

FELONY ARREST FOR CHILD ENDANGERMENT

Sierra Madre, CA. – October 10, 2018 – While responding to a call for domestic disturbance, the Sierra Madre Police Department took possession of 22 firearms and made an arrest for child endangerment and unlawful storage of a handgun. Sierra Madre Police Chief Ortiz stated “the children were removed from the home and placed in the custody of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, due to the general living conditions and safety concerns found in the residence, including leaving a loaded handgun on a dresser in the children’s bedroom.”

In the morning hours of October 8, 2018, the Sierra Madre Police Department went to a residence in the 500 block of N. Michillinda Avenue, in regards to a domestic disturbance involving a husband and wife. While officers were completing their investigation, they learned the wife had allegedly injured the husband during the incident. The wife was arrested for suspicion of domestic violence. While still at the scene, officers saw a loaded handgun lying on a dresser in a bedroom belonging to the couple’s children. The husband was arrested for alleged child endangerment and unlawful storage of a handgun.

Chief Joe Ortiz said “we respect the people’s constitutional right to have firearms inside their residences, however we are legally and morally responsible to ensure firearms do not get into the hands of our most precious members of our community, which are our children. Thankfully, a tragedy may have been averted thanks to the observations and thorough investigations of the officers involved in this incident.”

If you own firearms and have children in your home, you can learn more information and obtain a free gun lock through www.ProjectChildSafe.org.



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GENERATIONS CONNECT....

Dr. Lisa Manuelian and her daughter Karen have started something big. The mother-daughter duo have always known that they wanted to work on a big project together, preferably something that involves either service or giving back to a community. Their initial ideas ranged from service in Armenia to starting a swimming club somewhere in Africa. Ultimately, they decided on something closer to home: starting a program at the Kensington Senior Living in Sierra Madre.

Service has always been important to the Manuelian family. Karen did 400 service hours in two years and has earned the President’s Award twice. When she was in middle school, Karen joined the Service Club at her school and immediately began doing two hours a week instead of the two hours a month requirement. Her mother has experience in retirement homes, so Karen looked to the Kensington. At the time she was only 11, and the typical age requirement was 15, but because of her familiarity with her mother’s field, the Kensington decided to make an exception and make Karen their youngest volunteer ever.

Karen loved the work she was doing, and she told her mom that she had found the perfect place to start a mother-daughter project, Moment2Connect. Karen says that she felt so connected to the people she was working with and she wanted to share that experience with her peers. Her goal is, “to help kids reach out and experience connection.” Her mom, Lisa, describes the social skills that kids get to work on as they play games and do teambuilding exercises with the residents. She says that during the sessions there are no phones or electronics; the kids talk to the residents and get to know them. The kids, “Don’t want to leave,” when time is up around 11:00AM; they usually stay until about 11:30.

The program is not yet open to the public; Karen and her mom say that they have 18 students and a waiting list already. Currently they have children from local elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools. Karen serves as a leader and since she is also a co-founder, she is working to be able to teach other



teens in the group to lead as well. Her responsibilities currently include handling calls, meetings, and working on research.

Within the next six months, Karen and her mother want to begin the process to make Moment2Connect a non-profit that reaches out to less privileged facilities. They say that they are up for the challenge; it was over a year-long process to start Moment2Connect simply because the approval process took a long time. But after a lot of review and a lot of meetings they started the program in late Spring. They took time off for the summer because the program was so new and most of the kids had vacation commitments, but the hope is that next year there will be enough students that the program can continue. Lisa says that now that the program is established, and on the calendar every month, everything she and Karen do needs to be planned around it.

To find out more about the program, or to donate anything you have that might be useful, follow the program on Instagram @moment2connect or email Dr. Lisa Manuelian at lisa@drlisamanuelian.com.

September 30, 2018

Sierra Madre Honors 2018 Thursday, December 6th

Hosted by the City of Sierra Madre and the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce

This year marks the 2nd Annual City of Sierra Madre and Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce joint event honoring those organizations and individuals that work tirelessly to make Sierra Madre a wonderful place to live, work and play! In the past there have been two separate events – Sierra Madre Honors at Alverno and The Citizen of The Year Dinner. Last year we merged those events into one very special evening! The event will be held in the Sierra Madre Room at the Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. However, we need your help in choosing this year’s honorees.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

Sierra Madre Citizen of the Year for residents who have benefited the city during 2018 as a volunteer.

Sierra Madre Business of the Year for an outstanding business existing in Sierra Madre for more than 5 years that has been an active supporter of the community.

The George Maurer Lifetime Achievement Award for a person/entity whose lifetime of service embodies the spirit of volunteerism.

The Wistaria Award recognizing a City/Community Partnership that assists with providing community wide programs and services

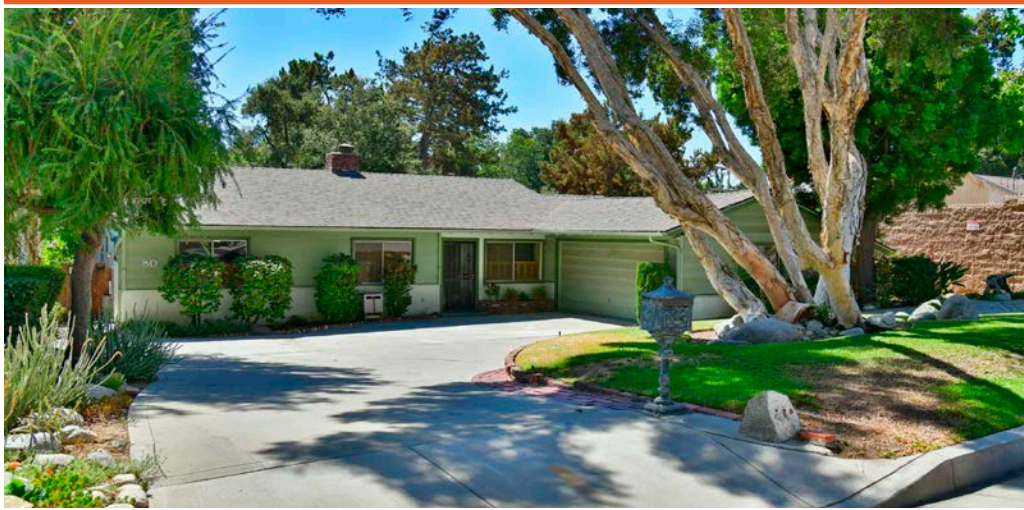
The Public Safety Award for an employee/individual for protecting and maintaining safety in Sierra Madre.

The Community Youth Service Award presented to youth under 18 for outstanding service and dedication to the community.

To nominate, simply email or drop off a short letter to City Hall listing the qualifications of your nominee by 5:00 pm November 1, 2018.

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Fri:	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 23, 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 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 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

City Council
October 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Planning Commission
October 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Community Service Commission
October 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Senior Community Commission
October 4, 2018 at 3:00 pm

Library Board of Trustees
October 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm

**Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource
Commission**
October 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

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

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Sierra Madre Illustrator: Ann Geva

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

September 30 to October 7, 2018

During this period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 496 day and night time calls for service.

Thursday, October 4,

Officers conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation at about 10:05 PM, at Mountain Trail and Orange Grove Ave. Following an investigation, the passenger had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. The male subject was arrested and transported to Pasadena Jail for booking, then was later transported to LA County Sheriff's Department Jail in Downtown Los Angeles.

Saturday, October 6

At about 11:50 PM, officers responded to a traffic accident that occurred at the corner of Baldwin Ave. and Highland Ave. There were no injuries reported.

Sunday, October 7

Officers responded to a 911 hang-up call at about 9:32 PM in the vicinity of 611 E. Sierra Madre that resulted in the arrest of a person for a DUI. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for booking. Case to DA's office

SAVE THE DATE!

The Creative Arts Group Annual Art Festival is around the corner so make sure to mark your calendars.

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SAVE THE DATE! SAT. OCT. 27, 2018 HISTORICAL PIONEER CEMETERY TOUR

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Guided tours will start at 3:30 and run approximately every 20 minutes. The last tour will be at 5:30 p.m. Tours have moderate walking through the cemetery and are not handicapped accessible.

Place: Pioneer Cemetery: 601 E. Sierra Madre Blvd

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2018

Time: 3:30 - 7:00

Ticket Prices: Adults: \$12 (\$15 at the door)

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* Tickets will be sold according to Tour Times at the following locations:

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: Second Unit Ordinance Amendment Omitting Periodic Inspection Requirement
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a second reading of Ordinance 1404 at the October 23, 2018 City Council Meeting at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers at 232 West Sierra Madre Boulevard. All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will them with respect thereto.
On October 9, 2018 the City Council introduce for first reading, recommending adoption of Ordinance 1404 amending Title 17-Zoning of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, Chapter 17.22-Second Units, by amending Section 17.22.130-Recordation, omitting the periodic inspection requirement for a second unit permit.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The adoption of this ordinance qualifies for an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act review pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, because omitting the regulatory requirement to conduct periodic inspections in order to build a second unit is not likely to result in additional construction beyond that already permissible. Therefore, the City Council concludes that the amendments to Chapter 17.22 will not have a significant effect on the environment.
APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Sierra Madre Police Department at (626) 355-1414.



KATIE Tse.....This and That HALLOWEEN --AGAIN

It's that time of year again. Time for me to recycle my Halloween article. But this time I updated more than I usually do, so I don't feel like a total slacker, just a moderate slacker...

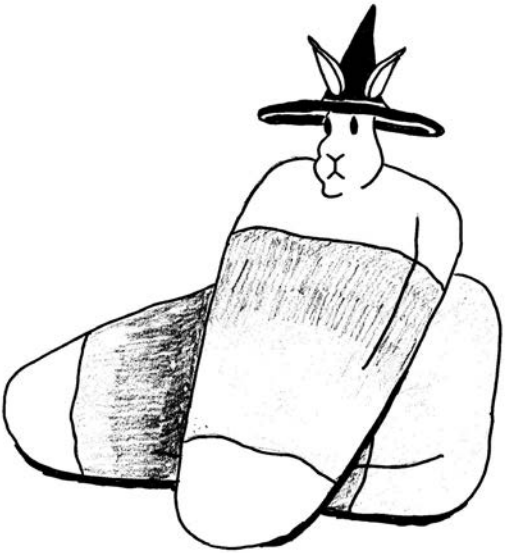
Well, we've come to the longest holiday of the year --Halloween. Why is Halloween the longest holiday? This is due primarily to its position in the calendar. We haven't had a big holiday since the Fourth of July, and even that might not have been so big. Maybe you had a barbeque and put up some flags, but that's probably about it. Before the Fourth of July, it was Easter. And depending on what your family is like, that might not have been big, either. That takes us back to St. Patrick's Day. Again, usually not a huge deal.

Before that was Valentine's Day, a holiday you either love or hate. I'm convinced that more people hate Valentine's Day than love it. Even people who have someone in their life might stress about finding the perfect dinner reservations and making sure that they live up to the other person's expectations. (My husband and I usually stay home and prepare some indulgent thing like ribs for dinner. We've even given up ordering food to go. We tried that one year at a popular local ribs place, and they ran out of ribs!! Lesson learned.)

This is all to say that by the time we come around to Halloween, we haven't had a really great party-throwing holiday since New Year's. And that was so long ago! We're starved for festivity. We've been looking forward to it since the stores packed away their Fourth of July decorations. (I forget, do they put stuff out for Labor Day? What would it be? Not flags, right? A big sign that says "Work

with a red line through it?). Yes, by now we've been marinating in Halloween themed decor for the last month or so. We're primed for it.

What are other reasons Halloween is such a beloved holiday of the masses? Namely because it's not sentimental. Even people who despise the holiday season because they do not have someone to share it with still love Halloween, or at least tolerate it. Halloween doesn't come with baggage. You never put on a costume or decorate your lawn with skeletons and wistfully imagine the perfect man or woman sharing this special experience with you. (Okay, maybe you might. But you must admit it's worse at Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Valentine's.)



There are no tender songs like "I'll be home for Halloween," or "Have Yourself a Merry Little Halloween" to tug at your heart strings. People don't send personalized Halloween cards with their family in matching ghoulish outfits. (Again, I can't speak for everyone, but I think the majority of families don't do this.)

Then there's the aspect of dressing up that some people are into. Personally, I don't go in for this, but a lot of adults do. I work at a school, and it's kind of expected that I'll dress up as something. But I'm not a classroom teacher, so I usually pass on the whole costume thing. The kids always ask me what I'll be, and I tell them "A speech teacher." "But that's what you are everyday!" they say. I nod, "Exactly." Maybe this year I'll give in and do something. That's a big "maybe." But if not, I have my trusty shirt that I wear but one day a year. It says, "THIS IS my Halloween costume." I know, I'm a humbug.

But if you are not a humbug, then more power to you! I hope you have a fun Halloween, not for a couple weeks yet, but who's counting days anyway.

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

Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side
Deanne Davis
September 19, 2018

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies...The man who never reads lives only one."
George R. R. Martin

"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."
Dr. Seuss

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free!"
Frederick Douglass

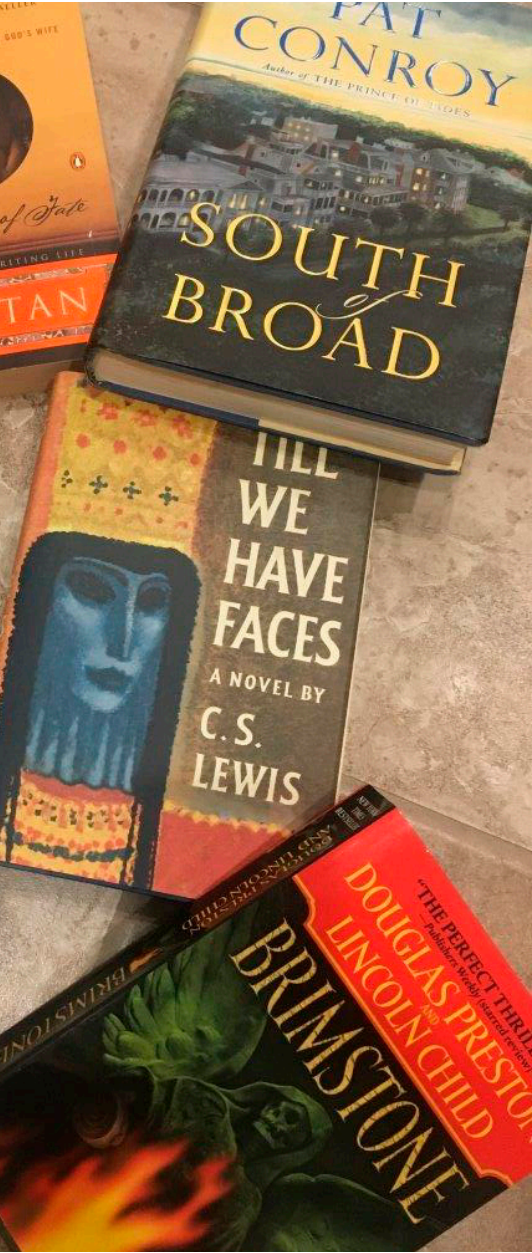
While reading my way through the September 8th issue of the Mountain Views News, I happened on "Jeff's Book Pics" by Jeff Brown. I always check to see what Jeff has been reading as he's always got something interesting he's reviewing and, a couple of times, it's been a book of mine. In addition to "Leadership: In Turbulent Times" by Doris Kearns Goodwin and "Becoming" by Michelle Obama, Jeff reviewed Anne Bogel's book, "I'd Rather Be Reading: The Delights and Dilemmas of the Reading Life."

"For so many people, reading isn't just a hobby or a way to pass the time," Anne says, " - it's a lifestyle. Our books shape us, define us, enchant us, and even sometimes infuriate us. Our books are a part of who we are as people, and we can't imagine life without them."

When I was about 8 years old, my mother and her best friend, Florene, had taken me and Florene's two children, Glen and Marsha to the beach to spend the day. I was lying on my towel squinting against the sun and reading. Glen and Marsha were in the water but I could have cared less. I was reading. My mother said to me, "You'll never have any character lines on your face because you never stop reading long enough to develop any character!" I wittily replied, "Huh?" and continued reading. Well, I've developed plenty of character lines and have never stopped reading. When we were first married, John discovered that I read constantly and I even brought several books on our honeymoon. He got used to the fact that I had a book propped up in the kitchen, one in the dressing room and had several on my nightstand. He read mostly technical journals when we first met and eventually married, but subscriptions to everything IEEE puts out eventually loses its charm when one's life partner reads one amusing passages from Fannie Flagg's "Standing In The Rainbow" or death defying excerpts from John Caldwell's book, "Desperate Voyage," like the one below, especially when we had actually MET John Caldwell!

"From Perlas to Galapagos, and from Galapagos on west, I had uttered such curses as I doubt have ever been heard over the keel of a ship. In every squall, gale, calm, cloudburst, and contrary current, I had unloosed a flood of invective to shame a mule skinner. But more than that...in the height of my extremities I had profaned God Himself. On many an occasion I became so bold as to defy Him, deny Him, and swear I would profess atheism all the rest of my life. I even invited Him on deck - man to man - anything but the obstructing persecution of the elements, anything but the slow crawl when I wanted speed. And now, lost, foodless, without instruments, I humbly bent my knees to the deck and laid my folded hands upon the cabin. With eyes raised, I read off a most heartfelt forgiveness and piteous appeal to Pagan's real Captain." Now I ask you, doesn't that beat the heck out of what's doing with transducers?

Books can infuriate us. Yes, indeed, I read the first chapter of "Fifty Shades of Grey" and threw it in the trash. Thoroughly enjoyed the recent movie, "Book Club," with Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice



Bergen and so forth, but was dismayed when the book Jane Fonda forced on her friends was "Fifty Shades of Grey!"

I read "Forever Amber" by Kathleen Winsor as a pre-teen and it made such an impression on me that I forbade my own pre-teen daughter, Leah, ever to read it as it was just too sexy. It was pretty racy, even making the Black Plague sound hot and bothered, but nothing like what's being published now. She still hasn't read it.

"Little Women," "Gone With The Wind," "Lonesome Dove," "Tom Sawyer," "Huckleberry Finn," anything and everything by Pat Conroy, including his cookbook. And my favorite team, Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child...these guys created FBI Special Agent A X L Pendergast, one of the quirkiest, most enigmatic, wealthy, brilliant persons ever drawn on a page. Jack London, C. S. Lewis, John Steinbeck, Amy Tan, and about a hundred others are my favorite authors. Recently read and thoroughly enjoyed: "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles.

Childhood favorites, all "The Black Stallion" books by Walter Farley, "Misty of Chincoteague" by Marguerite Henry, "Lassie," "Lad: A Dog" I loved them all. "Mr. Popper's Penguins" Reading, friends and neighbors, never gets old. What book made you fall in love with reading?

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ST. RITA FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Next weekend, St. Rita School will host their annual Fall Harvest Festival. This is a family friendly, fun and exciting way to spend your days! The weekend starts off on Friday night with Beer, Brats and Bingo from 6:00-10:00 in O'Malley Hall. This event brings together parishoners, members of the community and parents as they gather to enjoy some great Oktoberfest style food and drinks, and of course try their hand at the \$1 Bingo games! New to this year's event will be the highly anticipated Stein Holding Contest! Come and test your stein holding strength and endurance! Beer, Brats and Bingo is an adults only event, but also on site will be our FREE Kid's Night Out! We will have dinner, games, crafts, a live DJ and movies on the meadow to keep the children entertained while the parents enjoy themselves close by!

Saturday's festivities kick off at 12:30pm. St. Rita School's west campus transforms itself from a school yard into an amazing Fall Festival. There are

game booths from each classroom, multiple food booths, and a beer garden featuring the football games. In addition, live entertainment continues all day with Johnny Starr and the Galaxy headlining for the evening! There are many rides for kids of all ages, including an amazing new aerial ride. While you're there, be sure to stop by the auction tents for items such as cabin getaways, spa retreats and sporting events, just to name a few! And you wouldn't want to leave without making sure you've picked up a raffle ticket! Our grand prize is \$4,000 cash or a year's free tuition!

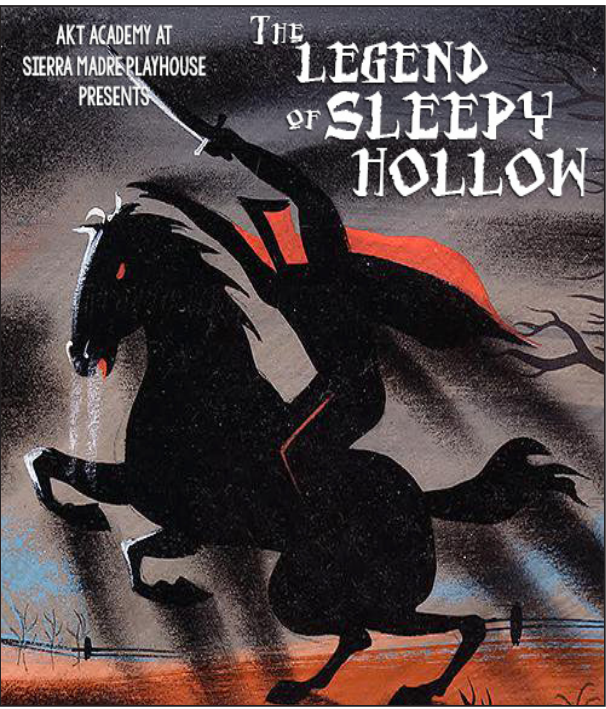
St. Rita's annual Harvest Festival is a wonderful, family friendly event that you are sure to have a great time attending. Please come and enjoy wonderful food, drinks and entertainment all while supporting St. Rita School. The Harvest Festival runs from 12:30-9:30pm on Saturday, October 20, 2018 and is located at 322 Baldwin Avenue.

SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY AND PLAYHOUSE PARTNER FOR HALLOWEEN FUN

Just in time for Halloween, join the fun of Washington Irving's The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Edgar Allen Poe's The Raven, presented by the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Appropriately atmospheric and spooky for the season, the radio play with live sound effects, will chill and thrill on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 5:00 pm. at the Sierra Madre Public Library.

The old-time radio drama, is performed by the Sierra Madre Playhouse AKT Academy, a company of young artists in residence at Sierra Madre Playhouse under the direction of Alison Kalmus. They'll be joined in this performance by special guest Sierra Madre Playhouse Artistic Director Christian Lebano.

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Pasadena Heritage Craftsman Weekend

Pasadena Heritage Craftsman Weekend In its 27th year, Pasadena Heritage will present the Annual Craftsman Weekend on November 9-11, 2018. The Weekend will feature house tours of notable Craftsman properties, along with bus and walking tours of the surrounding neighborhoods. Other events scheduled include a Show and Sale with exhibitors of antique and contemporary furniture and decorative arts, a silent auction, workshops and presentations. In addition, Pasadena Heritage will be offering exclusive receptions at historic locations throughout the weekend.

For tickets and information, please visit:

pasadenaheritage.org/CraftsmanWeekend or contact them at Pasadena Heritage, 651 South St. John Avenue, or call 626.441.6333.

Earthquake Drill to Rumble Across PCC

On Thursday, at 10:18 a.m., Pasadena City College will join colleges, K-12 schools, and other civic institutions around California to take part in the Great California ShakeOut.

This emergency safety drill is designed to help the college community better prepare for an earthquake. The drill will consist of recognizing how you would best protect yourself in your immediate environment by following the recommended steps of Drop! Cover!, and Hold On! These steps should be practiced during the drill at PCC, CEC/Foothill Campus, Rosemead, and the Child Development Center.

The drill will be followed by a complete evacuation of all rooms and buildings at each of the campuses. Once the all clear signal is given, everyone will be allowed back into the buildings.

More information on the procedure to follow in the event of an earthquake is available on a video produced by the ShakeOut organization. Interested parties may also contact Sgt. Bill Abernathie, Campus Police at (626) 585-7484.

Pet of the Week



Can you believe this beautiful boy was found on the streets of Altadena? A good Samaritan brought him to us at the end of August. He has been here getting big and strong and now is available for adoption. He is a little shy at first but loves to play. Show him a cat toy and he will show off his spunky side. He is currently looking for a new best friend. Could it be you?

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

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

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

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



City Celebrates National Coming Out Day

Pasadena's Public Health and Library Departments hosted the city's 3rd annual Coming Out Day Celebration Thursday night with speakers sharing their coming out stories and experiences.

Ongina from RuPaul's Drag Race Season 1 was the evening's keynote speaker. Tia Wanna (Te Jay McGrath) served as the host.

"All the major cities are doing this," McGrath said. "Long Beach, West L.A. San Francisco... All the way to New York. I think the turnout was really great and all of our partners and organizations here really concreted our awesome community we have here in Pasadena."

Local organizations including: Pasadena Youth Move, Pasadena Teen Advisory

Board, PMHAC, San Gabriel Valley Pride, Aids Healthcare Foundation, Strength United, PCC, Wesley Health Centers, Pasadena Fire, Pasadena Police, Planned Parenthood, Day One, Huntington Hospital (Pet Assistant Therapy), and more participated.

Pasadena Public Health Department, Social and Mental Health Division Manager, Angelica Palmeros said "We house the LGBTQ services in our programs. We have a Safe Zone project, we train partners, businesses, libraries to have an inclusive environment to understand the terminology how to engage someone who maybe sad, depressed struggling with coming out."

The event celebrated coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ)

or as an ally and marked the 30th anniversary of National Coming Out Day.

For more information, contact Te Jay McGrath, tmcgrath@cityofpasadena.net or (626) 744-6325.

Elevated Levels of Flea-borne Disease

The Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) is reporting epidemic levels of typhus fever this year. Typhus fever is a disease spread to humans by infected fleas. In 2018, 20 Pasadena residents have been confirmed to have typhus fever, well above the expected one to five cases per year.

Flea-borne typhus, also known as murine or endemic typhus, is a disease carried by fleas infected with bacteria (Rickettsia typhi or Rickettsia felis). Flea-borne typhus is found regularly in Los Angeles County, especially Pasadena, with most cases occurring in the summer and fall months.

Locally, the primary animals known to carry infected fleas include feral cats and opossums. People with significant exposure to these animals are at risk of acquiring flea-borne typhus. Pet dogs and cats that are allowed outside are more likely to come in contact with infected fleas and could spread the disease to humans. Although pets and animals do not get sick from typhus, the disease can cause high fever, chills, headache and rash in people. Typhus can be treated with antibiotics.

"Typhus fever is a disease that can cause serious complications requiring lengthy hospitalization, and rarely, death," said Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, Pasadena Health Officer. "All residents should to take steps to prevent fleas in and around the home."

There are simple precautions to prevent the spread of typhus fever disease:

Maintain the yard free of debris and trim overgrown vegetation to prevent harborage of wild animals like feral cats and opossums
Do not leave pet food outdoors
Do not provide food or water for wild animals
Keep garbage containers tightly covered
Seal all openings and crawl spaces under the home
Routinely treat pet dogs and cats with flea control medication

For more information on preventing typhus, visit the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District at: sgvmosquito.org/flea-borne-typhus.

South Pasadena Police Warn of Car Break-ins

Before you turn in for the night, remember to lock your car, take your keys and hide your belongings. These simple steps can help deter thieves looking for an easy target to steal from. Officers are stepping up patrols, but we also need your assistance to help prevent these crimes.

For South Pasadena Police Non-Emergency Calls 626-403-7270.

Rep. Chu on Confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh

Congresswoman Judy Chu released the following statement after the Senate voted last Saturday 50 to 48 to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court:

"This confirmation is a body blow to women. Brett Kavanaugh was picked precisely because he has a judicial record hostile to a woman's constitutional right to choice. And he was confirmed in spite of credible allegations that he had sexually assaulted women in the past. In short, this was a vote to silence women in law and in society by taking away our rights at the court and discouraging other survivors from naming their attackers.

"This process was mishandled from the beginning. It was designed to shield Judge Kavanaugh's record from the public and to rush him onto the Court. Even as the allegations were being looked into, Senate Majority Leader McConnell declared that he was intent on pushing forward with a vote. Any investigation or fact finding under that context is a sham. And the reports that the White House intervened to limit the scope of the FBI's work is further proof. We need to see the White House guidance to



understand what restrictions were put on the FBI's work. For instance, it's wrong that Dr. Ford wasn't questioned by the FBI. Nor were many others who came forward to say they had information to corroborate accusations or prove that Kavanaugh had lied to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Those myriad mistruths he told, along with the unprecedentedly hostile and partisan tone he took in his hearing, are disqualifying on their own.

"Lastly, I believe that Judge Kavanaugh should be disqualified by his comments on presidential power. Kavanaugh has publicly expressed his belief that the President cannot be criminally charged while in office. Surely Trump was aware of his position when nominating him, which is a conflict of interest as the Supreme Court is almost certain to hear a case involving the Mueller probe. At the absolute least, Kavanaugh must recuse himself from all cases having to do with Mueller's investigation."

ALTADENA CRIME BLOTTER

Monday, October 1st

12:00 PM – A petty theft occurred in the 200 block of Highlawn Place. Stolen: green wood patio bench and table.

4:00 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 2200 block of Garfias Drive.

Tuesday, October 2nd

3:20 PM – Samuel Licon, 46 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 2200 block of E. Cray Street for possession of a controlled substance.

Thursday, October 4th

12:15 AM – A domestic assault occurred in the 3300 block of Alicia Avenue. Suspect has been identified.

Friday, October 5th

12:15 AM – David Martin,

28 years old of Pasadena was arrested in the 2200 block of E. Cray Street for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

11:37 AM – An assault with a deadly weapon occurred in the 700 block of W. Mountain View Street. Suspect was taken into custody.

9:00 PM – Amanda Oviatt, 30 years old of Arcadia was arrested in the 2200 block of E. Cray Street for possession of a controlled substance.

Saturday, October 6th

5:00 PM – A residential burglary occurred in the 60 block of Figueroa Drive. Suspect(s) entered the residence by shattering the window. Stolen: unknown.

Doo Dah Parade Set to Pick its New Queen



Individuals of all genders, shapes, ages, and persuasions, will be testing their fate October 28 to become Doo Dah Queen. Contestants and equally-costumed judges, include many former queens, and veteran parade entrants, tryout supporters and the curious public. The town-hall setting with long tables in beer-fest style, hot food, and Doo Dah House Band, New AstroTurf, will set the mood for the lively caucus, along with other guest performers.

Each Queen Hopeful will have three minutes to WOW the Judges. Microphone provided.

Be ready to show and tell us why YOU should be Queen, feel free to bring a ring of loyal followers.

Buy a few beers for parade organizers and you can become a judge and vote.

Tryouts are Sunday, October 28th

2:00 - Queen Hopefuls arrival & Check-in Doors Open to the Public, Bands

3:15 Judges Take their Seats! At 3:30 Tryouts Begin... and a new Doo Dah Queen is Crowned entering a new era.

On Doo Dah day, dozens of inventive, if zany, art cars and floats will accompany a legion of revelers past the mom-n-pop shops along East Pasadena's shady tree-lined streets with a memorable cast of local eccentrics, disruptors, pundits, mutant art cars, lone wolves, steam punks, makers and merrymakers.

Entries are open to everyone. This year's lineup includes the Nut Camp, Trashion Show, The Pony Baloney Express, Bidge Rat, Code Blue DeFibs, Black Sabbitch, Flying Baby Homerun Border Crossing, Nordic Men, Murrugun the Sword Swallower, Kilt Brigade, Radioactive Chickenheads,

Free Monthly Events at Pasadena Senior Center

There is something for everyone in September 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.

Screening Mimis

Film Discussion Club – Tuesdays, Oct. 16, at 3 p.m. Diehard film fans are invited to watch a movie the first and third Tuesday of every month, preceded by a presentation about the film's hidden history and followed by lively discussion. Oct. 16: Once Were Warriors (1994 R) starring Rena Owen and Temuera Morrison. In New Zealand, a family descended from Maoris lives in a slum where the father's alcoholism has affected his relationship with his wife and scarred their teenaged children emotionally.

Caregiver Support Group – Wednesdays, Oct. 17, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. If you are a caregiver for a loved one, you may be neglecting your own well-being due the stress of day-to-day tasks that ensure your loved one is comfortable, safe and provided for. This support group is intended to provide a meaningful time for caregivers to focus on their own feelings and needs.

Friday Movie Matinees – Fridays, Oct. 19 and 26, at 1 p.m. Everyone enjoys watching movies and the pleasures they bring. Oct. 19 – Won't You Be My Neighbor? (2018, PG-13). This documentary takes an intimate look at the life, lessons and legacy of America's favorite neighbor, Mr. Rogers. Oct. 26: Overboard (2018, PG-13) starring Anna Faris and Eugenio Derbez. In this remake of the 1987 original, a rich, spoiled

D.J. Sparkle Pony, Toaster Car, The Army of Toy Soldiers, The Eye, The Billionaires, Saucers from Bakersfield, Danse Macabre, Free Thought Society, Unich Band, Aloha Oy Vey Marching Ukelele Band, Cyclops, Bearded Ladies, Count Smokula, Partying Parrotheads, Murrugun the Mystic, Unicorn Palace, Man as Giraffe, Heuristics, The Butler, Recumbent Revolution, L.A. Derby Dolls, Let's Paint and March TV, Zucchini Patrol, and Doo Dah's 2018 Royals, among many others. Secret Santa, Doo Dah's take on the North Pole icon, will close the conga line and ring in the holiday season. And... not a rose will be harmed in the making of this parade.

The parade takes place on Colorado Boulevard (between Altadena Dr. and San Gabriel Blvd.) in East Pasadena (start location: 2627 E. Colorado Blvd.) Sunday, November 18th, Stepping off at 11:00 a.m. as always the parade is free-of-charge ~ fun for all ages.

Plenty of street parking is available ~ Parade route is also just west of the Sierra Madre Villa Gold Line Station (at Colorado Blvd. and Sierra Madre Villa). City busses go directly to the area and Uber or Lyft. Come early! Bring a lawn chair! Visit the local eateries, popular food trucks along the parade route, and buy a new Doo Dah t-shirt. Stick around for the after parties all within close walking distance.

Official Doo Dah After-Party: American Legion, 179 N. Vinedo St. (2 blocks from Parade at Vinedo & Walnut) immediately following the event. Bands, dancing, cheap food and drinks!! \$5 cover (supports a Legion charity). Also host to QUEEN TRYOUTS Saturday, October 21 beginning around 5:00pm, more info to come your way.

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LA Opera Talk: Hansel and Gretel – Monday, Oct. 15, at 1 p.m. An LA Opera community educator will lead guests through the enchanting opera Hansel and Gretel composed by Engelbert Humperdinck with libretto by his sister. Based on the beloved tale by the Brothers Grimm, the opera follows a young brother and sister who get lost in the woods where they discover a full-sized gingerbread house festooned with candy and other sweets, but soon meet the owner of the house – a witch who proceeds to turn Gretel into a servant and begins to fatten up Hansel for the oven.

Chair Yoga – Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m. Improve your balance, strength and confidence through gentle yoga exercises while sitting on a chair or standing while using a chair for support.

Health Fair – Friday, Oct. 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. Services include glucose, blood pressure and hearing screenings, counseling, health and community resources. Call (626) 685-6732 for more information.

For more information visit pasadenaseniorcenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT – UPDATE SUSPECT IDENTIFIED – ARREST WARRANT OBTAINED OCTOBER 12, 2018 AT 5:00 PM

On September 8, 2018, at approximately 8:42 PM, an adult female was sexually assaulted while walking in the 2300 block of S. Santa Anita Avenue. The suspect approached the victim from the rear, grabbed her, and forcefully moved her behind a hedge where he sexually assaulted her. The victim was ultimately able to escape and run away from the suspect. The suspect fled N/B on Santa Anita Avenue on a silver or metal colored BMX style bicycle.

DNA recovered during the investigation has identified the suspect as 27 year-old El Monte Resident, Robert Anthony Padilla. Padilla is described as a Male Hispanic, 6’01”, 190 lbs., Brown/Brown. Padilla is believed to be transient at this time. Padilla is known to frequent the North El Monte area and surrounding cities.

The case was presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office and a felony warrant was obtained for Robert Padilla’s arrest. Padilla’s bail has been set at \$1,450,000.00. We are seeking the public’s assistance in locating Padilla. If located, do not attempt to contact Padilla on your own. Rather, immediately call your local law enforcement agency with information on his whereabouts.

The case is currently under investigation. Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact the Arcadia Police Department at



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KID’S FALL FESTIVAL AND KID’S CAMP

The Recreation and Community Services Department is offering a free Kid’s Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 4:30-6:30pm at City Hall West Lawn. 240 West Huntington Drive. Come join us for some Trick-or-Treating at City Hall, a costume contest, games and crafts. There will be a photo booth and face painting too!

The Recreation and Community Services Department also offers the Fall Kid’s Camp at Highland Oaks Elementary School, 10 Virginia Road, Arcadia starting Monday, November 19 to Wednesday, November 21 from 8am-6pm. Each day is filled with fun group activities including crafts, board games, movies, and snacks for youth ages 5-12. Parents are able to sign their children up for one day or all three. Fall camp is \$27 per child per day.

To get a copy of the fall “Buzz” stop by our office, 375 Campus Drive; Arcadia City Hall, 240 W. Huntington Drive; or the Arcadia Public Library, 20 W. Duarte Road. To register in person come by our office or you can go to the city’s website at www.arcadiaCA.gov under the Recreation and Community Services Department to download a copy. The “Buzz” also displays programs and classes for the 2018 fall season. Do you want to

know what the “Buzz” is about in Arcadia? Pick up the latest copy of “The Peacock Buzz” to find out! For more questions, please contact the Recreation Department at 626.574.5113.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, September 30th, through Saturday, October 6th, the Police Department responded to 901 calls for service, of which 100 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, September 30:

Shortly before 11:02 a.m., an officer responded to 24 Hour Fitness, 125 North First Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect entered the women’s locker room, cut off the victim’s pad lock from her locker, and stole her wallet. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At approximately 11:24 a.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect cut the lock off of a children’s video game and stole approximately \$60.00 in coins and bills. The investigation is ongoing.

Monday, October 1:

Just after 3:05 a.m., officers responded to CVS Pharmacy, 1401 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a shoplifting report. A known suspect entered the store, selected three bottles of lotion, and, upon exiting the store, was confronted by an employee. The suspect fled to her vehicle and then threatened to hit the store employee if he did not get out of her way. The 37-year-old female from West Covina is outstanding at the time of this report.

At approximately 1:27 p.m., an officer responded to Outback Steakhouse, 166 East Huntington Drive, regarding a fraud report. The officer determined two suspects entered the business and attempted to use a stolen or lost credit card to purchase their meal. When the staff confronted the suspects about the credit card, they fled on foot.

The suspects are described as a black male, 6 feet tall, 175 pounds, between 20 and 25-years-old, with short brown hair. The second suspect is described as a black male, 5’7”, 180 pounds, also 20 to 25-years-old, with short black hair. The investigation is ongoing.

Tuesday, October 2:

Around 2:39 a.m., officers initiated an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and First Avenue for not having their head lights or tail lights on. A records check revealed the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Los Angeles Police Department. During a search of the vehicle, the officers located burglary tools and a meth pipe. A records check revealed the driver had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 52-year-old male from Los Angeles was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just before 4:09 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 2700 block of Bradford Avenue regarding a burglary report. Officers located a smashed rear window but it appears the suspects fled emptyhanded. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Wednesday, October 3:

At about 4:59 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 00 block of East Orange Grove Boulevard regarding a burglary in progress. An investigation revealed two suspects entered the victim’s home but quickly encountered the victim. The suspects then fled on foot. No loss was

reported.

Both suspects are described as males with average builds, approximately 5’10” tall, and both were seen wearing hooded sweatshirts and dark colored pants. The investigation is ongoing.

Shortly after 8:35 p.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of Hungate Lane regarding a petty theft report. The officer determined the suspect entered the unlocked vehicle and fled with cash, a phone charging cord, and an MSD ignition system. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Thursday, October 4:

Before 6:15 p.m., officers responded to CVS Pharmacy, 9952 Las Tunas Drive, regarding a fraud report. An investigation revealed the suspect, a 49-year-old female from Temple City, attempted to pass a fraudulent prescription to obtain a controlled substance. The investigation is ongoing.

Around 6:20 p.m., officers responded to the Santa Anita Mall, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. The officers discovered the suspects stole socks and various cellphone accessories from stores throughout the mall. The 21-year-old male from Los Angeles and a 19-year-old female from Duarte were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At about 8:51 p.m., an officer responded to Motel 6, 225 West Colorado Place, regarding a male driver ramming his vehicle into a parking lot light pole. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol. During a series of tests, the officer concluded the 71-year-old male was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. A records check revealed the driver was driving with a suspended license and was also required to have an ignition interlock device installed on his vehicle, which he failed to have. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, October 5:

Just before 8:44 p.m., an officer responded to Benihana, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a battery report. An investigation revealed a customer began hitting fellow patrons for no apparent reason and screamed she had a gun. The 46-year-old female from Pasadena was transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital and placed on a 72-hour hold for evaluation. The suspect also kicked the officer in the leg twice.

Saturday, October 6:

Shortly after 12:54 a.m., officers responded to Knockouts Gentlemen’s Club, 1580 Clark Street, regarding a battery report. Officers discovered an altercation between two patrons turned physical resulting in the victim getting knocked out. The investigation is ongoing. The victim was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for treatment.

At approximately 9:40 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Arbolada Drive regarding a traffic collision. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his person. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the suspect was driving with a blood alcohol content of .11%. The 31-year-old male from West Hartford, Connecticut, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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CITY OF MONROVIA STAFF PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL READ ACROSS MONROVIA



MONROVIA, CA – On Oct. 4, 2018, staff from the City of Monrovia participated in the annual Read Across Monrovia, a program coordinated by Monrovia Reads, a local non-profit organization. City staff had the opportunity to spend their morning reading in classes from preschool to fifth grade in the Monrovia Unified School District.

Canyon Park Naturalist Marlene Jimenez said, “Read Across Monrovia allowed me to connect with students in their comfort zone, so when they visit us at Canyon Park they feel safe. Overall, these interactions help students realize that we are all a part of Monrovia community.”

Participating city staff included the Chief of

Police, Fire Chief, Assistant to the City Clerk, Park Naturalists, Police Officers, Firefighters, and more.

The Monrovia Public Library partners with Monrovia Reads in many different programs, including the relaunch of the Mobile Literacy Van at the beginning of 2018. For more information on the various programs offered by the library, please visit the Monrovia Public Library online. Read Across Monrovia gives the community the chance to share their favorite stories, inspiring young minds to value reading throughout their lifetime. Visit Monrovia Reads online to learn more about the organization and their mission.

MONROVIA HIGH SENIOR BIKES 550 MILES FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH



MUSD_Hickey_1: Monrovia High senior Nathan Hickey biked 550 miles down the California coast from San Francisco to Los Angeles from Sept. 30 to Oct. 6 to raise money and awareness for pediatric cancer research.

MONROVIA, CA – Monrovia High senior Nathan Hickey was about 7 years old when he first raised money for pediatric cancer research by biking 30 miles in one day. Now, he has taken those efforts to a new level by biking 550 miles down the California coast from San Francisco to Los Angeles from Sept. 30 to Oct. 6.

The funds he’s raised since he first started biking go toward The Pablove Foundation, an organization that supports children diagnosed with cancer by donating to cancer research, including funds raised through sale of photos taken by children with cancer.

“Doing this ride for The Pablove Foundation is huge and I can reach a whole new audience, especially since I’m one of the youngest riders doing the whole ride,” Hickey said. “I can really put my message out through my own biking – pediatric cancer is really underfunded, and kids getting cancer is really a scary thing. No one wants to be put through that.”

Hickey was inspired to raise awareness of children’s cancer after seeing family members battle the cancer. Currently, two uncles and two aunts are fighting cancer. His cousin passed away to brain cancer a few years ago. After his father introduced him to mountain biking, and he was connected with the founders of The Pablove

Foundation, he decided to use his hobby to help the organization’s mission.

“It’s cool to help and to be doing something with my skills,” Hickey said.

Hickey is a varsity member of Monrovia High’s mountain bike team and a junior ambassador for the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles. He gives speeches and volunteers at the hospital with patients.

“Congratulations to Nathan for completing his ride and for gaining large support for a great cause,” Board of Education President Terrence Williams said. “His dedication to the community is a great lesson for all of us.”

Hickey rode 30 to 50 miles a day to train for the 550-mile ride. He’s raised well over his \$7,500 goal and continues to gain the support of community members. Donate to his fundraising page at: <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/1270870>.

“Monrovia Unified educates exceptional scholars who reach above and beyond in their academic goals, and also become active citizens in their communities to give back to those in need,” Monrovia Unified Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian said. “I am proud to see our students use their talents to benefit the lives and well-being of others.”

THE CORAL RESTORATION FOUNDATION MAKES AMENDS WITH MOTHER EARTH

If one wishes to make a difference...to truly make a difference for the better, one can. There are countless opportunities to give back, it only takes a willingness to be a part of something bigger than one's self.

Thankfully, there are many people today who are willing to take part in making a positive impact on the environment by dedicating their skills and time to doing things that will benefit the greater good, and I always enjoy sharing their stories.

In the late 1990's, Ken Nedimyer, a longtime resident of the Florida Keys, had seen first-hand the decline of the local coral reefs during the years he'd lived there. Running from north Miami down to Key West, the Florida Reef Tract is the third largest barrier reef in the world and the only barrier coral reef in the continental US.

Sadly, due to a variety of destructive factors (not the least of which were human-inflicted), the staghorn and elkhorn coral that made up the Florida Reef Tract were reduced to a mere 3% of their original coverage during the short years between the 1970's and 1990's, resulting in both species being listed as critically-endangered.

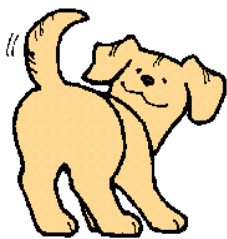
At the time, Nedimyer was a commercial aquarium fish collector and live rock farmer when, by a fortuitous turn of events, a colony of critically-endangered staghorn coral settled onto one of his farms off the coast of Tavernier, Florida. As Nedimyer observed the 'volunteer' coral colony swiftly grow in his live rock farm, he began to envision the potential for a new type of marine conservation that could not only protect threatened reef habitats but could actively restore them.

Driven by a burning desire to help make a change for the better and a hope that this may be a way to reverse the tragic reef loss process, Nedimyer immediately went to work demonstrating that staghorn coral could be farm-grown rapidly and out-planted to the reef. In 2007, with the assistance of his family and a small dedicated staff, he founded the Coral Restoration Foundation (CRF™) and began working to build up stock of staghorn and elkhorn coral.

Drawing on Nedimyer's experience in the aquarium industry and applying knowledge they gained through coral research findings from around the world, the CRF™ team started to experiment with different methods for growing coral in offshore, in-situ nurseries.

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



They tried several growth techniques to cultivate their coral - including disk nurseries, line nurseries and various forms of tree nurseries - before the tree structure they are currently using was finally invented. With the help of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, CRF™ was granted permission to collect clippings and broken fragments of coral from remaining wild populations of staghorn and elkhorn in southern Florida, to propagate.

Their early endeavor to build a genetically diverse portfolio of coral has proven to be critical for the Foundation's current restoration work, which aims to restore the genetic diversity of wild coral populations rather than rely only on corals with perceived - yet scientifically unproven - strengths.

Today, the Coral Restoration Foundation™ (CRF) is the world's largest non-profit marine conservation organization dedicated to restoring coral reefs to a healthy state, both in Florida and globally. In recognition for his remarkable work, Nedimyer was presented with the Wyland ICON Award and was named a CNN Hero and a Disney Worldwide Conservation Hero.

It just goes to show that anyone can make a difference...truly make a difference, to benefit the greater good. Regardless of occupation or skill set, everyone has something to bring to the table. The knowledge and abilities one may possess, related to their particular trade or craft, can always act as building blocks for learning and for honing more specified skills that can be applied in practical ways to help restore our planet.

Today, I see people everywhere getting on board with a plethora projects to help reverse the destructive process. Overdevelopment and a blatant disregard & disrespect for natural spaces and the wildlife that dwell within them have reeked havoc on our planet. It is refreshing to know that there are activists who are undoing the destructive deeds of the arrogant and ignorant.

So why not get on board? Perhaps you can help turn today's resolution-minded minority into a resolution-minded majority. There are countless ways to help bring healing to your home, Mother Earth. It just takes a desire to be a part of something bigger than yourself, and a willingness to give back to what sustains you. For a more promising future, don't forget to love and let live.

Source: coralrestoration.org



BEST FRIEND

Beyond the captivating beauty of Catherine is a calm lady who craves the peaceful continuity of life in her own home. She likes people to approach her slowly and will then relax into the hand massaging her head and ears and stroking down her soft white and gray coat. The attention is rewarded by her purring of contentment while she "makes biscuits" on the bed or lap she is on. Catherine is more than just a pretty face, which has the cutest smudge mustache. She enjoys playing with her visitors. A simple shoe string can be the beginning of a tug of war game that ends when she wins. Sometimes the laser dot game of chase will set off Catherine's huntress instincts. Other times she seems to not want to bother with something she wisely knows can't really catch. Catherine's beauty and sweetness will add décor and bring calmness to your home, while also adding some fun. Please come meet Catherine in Meow Manor. Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information. She currently resides at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society located at 851 E. Grand Avenue in San Gabriel. We are located off San Gabriel Blvd, north of Mission and south of Las Tunas Drive. To arrange a 'Meet and Greet', please stop by any time from 10:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday through Sunday. Website: www.sgvhumane.org



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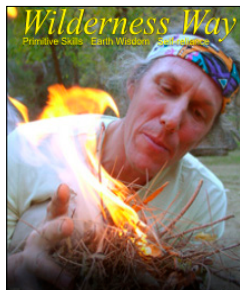
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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

JAMES RUTHER: MAKER OF SPOONS

[Nyerges is the author of "How to Survive Anywhere," "Foraging California," "Extreme Simplicity," and other books. He also leads outdoor field trips. He can be reached at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.]

James Ruther is a diverse man. Day job, working for the Edison company, he's also quite an authority on knives and knife-sharpening, as well as several other bushcraft skills. One day, after we both finished a class about outdoor survival skills in the foothills of Pasadena, Ruther showed me a wooden spoon.

"That's nice," I said. I liked it, and it looked a bit different from the many wooden spoons I've seen over the years at thrift stores and novelty stores.

"Yeah, and I made this one," he continued.

"You made it,?" I replied, looking again more closely at the spoon, turning it over in my hands.

"Yes," said Ruther, "and I made it mostly from this knife." He pulled out a Mora knife and handed it to me, which I also examined.

Since I'd initially thought the spoon was something cranked out in a factory woodshop operation like so many others, I paid it little attention. Now that I knew this was individually carved, I examined it more closely, and saw the character that an assembly line product would not have.

"What kind of wood did you use?" I asked.

"Ash," he replied. "I use ash for most of my spoons, because it's so common, and relatively easy to carve. Also, because the ash trees grow like weeds, no one minds if I trim a few branches and use them for making spoons."

Ruther gave me that beautiful spoon, and eventually I attended a spoon-carving class that he conducted.



MAKING A SPOON

Ruther guided each student to take their section of ash, and to first split it, by batonning it with a sheath knife. Then, they decided which half would be used, and then the cut part of that piece of ash was flattened with the knife.

Next, the shape of the spoon was penciled onto the flat side of the wood, and careful carving began.

There were various techniques of wood reduction which were shown to take the piece of wood to a spoon.

For example, a saw was used to reduce some sections, such as to make the spoon part round.

To cut away the excess wood which would become the handle, the section would be sawed perpendicular to the handle, at various points, so that the unwanted wood could just be chiseled away.

Then, it was all slow but careful carving. The hollow of the spoon was carved with curved carving knives which made it much easier. However, the hollow could still be done with an ordinary knife, with much more care.

Finally, the spoons were sanded with sandpaper. Or, as woodcraft master Paul Campbell used to teach, the spoons could be "sanded" with a small rock, abrading little by little until the desired smoothness is achieved.

"What happens if the spoon breaks?" a student asked Ruther. He smiles and responds, "Oh darn, you'd have to carve another!" Taking a more serious tone, Ruther says that to discard a biodegradable wooden spoon is not a problem, and is infinitely better than discarding a plastic spoon into a land fill that would take 100 years to decompose. "It's smart for the environment," he says, adding that if you cut from overgrown invasive trees, it's really a form of weed control. "It's always a good thing to learn to make something rather than buying something, and this produce no waste."

Ruther points out that your second spoon will always be a better spoon than your first, because you're still figuring things out on spoon number one.

To learn more about Ruther and his classes, he can be reached at ruther1@gmail.com.

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder



"HERE'S MY HAMMER IF YOU NEED IT"

I am not known as "Mr. Fix-It Man". When it comes to mechanical things, I am really handy-challenged. I can do many things, but I cannot fix anything.

When talking about the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, it is a different story. If there is something she cannot fix then it isn't broken. No matter what is broken or how long it has been broken, she somehow can fix it. I do not know how she does it, and believe me, I am not going to ask.

There is nothing I cannot break and there is nothing she cannot fix. We make a wonderful team as long as I keep that scenario in my mind.

If I, for whatever reason, think I can fix something, I am in deep trouble. The more I try to fix something, the more broken it becomes. I have learned long ago to own up to this in my life.

I think it is wonderful to know what you cannot do. That eliminates trying to do something and failing every time. It is more wonderful to know who can fix what you break.

"Honey," I say in a very sympathetic tone, "I broke this. Would you be able to fix it for me?"

"Of course," she will reply with a silly little grin on her face, "let me have it."

And I do.

The only thing I could ever fix is something needing a hammer. I can hammer something, but I can't screw or unscrew a bolt. Of course, I can screw anything up with a hammer.

A long time ago, I learned how to handle this. Whenever anything breaks in the parsonage I immediately say, "Should I get my hammer and try to fix it?" To which I get a resounding "Nooooooo". I then say, "Well, if you need me just call for me." And I know I will never be called.

If I had the time, I would calculate how much money we have saved during our marriage by having her fix things that were broken. I think it would be an amazing amount of money.

A few weeks back the front plastic bumper on my truck broke and was hanging. I casually mentioned it to my wife not expecting anything. About 30 minutes later she came in and said, "I got your truck fixed."

I am not sure how much that saved me on auto repair but I sure thanked her and then took her out for lunch. After all, what's a husband supposed to do?

This all came to a head just a couple weeks ago. It is the beginning of a political cycle. We know it is a political cycle because all of the politicians are rather dizzy. My apologies to all the blondes out there.

We kept hearing the same phrase from every politician that was running. "Washington is broken and I'm going there to fix it."

I was ignoring it because I know that every politician has their tongue detached from their brain. Can you imagine what would really happen if we had

intelligent people running for office?

As we were listening to some of these advertisements, my wife turned to me and said, "There, you could help them fix Washington."

I just looked at her and said, "Huh." I did not get anything that she was saying with that.

"You're always wanting to help fix things around here, why don't you offer to help fix Washington?"

I did not know if I should laugh or if I should be angry.

I was afraid to say anything but eventually I said, "What in the world do you mean?"

She looked at me with those giggly dancing eyes and said, "You are always offering to fix something with your hammer. Why don't you offer to give them your hammer so that they can fix Washington?"

Was she serious? Or, was she setting me up for something?

Staring at me she finally broke down into hilarious laughter.

"How better could they fix Washington than using your hammer?"

It does not happen often, but I wholeheartedly agreed with what she was saying.

If Washington is broken, and I am not sure what that means, perhaps they could fix it with my hammer by smashing everything in Washington. My hammer is a good tool for that kind of work. I cannot tell you how many things I have smashed unintentionally with my hammer.

We enjoyed a hearty laugh on that one. I never knew my wife to be politically minded like this. However, she had it. Then I said, "Why don't you run for some political office? I'll let you borrow my hammer."

We laughed some more and I got to thinking. How would Washington change if my wife was elected to some office and borrowed my hammer? She surely would get things done, I am sure.

Her "fix-it" ability along with my hammer would go a long way in fixing Washington.

As I thought of that I was reminded of what King Solomon said, "The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right" (Proverbs 21:8).

Some things are too broken to fix for any person except God. There is no person so broken that he cannot fix and fix for eternity.

So, Mr. Politician Fix-It, you can use my hammer at any time if you want to.

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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

FRENCH AND GREEK

I usually save the local news for the end of my article but this too big to wait on, one of my favorite restaurants , Café Beaujolais in Eagle Rock is losing two of its best waiters, but their lose is our gain . Coming to Old Pasadena on October 22nd is ENTRE NOUS French Bistro (that translates to between us) will open its doors on Monday, details to follow. Save the Date. Annual Food and Wine Festival and the Parkway Grill in Pasadena, It's always a sell out so call now for tickets, resources benefit the Huntington Hospital Trauma Center. Sunday, October 28th 5 PM (626) 795-1001.. Times are a changing. My radio show Dining with Dills is moving from 5 PM to 12 Noon this Sunday, tune your radio to AM 830 KLAA.

Many of you know that I was born in Athens, Greece, I flew back just few years ago. Expensive trip, but you don't have to fly to Greece for the real deal Greek food! Recently (last week) I stopped by Papa Cristos on Pico in Los Angeles for an all-you-can-eat, Bar-B-Qued Country-Style Lamb ribs feast, it came with a Greek salad and red rub seasoned potatoes, Yum ! It is served on their patio every Saturday from 3:00 until 7:00 and Sunday from 12:00 until 3:00. Available also a menu that includes Chicken, Beef, Veggie kebabs, Moussaka and Spanakopita. A huge selection of Greek pastries including Galactoboureko (layers of Phyllo with custard inside) and the Loukoumades (fried dough balls topped with honey, crushed walnuts and cinnamon.) Of course no meal would be complete without Baklava which Cousin/owner Mark will tell you is specially engineered not to go to your hips! How do they do that? It's scientific and too difficult to explain in layman's terms.

Every Thursday night they have "Big Fat Greek" family-style meal (endorsed by Nia Vardalos and attended by various cast members from the movie). This is a party, which you invite yourself to. The evening begins at 6:30 with a Greek wine-tasting and a couple nibbles (Greek sausage & Dip). Everyone sits together and shares Spanakopites, Tiropites, Dolma, Feta Cheese, Olives, Tzatziki & pita followed by Greek Salad; then platters of Lemon-Oregano Chicken, Rack of Lamb chops, (Vegetarian entrees are available), Greek-style Green beans, Papa Cristos potatoes and fresh-baked bread.

With my belly full, I watched a belly dance show and people were encouraged to join in. After that, Greek coffee and Baklava.

They are closed on Mondays. Tuesday is a short day 10:00 - 3:00. Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 until 8:00 and Sundays we close at 4:00. Parking is always free.

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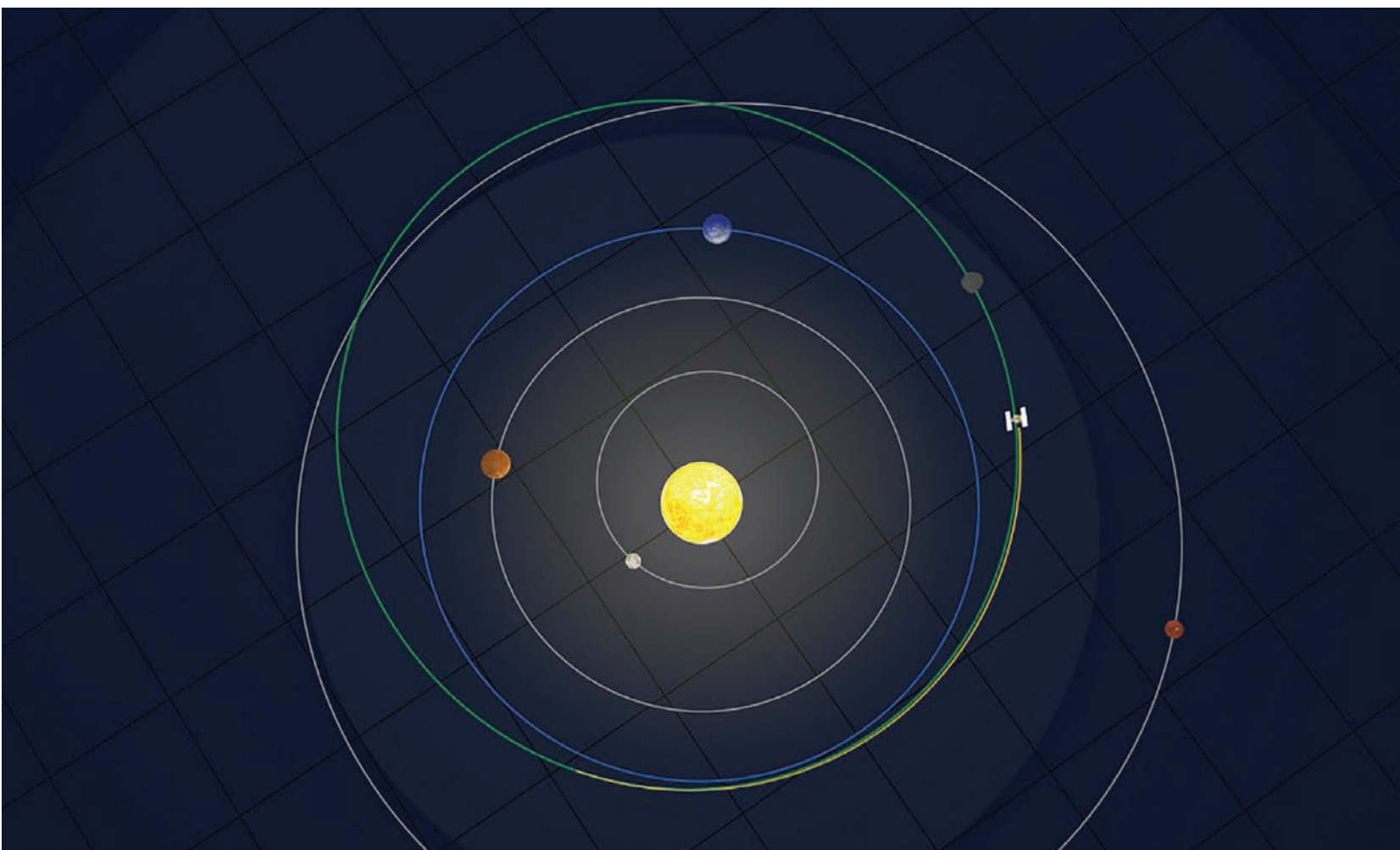
Looking Up with Bob Eklund



The near-Earth asteroid Ryugu, located approximately 300 million kilometers from Earth, has a new inhabitant: On 3 October 2018, the Mobile Asteroid Surface Scout (MASCOT) landed on the asteroid and began to work. The lander successfully separated from the Japanese Hayabusa2 space probe at 03:58 CEST. The 16 hours in which the lander will conduct measurements on the asteroid's surface have begun for the international team of engineers and scientists. The day before, the Japanese Space Agency's Hayabusa2 began its descent towards Ryugu. MASCOT was ejected at an altitude of 51 meters and descended in free fall—slower than an earthly pedestrian—to its destination, the asteroid.

The relief about the successful separation and subsequent confirmation of the landing was clearly noticeable In the MASCOT Control Centre at the German Aerospace Center (Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt; DLR) as well as in the adjoining room: "It could not have gone better," explained MASCOT project manager Tra-Mi Ho from the DLR Institute of Space Systems. "From the lander's telemetry, we were able to see that it separated from the mothercraft, and made contact with the asteroid surface approximately 20 minutes later." The team is now in contact with the lander.

The moment of separation was one of the risks of the mission: If MASCOT had not successfully separated from Hayabusa2 as planned and often tested, the lander's team would hardly have had the opportunity to solve this problem. But everything went smoothly: Already during the descent on the asteroid, the camera switched MASCAM on and took 20 pictures, which are now stored on board the Japanese space probe. "The camera worked perfectly," says Ralf Jaumann, DLR planetary scientist and scientific director of the camera instrument. "The team's first images of the camera are therefore safe." The magnetometer team was also able to recognize in the data sent by MASCOT that the MASMAG instrument had switched on and performed measurements prior to the separation. "The measurements show the relatively weak field of the solar wind and the very strong magnetic disturbances caused by the spacecraft," explains Karl-Heinz Glaßmeier from the Technical University of Braunschweig. "At the moment of the



separation, we expected a clear decrease of the interference field—and we were able to recognize this clearly."

MASCOT came to rest on the surface approximately 20 minutes after the separation. Now, the team is analyzing the data that MASCOT is sending to Earth to understand the events occurring on the asteroid Ryugu. The lander should now be on the asteroid's surface, in the correct position thanks to its swing arm, and have started to conduct measurements independently.

There are four instruments on board: a DLR camera and radiometer, an infrared spectrometer from the Institut d'Astrophysique Spatiale and a magnetometer from the TU Braunschweig. Once MASCOT has performed all planned measurements, it is expected to hop to another measuring location. This is the first time that scientists will receive data from different locations on an asteroid. "With MASCOT, we have the unique opportunity to study the Solar System's most primordial material directly on an asteroid,"

emphasises DLR planetary researcher Ralf Jaumann.

With the data acquired by MASCOT and the samples that Hayabusa2 brings to Earth from Ryugu in 2020, scientists will not only learn more about asteroids, but more about the formation of the solar system. "Asteroids are very primordial celestial bodies."

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ARCADIA UNIFIED ACCEPTED INTO NATIONAL NETWORK OF INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Arcadia Unified joins Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, will partner with other leading educators, entrepreneurs, and researchers from across the country

ARCADIA-- Arcadia Unified School District was accepted into the League of Innovative Schools, a national coalition of forward-thinking school districts organized by Digital Promise, a nonprofit organization with the mission to accelerate innovation in education and improve the opportunity to learn for all through technology and research.

Arcadia Unified was selected from a competitive national pool of applicants based on its leadership, evidence of results, innovative vision for learning, and commitment to collaboration.

"It's an honor and testament to our innovative teachers and staff that we are able to join such a distinguished group of schools and districts across the country," said Arcadia Unified School District Superintendent Dr. David Vannasdall. "We have long believed in sharing best practices and collaborating with others to benefit not only our students in Arcadia but students across the globe. It's the reason we started the [Arcadia Innovation Summit](#) four years ago and why we encourage our teachers to be on Twitter and social media."

The League of Innovative Schools, launched in late 2011, accepts new members through an open application process once per year. With the new members, the League now includes 102 school districts in 33 states. The full list of members can be found at [digitalpromise.org/districts](#).

"My teachers, counselors, and staff have been utilizing innovative practices for years and continue to push the envelope to ensure they are connecting with students and that the students are connecting to their learning," said Arcadia High School Principal Dr. Brent Forsee whose high school was just ranked in the [top 1% of public high schools](#) in the country by Niche.com.

"We have teachers utilizing flexible seating, project-based learning, blended learning courses in several content areas, utilizing restorative practices, and they have created an environment where learning takes place all throughout the campus not just inside the classroom. This type of teaching takes place at every school in our district, and I'm always so inspired by all of the creative educators throughout Arcadia Unified," added Dr. Forsee.

"As we expand our efforts to identify, build, and scale the innovative work of our League districts, I am excited to welcome a new cohort of districts who deepen the diversity, populations, and contexts of the network and move us further in advancing equity and excellence for every learner," said Kimberly Smith, Executive Director of the League of Innovative Schools.

The League will officially welcome new members at its fall 2018 meeting on October 10 in Park City, Utah. For more information on the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, visit: [digitalpromise.org/league](#).

23 ARCADIA HIGH STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS

ARCADIA-- Arcadia High School has had another impressive showing in the National Merit Scholarship program, with 23 Arcadia High seniors distinguished as 2019 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. Joining a group of students that represents less than one percent of high school seniors across the country, these academically adept students have an opportunity to compete for nearly 7,500 National Merit Scholarships that will be awarded next spring and are collectively worth more than \$31 million.

Over 1.6 million juniors from 22,000 high schools vied for entrance into the 2019 National Merit Scholarship program, with close to 16,000 students chosen as semifinalists. Each year, the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) serves an initial screen of program applicants.

"I took a popular prep course for the regular SAT the summer before my junior year, but I believe that it was my Arcadia High School studies that helped immensely," shared Arcadia High School senior and National Merit Semifinalist Estelle Hooper. "Really, my achievement is attributed to my hardworking classmates and teachers," said Hooper, who explained that she decided to register for the PSAT only after the encouragement she received from her peers.

Some high schools have less than a handful of seniors accepted into this program each school year. In the past 25 years, Arcadia High has had over 600 students named as National Merit Semifinalists, with an average of over 20 students accepted into the program each year.

"Our consistent representation in this program is a testament to the incredible teaching strategies implemented in classrooms throughout our district," said Arcadia Unified School District Superintendent Dr. David Vannasdall. "Our teachers truly help students imagine, inquire,

and inspire, sparking students to have a relationship with learning that not only prepares them for success in high school but will serve them for years to come."

The nationwide pool of semifinalists includes entrants who score highest on the PSAT in each state, with the number of semifinalists in a state proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors. Approximately 15,000 students in the program will advance as finalists and will be notified of this designation in February 2019. On average, over 95% of Arcadia High semifinalists make it the finalist phase of this program.

Arcadia High School was recently ranked in the top 1% of public high schools in the nation by Niche.com. Its Class of 2018 saw a 100% graduation rate. The home of the Apaches has also been distinguished a U.S. News and World Report Gold Medal School three times, an honor bestowed on less than 3 percent of the more than 19,000 schools in the country. Similarly, Newsweek named Arcadia High on its Top Public High Schools in America list. Arcadia High graduates are represented in Ivy League schools and top universities across the country. Likewise, for two consecutive years, the Arcadia Unified School District has been named on the College Board's Annual AP® District Honor Roll.

Arcadia High School National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists: (Alphabetical order by last name) Ailin Atasoy, Geoffrey L. Basinger, Margaret Chang, Jessie J. Chen, Lucia S. Cheng, Dean A. Frame, Estelle H. Hooper, Michael Huang, Victor W. Huang, Jason Ke, Michelle A. Liang, Isabella B. Liu, Ivan Y. Luu, Kelvin L. Maung, Grace N. Mohandoss, Jennifer Qi, William Shue, Anusha Silla, John M. Song, Kevin Tan, Ryan Wang, Sean Ye, and Gabriela Z. Yu.

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THE GOOD LIFE

HOW TO MANAGE RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME

Dear Savvy Senior,

What can you tell me about restless leg syndrome? I'm 58 years old, and frequently have jerky, uncontrollable urges to move my legs, accompanied by a tingling sensation, and it keeps me awake at night.

Jumpy John

Dear John,
If an irresistible urge to move your legs has you kicking in your sleep, then chances are pretty good you have restless leg syndrome (RLS), a condition that affects 7 to 10 percent of Americans. Here's what you should know.

RLS, also known as Willis-Ekbom Disease, is a nervous system problem that causes uncomfortable sensations (often described as a creepy-crawly feeling, tingling, itching, throbbing, pulling or aching) and an irresistible urge to move one or both legs while you're sitting or lying down, and the symptoms usually get worse with age. It typically happens in the evenings or nights while resting. Moving eases the unpleasant feeling temporarily.

While RLS is not a life-threatening condition, the main problem, other than it being uncomfortable and annoying, is that it disrupts sleep, leading to daytime drowsiness, difficulty concentrating and even depression.

What exactly causes RLS is not known, but researchers suspect it could be linked to several things including iron deficiency, an imbalance of the brain chemical dopamine, and genetics – about 60 percent of people with RLS have a family member with the condition.

Treatment Options

While there's no cure for RLS, there are things you can do to alleviate the symptoms. Depending on the severity of your case, some people turn to RLS medications like gabapentin enacarbil (Horizant),



an anticonvulsant, and dopamine agonists ropinirole (Requip), rotigotine (Neupro) and pramipexole (Mirapex). But be aware that these drugs have side effects including nausea, lightheadedness, fatigue and insomnia. And, while these medications can provide short-term relief, they can also make symptoms worse in many people who use them long term.

So before turning to medication, you should consider some of the following natural RLS treatments first, which are very effective for most people.

Check your iron levels. Iron deficiency is believed to be one of the major contributors to RLS, so make an appointment with your doctor and get a blood test to check for this. If you test positive for iron deficiency, your doctor may recommend iron supplements.

Exercise: Getting moderate, regular exercise like walking, cycling, water aerobics and yoga can relieve symptoms, but overdoing it or exercising late in the day may intensify them. Daily leg stretches – include calf, hamstring, quadriceps and hip flexor stretches – are also helpful.

Check your medications: Certain drugs including antinausea drugs, antipsychotic drugs, some antidepressants, and cold and allergy medications containing sedating antihistamines can make RLS worse. If you take any of these, ask your doctor if something else can be prescribed.

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!October Birthdays

Janda Ferris, Darlene Traxler, Margit Johnson, Sole Krieg, George Maurer, Dick Anderson, Eva Poet, Mary Jane Baker, Dixie Coutant, Cathleen Cremins, Alma Mays, Adie Marshall, Darlene Crook, Susan Gallagher, Maggie Ellis, Gloria Giersbach, Elva Johnson, Ellen O'Leary, Jenny Piangenti, Gail Ann Skiles, Anita Thompson, Linda Boehm and Angela Stella.

* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required but you must be over 60.



HART PARK HOUSE MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

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: Thursday, October 18th 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Join us 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. A great way to strengthen your mind and make new friends... Games are facilitated by Senior Volunteers.

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, October 17th from 10:30a.m. 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! * Voluntary Donations of \$5.00 per week per participant are suggested but not required.

Birthday Celebrations: Every 2nd Thursday monthly at the Hart Park House, share some free birthday cake provided by the Senior Community Commission!

Game Day: Every Thursday starting at 12:00p.m. Come join this group of Seniors in their poker game.

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.

SENIOR MOVIE: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays Monthly 1:00 p.m.

October 17th Murder on the Orient Express

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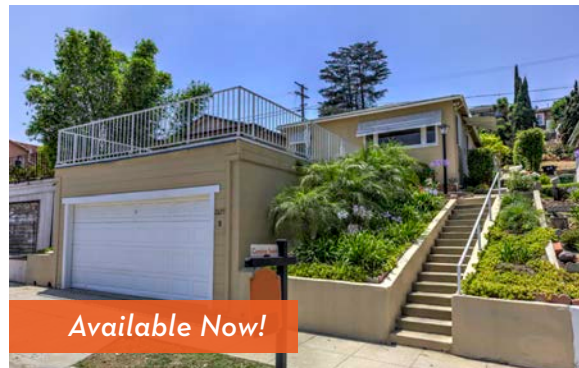
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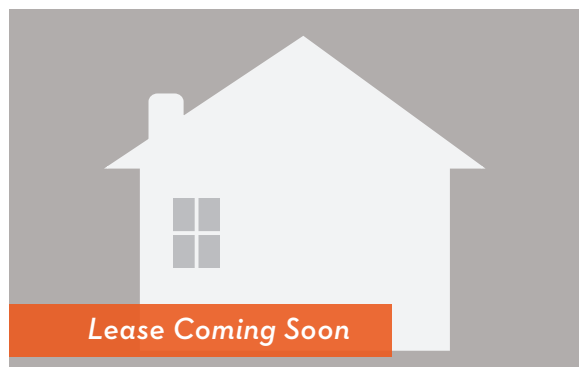
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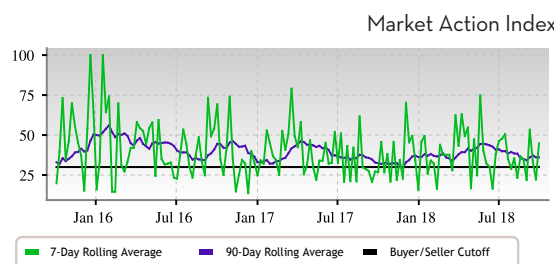
Sierra Madre // This Week's Market Update

This Week Median List Price: \$1,079,000

The Market Action Index has been climbing lately while days-on-market are trending down, these point to a positive near-term outlook for the market.

Supply & Demand

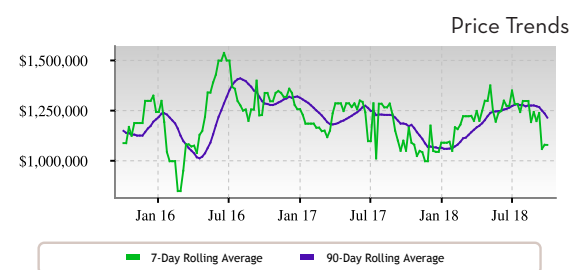
In the last few weeks, the Market Action Index has resumed a climb. Despite the fact that we're in a Seller's market, prices have not yet resumed upward momentum. However, it is likely that given these conditions, prices will at least level off very soon. If the increasing trend continues, expect that prices could shift higher quickly.



The Market Action Index answers the question "How's the Market?" by measuring the current rate of sale versus the amount of the inventory. Index above 30 implies Seller's Market conditions. Below 30, conditions favor the buyer.

Price

Again this week we see a downward notch for prices. Pricing has been weak in recent weeks & versus their absolute-high levels. The MAI is a good leading indicator for the durability of this trend.



Real-Time Market Profile

Trend

Median List Price	\$ 1,079,000	↕↕
Asking Price Per Square Foot	\$ 575	↑
Average Days on Market (DOM)	85	↓
Percent of Properties with Price Decrease	39 %	
Percent Relisted (reset DOM)	9 %	
Percent Flip (price increased)	9 %	
Median House Size (sq ft)	2090	
Median Lot Size	8,001 - 10,000 sqft	
Median Number of Bedrooms	3.0	
Median Number of Bathrooms	3.0	
Market Action Index	Seller's Advantage	36.0 ↑

↔ No change ↑↑ Strong upward trend ↓↓ Strong downward trend
↑ Slight upward trend ↓ Slight downward trend

Quartiles

Quartile	Median Price	Sq. Ft.	Lot Size	Beds	Baths	Age	Inventory	New	Absorbed	DOM	Investigate the market in quartiles, where each quartile is 25% of homes.
Top/First	\$ 1,832,500	3588	0.25 - 0.50 acre	4.0	4.5	58	8	1	0	89	Most expensive 25% of properties
Upper/Second	\$ 1,491,944	2760	0.25 - 0.50 acre	4.0	4.0	43	8	0	1	182	Upper-middle 25% of properties
Lower/Third	\$ 973,500	1698	6,501 - 8,000 sqft	3.0	2.0	56	8	2	3	18	Lower-middle 25% of properties
Bottom/Fourth	\$ 721,000	1074	4,501 - 6,500 sqft	2.0	2.0	96	9	1	1	56	Least expensive 25% of properties



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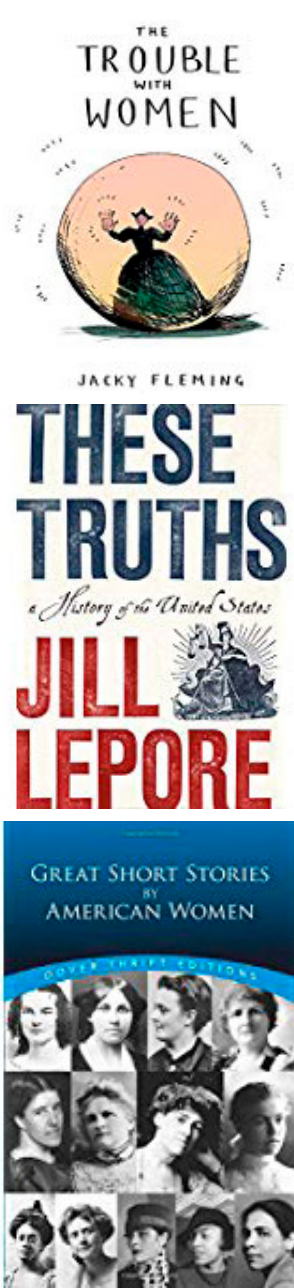


Jeff's Book Pics

By Jeff Brown

These Truths: A History of the United States by Jill Lepore

In the most ambitious one-volume American history in decades, award-winning historian Jill Lepore offers a magisterial account of the origins and rise of a divided nation, an urgently needed reckoning with the beauty and tragedy of American history. Lepore's groundbreaking investigation places truth itself a devotion to facts, proof, and evidence at the center of the nation's history. The American experiment rests on three ideas "these truths," Jefferson called them political equality, natural rights, and the sovereignty of the people. And it rests, too, on a fearless dedication to inquiry, Lepore argues, because self-government depends on it. But has the nation, and democracy itself, delivered on that promise? These Truths tells this uniquely American story, beginning in 1492, asking whether the course of events over more than five centuries has proven the nation's truths, or belied them. To answer that question, Lepore traces the intertwined histories of American politics, law, journalism, and technology, from the colonial town meeting to the nineteenth-century party machine, from talk radio to twenty-first-century Internet polls, from Magna Carta to the Patriot Act, from the printing press to Facebook News. Along the way, Lepore's sovereign chronicle is filled with arresting sketches of both well-known and lesser-known Americans, from a parade of presidents and a rogues' gallery of political mischief makers to the intrepid leaders of protest movements, including Frederick Douglass, the famed abolitionist orator; William Jennings Bryan, the three-time presidential candidate and ultimately tragic populist; Pauli Murray, the visionary civil rights strategist; and Phyllis Schlafly, the uncredited architect of modern conservatism. Americans are descended from slaves and slave owners, from conquerors and the conquered, from immigrants and from people who have fought to end immigration. "A nation born in contradiction will fight forever over the meaning of its history," Lepore writes, but engaging in that struggle by studying the past is part of the work of citizenship. "The past is an inheritance, a gift and a burden," These Truths



observes. "It can't be shirked. There's nothing for it but to get to know it."

Great Short Stories by American Women by Candace Ward

Embracing a wide variety of subjects, this choice collection of 13 short stories represents the work of an elite group of American women writing in the 19th and earthly 20th centuries. The earliest stories are Rebecca Harding Davis' naturalistic "Life in the Iron Mills" (published in 1861 and predating Émile Zola's Germinal by almost 25 years) and Louisa May Alcott's semiautobiographical tale "Transcendental Wild Oats" (1873). The most recent ones are Zora Neale Hurston's "Sweat," an ironic tale of a failed marriage, published in 1926, and "Sanctuary" (1930), Nella Larsen's gripping and controversial tale of contested loyalty. In between is a grand cavalcade of superbly crafted fiction by Sarah Orne Jewett, Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Kate Chopin, Willa Cather, Alice Dunbar-Nelson, Djuna Barnes, Susan Glaspell and Edith Wharton. Brief biographies of each of the writers are included.

The Trouble with Women by Jacky Fleming

Perfect for fans of Kate Beaton, Lena Dunham, and Caitlin Moran, The Trouble with Women is a feminist's brilliant, tongue-in-cheek, hysterical look at women's "issues," "frailties," and "failures" in our not-so-distant history. Ever noticed that women don't feature much in history books, and wondered why? Then this is the book for you. In The Trouble with Women, feminist artist Jacky Fleming illustrates how the opinions of supposed male geniuses, such as Charles Darwin (who believed that women have smaller brains than men) and John Ruskin (who believed that women's main function was to praise men), have shaped the fate of women through history, confining them to a life of domesticity and very little else. Get ready to laugh, wince, and rescue forgotten women from the "dustbin of history," while keeping a close eye out for tell-tale "genius hair."

All Things

By Jeff Brown

REPUBLICANS BY GARRISON KEILLOR

"The party of Lincoln and Liberty was transmogrified into the party of hairy-backed swamp developers and corporate shills, faith-based economists, fundamentalist bullies with Bibles, Christians of convenience, freelance racists, misanthropic frat boys, shrieking midgets

of AM radio, tax cheats, nihilists in golf pants, brownshirts in pinstripes, sweatshop tycoons and get as much as you can when in power. ... Republicans: The No. 1 reason the rest of the world thinks we're deaf, dumb, and dangerous."- Garrison Keillor

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



YES, THERE'S MORE.

The benefits of practicing yoga are quite profound. Only naming a few, we know it reduces stress, improves mobility, builds strength and calms the mind. You can experience these benefits by attending class and practicing at home (with some framework to your practice). If the style of yoga is right for you, life gets better almost immediately. Beyond the classes and the physical practice of yoga, there is the study of yoga. Once you've begun, a natural curiosity develops to learn more, to find out where the teachings come from, and what the techniques are that lead to deeper awareness and awakening. This is when studentship and inspiration begin. Necessarily to studentship is a teacher who is experienced in technique and knowledge and has the awareness to identify where the student is in their practice and level of understanding. Every great teacher who inspires meaningful awareness and awakening continues their own path as a dedicated student. Along with a devoted practice, being a student is an abundance source of a

teacher's inspiration. Diving deeper into the teachings of yoga shifts perspective and brings self-realization. Think of it as stepping into the right shoes. It lifts veils of illusion and generates authenticity. Many ancient universal spiritual principles are within what we learn. I believe this is why we are drawn to learn and develop even more through a yoga practice. Also, in many cases, what we learn in yoga aligns well with an existing spiritual way of life. I encourage you to get practicing and study if you are drawn to learn more about Yoga, Meditation, and Philosophy. It's a vast sea and your journey could begin by reading one page in one ancient text or experiencing one sublime meditation. Helpful in this equation is a teacher who you connect with—one who dispels fear and encourages you to stretch yourself and your perception. Please contact me to learn more: keely@keelytotten.com.

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THE MISSING PAGE

Real Life Tips from Life's Instruction Manual

DO WHAT'S ESSENTIAL, DO WHAT YOU LOVE!

Henry David Thoreau is a much-loved man of nature. We love him because he stopped to notice life, nature, and wrote about his observations. His simple thoughtful words are guides to remember to live and enjoy life. I ask my clients to face the essential facts of life. I ask them to ask themselves, "what is essential?" As you rise to live each day, I invite you to live with enthusiasm. Are in engaged in a life that you truly love living? A little over two hundred years ago, a man lived for just under 45 years. He was an abolitionist, a handyman, and a writer. While Henry David Thoreau's life was brief, his writing continues to instruct and inspire. "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately," Thoreau writes, "to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived." Mr. Thoreau conducted an experiment where he went to the woods for two years, two months and two days to see what he could see and learn. He wanted to "suck the marrow out of life." I do too. We can decide to live intentionally. Each of us is blessed with a unique view. Our interests, gifts, and talents are individual expressions of life, yet most people are stuck in a rut and are not enjoying their lives. If you are attentive, and on social media, you'll notice that many people are in a kind of groupthink, this

is not new, Thoreau once wrote, "the mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation." When I host a workshop, I help my guests ask themselves big questions, "what would I love?" In that question people discover their deepest desires: whether it's spending more time in nature, repairing a broken relationship, or learning to dance. That question is the spark of a dream. "If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them." Thoreau At the workshops, we design a blueprint, and the guests leave with tools to build a dream. I would love to share these tools with my readers. If you are interested, email Lori at Lori@Loriaharris.com. Lori A. Harris is the creator of the Gratitude Train App, available in the App Store and Google Play. Learn more about her at www.GratitudeTrain.com



Lori A. Harris

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



Who Should Khloé Kardashian Choose as Legal Guardian For Her Child—One Instance Where ‘Keeping Up With the Kardashians’ Might Be A Good Idea

You might not be a big fan of their typical life choices, but the Kardashians recently demonstrated impressive wisdom in protecting their minor children using estate planning.

During a recent episode of Keeping Up With The Kardashians, Khloé Kardashian was preparing to give birth to her first child, daughter True. Khloé was second-guessing her initial choice to name her sister Kourtney as the child's legal guardian in the event something happened to her or the baby's father, Tristan Thompson. During her pregnancy, Khloé spent lots of time with her other sister Kimberly and her family, daughters North, Chicago, son Saint, and husband Kanye West. Watching her interacting with her own kids, Khloé really connected with Kim's mothering style and pondered if she might be a better choice as guardian.

"I always thought Kourtney would be the godparent of my child, but lately I've been watching Kim, and she's been someone I really gravitate to as a mom," Khloé said.

To make things more challenging, Kourtney always assumed she'd be named guardian and said as much. Over the years, Khloé had lots of fun times with Kourtney's family—sons Mason, Reign, and daughter Penelope—and Kourtney thought her own passion for motherhood would make her the natural choice.

For guidance, Khloé asked her mother, Kris Jenner, how she chose her kids' guardians. Kris'

answer was to compare how her two sisters' raised their own children.

"You just have to think," Kris told her. "Where would I want my child raised, in which environment? Who would I feel like my baby is going to be most comfortable and most loved?"

In the end, Khloé chose Kim over Kourtney. She explained her decision had nothing to do with her respect or love of Kourtney; it was merely about which style of parenting she felt most comfortable with.

"Watching Kimberly be a mom, I really respect her parenting skills—not that I don't respect Kourtney's, I just relate to how Kim parents more," said Khloé. "I just have to make the best decision for my daughter."

Khloé's actions are admirable for several reasons. First off, far too many parents never get around to legally naming a guardian to care for their children in the event of their death or incapacity. Khloé not only made her choice, but she did so before the child was even born.

Khloé also took the time to speak and spend time with her sisters beforehand, so the family understood the rationale behind her decision. Khloé was lucky her choices were close family members, so she had ample opportunity to experience both of their parenting styles.

Depending on your life situation, you might not be able to spend that much time vetting your choice. But at the very least, you should sit down with each of your top candidates

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AKT Academy is a company of young artists in residence under the direction of Alison Kalmus at Sierra Madre Playhouse. Foolish Mortals (the name comes from Shakespeare) are the most advanced performers of AKT Academy. The Foolish Mortals are Julian Moser, Alison Wang, Kevin Ying, Eliza Cevallos, Aidan O'Connor, Jude Gomez, Selina Ho, Myles Hutchinson and Momo Inouye-Wu.

The Foolish Mortals will perform two works: Washington Irving's The Legend of Sleepy

Hollow and Edgar Allen Poe's The Raven, both pieces appropriately atmospheric and spooky for the season. They'll be presented in the style of old-time radio drama, with live sound effects.

The Foolish Mortals will be joined in this performance by special guest Sierra Madre Estimated running time: One hour.

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at Seven P.M. At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. This is just east of Pasadena. There is ample free parking behind the Playhouse. Admission is free. Reservations are not necessary. Website: www.sierramadreplayhouse.org Phone: (626) 355-4318.

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FAILING U.S. CITIZENSHIP

"If younger generations don't know why and how America is such a great nation, we are doomed!"

"Ah, you speak of the recent Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation survey that finds only one in three Americans can pass the U.S. Citizenship Test."

"You got that right. Two-thirds of Americans failed the 10-multiple-choice-question test even though they only needed six correct answers to pass."

"That is troubling. The foundation says, 'Only 13 percent of those surveyed knew when the U.S. Constitution was ratified.' It says: 'More than half of respondents (60 percent) didn't know which countries the United States fought in World War II. And despite the recent media spotlight on the U.S. Supreme Court, 57 percent of those surveyed did not know how many Justices actually serve on the nation's highest court.'"

"What are these people being taught in high school and college?"

"A better question is what are they NOT being taught? As the foundation notes, 'It would be an error to view these findings as merely an embarrassment. Knowledge of the history of our country is fundamental to maintaining a democratic society, which is imperiled today.'"

"Just for the heck of it, I took the test. The questions aren't so difficult. How can so many Americans not answer at least six correctly?"

"The foundation reports that 72 percent of respondents weren't sure about or misidentified the 13 original states, and just 24 percent 'could correctly identify one thing Benjamin Franklin was famous for, with 37 percent believing he invented the lightbulb' – the same percentage who 'knew the correct answer as to why the colonists fought the British.'"

"Yeah, and I'm especially worried about the 2 percent who thought climate change was the cause of the Cold War!"

"The survey also found that younger generations are especially ignorant of the American system. Americans age 65 or older 'scored the best, with 74 percent answering at least six in 10 questions correctly.' But only 19 percent of those under 45 passed, 'with 81 percent scoring a 59 percent or lower.'"

"That means older generations, who understand the importance of checks and balances to restrict each government branch's power - and the triumph of our free-market system over socialism and communism - will eventually give way to younger generations who don't understand these basic concepts."

"Yes, that's our greatest worry. Per Chicago Tribune columnist Steve Chapman, the University of Chicago's GenForward Survey of Americans age 18 to 34 finds that 62 percent of them think 'we need a strong government to handle today's complex economic problems,' but only 35 percent say 'the free market can handle these problems without government being involved.' What's worse: 61 percent of millennial Democrats – and 25 percent of millennial Republicans – have a positive view of socialism."

"As I said, we're doomed!"

"Not if we heed the words of President Abraham Lincoln: 'America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.' We have our work cut out for us, but we must teach the young why and how America became so great."

Tom Purcell, author of "Misadventures of a 1970's Childhood," a humorous memoir available at amazon.com, is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ms. Henderson:

Thank you for your column in the September 29th issue.

The raucous, ridiculous hearing showed the good ole boy mentality of our seventy and eighty year old male elected officials is still alive and well. So Kavanaugh drank too much and may have made sexual advances toward a woman when a young man, boys will be boys, so what. Let's get this nominee confirmed.

Michael Reagan, in his column the same day, admitted although he had been sexually assaulted but was vague on many details. Did he report the affair to his parents, other friends, the police? If so, when. Was he afraid he would not be believed, was he afraid he would be blamed for where he was, how he acted, what he said, what he was wearing?

All the questions above are faced by a female suffering the same treatment. Young women faced the same questions if they reported sexual assault when it happened or even years after. Even today, girls and boys telling parents are not believed. It's a fact.

I was sexually assaulted by my step-grandfather as a child. I do not remember the first time or how many times after. I didn't tell anyone. To this day, (I'm in my eighties) this is the first time I have admitted it to anyone. I know my cousin, six months older, was also a victim. I don't think she ever told anyone, but I'm not sure. I also don't know if her older brother or sister was also a victim.

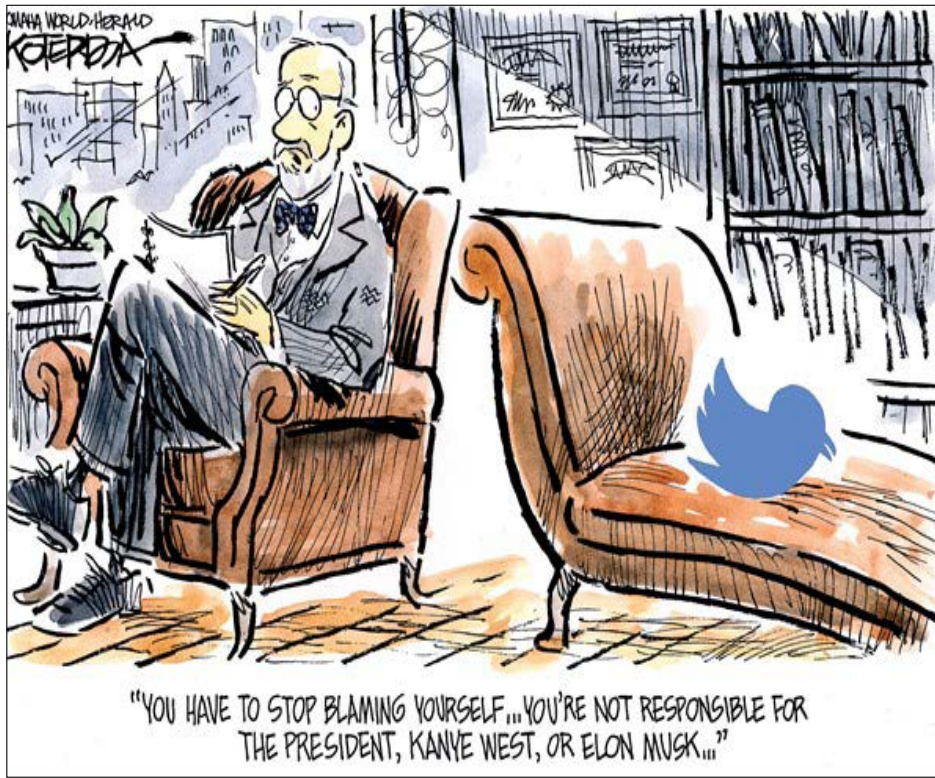
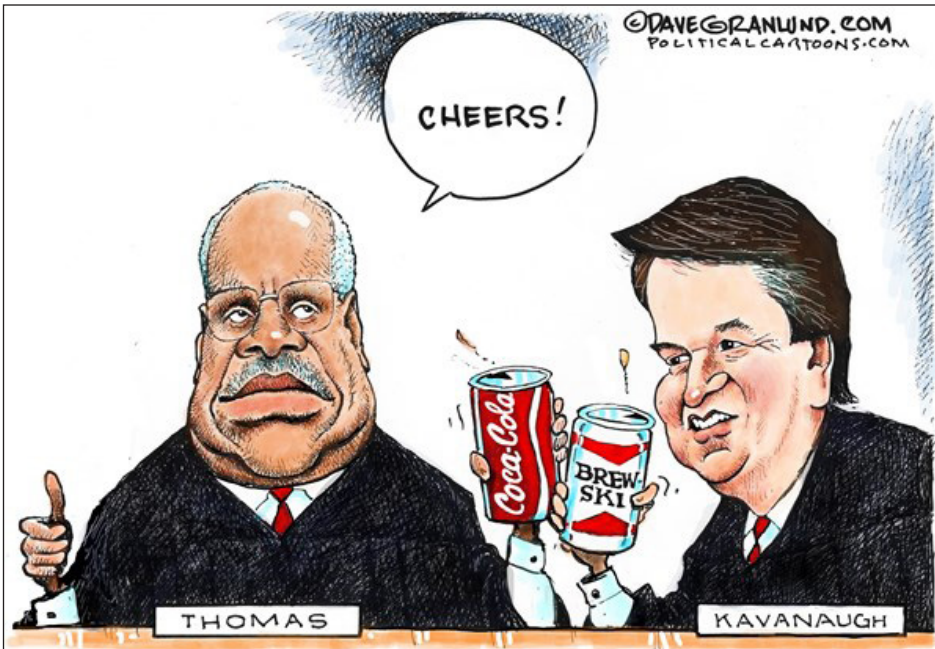
When I was in my teens, I hinted at my cousin's abuse to my grandmother, father and step mother in one day. It was obvious they either didn't understand what I was trying to tell them or if they simply chose not to accept the truth.

When a man sexually assaults or abuses a woman, whether it was thirty years or thirty minutes ago, it makes no difference. That man's thought process is rightfully brought into question. While the Supreme Court Justices are to rule base on the Constitution and Rule of Law, they are human and their mental state of mind can determine their decisions.

It is my hope that women, watching the hearing and reading your column, will no longer tolerate men who don't deserve our support and vote accordingly.

Please, if you print any or all of this letter, do not print my name. There are others alive who do not need to know my story. I'm just telling you so you understand how much your column meant to me and should to other women. Sierra Madre Resident

Dear Reader: Thank you for your letter. I hope your sharing will also help others understand the dirty little secrets that women and men have kept inside for so long and work to become part of the solution by voting. We need to vote for elected officials that will protect everyone, and who will never again elevate predators and self serving individuals to positions of power. S. Henderson, Editor



JOHN L. MICEK

TRUMP GOES FULL TRUMP IN YET ANOTHER PENNSYLVANIA RALLY



ERIE, PA - With his second U.S. Supreme Court confirmation in the bag, President Donald Trump took a victory lap around this city by the lake on Wednesday night, skewering "radical" Capitol Hill Democrats and the "dishonest" media, even as he exhorted supporters to vote in next month's midterm election.

Standing in a hockey arena just blocks from the shores of Lake Erie, Trump called Democratic efforts to defeat new Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh's nomination "a national disgrace," and dismissed Democrats "as the party of crime."

Amid predictions of a Democratic take-over the House and a possible one in the Senate, Trump warned that if current House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and "the Democrats take over Congress, they will try to raise your taxes - we've lowered them tremendously - impose socialism, which is where they are coming from; and take over and destroy American health care."

"I say this and I mean this, the Democrats are the party of crime," Trump continued. "Republicans are the party of law, order and justice. And we are also the party of jobs, jobs, jobs." Across an hour-long speech, Trump hit on familiar themes. He touted tax cuts passed last December, bragged about the resurgence of "beautiful, clean Pennsylvania coal," his renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement, and his efforts to contain illegal immigration. Still, Trump's visit to Pennsylvania, his second in as many weeks and seventh in 2018, comes at a tenuous time for Keystone State Republicans.

State party leaders have already acknowledged that they will lose House seats in the mid-term contest. The question is how many seats will be turned.

Pennsylvania was central to Trump's 2016 White House win. He beat Democrat Hillary Clinton by 44,000 votes, snapping a three-decade-old presidential winning streaks for Democrats. But thanks to a court-imposed congressional map that strengthened the Democrats' hand, as many as a half-dozen Pennsylvania seats could flip from red to blue in November.

While Republicans narrowed the enthusiasm gap with Democrats nationally in the wake of the conflagration surrounding Kavanaugh's confirmation, the generic ballot remains favorable to Democrats by an average of 6.9 percentage points, according to RealClear Politics.

Republican Senate candidate Lou Barletta has struggled to close a fund-raising and polling gap with Democratic incumbent Democratic Sen. Bob Casey, who has held an average 16-point lead in the race, according to RealClear Politics.

Trump, who nicknamed Casey "Sleepy Bob" during a rally in Wilkes-Barre in August, kept up his drumbeat of criticism against the two-term Democrat.

"While Lou is fighting for you, Bob Casey is fighting to protect violent criminal aliens. Bob Casey voted for deadly sanctuary cities that release thousands upon thousands of violent criminal gang members to prey on Pennsylvania citizens," Trump said.

Trump also repeated a false claim that Casey wants to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He does not.

"Pennsylvanians will see these desperate scare tactics for what they are because they know Bob Casey has always fought for them," Casey's campaign spokesman, Max Steele, said in an email. The race between Erie-area Republican Rep. Mike Kelly, a four-term incumbent, and Democrat Ron DiNicola, a former Marine and former Erie County solicitor, has been a talker in northwestern Pennsylvania this year.

"Take the enthusiasm you have tonight and the love you have in your hear for the greatest nation in the history of mankind, and you're going to get out and vote," Kelly said. "You're going to turnout in numbers you never thought you'd turn out. You've got to play it through the whistle." As he has at other rallies, Trump made it clear Wednesday that it's on his MAGA faithful to turn out on Election Day.

"I need your help this Election Day on Nov. 6 to stop the radical Democrat mob from trying to take it away. I need you to show up at the polls to continue this incredible movement, like the country has never seen before. The only reason to vote Democrat is if you are tired of winning."

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