting down trees more than ever. I realize some trees have to be cut down due to old age or disease but all too often, I see trees being cut down just to make space for the construction of a larger house, or to do away with the mess the tree made on someone's yard or driveway. Really? Who knew?

Regardless, I am thankful for the trees we still have that continue to provide kind, cooling shade for those of us who appreciate it. But in the growing number of areas where the trees have gone missing, it can get brutally hot when summer comes a-calling. Indeed, in some areas it is simply not safe for anyone - human or otherwise - to be out there where the sun is beating down.

While you're cool indoors, think about your pets. Are they cool too, or are their lives in danger? A dog's normal temperature is at least 5 degrees higher than a human's. If they are confined in a yard or dog run, with no way to escape from the heat, they may easily become victims of a fatal heat stroke.

SPCA LA's website sums it up nicely with a list of "to-do's" to help educate owners about basic pet safety during the hot summer months.

- Tips For Keeping Your Pet Cool in Hot Weather:
- 1) Water to prevent dehydration: Plenty of clean, cool drinking water is a must at all times.
  - 2) Protection from the sun: If your pet must stay in the yard instead of the cool indoors, be sure he has adequate shade and ventilation.
  - 3) Park your pet at home: Never leave your pet in a parked car, not even for five minutes. It could cost him his life. The temperature in a parked car can soar to 160 degrees within minutes, even with the windows left slightly open.
  - 4) Emergency Care: If a pet is overcome by heat (detected by excess panting, heavy salivation, and/or immobility) immerse him slowly in cool water to lower his body temperature, and contact a veterinarian. Never immerse a pet in ice cold water, as it may cause shock.
  - 5) Keep Pets Groomed: Clip long or matted coats short to help your pet stay cool, but remember that pets, like people, can get sunburned too and coats should not be TOO short.
  - 6) Health Check: Carefully go over your pet's body at least once

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



- a week to check for fleas, ear mites and tiny bumps or cuts. Take your pet to the vet for a summer check-up and use a good flea/tick repellent recommended by your vet.
- 7) Fleas: Fleas need to be attacked on three fronts: on the pet itself, in the home, and in the yard.
  - 8) Exercise: Exercise pets in the morning or in the evening, when it is cooler.
  - 9) Prevent Burns: Dog pads (on the bottom of their feet) burn quite easily, so avoid hot surfaces such as asphalt on hot days.
  - 10) Identification: With the hotter weather, families and their pets are outside more often, not to mention the noises of some 4th of July celebrations, increasing the chances of a pet getting lost. Make sure your pets always wear proper identification.

Fun Heat Relief Ideas:

- 1) Ice Cube Treats: Freeze edible mystery treats into ice cubes for your dog to lick and discover while you are away! Bits of vegetables and/or meat bits are excellent ideas for ice cube surprise inners!
- 2) Kiddie Pools: Fill a baby pool with water and let your dogs splash about at his leisure while you're at work. When you are at home, you can toss a bowl of ice cube treat in the pool water for him to hunt.
- 3) Frozen Pops: Make your dog a delicious frozen treat! Use canned pumpkin or fresh fruit minced with a processor to come up with some awesome cold creations that your four-pawed friend will love you for!
- 4) Hose-Play: Get out in the back yard with your best friend, and spray him down. Be sure to include yourself in the spray-play too! He will love you all the more for it.

It goes without saying (but I'll say it anyway) that animals deserve the same respect that we humans expect when it comes to comfort and safety, particularly during the heat of summer. There is no excuse for animal abuse, neglect, or disrespect. To me this is common sense but for those who don't get it, there are LA County penal codes, strongly reinforced by California state law to help them along.

I hope this information has been helpful to those who wish to keep their pets healthy, happy and cool this summer. Be good to your pets. Give them the respect they deserve and as always, love and let live!



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THE DECLINE OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION

I am often asked why I teach and write about the topics of self-reliance and survival. Here is part of my answer.

"The city" developed organically from the earliest times of human history, presumably for the mutual survival and upliftment of all those who became a part of it. The city because the locus for heightened social interaction, where farmers could barter and sell their goods to the far reaches of the domain, where the brightest and the best could answer your questions and resolved your needs, whether about technical, medical, or other issue. It's obvious why cities developed, though it has not always so altruistic.

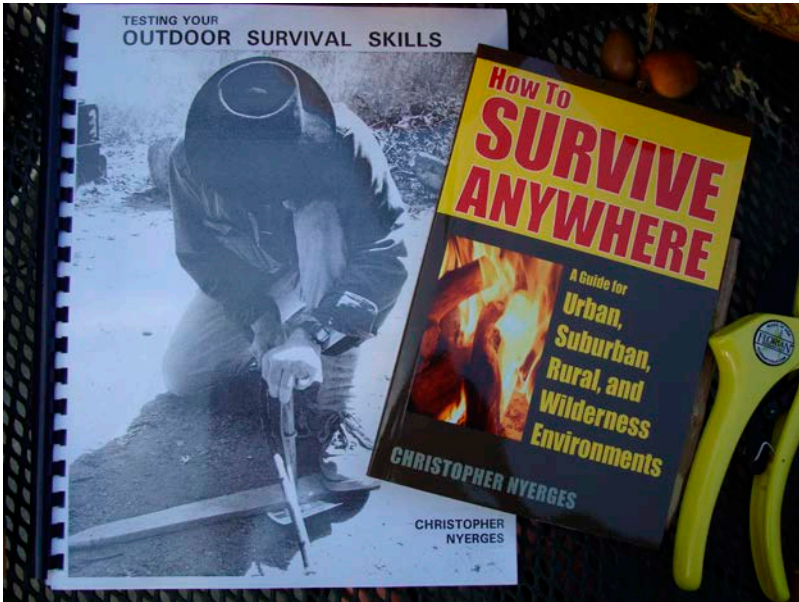
We know, for example, that the great Mayan cities most likely had theocratic rulers whose orders were law, and sometimes that worked out well for the people. But it could also spell the demise for the city if deluded self-important religious leaders saw themselves as more important than "the people." Right here in North America, there was the great city of Cahokia in what is now Illinois, which emerged, dominated, changed and improved the lives of everyone it touched, and then, for various reasons, it disappeared.

Cities and civilizations arise out of the common interests of those it serves, and they seem to follow a pattern of growth, peaking, declining, disappearing (that's the 25 cent version of what usually takes a full semester anthropology course).

Every school child has heard about the great Roman empire, and how it "fell." We read the great details and shake our heads at the Roman stupidity that allowed such greatness to fall, and secretly, we believe it can never happen to us. Really? Well, we don't want it to happen to us, of course, but consider that a "civilization" is a living, dynamic entity. It's essence and character and health are all determined by the collective mindset and collective actions of all the participants, whether you recognize that or not. And it does seem to more and more of us that the collective mindset is too often about short-term gains, and not about the health and survival and vitality of the city, and the culture, and our civilization.

We aren't sure exactly where we are as a people in the curve of the decline of a civilization, or whether or not we can affect that decline. However, there is always something that the individual can do - always.

To gain a higher perspective of what you can do, in your own life, in your own family and in your own town, I strongly encourage you to read Morris Berman's "The Twilight of American Culture." There are lots of good ideas there. Also, continue to read the publications that describe and promote the positive actions you can take



every day in your own life to improve your survival quotient, in the city, and in the wilderness.

Everyone wants to make the wisest choices when our modern structures break down, either from the ravages of nature, or from man (war, terrorism, disease, etc.).

Sometimes we can feel like we are just a drop of water in the ocean, but as we network and work with like-minded others, we can move in the direction of living solutions.

When I began teaching about wild foods and survival skills when I was still a teenager, I did so to encourage others to think likewise, but mostly I did so to clarify my own thinking on the subject. You could call it enlightened

self-interest. Plus, by teaching and writing, I was able to meet others along the same path, people that I would have never met if I were hiding out somewhere in a cave.

I taught field trips, and I taught in the classroom. When I taught in the classroom, I found it useful to organize each subject by topic, and to teach by constantly asking questions of the students. Those refined and edited questions became the basis for my "Testing Your Outdoor Survival Skills" textbook, which is still used by many today. (It's available on Amazon, or from the store at [www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com](http://www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com)).

Though I still use that "Testing" textbook, I have also written "How to Survive Anywhere," which embodies most of the ideas in "Testing Your Outdoor Survival Skills."

In "How to Survive Anywhere," I mention Jane Jacobs, who is the author of "Dark Ages Ahead," who attempts to offer solutions to anyone worried about the decline of western civilization. Her book is worth reading; at least read page 258 of "How to Survive Anywhere," where I summarize her thinking. She explains some of the obvious causes of our decline, especially the idea of community. But she does not see "dark ages" as inevitable. Rather, she says that since culture is a living dynamic entity, we need to all become living examples of the best in society, and we need to think, we need to model solutions, and we need to teach, lecture, and write!



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

Vacation Time Again?

Dr. James L. Snyder

I had just finished my project,

sent it to my publisher, took a deep breath and said out loud, "I'm glad that's done. Now I can rest for a while."

I must have said it aloud for someone in the house heard it. I need to explain that with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, it does not matter if you say it aloud, mumble it under your breath or just think it, she hears it.

I do not know how she does it and she will not give me her secret.

"So," my wife said rather suspiciously, "ready to go on our vacation?"

I stuttered a little bit and said, "A what?"

That "V" word rarely resides between my two ears. I just never think of it. I am not a vacation fan. Sure, when the kids were home it was nice to get away and have some fun with them. However, that has been a long time ago. I think someone my age is just too old to go on vacation. What would be the purpose?

I am a little afraid that if I go on vacation, I might forget that I am on vacation and never return home and no one would ever see me again. You know how the memory is for us old guys. So, to be on the safe side, I do not think of vacation time. "You know exactly what I mean," my wife said rather sternly with one of her sly smiles. "We should begin making plans for our vacation before you begin your next project."

She caught me off guard there. Under other circumstances, I might have responded by telling her that it was too late, I've already started my next project. I remember trying that once and I may be the writer, but she's the reader and she always reads between the lines.

Then she began laying out her well thought out plans for what our vacation would be like. I interrupted her and said as soberly as possible, "That would be nice, but I do not have any money to sponsor a vacation right now."

All she did was laugh, which rather irritated me. Then she explained, "Don't give that a thought. I have been saving for this vacation since last year. I have it all worked out."

Without my knowing it, she has been planning this vacation for quite a while. She even worked out the schedule with the daughters and grandchildren. She usually watches them while the daughters are at work. It took several months, but she worked out a schedule so that the week she had planned was cleared on everybody's calendar. She knew approximately when my project was due and started from there.

When it comes to developing my projects for my

publisher, I can plan right down to the very day it is due. Outside of that, I am completely out of focus.

This is not true with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She can plan everything to the last detail. Doesn't matter if it is our vacation, some project at the church, or spending time with the grandchildren. She is the Planning Queen of all time.

It's not that I do not like vacations, because once I'm there I do. What I do not like is the planning and the preparation. It becomes so meticulous that I get bored.

I have been like this all my life. The first day of first grade in school, I did not want to go. When the bus came to pick me up, I refused to get on and even had a little fit with the bus driver.

My mother, of course, was not too happy with the situation and took it out on me. She grabbed me, threw me in the car and drove me to school. I was kicking and screaming all the way to school. When we got to school, she threw me out and drove away. At least that's how I remember it.

When it came time to go home I refused to leave school. I really didn't know how wonderful first grade would be.

I suppose that's the way I am. I do not want to do anything new, but when I do, I do not want to not do it. My wife understands this because she's had to deal with me all these years. So, when she says, "Are you ready for our vacation?" I know she has it all planned to the last detail. Very wisely, she does not reveal these plans to me until we are ready to go off on vacation.

Once I get to that vacation destination, I have a good time, and I have her to thank for that. If left up to me, it would never get done.

To answer the question, "Are you ready for our vacation?" let me just say, I must be because my wife is always thorough in all her planning. Driving to our vacation destination, I could not help but think of something David said, "My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me" (Psalm 31:15).

I must confess that I often want to try to plan my life. I need to learn what David learned, God has already planned my life and all I need to do is to yield to his direction.

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

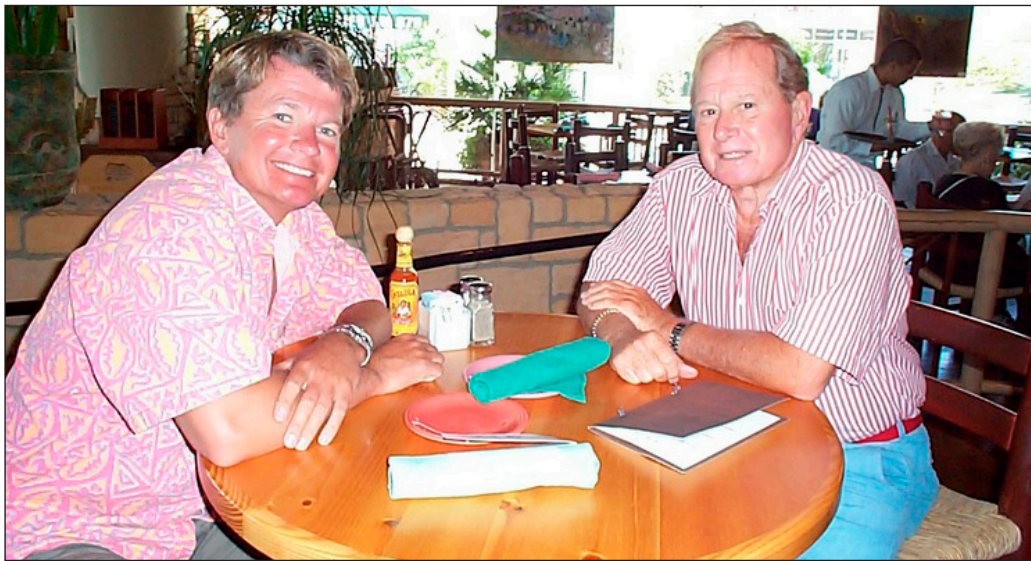
It often appears that only the noblest experiences of ones youth can defy the decay of time, those memories somehow ripen to perfection in those dream filled moments of innocence and all our lives when so much is lost, they alone are brave enough to achieve a place none other is accomplished, perpetually perfect in the greatest form of love.

I would like to invite you on a single night with a man that has left this Earthly realm many years before but dwells in a devote place of my heart.

My entire life has been an eight-course meal. In my late teens I had the distinguished position of discovering myself a bagger at the local supermarket, and later with references, I was able to move to Jurgensen's Gourmet Grocery. I had long believed it all started there because at twenty-three I was pretentious about food. For most of my life I thought the love for my career developed in those markets, but I have come to realize that I was wrong. For many people in life the inspiration quickens from a famous athlete or religious figure, for others it is a musical master or the profound artist. How many times in life, if ever do we get a chance to break bread with those that inspire us? If I am allowed to claim a single prize in this life it would be this, I was gifted with the opportunity to observe, to ask, and lastly follow in the footsteps of single the person that holds that place in my life.

Many of you know my Father Elmer Dills from television and radio, where he was seen and heard for twenty-eight years in Los Angeles. I had probably been out with my Father at least five hundred times over his life but as a fine wine his wisdom only increased in its depth.

There was something sublimely special on this night, a night that took us to Madeleines (since closed) in Pasadena. It seems my Dad was a regular there and I heard him repeat their praise a number of times. "Table for three, please," my father politely, asked. Being my daughter Lauren (the budding Critic) was accompanying us on this evening. Whenever I see courteous, well-behaved child; I know their parents are invariably decent people. Likewise whenever I receive a compliment, I know the honor extends to my parents. As the three of us were seated this evening there is no struggle for attention, no spectacle of ego, my father seemed the most understated critic in the world to me. I was struck by his courteous respect for each person in the restaurant. My Dad, the legendary restaurant critic doesn't even demand a recital of the ingredients in the dishes he ordered that evening. He doesn't push the waiter to see the sommelier, and I am brought to wonder, is this man a restaurant critic? I am waiting for a sign of pretension or at least the stipulation of a demand. But the evening all transpires as naturally as going to dinner with a group of close friends.



Peter Dills, left, with his father, legendary television restaurant critic Elmer Dills. (Archive Photo)

The waiter come to the table after the meal and asks my father, "How was the meal" and I know 99% of us when asked would give the response, "Fine, Thank You!"

The restaurant critic is Solomon like in his decision, "The lamb chops were great!!!"

"And the dessert was?"

A shrugged of his shoulders said all that was needed. It was this variety of honesty and passion that made me to love the business of food. Today, I'm still found at a restaurant and I even get a crazy dream that I may one day own a restaurant. And when the soft candlelight waves in the passing of a waiter and the conversation of the restaurant is so rich it spills into my heart, my mind instinctively drifts to a place and the immortal strength of a picture and that floods my soul in a memory that can time has allowed me to touch.

To my Father above - Happy Father's Day, Elmer - I would have never traded sitting across from you for anything in this world.



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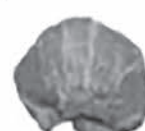
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# Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



## CURIOSITY ROVER FINDS ANCIENT ORGANIC MATERIAL, MYSTERIOUS METHANE ON MARS

NASA's Curiosity rover has found new evidence preserved in rocks on Mars that suggests the planet could have supported ancient life, as well as new evidence in the Martian atmosphere that relates to the search for current life on the Red Planet. While not necessarily evidence of life itself, these findings are a good sign for future missions exploring the planet's surface and subsurface.

The new findings—"tough" organic molecules in 3-billion-year-old sedimentary rocks near the surface, as well as seasonal variations in the levels of methane in the atmosphere—appear in the June 8 edition of the journal *Science*.

Organic molecules contain carbon and hydrogen, and also may include oxygen, nitrogen, and other elements. While commonly associated with life, organic molecules also can be created by non-biological processes and are not necessarily indicators of life.

"With these new findings, Mars is telling us to stay the course and keep searching for evidence of life," said Thomas Zurbuchen, associate administrator for the Science Mission Directorate at NASA Headquarters, in Washington.

"Curiosity has not determined the source of the organic molecules," said Jen Eigenbrode of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, who is lead author of one of the two new *Science* papers. "Whether it holds a record of ancient life, was food for life, or has existed in the absence of life, organic matter in Martian materials holds chemical clues to planetary conditions and processes."

Although the surface of Mars is inhospitable today, there is clear evidence that in the distant past, the Martian climate allowed liquid water—an essential ingredient for life as we know it—to pool at the surface. Data from Curiosity reveal that billions of years ago, a water lake inside Gale Crater held all the ingredients necessary for life, including chemical building blocks and energy sources.

"The Martian surface is exposed to radiation from space. Both radiation and harsh chemicals break down organic matter," said Eigenbrode. "Finding ancient organic molecules in the top five centimeters of rock that was deposited when Mars may have been



habitable, bodes well for us to learn the story of organic molecules on Mars with future missions that will drill deeper."

In the second paper, scientists describe the discovery of seasonal variations in methane in the Martian atmosphere over the course of nearly three Mars years, which is almost six Earth years. This variation was detected by Curiosity's Sample Analysis at Mars (SAM) instrument suite.

Water-rock chemistry might have generated the

methane, but scientists cannot rule out the possibility of biological origins. Methane previously had been detected in Mars' atmosphere in large, unpredictable plumes. This new result shows that low levels of methane within Gale Crater repeatedly peak in warm, summer months and drop in the winter every year.

"This is the first time we've seen something repeatable in the methane story, so it offers us a handle in understanding it," said Chris Webster of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, lead

author of the second paper. "This is all possible because of Curiosity's longevity. The long duration has allowed us to see the patterns in this seasonal 'breathing.'"

"Are there signs of life on Mars?" said Michael Meyer, lead scientist for NASA's Mars Exploration Program, at NASA Headquarters. "We don't know, but these results tell us we are on the right track."

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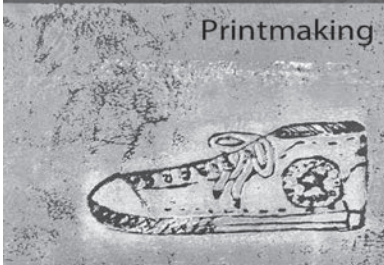
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### CHEAP CELL PHONE PLANS FOR SELDOM CALLING SENIORS

Dear Savvy Senior

What are the cheapest cell phone plans available to seniors today? I'm 78-years-old and want it primarily for emergency purposes.

Infrequent Caller

Dear Infrequent,  
While unlimited high-speed data, video streaming and mobile hot spot are now standard for most cell phone plans today, there are still a number of low-cost wireless plans designed with seniors in mind.

These plans offer limited talk time and text, which is ideal for seniors who want to stay connected without spending much money each month. Here are some super cheap plans to consider.

#### Cheapest Plans

Prepaid plans are the best deal for seniors who only want a cell phone for emergency purposes or occasional calls. The very cheapest prepaid plan available today is T-Mobile's Pay As You Go plan, which includes any combination of 30 minutes or 30 text messages for only \$3 per month. After that, additional minutes and texts cost 10 cents each.

Phone prices start at \$75, but if you have a compatible device, you can use it rather than buying a new one. You will, however, need to pay for a \$10 SIM Starter Kit fee, whether you bring your own phone or buy a new one. Visit [T-Mobile.com](http://T-Mobile.com) or call 844-361-2792 for more information.

Two other companies that offer low-cost prepaid deals are TracFone and AT&T.

TracFone ([TracFone.com](http://TracFone.com), 800-867-7183) has a 30 minute talk/text plan for \$10 per month, or an even cheaper a 60 minute talk/text plan for \$20 for three months, which averages out to only \$6.66 per month.

And AT&T ([ATT.com](http://ATT.com), 800-331-0500) has two low-cost prepaid plans including the 25 cent per minute call plan, and a \$2 daily plan that charges only when you place or receive a call or send a text that day. The fees are deducted from the prepaid balance on your account. But to use AT&T Prepaid, you must prepay into your account either \$10 per month, \$25 for three months or \$100 per year.



#### Best Emergency Phone

If you're interested in a senior-friendly cell phone that provides top-notch emergency assistance, consider the Jitterbug Flip ([GreatCall.com](http://GreatCall.com), 800-918-8543).

This is a nifty flip phone that has big buttons, enhanced sound, a simplified menu, and a 5Star urgent response button that connects you to a trained agent that will know your locations, and will be able to assist you whether you need emergency services, directions, roadside assistance or a locksmith, or to contact family. GreatCall's service runs on Verizon's network.

The Flip phone costs \$100, with monthly service plans that start at \$15 for 200 minutes. Or, you can get the 5Star service with 50 minutes of monthly talk time for \$25.

#### Free Phones

If your income is low enough, another option you should check into is the federal Lifeline program, which provides free or low-cost cell phones and plans through numerous wireless providers.

To qualify, your annual household income must be at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines – which is \$16,389 for one person, or \$22,221 for two. Or, you must be receiving Medicaid, food stamps/SNAP, SSI, public housing assistance, veterans pension or survivor's pension benefit, or live on federally recognized Tribal lands.

To find out if you're eligible, or to locate wireless companies in your area that participates in the program, visit [LifelineSupport.org](http://LifelineSupport.org) or call 800-234-9473.

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

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

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



Joanne Thrane, Nellie Haynes, Dorothy McKay, Theresa Daley, Donna Doss, Mary Carney, Carol Handley, Marilyn McKernan, Pat Fujiwara, John Shier, Beth Smith-Kellock, Ann Disbrow, Joan Ellison, Anne Montgomery, Trini Ornelas, Martha Spriggs, Pat Starkey, Kathleen Coyne, Suzanne Decker, Jacque Persing, Jeanne Peterson and Grace Sanders

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



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

**Hawaiian & Polynesian Dance Class:** Every Tuesday morning from 10a.m. to 11a.m. Join the class with Instructor Barbara Dempsey as she leads you in the

art of Hula.

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

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

**Brain Games:** Join us on Thursday, April 19th at 10:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. for Scattergories, a creative thinking game by naming objects within a set of categories; or Jenga, a block-building challenge that keeps you stacking and balancing your tower. Everyone is welcome, and no experience is needed. What a great way to strengthen your brain and make new friends. Games facilitated by Senior Volunteers.

**Free Legal Consultation:** Wednesday, April 18th from 10:30am to Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. Specializing in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates, and Injury. Please call Hart Park House for an appointment, 626-355-7394.

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

**Chair Yoga:** Mondays & Wednesdays from 11:00a.m. to 11:45a.m. with Paul Hagen. Classes include Yoga and balance exercises. All ability levels are encouraged and welcomed!  
\* A voluntary donation of \$5.00 per week is suggested but not required.

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

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

**Tax Assistance:** Every Wednesday beginning on February 7th through April 11th from 1:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. ...Don Brunner is available for income tax consultation...

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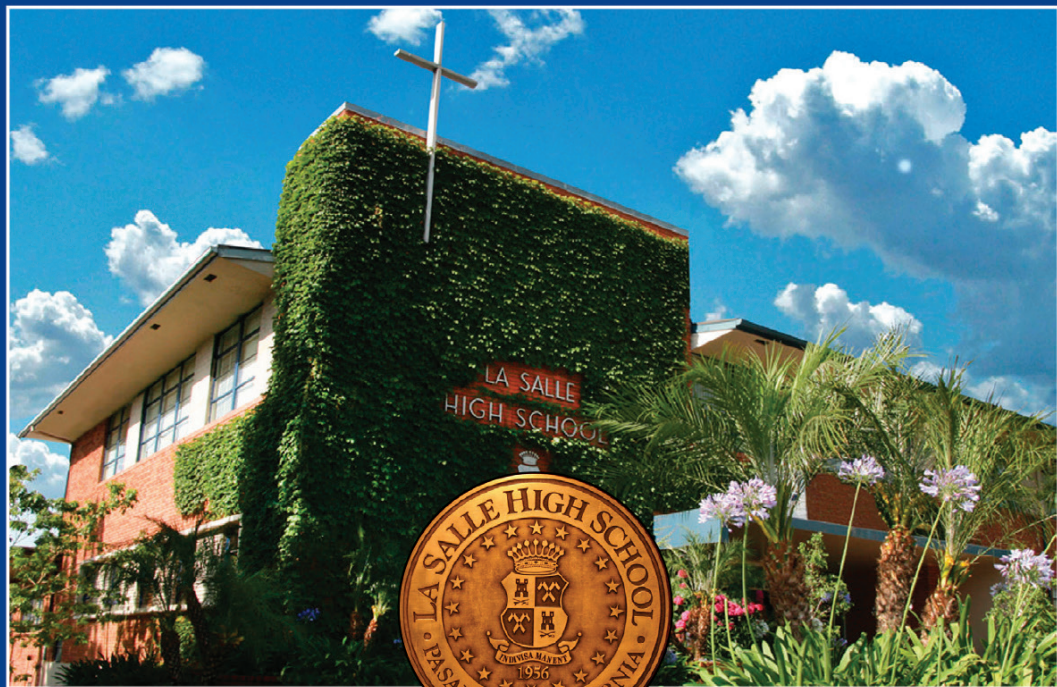




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## NAPOLITANO HONORED FOR LEADERSHIP IN MENTAL HEALTH & SUICIDE PREVENTION



(WASHINGTON, DC) This week, Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-El Monte) received awards from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention (Action Alliance)/American Association of Suicidology (AAS), for her leadership in mental health and suicide prevention.

"Stigma continues to be our greatest obstacle to ensuring our loved ones, friends, neighbors, and coworkers get help when in need," Napolitano said. "This stigma has real consequences as we all were saddened to learn last week of two high-profile deaths by suicide. It goes beyond the wealthy and well-known. Mental health affects everyone, and we must remind those around us it is always okay to seek help. The recent worrisome CDC report shows suicide rates are continuing to rise, but now is not the time to lose hope. Now is the time to work harder. I am grateful to AFSP and Action Alliance/AAS for these recognitions and our continued partnerships to reduce stigma, increase the access and availability of mental health services, and stop suicide."

Napolitano was presented AFSP's "Lifetime Achievement Award" at a reception on Tuesday evening. A video of the award presentation and Napolitano's acceptance speech can be viewed [here](#).

"Representative Napolitano is a true champion of change. As the largest suicide prevention organization in the country, we are fortunate to have her commitment and leadership to mental health and suicide prevention. Leaders like Rep. Napolitano inspire all of us to keep fighting for the life-saving work to reduce the suicide rate and bring hope to those affected by suicide," said Bob Gebbia, AFSP CEO.

Dr. Jerry Reed, Executive Committee member of the Action Alliance and Senior Vice President of EDC, and Colleen Creighton, Executive Director of AAS, presented the AAS Public Policy Award to Napolitano in her DC office.

"We recognize and appreciate Congresswoman Grace Napolitano's commitment to advancing the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention, and elevating awareness of the resources needed to combat suicide at the national level. Her persistence and steadfastness to suicide prevention in her district and across the nation has been incredible which is why she is so deserving of this award. From improving access to crisis services to enhancing federal investments in suicide prevention, the Congresswoman has gone to great lengths to ensure fewer people are impacted by this preventable public health issue," said Dr. Reed and Ms. Creighton.

Napolitano is the founder of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus, where she works alongside her co-chair, Rep. John Katko (R-NY-24), to promote access to mental health services for children and adolescents, improved mental health resources for veterans, and increased mental health coverage for all.

In 2001 Napolitano secured federal funding to create a pilot program to provide on-site, culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services and suicide prevention services for students. With assistance from Los Angeles County Mental Health, her successful program, which began in four schools, has now expanded to 26 schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley and Southeast LA County. It now serves as a model for H.R. 2913, the Mental Health in Schools Act. H.R. 2913 currently has 62 cosponsors and the support of mental health and education organizations from across the country.

If you or someone you know needs help, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

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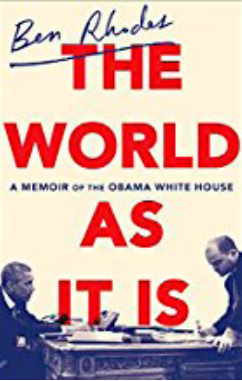
By Jeff Brown

**The World as It Is: A Memoir of the Obama White House** by Ben Rhodes

From one of Barack Obama's closest aides comes a revelatory behind-the-scenes account of his presidency—and how idealism can confront harsh reality and still survive in the tradition of Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.'s *A Thousand Days: John F. Kennedy in the White House*. For nearly ten years, Ben Rhodes saw almost everything that happened at the center of the Obama administration—first as a speechwriter, then as deputy national security advisor, and finally as a multipurpose aide and close collaborator. He started every morning in the Oval Office with the President's Daily Briefing, traveled the world with Obama, and was at the center of some of the most consequential and controversial moments of the presidency. Now he tells the full story of his partnership—and, ultimately, friendship—with a man who also happened to be a historic president of the United States. Rhodes was not your typical presidential confidant, and this is not your typical White House memoir. Rendered in vivid, novelistic detail by someone who was a writer before he was a staffer, this is a rare look inside the most poignant, tense, and consequential moments of the Obama presidency—waiting out the bin Laden raid in the Situation Room, responding to the Arab Spring, reaching a nuclear agreement with Iran, leading secret negotiations with the Cuban government to normalize relations, and confronting the resurgence of nationalism and nativism that culminated in the election of Donald Trump. In the book, Rhodes shows what it was like to be there—from the early days of the Obama campaign to the final hours of the presidency. It is a story populated by such characters as Susan Rice, Samantha Power, Hillary Clinton, Bob Gates, and—above all—Barack Obama, who comes to life on the page in moments of great urgency and disarming intimacy. This is the most vivid portrayal yet of Obama's worldview and presidency, a chronicle of a political education by a writer of enormous talent, and an essential record of the forces that shaped the last decade.

**Calypso** by David Sedaris

David Sedaris returns with his most deeply personal and darkly hilarious book. If you've ever laughed your way through David Sedaris's cheerfully misanthropic stories, you might think you know what you're getting with *Calypso*. You'd



be wrong. When he buys a beach house on the Carolina coast, Sedaris envisions long, relaxing vacations spent playing board games and lounging in the sun with those he loves most. And life at the Sea Section, as he names the vacation home, is exactly as idyllic as he imagined, except for one tiny, vexing realization: it's impossible to take a vacation from yourself. With *Calypso*, Sedaris sets his formidable powers of observation toward middle age and mortality. Make no mistake: these stories are very, very funny—it's a book that can make you laugh 'til you snort, the way only family can. Sedaris's powers of observation have never been sharper, and his ability to shock readers into laughter unparalleled. But much of the comedy here is born out of that vertiginous moment when your own body betrays you and you realize that the story of your life is made up of more past than future. This is beach reading for people who detest beaches, required reading for those who loathe small talk and love a good tumor joke. *Calypso* is simultaneously Sedaris's darkest and warmest book yet—and it just might be his very best.

**Beartown: A Novel** by Fredrik Backman

The bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove* returns with a dazzling, profound novel about a small town with a big dream—and the price required to make it come true. People say *Beartown* is finished. A tiny community nestled deep in the forest, it is slowly losing ground to the ever-encroaching trees. But down by the lake stands an old ice rink, built generations ago by the working men who founded this town. And in that ice rink is the reason people in *Beartown* believe tomorrow will be better than today. Their junior ice hockey team is about to compete in the national semi-finals, and they actually have a shot at winning. All the hopes and dreams of this place now rest on the shoulders of a handful of teenage boys. Being responsible for the hopes of an entire town is a heavy burden, and the semi-final match is the catalyst for a violent act that will leave a young girl traumatized and a town in turmoil. Accusations are made and, like ripples on a pond, they travel through all of *Beartown*, leaving no resident unaffected. *Beartown* explores the hopes that bring a small community together, the secrets that tear it apart, and the courage it takes for an individual to go against the grain. In this story of a small forest town, Fredrik Backman has found the entire world. The 3 reviews are from Amazon.com.

All Things

By Jeff Brown

## WHY LEAVING CHILDREN IN A HOT CAR IS DANGEROUS!

Did you know there is no safe amount of time to leave any child in a car alone? Every 10 days in the U.S. a child dies when left alone in the car. The temperature in a car rises rapidly in the first 30 minutes, even on a cool day. Additionally, leaving the car windows open or cracking them open does not allow enough air into the vehicle. Other reasons why leaving children in a hot car is dangerous include: The child is tightly strapped into the seat not allowing free movement. It takes only a body temp of 104 degrees Fahrenheit for heat stroke to occur. 107 degrees us usually fatal. A

child's body warms up 3-5 times faster than an adult's body. Is it okay to leave the car engine running with the air conditioning on? No. That's not safe because leaving the engine running allows a child to open the power windows with the opportunity of falling out of the car. Additionally, California law states that children under the age of 12 may not be left in cars without an adult present, no exceptions. Young children do copy their parents, so they can hop into the driver's seat and release the handbrake put the car into neutral allowing it to roll.

## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GUARDIANSHIP—IN CASE A PARENT OR LOVED ONE BECOMES INCAPACITATED

Whether through illness, injury, or other means, anyone can require a guardian if they become mentally incapacitated. In such cases, if there is no estate planning in place (or insufficient planning) to keep family or other loved one's out of court, a guardianship or conservatorship must be established via court process.

Obtaining guardianship can be an extraordinarily challenging and expensive process. It begins with filing a petition in court for guardianship and requesting the court declare the incapacitated person incompetent. In some cases, these types of filings are made “ex parte”, or in secret, and a guardianship can be established before family or close friends even know what's happening. In other cases, such a filing can result in a heated dispute between family members and/or friends, who may claim they'd be better suited for the role. Given this, things can get quite costly very quickly.

Of course, this assumes these matters haven't already been decided through proper and up-to-date estate planning, including a valid durable power of attorney and advance health care directives, which are the best methods for ensuring this massive responsibility is handled as effectively as possible. Sadly, most people don't think of the costly possibility of incapacity and therefore leave their families at risk.

If you do have a loved one who needs a guardian, here are some of the things you'll need to know:

Who can be appointed as guardian? Unless specified in a valid legal document, any family member or other interested person can petition for guardianship—even a close friend can do it if they prove they're best suited for the position. That said, most courts give preference to the ward's spouse or other close family members. In some cases, the guardian is required to post a bond, which typically requires

good credit and some level of deposit to be held in the event of the guardian's wrongdoing. This bond requirement often disqualifies many friends and family, who either don't have good credit or the resources to post a bond.

If a relative or friend is not willing—or capable—of serving, the court will appoint a professional guardian or public guardian. This is one of the ways an estate can be drained extremely quickly. If you want to hear more about how this can happen check our online blog found at our website.

What are a guardian's responsibilities? Depending on the extent of the ward's mental capacity, a court-appointed guardian can be given near complete control over a person's life and finances. Some of the most common duties include:

- Paying the ward's bills
- Determining where they live
- Monitoring their residence and living conditions
- Providing consent for medical treatments
- Deciding how their finances are handled, including how their assets are invested and if any assets should be liquidated
- Managing real estate and other tangible personal property
- Keeping detailed records of all their expenditures and other financial transactions
- Making end-of-life and other palliative-care decisions
- Reporting to the court about the ward's status at least annually

What's more, the court often requires detailed status reports, such as financial accounting, at regular intervals or whenever important decisions are made, such as the sale of assets.

### Are guardians compensated?

Yes, guardians are entitled to reasonable compensation for their services based on the ward's financial ability to pay. The appointed guardian is paid directly from the ward's estate. In most cases, the compensation must be approved by the court ahead of time, and the guardian must carefully account for all of their services, the time spent on tasks on behalf of the ward, and any associated out-of-pocket expenses.

Given the huge level of responsibility and loss of control that comes with guardianship, the best course of action would be to get proper and updated estate planning in place ahead of time to ensure that if you or anyone you love becomes incapacitated, you can stay out of the court process altogether if possible.

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## SUMMER LOVE



Remember yoga is not just the physical practice. It's about honoring yourself for all of your gifts and considering yourself a sacred being. Yoga can be a practice and a state of being.

In Yoga, we honor nature and, hopefully, adjust as needed with the seasons and both environmental and current health conditions. Part of this requires developing enough awareness to make these adjustments. This is a common thread of yoga - building awareness - adjusting - transforming - getting closer to a comfortable state of being on all levels. As we proceed into summer, a few practical guidelines are helpful. The heat can definitely bring a series of “whoas,” as in, “Whoa, let's evaluate as we proceed.” Heat is fire which depletes moisture, or water. Too much heat leaves us dry and depleted. Give yourself enough time to recover from extended days of sun exposure. Beach days can be incredibly healing as we soak in the energy of the sun and beauty of the ocean, but they can also be depleting from sun and wind exposure. Water intake is crucial

and best done consistently. Never underestimate the power of clean, pure water. Surprisingly, room temp or slightly cool water is best versus cold ice water. The body has to generate heat to absorb ice water. Healthy digestion is affected as ice quells the transformative heat needed to digest and assimilate food well. We love food that contains water in the summer, so go for it! Watermelon and cucumber are two such sources. Enjoy those fresh salads and seasonal fruits and veggies. Having meals in ease and love with friends is a great way to honor the season and the longer days. Make sure to get out there early - or later - for your exercise. Consider reducing the intensity of workouts or space them out on cooler days, especially if you're prone to overheating. What about a walk under the moonlight? Keep practicing Yoga! A good class is going to keep energy circulating in your body and bring balance to your mind and emotions. Excess heat can provoke irritation in general as well as anger. Yoga poses that work well in summer include belly backbends. They help to release heat from the internal organs. Poses such as Salambhasana (locust) or Dhanurasana (bow) or even resting in Crocodile (resting on your belly) pose is lovely. Enjoy the beauty and expansion of the Sun energy, but plan to employ practical practices that cool your overall internal heat as the temperatures rise.

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## THE MISSING PAGE

### Real Life Tips from Life's Instruction Manual

#### A DECISION THAT RIPPLES

My father had a sister named Dorothy, who died before I was born, she burned the family farm, and all of our lives changed forever. I come from people that worked the land, that's what they knew. First, as slaves then as sharecroppers, the difference was nearly imperceptibly slight. There were periods of time working in the aluminum industry, but I don't think it was much better. You worked for the company, bought from the company store and lived in company housing.

Mostly, they worked the land until it burned. There were rumors of a better life in Ohio and Dorothy was intrigued. My grandfather would not hear of it. He queried, “Where are we going to go? Why would we leave? Who would take care of the land?” One day the farm suddenly burned down. Luckily all of their clothes were on the clothesline, and other essential things were conveniently outside. Boom, they moved to Cincinnati! There everybody went to school every day. Things in Ohio weren't perfect, but it seems that they were better. They had the support of family in the city to teach them the ropes. That's one significant decision that's part of the foundation of my life.

The next was my father's decision to climb out of depression and join the military. At age fifteen, he had quit school when his mother died. He tinkered with cars and walked around the city for two years. You have heard the ads with the message: “Join the military: you'll learn a skill, get an education and you might even get a house!” For my family, it was all true. My father, the high school drop-out, retired from the military with two masters degrees, 20 years of employment experience and ready for a new career. Oh yeah, he saw the world too, but he didn't care about that part, he wanted the information and he got it.

My Uncle Sam made the final decision that rippled over to my life. At some point in Cincinnati, my grandfather lost his sight in a major bus accident. Since now my grandmother and Dorothy were both dead. It was natural to expect the remaining daughter to assist with his care. Little sister Betty would take care of her father while attending the local college. Until Mrs. Bailey, a social worker, helped the family to see the limitedness of that thinking. Uncle Sam stepped up with his wife Mary to care for my grandfather in his senior years and freed Betty to accept a scholarship

and leave home. Let's unpack that. Betty had decided to be a lawyer after her father was hit by the bus and never compensated. I decided to become a lawyer after seeing Betty in court. If Uncle Sam hadn't taken over the care of my grandfather, where would we be? That one decision freed six other siblings to build their lives unencumbered.

Lori A. Harris

When an opportunity comes, you have to take it. You have to decide to move. You have to move scared. You have to go even if you don't know what's on the other side. Do life afraid. The living is in the decision. When something comes your way that intrigues you, go toward that feeling of inspiration. The joy is not in the getting or accomplishing. It's in the living. It doesn't always turn out the way you hoped, and sometimes it's much better. You will never know unless you try. Sometimes it's failing and trying again.

We could spend our lives talking about generational trauma. I prefer to think about generational gratitude. I am so happy and grateful for my family. Every day I decide to live to full out because I know the decisions that they made gave me the foundation for this life I'm living and my heart is filled with joy, pride, and appreciation.

Now it's your turn, think about some prior decision made by a family elder. How did that change your life? Untangle the web of choices, which led to other choices that led to you. What can you appreciate? To whom do you owe a debt of gratitude?

This is an example of generating gratitude. I want us to live lives that we appreciate and not be controlled by conditions. Look for the good in every circumstance, create some genuine appreciation and watch what happens.

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## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY ROY C. CARPENTER

This week I really, really wanted to write a column about my Dad and by extension my grandfathers, my brothers, my brother in law, my uncles, my sons, my ex-husband and every other man who has taken on the awesome responsibility of being a good father. Some of the men I want to salute even took on the challenge when the child/children involved was not their own and yet they were there through the good times and bad, helping to shape the next generation of responsible citizens and good human beings. That is what I want to talk about...but it will be hard to do with the minute by minute drama going on at the White House, but I will try.

Now about Mr. Carpenter....a good man who is worthy of all the praise that can be given on Father's Day. I'm hoping that during his lifetime (he passed in 1976), I told him that enough. I'm pretty certain I did because I knew more than anyone else in our home, how much he had to put up with. The gender divide in our house was equal, 3 against 3 (Dad and 2 boys/Mom and 2 girls). But through it all, Daddy was a great father to us - especially Baby Girl Me!

*He was good at following the rules.* My Dad obeyed a 5 year old who banned him from hunting Bambi or her relatives or Smokey the Bear and his kin.

*He was a great actor* because for years he received ugly tie after ugly tie with what appeared to be genuine joy. (One day as an adult he came to one of my children's church performances with a hideous looking tie on. When I asked him what possessed him to buy it, he said, "I didn't, you gave it to me when you were 8! Oops).

*He was tolerant,* especially of me at Phillie's home games where all I wanted to do was buy stuff and go to the bathroom (he was an actual baseball fan who went to the games to watch).

*He was a cool chaperone* at my first boy/girl dance at the end of 6th grade.

*He was the best banker* who paid great dividends with every A earned on my report card.

*He was a heart surgeon....kind of....*healing my first broken heart at age 11 with a milkshake when I lost a battle for the attention of the most popular boy in class. (Footnote: Sammy from Stanton Elementary....I'm still pissed.)

*He was my hero,* a proud WWII Marine who every year on his birthday tried to fit into that uniform again!

*He was also famous,* at least in my eyes, when he made the front page of the Philadelphia Daily News after returning from the March on Washington. (No quotes, just the picture of him and 2 others front and center)

*By Executive Order* he declared my birthday as my own personal holiday...a gesture that still works well!

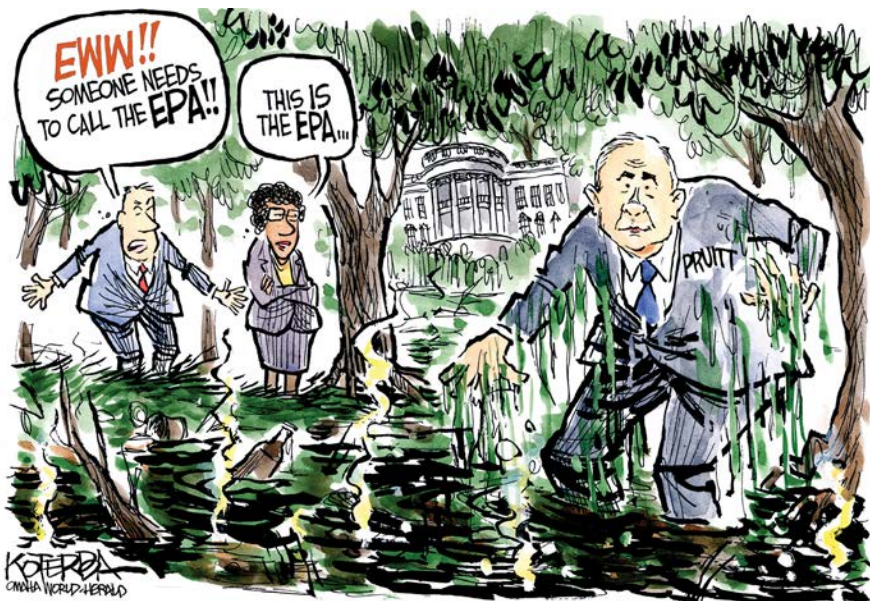
*He was also a great household lawyer.* His defense of me when I was in trouble with the Big Cheese (Mom) made Perry Mason look like a rank amateur!

*He was my protector* delivering the best 6 words to my future husband when asked permission to marry me, "You better be good to her", with a look that said all the rest!

*He was super patient.* Popping the clutch 10,000 times didn't bother him at all! But most of all, even through those difficult teenage and know it all young adult years, he was the best father a girl could have. (He was also the best Grandpa just taken away from us way too soon).

And, with all that he still had time to work everyday and keep a roof over our head and food on the table.

Happy Father's Day Daddy and the same to all of you. I hope you realize how important you are to your children. Both the big things and the little ones. Good Fathers (and Mothers) really do shape the future.



TOM PURCELL



## THE INCREDIBLE POWER OF FATHER

*Editor Note: This column is an excerpt from Tom Purcell's humorous book, "Misadventures of a 1970s Childhood," available at Amazon.com.*

My 84-year-old father still asks me why I did it.

The "incident," as my family refers to it, dates back to 1973, when my father remodeled our basement into a family room. The project included a small bathroom, which would be the bane of his existence for more than 30 years.

You see, my father, always looking to save a buck - he had six kids to feed, after all - bought the cheapest sink and toilet he could find. Though the sink worked fine, the tiny toilet rarely functioned properly.

My father spent much of his spare time unplugging it. He pleaded with us not to use it unless it was "an emergency" and "for goodness sakes don't even think about number two!"

Armed with this knowledge, then, it is remarkable I did what I did.

One Sunday morning, after chomping on a large Washington apple, I lay on the family room couch, too lazy to go upstairs to the kitchen to dispose of the core.

I noticed, 12 feet away, that the toilet lid was up. In a moment of insanity, I aimed the core at the toilet and flicked my wrist. The core floated majestically in the air, a perfect trajectory, and landed in the center of the bowl with a satisfying "ker-plunk!"

I later flushed it and never gave it another thought.

Over the next six months, the toilet plugged up several times. My father, a maestro with a plunger, was always able to clear the pipe. But one Sunday morning, the tiny commode presented him with the mother of all clogs.

Nothing would free it. The plunger failed, but not before my father was soaking wet. Two jars of Drano had no effect. Even a plumber's snake, which my father borrowed from our next-door neighbors, failed to dislodge the blockage.

In a fit of rage, my father unbolted the toilet from the floor. In one mighty heave, he lifted it off its mount and set it aside. He knelt before the black hole in the floor. He reached his large paw inside, then his forearm, then his biceps.

His head pressed against the damp floor, sweat dripping off his nose, the veins in his temples ready to explode.

His eyes lit up. He had something. He carefully removed his biceps, then his forearm, then his paw. He was on his knees now staring at his clenched fist. He unpeeled his fingers slowly. In the center of his palm was a black, rotten apple core.

I could go into excruciating detail about my father's incredible reaction - how he ran through the house shouting, "Which of my idiot kids flushed an apple core down the toilet?"

But I won't.

I will tell you that my father, unlike bumbling dads presented in the media today, earned our respect. He believed it was his job to help my sisters and me master basic virtues - certainly to master common sense - and I failed him that day.

His powerful model left a profound impact and guides me still. Even at 56, I'm filled with joy when I live up to his high standards and make him proud. I'm filled with disgust when my actions fall short and make him sad.

That is the incredible power my father holds over me.

Still, he phones me now and again with a familiar question: "Why did you flush an apple core down the toilet?"

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DICK POLMAN



## WANNABE AMERICAN DICTATOR ENVIES NORTH KOREA'S 'LOVE' FOR KIM JONG UN

Well, the so-called peace summit with North Korea has come and gone. And as anyone anyone with a scintilla of intellect could've predicted, Trump made a fool of himself.

Basically, dictator Kim Jong Un ran rings around the wannabe dictator. He suckered Trump into giving him legitimacy on the world stage, sidestepped any substantive discussion of Kim's human rights abuses and agreed to suspend or end U.S. military exercises with allied South Korea. In return, the supreme deal-maker got squat: No specific North Korean commitments to surrender any nuclear weapons, no timetable, no verification process.

Trump lauded Kim as "very talented." That may or may not be true, but compared to the sap-in-chief, Kim is indeed a Mensa genius.

The press asked Trump whether he trusts Kim. Trump said yes. Then he said something truly revealing: "I may be wrong, I mean I may stand before you in six months and say, 'Hey I was wrong.' I don't know that I'll ever admit that, but I'll find some kind of an excuse."

Indeed he will. He'll likely blame Obama or Hillary or the "deep state." But it was refreshing to hear him acknowledge, in rare moment of candor, his instinctive refusal to admit error or take responsibility for anything.

This remark was equally revealing: "They have great beaches (in North Korea). You see that whenever they're exploding their cannons into the ocean. I said, 'Boy, look at that view. Wouldn't that make a great condo?'" Alec Baldwin didn't say that. The Onion didn't say that. Trump himself said that - and it explains a lot. He views his sham presidency as a massive business opportunity. If he makes nice to Kim, with or without denuclearization, maybe Kim will let him build a few hotels and beach resorts. Something terrific, located far from the gulags.

Which brings us to Trump's supreme remark. In praise of Kim, he said this: "His country does love him. His people, you see the fervor. They have a great fervor."

Remember when Republicans used to condemn anti-democratic regimes that abused human rights? Remember when they assailed Obama for talking to Cuba - which they denounced as "a concession to tyranny?" That was so four years ago. Now they sit in silence, abetting Trump's fetishistic love of dictators, gargling his snake oil.

Trump wants what Kim has - public spectacles of "love" and "fervor." If only Trump didn't have to deal with pesky checks and balances, constitutional restraints, and freedom of the press, he could fully unleash his id and do what Kim routinely does to ensure that "love" and "fervor." Here's the gist of what Kim does, according to a massive 2014 report by the United Nations:

"Inmates are imprisoned, usually for life, in camps without ever having been brought before a judge ... They have never been charged, convicted or sentenced... (Many) are incarcerated based solely on the principle of guilt by family association. Some are even born prisoners... The living conditions in the political prison camps are calculated to bring about mass deaths. Forced to carry out grueling labour, inmates are provided food rations that are so insufficient that many inmates starve to death..."

"These crimes against humanity entail extermination, murder, enslavement, torture, imprisonment, rape, forced abortions and other sexual violence, persecution... the forcible transfer (and) the enforced disappearance of persons and ... knowingly causing prolonged starvation. (These crimes) resemble the horrors of camps that totalitarian states established during the twentieth century."

Trump was too besotted with the "fervor" for Kim to care a whit about how that "fervor" is manufactured. He demanded no concessions from Kim, on human rights or demilitarization, and he got none. He betrayed our democratic values, got played for a sucker, and got nothing substantive in return. (He doesn't need a verification process, because, in his words, "I have one of the great memories of all time.")

Remember Trump's rhetoric during the 2016 campaign, when he claimed that countries around the world were laughing at us? Well, mission accomplished. Rest assured that Trump's sponsor in Russia, and his dictatorial counterparts the world over, are laughing at us now.



















Whatever you do on Father's Day...

...have a blast (and let Dad win once).

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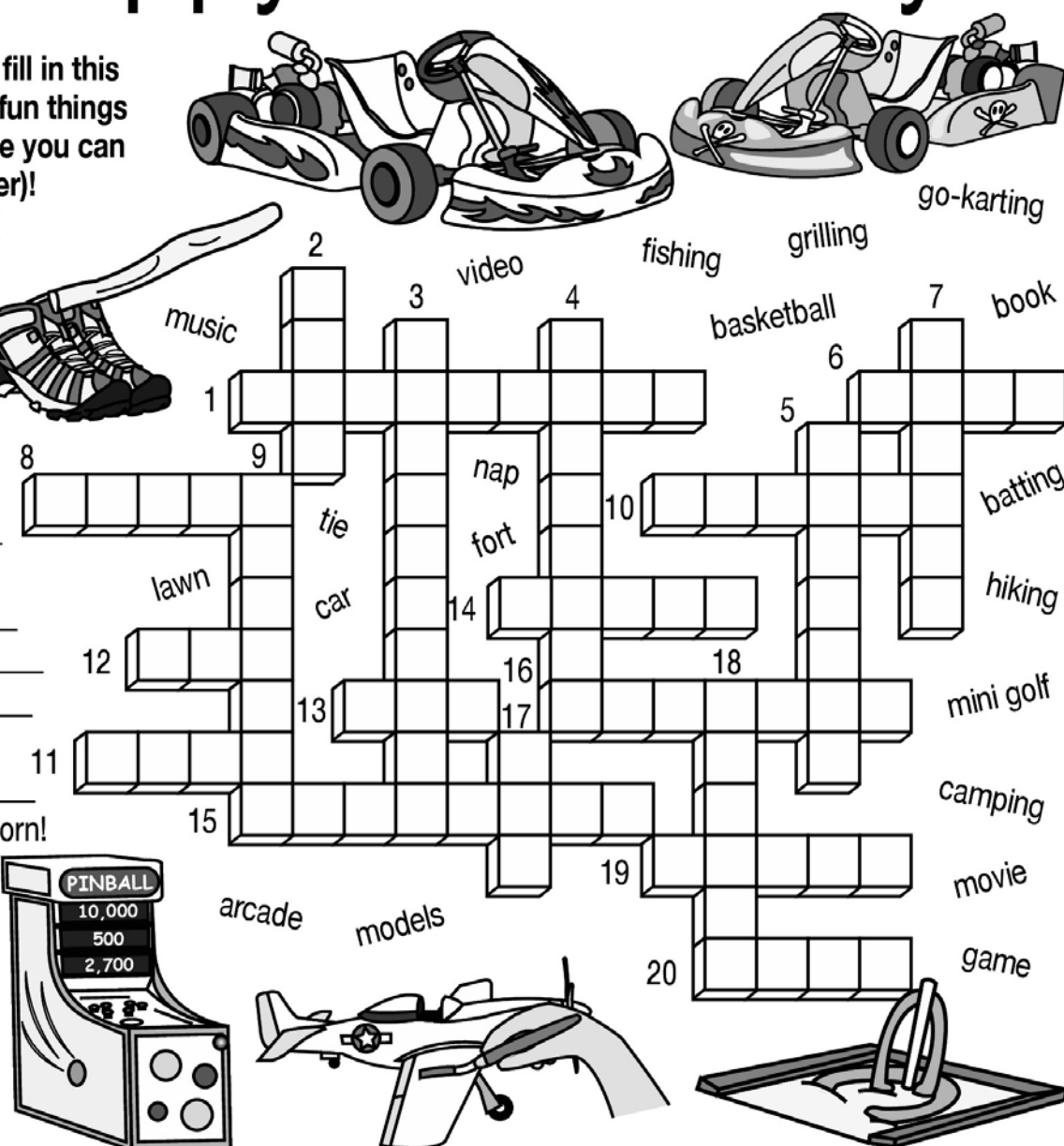
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Whether you're on the move or just relaxing with Dad, have a fun Father's Day!

Read the clues to fill in this puzzle with ideas for fun things to do with Dad (maybe you can do this puzzle together)!

## Happy Father's Day

1. zip around the track putting the pedal to the metal
2. read a chapter of a mystery or adventure \_\_\_\_\_
3. play \_\_\_\_\_ in your driveway or at the park
4. grab a putter at \_\_\_\_\_
5. practice hitting a home run at \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ cage (wear a helmet)
6. make your own secret \_\_\_\_\_: use tree branches, old bedsheets...
7. get out glue and magnifying glass for the painting of miniature \_\_\_\_\_
8. play guitar or sing – you and Dad could make some rocking \_\_\_\_\_
9. pitch a tent, start a fire, and enjoy the great outdoors by going \_\_\_\_\_
10. bring a roll of quarters and level up with Dad at the video game \_\_\_\_\_
11. give your Dad a helping hand with the yard work and mow the \_\_\_\_\_
12. get comfy on the couch or in hammocks for a midday \_\_\_\_\_
13. get a little grease on your hands while you help Dad work on a \_\_\_\_\_
14. let Dad pick out a \_\_\_\_\_ to watch at home – don't forget the popcorn!
15. get \_\_\_\_\_ – there's no one better than Dad to teach you how
16. grab a \_\_\_\_\_ pole and get ready to reel in some fun
17. learn the important skill of how to knot a \_\_\_\_\_ or how to \_\_\_\_\_ a knot
18. find a walking stick, lace up your \_\_\_\_\_ shoes and hit the trails
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