

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

VOLUME 12 NO. 42

CONTROVERSY ERUPTS OVER WATER LINE WARRANTY PROGRAM

Residents question validity of solicitation and city's endorsement

Sierra Madre homeowners received an envelope in the mail earlier this week that looked official. It bore the Sierra Madre Logo and contained information on how homeowners could participate in a program for Water and Sewer Line Warranties. And while that seemed harmless enough, it set off a barrage of telephone calls to city hall and this newspaper, as well as numerous social media posts from residents concerned about the authenticity of the documents and whether or not it was a scam. There was also great concern regarding whether or not the city had endorsed this company and if so, why? The letter was not signed by any city official, but rather a representative of a company called SLWA.

As it turns out, the letters were legitimate. The insurance offering was not random. The Sierra Madre city council approved participating with the company on March 13, 2018. <http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=12544020>

In the staff report presented to the council in March it notes that the company has been serving California cities since 2012 including the city of Duarte. The program offers insurance policies to residential property owners that "covers the buried outside water line which runs from the meter and/or curb box which includes the service line under the concrete floor until it daylight into the home."

The cost for the policy ranges from a minimum \$6 a month depending on the service you choose, a fee that reflects a reduction from the standard rate because the City of Sierra Madre chose

not to accept any commission for residents who sign up. Instead, the city had those funds applied to the premium in order to reduce the amount residents would have to pay. No funds or other benefits will go to the city from SLWA.

The coverage is not mandatory. City Manager Gabe Engeland, in a telephone interview on Friday, confirmed the fact that participation by residents in the program is strictly voluntary.

The program says that it will call on local businesses to service claims. However, three of the largest companies that serve Sierra Madre have no relationship with SLWA, raising the question of how this program will affect the businesses that residents currently use.

The Mountain Views News reached out to SLWA to confirm the information contained in the literature and secure a list of the local businesses that it uses, however was unable to reach anything other than a recording and there were no responses to the messages that were left.

SLWA is part of the National League of Cities Utilities Service Partner Program. City Councilman and Former Mayor Gene Goss, who recognizes the ongoing battle the entire city is having with aging water and sewer lines said, "This is a great program to those who have old plumbing systems. This gives residents the opportunity to protect themselves from the costs of catastrophic failure in these systems."

For more information on the program and answers to frequently asked questions, go to: www.cityofsierramadre.com/transparency

S. Henderson/MVNews

COUNTYWIDE TYPHUS PREVENTION/ RESPONSE PLAN PROPOSED PILOT PROGRAM APPROVED

The Board of Supervisors has approved a motion by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Janice Hahn directing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to develop a countywide typhus prevention and response plan, in coordination with Pasadena Public Health Department and the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services.

A related item on the agenda, called for the development of a pilot program to prevent the spread of disease among the homeless population. The proposed pilot, "Housing for Public Health," will entail strategically deployed public health and homeless outreach to sites that have local sanitation efforts underway, with the goal of connecting individuals to housing and minimizing public health risks at the sites.

"It is simply inhumane to stand by while people are living in dangerous conditions," said Supervisor Barger. "While efforts to address the typhus outbreak are underway, there is a need for a strategic public health solution to this component of the homelessness crisis."

The LA County Dept of Public Health recently initiated a response to a typhus outbreak in Downtown Los Angeles. The Department's data shows a fluctuating upward trend in annual typhus cases since 2009. In 2016, there were 47 confirmed cases of typhus. The following year, 2017, reached 67 confirmed cases of typhus. This year so far, 2018 has reached 64 confirmed cases of typhus in Los Angeles County. These numbers exclude Pasadena (20 cases so far this year) and Long Beach (13 cases so far this year), as both cities have independent health departments which track and respond to cases in their respective cities.

ELECTION FORUMS – LET’S TALK ABOUT IT!

The election on November 6 will contain, among other things, 12 statewide ballot initiatives that will have an impact on the lives of most Californians. Getting beyond the television rhetoric by proponents and opponents of the measures is not something that can be accomplished with a 30 second exposure to the issue. On Tuesday, October 23rd at Noon and Thursday, October 25th at 6:00 pm, there will be two Town Hall discussions on the 12 measures presenting both the pros and cons of each. These forums are being sponsored by the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club at noon Tuesday and a joint venture with the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce and the Sierra Madre Woman's Club at 6:00 pm Thursday. It is hoped that these forums will help all voters, regardless of your position on the issues, make informed decisions.

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 12:00pm
THE LODGE
33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024

Thursday, October 25, 2018 6:00pm
SM WOMAN'S CLUB - ESSICK HOUSE
550 W Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024

SERVING YOU SINCE 1949
GEM PLUMBING
Locally Owned & Operated
AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING
SALES, SERVICE & INSTALLATION
We Do It All!
COPPER RE-PIPING
FAUCETS | LEAK DETECTION
KITCHEN AND BATH REMODELS
DRAIN AND SEWER CLEANING | WATER HEATERS | WE TACKLE OLD FIXTURES
ALL MAJOR BRANDS
Emergency Service Available
355-3496
140 E. Montecito | Sierra Madre
State Contractor Lic. #111308
VISA MasterCard DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS

THE SCARECROWS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN!

Sierra Madre's Creative Arts Group 7th Annual Scarecrow Festival contest winners have been decided! Each year the city is filled with delight as resident's creations come to life and this year was no exception. A total of 103 entries are on display throughout the city until October 31st. People's choice winners were voted on via the Creative Arts websites. Other winners were chosen by Creative Arts Group judges.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS: RESIDENTS

1st Place - #87 Angelina Ballerina Scarecrow <https://www.creativeartsgroup.org/2018/s87/>
2nd Place - #55 Livvie & Gerrie <https://www.creativeartsgroup.org/2018/s55/>
3rd Place - #84 Cherry Jam <https://www.creativeartsgroup.org/2018/s84/>

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS: BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION

1st Place - #31 Frida (Sierra Madre Elementary) <https://www.creativeartsgroup.org/2018/s31/>
2nd Place - #27 Bella Ballerina (Ballet With Miss Amie) <https://www.creativeartsgroup.org/2018/s27/>
3rd Place - #68 Spidey (Mail Box and Postal) <https://www.creativeartsgroup.org/2018/s68/>



BEST IN SHOW: "Mother Madre" is a personification of the amazing bounty of nature that life in Sierra Madre affords us. She represents the glory of the coming seasons and the celebrations that we look forward to in our special town. "Mother Madre" stands tall in protection of all Earth's beauty.

BEST IN SHOW:

#58 Mother Madre <https://www.creativeartsgroup.org/2018/s58/>

STORY AWARDS:

(Child) - #52 Flaky the Witch <https://www.creativeartsgroup.org/2018/s52/>
(Adult) - #86 Worthington <https://www.creativeartsgroup.org/2018/s86/>
(Organization) - #10 SME Girl Scouts <https://www.creativeartsgroup.org/2018/s10/>

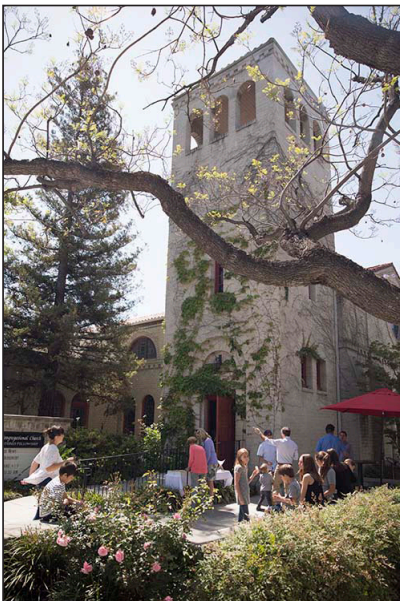
To see all of the scarecrows please visit <https://www.creativeartsgroup.org/scarecrow-festival/scarecrows/> to read their stories and find out their locations. Print maps are still available at Creative Arts Group for the rest of October.

Thank you to all of this year's participants for contributing your time and talent to the Scarecrow Festival! A special thanks to our sponsors: Canyon Canine, City of Sierra Madre, Dilbeck Real Estate, Gem Plumbing, Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre, Mountain Views News and the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce.

Award winners please stop by Creative Arts Group to pick up your awards! 108 N. Baldwin Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. We are open from 10 to 5 Monday-Friday and from 10 to 2 on Saturdays.

Sierra Madre
CERT
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
CPR AND MORE!
Do you know what to do to keep a loved one experiencing a heart attack alive? Your next move is critical! Join us this Thursday for CPR training. You'll learn what to do until the paramedics arrive. Our instructor, David Lamb, has over 20 years experience as a firefighter, EMT, teacher, and CPR and First Aid instructor.
The basic "sidewalk CPR" class is free. If you need certification the cost is \$30.00 and includes AED training.
Please RSVP at info@sierramadrecert.org
Sierra Madre CERT General Meeting
Thursday, October 25th, 7:00 PM
Hart Park House - Memorial Park
222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA

WE'RE HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE & YOU'RE INVITED!



Christ Congregational Church, previously Sierra Madre Congregational Church which has been rooted in the heart of the Sierra Madre for over 130 years, is seeing an exciting new season of growth and transformation.

This transformation is indicated by our new name, new lead pastor, new ministry team, and new, beautifully renovated, sanctuary.

Desiring to be a church rooted in God's love and known for generously serving our Sierra Madre community, everyone is invited to experience these changes at our open house this Sunday.

Sunday, October 21, 2018
9:00 AM 12:00 PM
Christ Church Sierra Madre
170 West Sierra Madre Boulevard Sierra Madre, CA, 91024

For more information, please visit www.ChristChurchSM.org



Janette Ledea
Realtor/Consultant E-Pro, GRI, CDPE, and SRES®
"From beginning to end and everything in between!"
RE/MAX Tri-City Lic. # 01480942
jledea@remax.net Cell: (626) 242-3244
www.janetterealty.com



Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Mon:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s

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 city@cityofsierramadre.com before 30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members. Sierra Madre City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (626) 355-7135

CITY 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
October 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Special Planning Commission Joint Meeting
November 6th, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Planning Commission

October 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Special Planning Commission Joint Meeting
November 1st, 2018 at 7:00 pm

November 15th, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Community Service Commission

November 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm

December 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Senior Community Commission

November 1st, 2018 at 3:00 pm

December 6th, 2018 at 3:00 pm

Library Board of Trustees

October 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm

November 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Commission

November 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm

December 19, 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.



**KIWANIS CLUB
OF
SIERRA MADRE
Since 1927!**

We meet every Tuesday at Noon
33 E Sierra Madre Blvd,
Sierra Madre

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018

ELECTION BALLOT MEASURE TOWN HALL

Lunch Begins at Noon and costs \$10 -
Programs begin at 12:30 and are free!

FOR LUNCH RESERVATIONS PLEASE
CALL: 626-688-2273



Sierra Madre Woman's Club

550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 2018: 111 Years
Founded February 23, 1907 - "Living the Volunteer Life" in Friendship
Member of General Federation of Women's Clubs - cfwc.org & gfwc.org

Thursday, October 25
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Joint Chamber of Commerce & SMWC

ELECTION Forum

using League of Women Voters' Format
"Midterm" Ballot Issues

Explore Opportunities & Membership with Us
Join us for Member-Only Yoga w/ Paul Hagan Tuesdays, 10 am
GFWCSierraMadreWomansClub.org

Rent the 1914 Historic Essick House 626-355-4379
Shop Award-Winning Wistaria Thrift Shop 355-7739
Clean, Gently Used Donations Accepted Weekdays to 2 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Over 65 talented artists will be participating. One-of-a-kind art pieces on display and available for purchase.

The perfect event to get a jump start on your Holiday shopping.

Friday - Sunday, November 2-4

Creative Arts Group

108 N. Baldwin Avenue

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

THE TIME IS NEAR! SAT. OCT. 27, 2018 HISTORICAL PIONEER CEMETERY TOUR

Join the members of the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society as they take you to meet some of the historical people that are buried in our Pioneer Cemetery. You will hear them tell their stories; from Founding Fathers such as Carter and Richardson, business owners of the Hartman Pharmacy (now Best Buy Drugs) and Hotel Shirley, to mountain men and writers of children's books! Men and Women who have played an important part in our town's history will meet you at the entrance and even help to serve you light refreshments at the end of your tour. Music will be provided by the Vin Fiz Flyers

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)

Children \$5 (under 12 years of age)

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

Savor the Flavor, The Bottle Shop, and Arnolds Hardware

For questions please call: Leslie at 626-836-3469

This event is a fundraiser to support our 2 Museums: The Richardson House and Lizzie's Trail Inn.

Ritz RESALE

Women's Consignment
Clothing & Accessories

(626) 449-3528

Store Hours
Tuesday - Saturday
11 am - 6 pm

900 Valley View Ave. #6
Pasadena, CA 91107

www.ritzresale.com

The Bottle Shop

Wine & Spirits

sierra madre · california · since 1963



The Bottle Shop

58 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre
626-355-1262

Testing Room open Wed. Thru Sat.

Barbers at 38 West

38 West Sierra Madre Blvd • Suite N • Sierra Madre, Ca 91024
626-355-1368



GROOMING FOR DOGS AND CATS

SPA PACKAGES

626-836-0701

187 West Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Tuesday-Saturday
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

FRONTIER HARDWARE CO., INC.



www.frontierhardware.com

ACE

7 Days a Week

Arnold's Frontier Hardware & Gifts
297 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

626-355-3365 Fax 626-355-8300

"Where Old-Fashioned Service Is Never Out-dated"

CENTURY 21

Village Realty

38 W Sierra Madre Bl, Sierra Madre
www.c21village.com
626.355.1451

Like facebook.com/c21village

Lic# 01360217 Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated



Serving the Community since 1986



300 W. Sierra Madre Blvd
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
626.441.7900

Enjoy this Voucher

\$10 off any \$50 service!

\$20 off any \$100 service!

New clients only; some restrictions may apply.

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!
CALL PATRICIA
626-818-2698

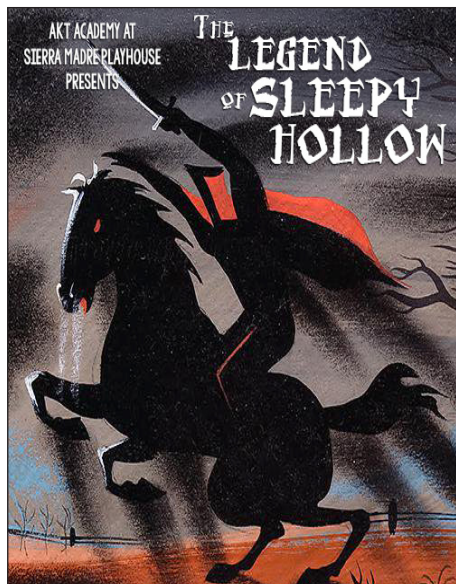


9 Kersting Court Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
626-355-1180

EXTRAORDINARY
CUSTOM FLORAL
ARRANGEMENTS

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 Allan 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 Lezano.

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



Reward a deserving hero publically.

Go to RHSTAR.org to nominate til October 31, 2018.

Science Technology Aeronautics Robotics

Buy online tickets to attend the Gala Jan. 31, 2019.

Past recipient: Sierra Madre Search and Rescue

SIERRA MADRE

Sierra Madre

Arcadia

Pasadena

Altadena

Monrovia

REMEMBRANCE: CATHERINE STERLING KAY



Catherine Sterling Kay was born April 16th, 1946 in Pasadena, California, and resided her entire life in the Pasadena/Sierra Madre area. Cathie's last career was working in the front office of St. Rita's school before finally retiring in 2014. She enjoyed tennis, participating in Chapter GG of PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization for Women) and spending time with her friends and family.

Cathie, known for her red glasses, great smile and cheerful disposition, passed away after a fourteen month battle with lung cancer on August 16th, 2018. She is survived by her son, Christopher Sterling (Carina), grandsons Gage and Drew Sterling, brother Joseph Petticofer and dog Bo. Cathie was preceded in death by her first husband Douglas Sterling, her second husband Donald Kay, and her daughter Megan Corinne Sterling. A celebration of life will be held at the Fellowship Hall, Church of the Good Shepherd in Arcadia on November 3rd, 2018 from 12-3pm. Donations in Cathie's memory can be made to P.E.O. Chapter GG (c/o Suzanne Burger 2065 S. Los Robles, San Marino, CA 91108) or to the Pasadena Humane Society.

JOIN IN THE FUN TO MAKE 20,000 MEALS TO RISE AGAINST HUNGER SATURDAY, 10/27/2018

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030. The organization is driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Its mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

Rotary of Sierra Madre, Rotary of Arcadia, Interactors from the area and middle school volunteers. From 8:30 am to 11 am are supporting this mission.

Your service and or monetary contribution is welcome.

On Saturday, October 27 at La Salle High School cafeteria at 8:30 am the fun begins. Watch this video on youtube to be prepared to serve:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6syt-Jhp8ow&t=26s>

Make checks payable to California Community Foundation: Note "Rise Against hunger" and mailed to: Rotary of Sierra Madre, PO Box 863, Sierra Madre, CA 91025 or drop on Saturday morning at LaSalle HS Cafeteria, Marilyn Diaz.

For more info please call Peggy 626-355-7635 or email Peggybeau@gmail.com

TYPHUS OUTBREAK HEALTH ALERT ISSUED BY LA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The attached notice from LA County outlines additional details related to the outbreak, and some of the most relevant information from the alert include the following:

- Flea-borne typhus, also known as murine or endemic typhus, is a disease transmitted by fleas infected with *Rickettsia typhi* or *Rickettsia felis*.
- Of particular note, flea-borne typhus cannot be transmitted from human-human contact.
- While flea-borne typhus is found in LA County each year, the high number of cases occurring in downtown Los Angeles is unusual.
- In LA County, the primary animals known to carry infected fleas include rats, 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 may also come in contact with infected fleas and could carry

them to humans. Infected animals are not known to get sick from flea-borne typhus.

- Symptoms for those affected with flea-borne typhus may include: Abdominal pain
- Backache
- Dull red rash that begins on the middle of the body and spreads
- Extremely high fever of 105°F to 106°F (40.6°C to 41.1°C), that may last up to 2 weeks
- Hacking, dry cough
- Headache
- Joint and muscle pain
- Nausea and vomiting

For additional details related to this matter, please see the notice, or visit the LA County Department of Public Health website regarding typhus.



KATIE Tse.....This and That THE END OF THE WORLD --AGAIN

This is another week in which I'm guilty of recycling an old article. However, it's timely for Halloween, and I love to see Vincent Price with rabbit ears! No doubt you recall "I am Legend" from 2007 with Will Smith.

What you might not have known (unless you read this article before) is that it was based on a Richard Matheson novel of the same name, and there was an earlier film adapted from it titled "The Last Man on Earth."

Starring Vincent Price in all his campy glory, this 1964 gem combines zombies, romance, and the special effects of low budget film making into one irresistibly cheesy package. Shot in Italy, mostly with Italian-speaking actors, the voices don't quite sync with the lips. But that just makes it all the more deliciously corny. "The Last Man on Earth" is considered to be the precursor to "The Omega Man," 1971 film with a significantly larger budget. Those guys could afford Charlton Heston.

The premise is familiar to zombie movie fans. An air borne pathogen is spreading across continents, leaving infection and death in its wake. After succumbing to their fate, victims turn into the walking dead. But these particular night walkers don't conform to our modern zombie stereotype.

Although they have the classic zombie dead pan expression and stiff gait, they also possess vampire qualities. They are repelled by garlic and their own reflection in mirrors. Like Bram Stoker's "Dracula," they are most effectively killed when impaled with a wooden stake through the heart. Also, these zombies can speak simple phrases (e.g., "Come out, Morgan! We know you're in there!"). They're too articulate to be true zombies, but too crude to be vampires. Everyone knows that vampires are sexy and well-spoken, typically with a British accent.

The story begins with Robert Morgan (Price) exiting his mirrored and garlic-laden home to collect bodies of the infected dead in his car. As with most zombie flicks, there's something of a gestation stage between death and "turning." His task is made more humorous by the fact that the dummy bodies weighed approximately 15 pounds. He effortlessly tosses them into his 50's station wagon, not bothering to even close the tailgate. They're not gettin' out!

After he's accumulated a good number of bodies, he heads to "The Pit," a perpetually smoking zombie old article. He dons a gas mask (left over from "Plan timely for Halloween, and 9 from Outer Space" or some similarly cheesy production), douses the wrapped, staked bodies with gas, and chucks them in. On the way home, Morgan replenishes his mirrors and monitors his garlic garden. At night the zombies gather outside his house to weakly throw stones and beat against his boarded up doors and windows. Morgan plays a record, attempting to drown out their voices, and tries to get some Z's on the couch.

One day, he spots a disheveled, but otherwise normal-looking woman walking through a field. She is frightened of him, but he convinces her to come with him to his house. Once subdued, the woman, Ruth, asks how Morgan survived. He explains that years ago he was bitten by a bat infected with the vampire virus. The bat's system strained the toxin before it entered his body, thus giving him immunity.

Over coffee, Morgan begins to suspect that his lovely guest is infected. A potent whiff of garlic proves his theory correct. Ruth flees the room and starts to inject herself, but is interrupted by Morgan. She tells him that she, and her people, are infected, but keep the virus at bay through regular injections of treated blood plus vaccine (I didn't understand that, but then science was never my strong suit. Apparently it wasn't the screenwriter's strength either.).

Ruth warns Morgan that her people have plotted to kill him. Overcome by exhaustion, she falls asleep on the couch. While she's knocked out, Morgan hooks up a transfusion of his own blood into hers. In his kitchen laboratory he discovers that the transfusion has cured her! Unfortunately, the "Infected Resistance" captures Morgan after a long chase, and harpoons him in a church as he shouts, "You're freaks! I'm a man --the last man!" Ruth cradles him in her arms as he dies. (I'm sorry I gave away the ending --oops. But you knew it was going to be something like that.)

Yet we are left with a sense of hope as Ruth leaves the church hugging her freshly injected arm. They killed the last man, but Ruth's blood holds the promise of a cure. The morals of the story are: 1. Eat lots of garlic (seriously, it's anticarcinogenic!), 2. Don't pick up strange women, 3. Don't go home with strange men, and 4. Give blood, but with discretion.



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



"Dear Great Pumpkin, I am looking forward to your arrival on Halloween night. I hope you will bring me lots of presents."

Linus van Pelt

Even though Charles Schulz, creator of the immortal Peanuts has changed his residency to heaven, his kids: Charlie Brown, Lucy, Peppermint Patty, Sally and Linus still show up in our newspapers, which is a delight. What would Fall be like without Lucy holding the football for Charlie Brown, promising that this time she won't yank it away at the last minute, leaving him flat on his back with all the air punched out of him. Or Linus sitting out in the pumpkin patch with Sally, Charlie Brown or Snoopy, convinced that if his pumpkin patch is the most sincere pumpkin patch that the Great Pumpkin will rise up with his bag of toys and bestow gifts upon him. His friends are scornful and skeptical. We would be, too.

We have the sincerest pumpkin patch in Sierra Madre every year on Alegria, the Halloween street. Talented folks, the Parkers, grow astonishingly huge pumpkins then carve them into fantastical creations. These aren't those thousand pound babies you see on TV that need a forklift to move, but they're pretty close. In just a few days when Halloween rolls around we might see Cinderella's coach, the body and head of a black widow spider...yes, they add twenty foot long legs, a lamp for a skeleton to read by, and just plain scary jack-o-lanterns.

In days of yore, when our kids, and probably your kids, too, were young, they'd rummage through the house and create costumes for themselves, one of the best being our son when he was about twelve, dressed in one of my old maternity dresses - well, the baby was only six by then and, who knew, I might have needed it again - a cascade wig of curls, all the makeup in the world and a pillow stuffed up inside to create the baby on the way. He wore heels, too, and staggered off returning minutes later to change into sneakers. They were hobos, clowns, hippies and sometimes, just, "I'm not sure, mom said it was the fifties!" They'd hit the streets of our neighborhood where everybody knew them and gave them cookies, pennies, apple cider, a few Hershey's kisses and the occasional Snickers bar. A massively good time was had by all, they came home covered

with sweat and chocolate, sat down, compared the take, did a lot of trading, and ate all they wanted that night. Every year I assured them that I'd put it all in the freezer and they could have a couple of pieces every day. They forgot about it almost immediately and after John and I picked out all the good stuff, we threw the rest away.

It was fun, they were safe and it was no big deal. In recent years, we loved seeing the littlest kids, out with their mommy and a brother or sister in a stroller early in the evening. They are adorable, say thank you with just a little prompting...or a lot of prompting...and are happy with a Tootsie Roll. Later we turned out the porch light and checked to see what was left. Tootsie Rolls, by the way, go really well with a nice glass of Chardonnay. My favorite is Dots. Little boxes of Dots. I have a hard time letting go of them and end up hoarding a whole bunch of these little boxes. I have no idea what Dots are made of, but when one comes across a leftover box of them sometime in March, they are just as good. When the world ends, cockroaches, Twinkies and Dots will survive. My granddaughter, Emily, went to a sleepover party recently and came home with a goodie bag. She gave three little boxes of Dots to me! Now I ask you, isn't that the perfect definition of love!

Halloween is just a few days away. Scarecrows are all over the place and the town has never looked more terrifying. Those programs about The Walking Dead have absolutely nothing on us! I hope you're taking time to cruise the streets and admire the artwork of our amazingly creative citizens. Have you got your costume yet?

"The worst thing about Halloween is, of course, candy corn. Candy corn is the only candy in the history of America that's never been advertised. And there's a reason. All of the candy corn that was ever made was made in 1911. And, since nobody actually eats that stuff,

every year there's a ton of it left over." Lewis Black
My book page: [Amazon.com: Deanne Davis Blog: www.authordeanne.com](https://www.amazon.com/Deanne-Davis-Blog-ebook/dp/B000APR000)
Kindle readers, give yourself the gift of the Emma Gainsworth Adventures: "Just Dessert: A Fall Fantasy" - "The Intergalactic Pumpkin Battle" - "The Lost Amulets"
They're on Amazon.com on my book page!
Follow me on Twitter, too! <https://twitter.com/playwrightdd>

September 30, 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.

Email: smadrecc@gmail.com or fax them to 626-609-3285.



Grower of Rare Camellias and Azaleas since 1935



Hours: 8am-4:30pm
(Closed Wed & Th)



3555 Chaney Trail, Altadena
(626) 794-3383
Fax (626) 794-3395

THE SHOPS ON BALDWIN IN SIERRA MADRE



GYM (626)836-1236
PILATES (626)836-2000

**PRO PILATES
PERSONAL TRAINING
FULL FITNESS FACILITY**



www.SierraFit.com



CASA DEL REY - SIERRA MADRE

Family Owned Since 1972 - Originally located in Temple City

31 N. Baldwin Ave.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

626-355-6060

www.casadelreystaurant.com



**HAND SELECTED &
UNIQUELY HANDMADE GIFTS**

55 N. Baldwin Ave.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
626-355-0200 info@bellesnest.com

RUIZ SHOE REPAIR
EST 1954



COMPLETE LEATHER, SHOE,
PURSE, LUGGAGE, SADDLE
REPAIR & RESTORATION

33 NORTH BALDWIN AVENUE
SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024
(626) 355-8111

Leather
Hills
Orthopedic
Adjustment
Dress
Resoling
Leather
Repair
Purse
Repair
Saddle
Services



East Montecito Avenue Design District Sierra Madre, CA

Julia Rocks
Skin Care Studio
626.836.6522

Julia Rocks
Licensed Clinical Esthetician
Randal May M.D.
Cosmetic Dermal Injection Specialist
By Appointment Only

• Medical Grade Peels/Facials • Full Face & Body Waxing
• Permanent Makeup: Eyebrows, Eyeliner, Lip Color



61 East Montecito Avenue • Sierra Madre, CA 91024

See Our Website for Details & Specials:
www.juliarocks.net



SIERRA FITNESS PILATES

51 East Montecito Avenue Sierra Madre, CA 91024
(626) 836-2000 (Pilates) (626) 836-1236 (Gym)

www.sierrafit.com

AKA Photographix LLC
Custom Framing, Fine Art, Photography,
& Portraiture.

Gallery & Studio: 39-41 East Montecito
Sierra Madre CA 91024
Andrew Kasiske, Photographer
626.862.8946

Designers, makers & restorers of fine stained glass windows



Susan Wallis
Custom stained and leaded glass

38 E. Montecito Ave. #7
Sierra Madre CA 91024
626-355-2899

Est. 1946



THE SHABBY DOG

PET GROOMING - DOGGIE DAYCARE
CAGE FREE BOARDING



SHABBY CAB PICK UP & DROP OFF SERVICE

WWW.THESHABBYDOG.COM
31 E. MONTECITO AVE
SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024
(626) 836-5452



Your local Sierra Madre non-profit!

Free Animal Doctor provides free help fundraising
for those who need assistance paying for their pet's care

626 325 6296 or email: info@freeanimaldoctor.org



DI-NO
Computers, Inc.



Premier Partner

Imagine!

Imagine being able to get all of your Apple Computer repairs, purchases, support, and advice from the oldest Authorized Apple Reseller in the country. No need to imagine! We are located just a few miles down the road from you and have been here in Pasadena for over 41 years.

We have a highly trained, certified, and experienced staff to assist with any of your computer needs. We also can assist you with iPhone repairs like battery and screen replacements.

Questions? Give us a call 626-795-6674

Di-No Computers Inc. 2817 East Foothill Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91107



DO YOU NEED HELP
CARING
FOR A LOVED ONE?

Right at Home offers caregiving services for almost any family and practically any situation. Our in-home care lets loved ones enjoy life in the comfort of a familiar environment. And we tailor all of our services to your unique situation through a Custom Care Plan.

WE OFFER

- Safety Supervision & Transportation
- Ambulation, Dressing & Bathing Assistance
- Daily Health Reminders, Meal Planning & Preparation
- Alzheimer's, Stroke Recovery & Hospice Support

All caregivers are highly screened, trained and insured to meet your quality standards.

Faith filled business serving the San Gabriel Valley

626.584.8130

www.rightathome.net/pasadena

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. - Matthew 5:7



The Book Rack
NEW BOOKS



Do you have too many books at home? Wondering what to do with them? Come to The Book Rack and trade them in for a book you have not read.

We have 1000's used and New books for your reading pleasure.

204 S. First Ave
Arcadia

Phone 626-446-2525

website: bookrackarcadia.com

**Why stress this
holiday season?**

Pick from over 1,000 Card Choices
Order Online at
<https://tinyurl.com/PMXcards>

HAPPY
holly, jolly, very merry
HOLIDAYS

Call 626-584-6962
or Stop By PMX Printing
739 E. Walnut St. Pasadena, CA 91101

Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

City Looks to Give More Tenant Protections

The Pasadena city council is set Monday night to discuss stepping up the city's Tenant Protection Ordinance after a number of tenants spoke out publicly recently after being given abrupt 60-day notice to vacate an 18-unit complex without any warning.

Many said they did not have money to move, or any place else to go, having lived at the building at 120 S. Roosevelt Ave for decades. The evictions came after the owner's death. The daughter became the new landlord and ordered all the current tenants, including families on Section 8 housing, out.

The council will look at a number of potential modifications to the TPO to expand the applicability of the ordinance, including:

Option 1: Modify the TPO to require landlords to pay relocation benefits, regardless of the reason for tenancy termination, to all income-eligible tenants in good standing and who have maintained tenancy for a continuous period of 10 years or longer.

Option 2: Modify the TPO to eliminate or increase the maximum household income limit.

Currently, tenant income eligibility is capped at 140% of the Los Angeles County Area Median Income ("AMI"); for a two-person household, the annual income limit is \$72,590.

Option 3: Expand the TPO to cover situations in which landlords evict tenants in order to perform property upgrades and subsequently re-rent the units at higher cost. According to staff, "This option would have protected the tenants at 102 S. Roosevelt Ave."

Option 4: Expand the TPO to cover tenants who voluntarily vacate a unit after notification of a large rent hike which exceeds a specified percentage increase.

The city council meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Pasadena City Hall 100 North Garfield Ave.

By law, the public will be given an opportunity to comment on the issue.

Pet of the Week



Oreo (A466510) is a cute lovable Chihuahua. She starts off a little shy and hesitant, but she flourishes quickly into a loving lap dog. She gets along well with small dogs and people of all ages. She likes to be petted and held and she doesn't mind being rocked like a baby, either! She is calm and mellow and looking for a loving new home. Come visit her at the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA.

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

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

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

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



Chaka Khan Selected as Grand Marshal

By Dean Lee

Singer, songwriter, and philanthropist Chaka Khan will be the 2019 Grand Marshal and in a first for the Tournament of Roses, as the Grand Marshal will perform as part of the parade's Opening Spectacular. The announcement was made Wednesday morning by Tournament President Gerald Freeny.

"I'm loving it," Freeny said. "I think it's going to bring more entertainment to the parade, and wake everybody up at 8 o'clock on New Year's Day."

After her performance, Chaka Khan will ride in the 130th Rose Parade, themed "The Melody of Life" and join in the pre-game celebration of the 105th Rose

Bowl Game, both, held on January 1.

Freeny said "Chaka is one of the most celebrated musicians with a rich musical legacy. As a singer, songwriter, actor, author, philanthropist, and entrepreneur, Chaka has influenced generations of entertainers. She has the rare ability to sing in seven music genres, including R&B, pop, rock, gospel, country, world music and classical."

Freeny also noted that throughout her legendary career, Chaka has released 22 albums and ten #1 Billboard magazine charted songs. However, the song that propelled her to stardom was the 1984 chart-topping, GRAMMY award-

winning song, "I Feel For You," written and first performed by Prince he said.

"To think that I would ever be a part of something like this, who knew, I'm very honored..." she said joking. "I hope you like me.. I'm thinking now about a 'rose hairpiece' something purple."

In 1999 she established the Chaka Khan Foundation which educates, inspires and empowers children to achieve their full potential. Through the Chaka Believes Program, the foundation gives children in Los Angeles who are at risk, either through poverty or through health issues like autism, the ability to achieve their dreams and give back to the community.

Photo by D. Lee /MVNews

Growl-O-Ween this Sunday

Mills Alley in Old Pasadena welcomes pooches of all sizes and shapes, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., for this Sunday's Growl-o-ween. One requirement though: They must be dressed in their finest, funniest, or scariest Halloween costumes! Join in a doggy costume parade and contest with awards in four categories: Best Small, Medium, Large Dogs and Best Group, and enjoy vendors and giveaways during the morning event at The Dog Bakery. RSVP online at facebook.com/sreach "Growl-o-ween" or by phone (626) 440-0443 to reserve a space and your doggy goody bag.

Connect Week 2018



Kicking off today through Oct. 28 Connect Week is a nine-day festival that highlights Pasadena's incredible interconnections between technology, design, innovation, and sustainable economic growth. Participants can take in talks, workshops, and social events hosted in venues across Pasadena, including locales right here in our district like Neon Retro Arcade, Kings Row, and Cross Campus; many events are open to kids! Come meet and learn from our local entrepreneurs, engineers, investors, scientists, educators, business people, and designers. The Innovate Pasadena website: connectpasadena.com/events, has a complete schedule of all events.

Family Storytime for all Ages

Children's Librarians read age-appropriate stories and share fingerplays, songs, flannelboard stories, and book-related videos with children in a group setting. The next storytime will be Oct. 30 from 7:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. In the Library Children's Room 1100 Oxley Street, South Pasadena.

Reception for Watercolor and Mixed Media Exhibition



The public is invited to the opening reception for the fifth annual exhibition of watercolor and mixed media artworks Thursday, Nov. 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

The artists are students ages 50 and older, from beginners to advanced, in art classes at the center. Awards will be presented in recognition of excellence.

Complimentary food and wine will be provided, and a harpist will perform. Some of the artworks will be for sale; proceeds from a few will be donated to the Pasadena Senior Center to help fund

vital services and programs. Purchase of artworks is not required to attend the event.

According to a report published in the Journal of Aging Studies, creative activities for older adults improve brain function and encourage a sense of competence, purpose and growth, all of which contribute to aging well.

The exhibition will remain in place through December. For more information call 626-795-4331 or visit:

pasadenaseniocenter.org. You may also contact Barbara Medford, the art class instructor, at 626-529-5484.

Pasadena Police Warn of Phone Scams to Solicit Personal Information

In the past couple days, several Pasadena residents reported receiving phone calls from a telephone number that legitimately returns to the Pasadena Police Department. The unknown caller told the residents they either owed money to the IRS, had an open fraud case with Pasadena PD, or they were the victim of identity theft. Each time the caller tried to solicit personal information such as driver's license numbers, credit card numbers, or Social Security information. In the examples above, the scammers were able to alter the phone number that appeared on the resident's caller ID screen making it look as if the police were indeed calling. This is not the case. This is called "Spoofing." Do not provide any personal information over the telephone.

Tips to Avoid Telephone Scams: Be careful of callers claiming you won money, a prize, or a vacation package.

Hang-up on all suspicious calls. Be careful with caller ID. Scammers can alter the number

via spoofing.

Do your homework before you respond to any caller with your personal information. Research or validate business deals, charitable organizations, or packages independently from the information the caller has given you.

Do not be pressured into giving any information over the telephone.

Do not say "yes" over the phone to an unknown caller. Scammers record "yes" responses to use as evidence that you agreed to a financial transaction.

Do not provide any personal information to a caller such as a credit card number, bank account information, or information about relatives or friends.

Do not send money if requested payment using a prepaid debit card or a wire transfer.

If you believe you have been scammed out of money call the Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-450. Or anonymously, at "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

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.

A Matter of Balance – Tuesdays, Oct. 2 to Nov. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. Are you concerned about falling? Learn how to reduce the fear of falling and increase balance, activity levels, confidence and independence during this eight-week, interactive workshop that combines discussion, video and exercise. Reservations are required: 626-685-6732.

Friday Movie Matinees – Fridays, at 1 p.m. Everyone enjoys watching movies and the pleasures they bring. Oct. 26: Overboard (2018, PG-13) starring Anna Faris and Eugenio Derbez. In this remake of the 1987 original, a rich, spoiled playboy from Mexico's wealthiest family mistreats a single mom he has hired to clean his yacht, then falls overboard, wakes up with amnesia on the Oregon coast and is unwittingly subjected to payback from the woman.

Medicare Resource Fair and Lecture – Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Medicare open enrollment period for 2019 is this coming Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. Get the information you'll need to make informed decisions about the medical and prescription plans that are best for your needs. Representatives from a variety of health care plans will be on hand to provide information and answer questions about Medicare plans and services. At noon, a one-hour lecture will provide an overview of 2019 Medicare issues, options and changes.

MUSE/IQUE COMMUNITY: CAR/TUNES – Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 4 p.m.

There was a time when the only things on your mind were a full tank of gas, your favorite song on the radio and the endless possibilities of the open road. Guest performers from MUSE/IQUE will explore the dreams and memories of a simpler time. A limited number of ticket vouchers will be available to people who attend this event and sign up at the Welcome Desk for the Oct. 28 CAR/TUNES concert at Art Center College of Design's hillside campus.

Pasadena Financial Planning Day for All Ages – Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This seminar will include workshops with topics related to avoiding the avalanche of student debt, changes to the 2018 federal tax code, how to invest your 401K and how to avoid the three biggest retirement planning mistakes. In addition to the workshops, you can discuss your financial questions one-on-one with a certified financial planner. People of all ages are welcome. Presented by the Financial Planning Association San Gabriel Valley.

Halloween Treats at the Coffee Bar – Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Don your finest Halloween apparel and come to the Pasadena Senior Center coffee bar for free coffee, hot apple cider, festive candy and other treats. DJ Joe will entertain in the lounge area with an eclectic mix of tunes.

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

ARCADIA

Sierra Madre

Arcadia

Pasadena

Altadena

Monrovia

ARCADIA NAMED TOP 50 SAFEST CITY IN CALIFORNIA

October 19, 2018 - The City of Arcadia was named one of the top safest cities in California by SafeWise.com, a professional safety review and comparison website. There are 486 cities in California, and Arcadia was ranked 44th out of the top 50 safest cities. The Arcadia Police Department continues to be one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the state.

“The City of Arcadia has always taken great pride in our public safety efforts,” said Mayor Sho Tay. “Even as we face difficult financial challenges, we are still committed to keeping our City a safe and welcoming place for families, visitors, and businesses. We are honored to receive this recognition.”

To identify the 50 safest cities in California, SafeWise.com analyzed the 2016 FBI Crime Report Statistics and population data. The website’s evaluation is based on the number of reported violent crimes in each city, with a calculated rate of crimes per 1,000 people in each city. For more information or to see the full report please visit: www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-california/ About Arcadia

Nestled along the rolling foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and Angeles National Forest, Arcadia is a charming, family-oriented community with a population of just over 57,000. Located only 13 miles east from downtown Los Angeles, regional transportation networks like the Metro Gold Line connect Arcadia as a premier residential, shopping, and entertainment destination in the San Gabriel Valley. Arcadia is known for its top-rated schools, iconic landmarks, and serene neighborhoods. Arcadia is an award-winning community having been twice named as the Best City in California in which to Raise Kids and the 2017 Most Business Friendly City in Los Angeles County. With the conveniences and amenities of a full-service, mid-size city, Arcadia’s “Community of Homes” provides a quality of life that will go Above & Beyond your expectations.

For more information, please visit ArcadiaCA.gov or follow us on Twitter by texting DISCOVER to 33222:

Sunday
(10/21)
1pm - 4pm

Open House



3637 San Pasqual St. Pasadena, CA 91107

626.808.8378 SteveDavisEstates.com CaIDRE#00986011

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, October 7th, through Saturday, October 13th, the Police Department responded to 895 calls for service, of which 119 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 7:

Just after 6:30 a.m., an officer observed a vehicle illegally parked in a handicapped parking stall while patrolling the parking lot of the Extended Stay Hotel, 401 East Santa Clara Street. Further investigation revealed the vehicle displayed a fraudulent 2018 registration sticker, had expired registration, outstanding parking tickets and no proof of insurance. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and issued a citation for the violations. His vehicle was impounded.

At approximately 6:30 p.m., officers responded to a vacant residence in the 1000 block of South Sixth Avenue regarding the report of a burglary. The officers discovered damage to a large area of drywall near the back door of the residence and an open bathroom window. It appeared that no property had been taken. The investigation is ongoing.

Monday, October 8:

Just after noon, an officer was dispatched to Lens Crafters, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. It was discovered that the suspect had stolen four pairs of glasses. Video footage revealed that after the suspect tried on a pair of glasses he would place them into his front pocket. After a salesperson approached him, he walked out of the store and exited the mall. The investigation is ongoing.

Just before 3:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to LA Fitness, 1325 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding the report of a vehicle burglary. The unknown suspect smashed the rear passenger side window and stole the victim’s wallet and cellphone. The suspect made several purchases with the victim’s stolen credit cards. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Tuesday, October 9:

Just before 9:30 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Duarte Road and Golden West Avenue regarding the report of a man standing in lanes of traffic. The officer contacted the subject and noticed symptoms of alcohol intoxication. He determined the subject was unable to care for himself. The 26-year-old male from Palm Springs was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 3:00 p.m., officers responded to LA Fitness, 1325 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding an activation of an Arcadia Police Department GPS tracker. Arcadia PD detectives had previously deployed decoy bicycles containing tracking devices to combat the increase in bicycle thefts around the city. The suspect was located with the bicycle. He was also found to be in possession of bolt cutters, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. The 27-year-old male from El Monte was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, October 10:

Just after 8:00 a.m., an officer was dispatched to 7 Eleven, 102 East Huntington Drive, regarding the report of a suspicious male subject peering through bushes. The subject was contacted and was discovered to be in possession of a 29-year-old male from Arcadia, was located, arrested and drug paraphernalia. He also had an outstanding warrant for

his arrest. The 28-year-old male from Azusa was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 700 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a burglary report. The suspect forcefully entered the apartment, ransacked the interior, damaged property and stole items before fleeing the scene. Another victim reported that the same suspect had vandalized her vehicle with a butcher knife. An officer located the suspect walking with two long boxes containing butcher knives. The 27-year-old male from Rancho Cucamonga was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, October 11:

Just after noon, officers were dispatched to a residence in the 2400 block of Doolittle Avenue regarding a domestic dispute. A female and male were involved in an argument over lunch. The female left the room to lay down when the male followed her, climbed on top of her and choked her. The 19-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just before 9:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the area of North Santa Anita Avenue and East Foothill Boulevard regarding the report of a vehicle swerving in lanes of traffic. The officer located the vehicle with loud music blaring, the engine running, and the driver asleep. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from him. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 26-year-old male from Pasadena was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage with a suspended license. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, October 12:

Just after midnight, an officer patrolling the area of First Avenue and Wheeler Avenue observed a male subject riding a bicycle on the sidewalk in a business district. The officer contacted the subject and discovered he was in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. The 41-year-old male from Glendora was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

1. Just before 2:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Santa Anita Park, 285 West Huntington Drive, regarding a fraud report. A male subject was being detained for using counterfeit \$100 dollar bills to place bets. The 57-year-old male from Anaheim was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, October 13:

At approximately 1:18 a.m., officers responded to the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department regarding the report of a battery. The female victim drove to the suspect’s place of work to pick him up. They began to argue about their relationship when the male subject punched the female in her mouth causing her to bleed. The investigation is ongoing.

Just after 11:00 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of East Saint Joseph Avenue regarding the report of a domestic disturbance. The male subject became irate when his girlfriend asked him to leave. He threw a nightstand at her, injuring her arms and legs. The suspect, a 29-year-old male from Arcadia, was located, arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

MONROVIA - DUARTE

Sierra Madre

Arcadia

Pasadena

Altadena

Monrovia

“What’s Going On?”

News and Views from Joan Schmidt



WHO DO I VOTE FOR?

by Joan Schmidt

Several people have come up to me and asked my opinion in the upcoming elections. Upfront, I must explain I am on the Monrovia Arcadia Duarte Town Council; we are a 501 c3 nonprofit. As a group we may NOT endorse anyone. However, as an individual resident, I have lived in Monrovia for 33 years; my girls are Monrovia High graduates. I also have ties to Duarte; I attended all their City Council Meetings, and was on the Duarte Education Foundation. At that time, I was writing for the San Gabriel Valley Examiner, a newspaper just starting out and welcomed EVERYTHING I submitted. Soon I attended Sheriff’s events and reported on their activities as well as the CHP and LA County Fire Department.

I feel Mike Eng is the BEST candidate for State Senate. Mike is a visionary and his experience is UNMATCHED. I met Mike in 2001; I was covering LASD’s Know Gangs, No Gangs daylong seminar with several excellent guest speakers and attended by several law enforcement agencies. Mike Eng, sponsored this wonderful event and a second one,



Judy Chu and Mike Eng

Library Board of Trustees and Eastside Optimist Club; President, Chinese Advisory Group, LASD; 2002 Award for Community Service, Monterey Park Library Foundation; established Mark Keppel High School Community Service Scholarship; started Neighborhood Watch in his neighborhood; Monterey Park Volunteer of the Year; UCLA Graduate; and Immigration Attorney, 28 years.

A few months ago, Bob and I attended his kickoff rally. Many officials spoke for Mike, including Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Supervisor Hilda Solis, State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez, San Gabriel Mayor Pro Tem Jason Pu, Rosemead Mayor Polly Low, Alhambra School Board Member, Adele Andrade-Staler, West Covina Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd Johnson, State Controller Becky Yee, State Controller John Cheng, and Congresswoman Judy Chu, Eng’s wife.

An opponent tried to say Eng did not support Law Enforcement. That’s crazy! He sponsored many of their events! LASD’s ALADS and Supervisor Barger have endorsed him. (Visit www.MikeEngForSenate2018.com)

Locally, I am supporting Terrence Williams, current Monrovia School Board President for reelection. He had done so much in his first years on the board, working non-stop to improve education in Monrovia for ALL students. Over in Duarte, I am hoping two fine incumbents, Reyna Diaz and Ken Bell are reelected.

My advice is to learn everything you can about the candidate, attend any public forums and then decide which candidate! Most importantly, PLEASE VOTE!

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ADJUSTMENTS TO PERMITTED PARKING IN CERTAIN SOUTHERN AREAS OF THE CITY & RV OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS THAT TAKE EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 1, 2018

As mentioned previously, on June 30, 2018, which the RV is parked. Technical requirements during a City-coordinated block party on Ivy Avenue, residents voiced their concerns over the following:

requirement that they obtain permits in order to park overnight on residential City streets located south of Huntington Drive, north of the 210 Freeway, and in-between Primrose Avenue and Shamrock Avenue. Historically, the City had instituted permit parking requirements as a crime deterrent, however, given the advances that have been made through the Monrovia Area Partnership, Community Activist Policing, and Neighborhood Watch programs, residents indicated that permit parking in the area was no longer necessary.

Based on this feedback from residents, staff presented proposed changes to the City Council on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, and after some deliberation, the City authorized the elimination of residential permit parking requirements in the street segments listed below (and outlined on the map):

- Monrovia Avenue, between Shamrock Avenue and California Avenue
- The north side of Hurstview Avenue, between Shamrock Avenue and California Avenue
- Cypress Avenue, between Myrtle Avenue and Shamrock Avenue
- Cherry Avenue, between Myrtle Avenue and Sherman Avenue
- Los Angeles Avenue, between Myrtle Avenue and Shamrock Avenue
- Ivy Avenue, between Huntington Drive and Los Angeles Avenue
- California Avenue, between Huntington Drive and Los Angeles Avenue
- Sherman Avenue, between Cypress Avenue and Los Angeles Avenue
- Montana Avenue, between Myrtle Avenue and Primrose Avenue
- East Cypress Avenue, between California Avenue and Shamrock Avenue

Additionally, that same evening, the City Council approved implementing a new overnight permit parking program for recreational vehicles, better known as “RVs”. Now, any RV that parks on City streets overnight will be required to obtain a permit from the Police Department. This new regulation, which will go into effect on November 1, 2018, requires that any RV owner who wants to park on a City street is required to first obtain the consent of the property owner in front of

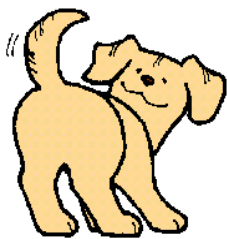
associated with the RV parking rules include the following:

- The ordinance will require that anyone who purchases a “RV Permit” be the registered owner of the RV and a Monrovia resident. In addition, non-residents would be eligible to obtain a “RV Guest Permit”
- The “RV Permit” will be available for purchase for \$5.00 per day. The permit would remain valid for up to a 3 day period. To file an application for a RV permit, the resident or entity who owns the RV would be required to provide the appropriate vehicle information and a signature agreeing to all terms and conditions of the permit, including limiting one RV permit for each residential address in the city.
- Visitors may purchase a “RV Guest Permit” for \$5.00 per day. The permit would remain valid for 3 days, and “RV Guest Permits” would be issued for a residential address for no more than six total calendar days in a one-month period, provided that all conditions set forth in the ordinance are met. A RV guest permit requires the same vehicle information, along with the signature of the city resident / property owner who agrees to the terms and conditions of the RV guest permit on their guests’ behalf. The permits allow the RV guest owner to park along the curb within the same block as the residence / property listed on the application for which the permit was issued.
- As a matter of public safety and MMC, the permit does not exempt the RV owner from parking in unauthorized locations or manner that is otherwise prohibited by this code or by the California Vehicle Code, including street sweeping days. Permittees must also abide by the list of activities prohibited, such as utilizing cords, hoses, and cables that cross a parkway, street, or sidewalk; using external power sources without limitation; or connecting to the public sewer system. If the Permittee does not follow the guidelines, parking citations may be issued pursuant to Chapter 10.17 “Parking Citation Processing” of the MMC. If the Permittee receives three parking citations, the Chief of Police or his designee may revoke their permit.
- Other circumstances where the Chief of Police or his designee has the authority to revoke Permittee’s RV becomes inoperable, falls into a state of disrepair, or violates Chapter 10 of the Monrovia Municipal Code.

CUDDLY CANINE PROVES PUP-PROFILING PREPOSTEROUS

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



I don't like the term "pitbull" at all. Typically, dogs people call pitbulls are actually American bulldogs or Staffordshire terrier mixes, originally bred and trained to perform a variety of tasks that made life safer and easier for farmers and homesteaders. The infamous pitbull moniker came later, when ignorant people began breeding and training them for a purpose that a dog was never meant for; fighting other dogs in a 'pit'.

I remember when the outrageous onslaught of negative news came out about the breed. Headlines claimed such nonsense as "They are fierce and to be feared rather than revered". I knew from the very start that any less-than-desirable behavior on the part of the animal had something to do with mistreatment on the part of the human. Anyone who fell for the media hype, which highlighted only the worst about the breed, was clearly misled by the talking heads. Meanwhile, careless breeders continued to make more baby bulldogs in back yards and puppy mills.

In 2007, several years after the breed-bashing, mud-slinging media emerged, the US federal government finally found it's way to legalizing dog fighting in this culturally-correct country of ours, but unfortunately there are still thoughtless thugs who think it is cool to train dogs to fight. Apparently they do it to bolster their pathetic public persona or, I suppose they do it for gambling.

I have a hand full of bull mixes on my long list of canine clients, and I must say that they are among the most easy-going, sweet furry four-legged friends one could hope to spend time with. Not to mention they are absolutely gorgeous. If you look up the breed description on line you will find that they are known to be great with children, very loyal companions and tend to be protective of their masters. How much better can it get when you are seeking the perfect pet for your family?

One excellent example of why it is all wrong to judge a dog by it's "cover" came out in a January, 2014 article on Huffingtonpost.com, entitled Dominic The Pitbull Cuddles and Comforts Animal Patients At Colorado Veterinary Clinic. It is a heart-warming story about a precious pitbull puppy that showed his gratitude for having been rescued,

by being an advocate for healing on behalf of the surgical patients at the Denkai Veterinary Clinic in Colorado.

Dominic, a beautiful blue-eyed, silver-coated bull dog was only 6 months old when he was first found cuddling up to a post-surgical canine patient at the clinic where he frequently accompanies his new owner, Stephany Haswell on her daily shifts.

Stephany is a vet technician at Denkai Veterinary Clinic, and initially volunteered to foster Dominic until he found a forever home. But as it turned out, Dominic found his way into Stephany's heart when he showed his full canine colors by practicing amazing acts of random kindness in the recovery room at the clinic.

After the first time Dominic cuddled a post-surgical patient, the vet and staff decided to let him continue to help his fellow canines as they recovered from surgery. Remarkably, Dominic seemed to know exactly what each patient needed in order to gain strength and get back on their four feet. It didn't take long for Stephany to realize that Dominic was a special dog with unique talents and that she could never consider letting him go to another owner.

It is no news to me that dogs make great therapy agents for us humans. Not only do they give beyond expectation as pets, but they are willing participants in countless programs that allow them to be kind catalysts for cure. I am particularly pleased that Dominic, a "pitbull" chose to defy the kind of dog we humans may have mistaken him for; unworthy of trust or love. On the contrary, Dominic and countless other dogs like him are examples of why we humans need to refrain from breed profiling.

I encourage my fellow animal lovers to unite in an effort to defend dogs of all breeds against wrongful profiling, bashing or banning. Do your part to facilitate the therapeutic purposes of your pets and try to learn from Dominic's example that it is wrong to judge a dog by it's cover. After all, that potentially-profiled pup might just be the one who comes along to help heal you some day. Let's all try to be more like Dominic; randomly kind and nurturing to even a stranger in need. Love and let live.

Canyon Canine
Dog Walking & Sitting Services
Sierra Madre, California

Chris Leclerc
www.canyoncanine.com
chris@canyoncanine.com
626-355-8333 626-533-9536

BEST FRIEND

Memphis is a stunning one-year old Mastiff-Shepherd mix boy with a beautiful and soft tan coat and black markings on his goofy puppy face. This 75-pound pup was rescued by humane officers when he was found tied to a tree in a San Gabriel park with a collar embedded into his neck. Poor Memphis is recovering from this cruel experience and learning to trust others again but it is clear that he has a sweet, gentle, and playful personality. Despite this

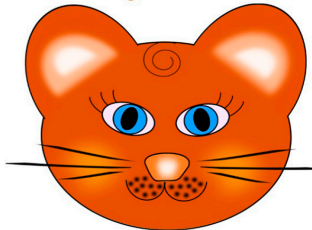


terrible experience, he remains a bouncy puppy disguised in the body of a big dog who wants to nothing more than love, treats, and tender pats. Memphis deserves to live his puppyhood and adult years with a family who truly loves him

and will love and care for him through his golden years. There is no doubt this sweet survivor will make a wonderful companion! Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information. His adoption fee is \$145 and includes neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchip and a free wellness exam at a participating veterinarian. He 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.sgyhumane.org

Katnip News!



BELOVED "JUNGLE BOOK" CHARACTER & SISTER

Meet MOWGLI & SAMARA, age 7 months. Mowgli is the all black male and Samara is his sweet faced sister. Mowgli is a huge cuddler & loverboy,



while Samara is a bit more cautious and very elegant. Samara's coat has the ticking like an abyssinian. They are currently being housed at Whiskers to Tails, and you may call for a meet & greet, 626-795-4134. See more pictures of them, their videos, and adoption info at <http://www.lifelineforpets.org/young-cats.html>. Come and adopt both to get our "Twofur"

discount! They will come spayed/neutered, current on vaccines, and microchipped.

Good News: LARKIN & CHELSEA have been adopted!

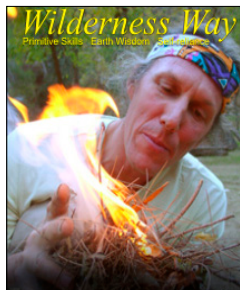
WALK'N THE DOGS & MORE
PET SITTING OF ALL KINDS
DOG WALK

30 Minutes \$18 45 Minutes \$23
MORNING & EVENING DOG VISIT & WALK
\$20 Per Visit includes Feeding & Walk *Without Walk \$15 per visit

PET VISIT *Cats, Birds & Reptiles
Feeding, Litter and Belly Rubs \$12.50
PET SITTING
\$15.00 First Hour (Includes Feeding) \$12.50 Medications \$5 extra

626-590-4689
email: walknthedog9@gmail.com

THE WORLD AROUND US



CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

CREATURES OF HALLOWEEN

[Nyerges is an educator, and author of "How to Survive Anywhere" and other books. He can be reached at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.]

I recall Halloween night as a child, and it seemed as if everyone from the neighborhood and school was out on the streets as we tried to figure out who was who underneath the mostly home-made costumes. As a child, Halloween was a unique holiday where we went outdoors all dressed-up. It was full of mystery, adventure, and fun. Boy have things changed!

Back in the old days, people put food outside their doors because they believed the spirits of the dead were around and about on Halloween night, and the food was an offering to the dead so they would not bother the living. Eventually, children, acting as the proxies of the spirits, would dress up and go collect the food from the neighbors, usually sweet foods. That is what "trick or treating" in the fun and social sense was all about, and that tradition is still practiced here and there today. However, the focus has shifted from enjoyable local community activities to business-driven events where people pay to have someone scare you to death with blood, gore, dark spirits, zombies, and fear – all of which does not reflect the true meaning of Halloween.

Halloween has slowly turned into fright night where adults and children dress up in odd, scary, and bizarre costumes, many of which are inspired by popular movies and television shows. An unfortunate effect of what Halloween has become is that many of our amazing animals are portrayed very negatively in movies and television during Halloween, and are now regarded with fear, horror, and disgust. In fact, these animals are remarkable, and not so spooky at all.

As the move towards "fright night" and "adult activity" on Halloween has increased, many parents find very few options for a family activity that is fun, safe, family-oriented, and not fear-inducing for children. But there are pockets of sanity in the world of fear-based activities.

For example, Eaton Canyon Nature Center is offering its "Creatures of Halloween" event on Saturday, October 27 from 5 to 9 p.m. (\$5 a person, free if you wear an Eaton Canyon shirt; family discount available). This event will feature many live animal exhibits and presentations. There will be fun games, arts and crafts, and learning activities provided by several nature education groups, including Pasadena Sierra Club, Pasadena Audubon, California Native Plant Society, and Southwest Herpatology Society. There will also be a special book signing by Diane Lang. Lang is the author of children's nature books, including "Vulture Verses," "Daytime Nighttime," and "Fur, Feather, Fin – All of Us Are Kin." Lang's books show the unique value that bats, spiders, vultures, snakes, and others play in our local ecology, and that they should not be feared. The goal of this event is to educate the public about our amazing animals and facilitate a positive experience that will reduce fear and wrong perceptions of these animals at this program.

In addition, there will be children's costume contests, raffles, and a family photo booth.

This event provides an opportunity for families to have a gentler way to commemorate Halloween, something that is not demonic, bloody, scary, sexy, and something that is affordable. This is a great way for your family to spend quality time and make special memories.

Eaton Canyon Nature Center is located at 1750 N. Altadena Drive in Pasadena. Also see www.ecnca.org or call (626) 398-5420 for more information.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

IS IT A FRAGRANCE OR A STENCH?

This past week I had to go to the mall. I know, I should know better, but I thought I could sneak in, get what I needed and sneak out again. So much for my thoughts.

I wanted to purchase several tie chains for my neckties and searched every jewelry store and nobody had them. Finally, I ordered three online, which would be shipped free, (which always gets my attention) to the nearest store, which happened to be in the mall.

I do not like the mall and choose not to go there if I can help it. When in the mall, I am usually very nervous and get confused and do not know which way I am going. Once I get in, I am not quite sure how to get out again. Everything seems to be contrived to confuse a person like myself.

Looking down at the ground while walking I became rather confused and I happen to turn into an open door.

My mall savvy is not sophisticated in the least. The door I turned into happened to be for the store Victoria's Secret. I do not know who Victoria is, I did not know what the store was all about, but when I got in the store, I discovered Victoria's Secret much to my great embarrassment.

That is exactly the reason I do not like going into the malls. They have places like this that a gentleman, such as Yours Truly, should never enter.

I am not sure how I got out of that store, all I can remember was a great deal of hilarious laughter thrown in my direction from inside. I just hope they did not recognize me. They probably did not, because I had all my clothes on.

It has been a long time since that incident and now I had to go and pick up my order. I put together a plan to sneak in very quietly, pick up my order and tiptoe out as quietly as I came in.

You know what they say about well-laid plans! Whether mine was well laid or not, it blew up in my face.

I did slip into the mall and found the store where my order was. I picked them up and quietly turned around and started for the door. How I got turned around is any man's guess. Actually, I think I turned around too many times. For the next 15 minutes, I tried to find the way I came in so I could go out.

The trouble started when I hesitated. I stopped to try to get my bearings and in stopping a young woman approached me.

"How do you do today, sir," she said most cheerfully.

I nodded and tried to get away as graciously as possible.

She would have none of it. "And how do you

smell today, sir?"

Had I been in my right sense of mind, I would have told her I smelled with my nose. Being in a confused state of affairs, I had no quick come back for her. It was then that she introduced me to her product.

I must confess I am not up-to-date with all of the body lotions and perfumes that are available today. I shave in the morning, splash some aftershave on my face, rub some deodorant under my armpits and that is as far as I go.

This young woman took me for a potential customer of her body lotions and ointments and perfumes. I suppose many people are concerned with how they smell. I am not one of them.

My basic philosophy along this line is simply, if I cannot stand my own smell, I take a shower. I know when it is time to take a shower when I can smell myself.

She wanted to introduce me to some body lotions and ointments and perfumes that would make me smell alluring to anybody I met during the day.

Personally, I do not have a "Bucket List" but if I did, this would not be one of the items on it.

Trying to be polite, I informed the young woman I was late for an appointment and needed to get on right away.

"Oh," she said very cheerfully, "this will not take long at all."

With that said, and before I could process what she said, she began rubbing my face with body ointment or lotion of some sort. I froze and for a few moments, I could not even move. Even the little grey cells upstairs were shocked into a rare state of stillness.

"Now, you smell wonderful."

It was at that time I retired with honor my gentlemanly manners and started running as fast as I could run without drawing too much attention to myself.

I smelled that "fragrance" for three days in spite of the fact that I took 17 showers in the meantime. Sometimes our focus is always on the outside. I like what Jesus said, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess" (Matthew 23:25).

It does not matter how good I smell on the outside if there is stench on the inside. I want to focus on my inside and make it as fresh as possible. That is the fragrance God smells.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 1-866-552-2543 or e-mail jamessnyder2@att.net. His web site is www.jamessnyderministries.com.

La Escuela Argentina De Los Angeles

"We are an institution educating the Southern California community for more than 35 years"

OFFICIAL TITLES RECOGNIZED IN ARGENTINA AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHO HAVE TREATIES OF EDUCATIONAL RECIPROCITY WITH ARGENTINA (Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Spain, México, Paraguay & Uruguay)

OPEN for NEW ENROLLMENT

OUR SCHOOL OPENS ITS DOORS TO WELCOME STUDENTS OF ALL GRADE LEVELS IN OUR INTEGRAL EDUCATION SYSTEM. PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN, ELEMENTARY, JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

THE CLASSES ARE TAUGHT IN SPANISH
THE ACADEMIC YEAR IS FROM SEPTEMBER - JUNE
9:15 A.M. TO 2:15 P.M. (SATURDAYS ONLY)

Headquarters (Saturday Only): Foothill Oaks Academy
822 Bradbourne Ave., Duarte, CA 91010

Correspondence: P.O. Box 5332, Whittier, CA 90607-5332

Email: laescuelaargentina@gmail.com

Registration forms are available for printing on our website at: www.leala.org.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

(562) 548-9528 (562) 324-1077

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

SPLIT THE BILL

This week's adventure is something that we can all relate to, holiday parties and going out with friends and family, which means worrying about the dreaded bill! Dining out is certainly one of the delights of life, but disagreeing over how to split a check can be frustrating and awkward. It happened to me recently. We had a great time and were done with the meal when a tablemate mentioned he was picking up the tab of another's portion of the bill because they treated him another time. That was fine but what happened next was, "Thanks, I am glad you remembered. Let me order after-dinner drinks on us. On us?" Sure enough I was stuck with the portion of the additional bottle of wine. Did I mention it was \$130? What to do?

Here are a few suggestions I have learned that might lessen the burden:

1. Keep track of what you order and pay your share.
2. While waiters may cringe, tell the server from the beginning that you want a separate bill
3. Be up front: "I love that restaurant, but this is my budget."
4. Traditionally the person who made the invite paid for the bill. We all know that is long gone, though my feeling is that the person who made the invite can and should be in charge of the accounting. We know that some of us are more generous than others. If you are the one ordering, you might offer to pay for the entire tip once the bill is evenly split.

All in all, it usually evens out in the end. If it's a few dollars here and there don't worry about it. Your friends are likely worth it. If not, skip their invitations.

If the high roller keeps ordering the Patrón shots, tell him 'thanks for the shots. I'll have a bottle waiting for you at my house for the next party.'

If you aren't invited to the next dinner party, it might be for the best!!!

Dining with Dills Radio KLAAM 830 TV this Sunday at 12 Noon



COME TO ALTADENA!



- LIFETIME BRAKES
- WHEEL ALIGNMENT
- LUBE & OIL CHANGE
- GENERAL AUTO REPAIR

Javier Vega
Service Manager

(626) 345-9777
Fax: (626) 345-9218

www.brakemasters.com

2095 N. Lake Ave., Altadena, CA 91001

An Honest Brake® Since 1983

Growers of Rare Camellias and Azaleas since 1935

Nuccio's Nurseries

3555 Chanoy Trail
Altadena, California 91001
(626) 794-3383



We are open daily except
Wednesdays and Thursdays
Business hours are from 8:00 to 4:30.
Closed Sundays - June 1 through December

On rainy days we normally close early, so please call first.

HOOPLA!

AN EMPORIUM OF GOOD THINGS
SUPPORTING LOCAL ARTISANS SINCE 2007!

FEATURING

ART • CARDS & STATIONERY • GIFTS • GOURMET • BATH & BODY
ESSENTIAL OILS • INCENSE • CRYSTALS • TEA

2591 Fair Oaks Avenue Altadena, CA 91001
626-797-1135 FAX 626-797-5889 ShopAtHoopla.com

FACEBOOK: WEBSTERSFS TWITTER: SHOOPLAEMP
INSTAGRAM: SHOOPLAEMPORIUM PINTEREST.COM/SHOPATHOOPLA

celebrating 15th
anniversary



John T. Diehl, Agent
Insurance Lic#: 0075608
835 E. Mariposa St.
Altadena, CA 91001
Bus: 626-791-9915

Big savings for safe drivers.

Get a discount up to 50%.

I can help lower your premium through *Drive Safe & Save*®.

Get to a better State®. Get State Farm.

CALL ME TODAY.

State Farm

1301900

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, State Farm Indemnity Company, Bloomington, IL

Patticakes
Bakery & Coffee House
EST. 1984



Monday - Saturday
7:30AM - 7:00PM

Phone (626) 794-1128

Fax (626) 794-8159

Patticakes1900@gmail.com

www.Patticakesdesserts.com

1900 North Allen Avenue
Altadena, California 91001
(N.E. Corner of New York Drive)

Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



NASA'S FERMI MISSION ENERGIZES THE SKY WITH GAMMA-RAY CONSTELLATIONS

Long ago, sky watchers linked the brightest stars into patterns reflecting animals, heroes, monsters and even scientific instruments into what is now an official collection of 88 constellations. Now scientists with NASA's Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope have devised a set of modern constellations constructed from sources in the gamma-ray sky to celebrate the mission's 10th year of operations.

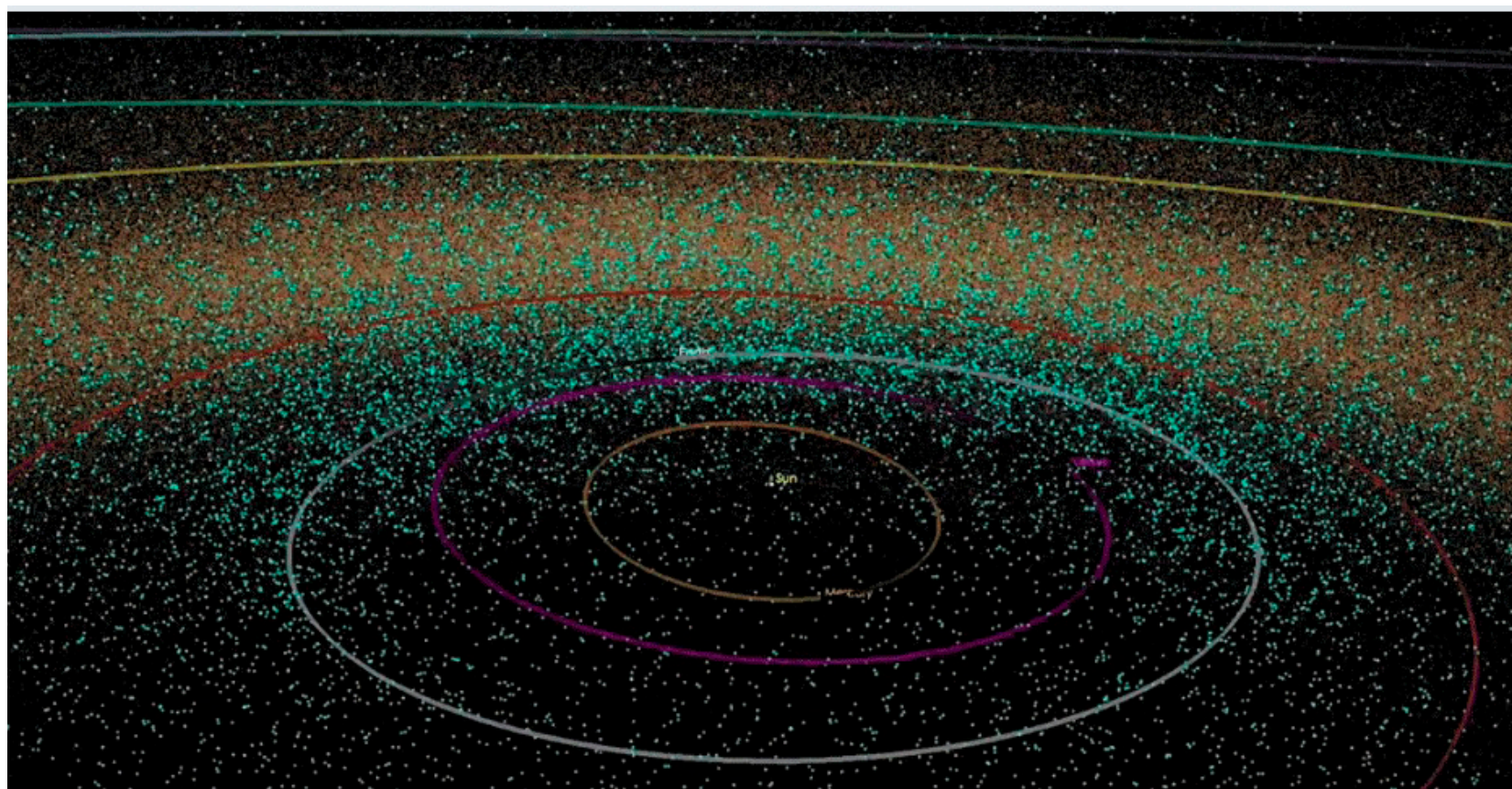
The new constellations include a few characters from modern myths. They include the Little Prince, the time-warping TARDIS from "Doctor Who," Godzilla and his heat ray, the antimatter-powered U.S.S. Enterprise from "Star Trek: The Original Series" and the Hulk, the product of a gamma-ray experiment gone awry.

"Developing these unofficial constellations was a fun way to highlight a decade of Fermi's accomplishments," said Julie McEnery, the Fermi project scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. "One way or another, all of the gamma-ray constellations have a tie-in to Fermi science."

Since July 2008, Fermi's Large Area Telescope (LAT) has been scanning the entire sky each day, mapping and measuring sources of gamma rays, the highest-energy light in the universe. The emission may come from pulsars, nova outbursts, the debris of supernova explosions and giant gamma-ray bubbles located in our own galaxy, or supermassive black holes and gamma-ray bursts—the most powerful explosions in the cosmos—in others.

"By 2015, the number of different sources mapped by Fermi's LAT had expanded to about 3,000—10 times the number known before the mission," said Goddard's Elizabeth Ferrara, who led the constellation project. "For the first time ever, the number of known gamma-ray sources was comparable to the number of bright stars, so we thought a new set of constellations was a great way to illustrate the point."

The 21 gamma-ray constellations include famous landmarks—such as Sweden's recovered warship, Vasa, the Washington Monument and Mount Fuji in Japan—in countries contributing to Fermi science. Others represent scientific ideas or tools, from



Schrodinger's Cat—both alive and dead, thanks to quantum physics—to Albert Einstein, Radio Telescope, and Black Widow Spider, the namesake of a class of pulsars that evaporate their unfortunate companion stars.

Ferrara and Daniel Kocovski, an astrophysicist now at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, developed a web-based interactive to showcase the constellations, with artwork from Aurore Simonnet, an illustrator at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, California, and a map of the whole gamma-ray sky from Fermi. Clicking on a constellation turns on its artwork and name, which includes a link to a page with more

information. Other controls switch on the visible sky and selected traditional constellations.

"Fermi is still going strong, and we are now preparing a new all-sky LAT catalog," said Jean Ballet, a Fermi team member at the French Atomic Energy Commission in Saclay. "This will add about 2,000 sources, many varying greatly in brightness, further enriching these constellations and enlivening the high-energy sky!"

Additional graphics: <https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/13097>
The interactive itself is here: <https://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/constellations/>

NASA's Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope is

an astrophysics and particle physics partnership, developed in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy and with important contributions from academic institutions and partners in France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Sweden, and the United States.

To explore Fermi's Gamma-ray Constellations, visit:

<https://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/constellations/>

For more about NASA's Fermi mission, visit:

<https://www.nasa.gov/fermi>

You can contact Bob Eklund at: beklund@MtnViewsNews.com.

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – SAN GABRIEL VALLEY RECEIVES \$50,000 PLEDGE FROM NEW PARTNER MEDIA TO PRODUCE SERIES OF ORIGINAL MUSICALS

The groundbreaking “Incubator Project” launches with “The Merry Lives of Windsor High” on Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 at Duarte Performing Arts Center

Duarte, Calif. – Oct. 17, 2018 – California School of the Arts – San Gabriel Valley (CSArts-SGV) and Santa Monica-based production company mediaV are partnering to develop the “Incubator Project,” an incredible, one-of-a-kind collaboration that gives students within the Musical Theatre Conservatory the opportunity to be the first to originate and produce a series of brand new rock musicals. MediaV founders and philanthropists Russell Meyer and Marcy Shaffer have pledged a gift of \$50,000 over the next two years to CSArts-SGV to support the creation of two world premieres, with the intention to continue collaborating over the next several years. Using the works of William Shakespeare as source material, the Incubator Project will create modern and relevant musicals to be premiered by CSArts-SGV students, and subsequently made available for the public to license and perform.

“We are thrilled to be given this opportunity to create and contribute original works to the catalog of musicals available today. We hope the material will gain momentum and be performed by high school, college and community programs across the country,” says CSArts-SGV Chair of Theatre Jay Wallace.

“Today’s high school students experience the arts in a new way,” says mediaV founder Meyer, “and, as a group, they are a significant factor in the success of new original content for music and theater. Their mastery of social media has changed the way we discover content. The Incubator Project will have the opportunity to tap into all this to create original work that can resonate with these artists and audiences.”

Meyer said the commitment, talents and high standards that CSArts-SGV faculty and students demonstrate makes the school the ideal collaborator on this project.

“With a new original musical, there’s no existing roadmap for the performances or the production. Since CSArts-SGV artists will present the world premieres of these shows, they will be the ones to create the new show’s roadmap. These artists will also have the opportunity to put their personal mark on a role,” Meyer says.

Wallace explains that the Incubator Project will guide students through the ins and outs of launching an original work.

“Essentially, we want to create a formula for developing work from the very early stages; the workshop process, marketing, producing and mounting an original world premiere. Students will gain real-world experience in a variety of areas,” says Wallace.

The project’s debut production will be the world premiere of “The Merry Lives of Windsor High.” A delightful retelling of Shakespeare’s “Merry Lives of Windsor,” this rock musical reimagines the shenanigans of Falstaff and his cronies in a high school setting, as the students of Windsor High prepare for the biggest event of the year, the annual Valentine Masked Ball. Part “RENT,” part “High School Musical,” “The Merry Lives of Windsor High” explores and explodes archetypes, revealing a layer of truth often missing from typical high school fare. Directed by Jer Adrienne Lelliott, this musical is bright, poppy and sure to leave audiences with a warm and fuzzy feeling, while also reminding us that the choices we make have consequences, intended and otherwise.

“The Merry Lives of Windsor High” premieres Friday, Nov. 30, - Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Duarte Performing Arts Center (1401 Highland Ave., Duarte, CA 91010). Tickets will be available for \$18-\$27 online on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at www.sgv.csarts.net/boxoffice.

BOSCO TECH TO LAUNCH BIOLOGICAL, MEDICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

--New Technology Major Starts in Fall 2019

ROSEMEAD, CA—October 15, 2018—Don Bosco Technical Institute (Bosco Tech) has announced that it will add a Biological, Medical & Environmental Technology (BMET) program to its existing five STEM majors starting in Fall 2019.

“Biotechnology is one of the fastest growing job sectors in the nation,” said Principal Xavier Jimenez. “And, because Bosco Tech is located in the Los Angeles area—the second largest bioscience industry cluster in the U.S.—BMET is a natural extension of our established STEM program.”

“Our BMET courses will prepare students for advanced post-secondary studies in health care, environmental engineering and biomedical research,” he continued. “This new program will further the Tech’s long-standing reputation as the premier Catholic STEM in the state.”

Through the curriculum, BMET students will explore several areas including genetic and pharmaceutical advancements, environmental awareness, agricultural developments, biomedical informatics, biomanufacturing, health care improvements, and social responsibility.

The BMET program joins the school’s existing technology majors: Architecture & Construction Engineering (ACE); Computer Science & Electrical Engineering (CSEE); Integrated Design, Engineering and Art (IDEA); Media Arts & Technology (MAT); and Materials Science, Engineering & Technology (MSET).

Bosco Tech is an all-male Catholic high school that combines a rigorous college-preparatory program with a technology-focused education. The innovative curriculum allows students to exceed university admissions requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of several applied science and engineering fields. On Niche.com’s list of top boys high schools and Catholic high schools in California and the U.S., Bosco Tech boasts a college acceptance rate of 100 percent, with the majority of graduates pursuing STEM-related post-secondary majors at four-year universities. Visit www.boscotech.edu or call 626-940-2000 for more information or to arrange a campus visit.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Alverno Heights Academy
200 N. Michillinda Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-3463 Head of School: Julia V. Fanara
E-mail address: jfanara@alvernoheights.org

Arcadia High School
180 Campus Drive Arcadia, CA 91007
Phone: (626) 821-8370, Principal: Brent Forsee
bforsee@ausd.net

Arroyo Pacific Academy
41 W. Santa Clara St. Arcadia, Ca,
(626) 294-0661 Principal: Phil Clarke
E-mail address: pclarke@arroyopacific.org

Barnhart School
240 W. Colorado Blvd Arcadia, Ca. 91007
(626) 446-5588
Head of School: Ethan Williamson

Kindergarten - 8th grade
website: www.barnhartschool.org

Bethany Christian School
93 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-3527

Preschool-TK-8th Grade
Principal: Dr. William Walner
website: www.bcsliions.org

Clairbourn School
8400 Huntington Drive
San Gabriel, CA 91775
Phone: 626-286-3108 ext. 172
FAX: 626-286-1528
E-mail: jhawes@clairbourn.org

Foothill Oaks Academy
822 E. Bradbourne Ave., Duarte, CA 91010
(626) 301-9809

Principal: Nancy Lopez
www.foothilloaksacademy.org
office@foothilloaksacademy.org

Frostig School
971 N. Altadena Drive Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 791-1255

Head of School: Jenny Janetzke
Email: jenny@frostig.org

The Gooden School
192 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-2410

Head of School, Carl Parke
website: www.goodenschool.org

High Point Academy
1720 Kinneloa Canyon Road
Pasadena, Ca. 91107

Head of School: Gary Stern 626-798-8989
website: www.highpointacademy.org

La Salle High School
3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.
(626) 351-8951 website: www.lasallehs.org
Principal Mrs. Courtney Kassakhian

Monrovia High School
325 East Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016

(626) 471-2800 Principal Darvin Jackson
Email: schools@monrovia.k12.ca.us

Odyssey Charter School
725 W. Altadena Dr. Altadena, Ca. 91001
(626) 229-0993 Head of School: Lauren O’Neill
website: www.odysseycharterschool.org

Pasadena High School
2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.
(626) 396-5880 Principal: Roberto Hernandez
website: <http://pchs.pusd.us>

St. Rita Catholic School
322 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
Principal Joan Harabedian (626) 355-9028
website: www.st-rita.org

Sierra Madre Elementary School
141 W. Highland Ave, Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-1428 Principal: Lindsay Lewis
E-mail address: lewis.lindsay@pusd.us

Sierra Madre Middle School
160 N. Canon Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 836-2947 Principal: Garrett Newsom
E-mail address: newsom.garrett@pusd.us

Walden School
74 S San Gabriel Blvd
Pasadena, CA 91107 (626) 792-6166
www.waldenschool.net

Weizmann Day School
1434 N. Altadena Dr. Pasadena, Ca. 91107
(626) 797-0204
Lisa Feldman: Head of School

Wilson Middle School
300 S. Madre St. Pasadena, Ca. 91107
(626) 449-7390 Principal: Ruth Esseln
E-mail address: resseln@pusd.us

Pasadena Unified School District
351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena, Ca. 91109
(626) 396-3600 Website: www.pusd@pusd.us

Arcadia Unified School District
234 Campus Dr., Arcadia, Ca. 91007
(626) 821-8300 Website: www.ausd.net

Monrovia Unified School District
325 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, Ca. 91016
(626) 471-2000
Website: www.monroviaschools.net

Duarte Unified School District
1620 Huntington Dr., Duarte, Ca. 91010
(626) 599-5000
Website: www.duarte.k12.ca.us

Arcadia Christian School
1900 S. Santa Anita Avenue Arcadia, CA 91006
Preschool - and TK - 8th Grade
626-574-8229/626-574-0805
Email: inquiry@acsliions.com
Principal: Cindy Harmon
website: www.acsliions.com

THE GOOD LIFE

THE TAX CREDIT THAT LETS YOU DOUBLE-DIP ON RETIREMENT SAVINGS

Dear Savvy Senior,

What can you tell me about the retirement saver's tax credit? At age 60, I'm looking for ways to boost my retirement savings beyond my 401(k) plan and have heard this may be a smart way to do it. Is this something I'm eligible for?

Need to Save

Dear Need,

If your income is low to moderate and you participate in your employer-sponsored retirement plan or an IRA, the “Saver’s Credit” (also known as the Retirement Savings Contribution Credit) is a frequently overlooked tool that can help boost your retirement savings even more. Here’s how it works.

If you contribute to a retirement-savings account like a traditional or Roth IRA, myRA, 401(k), 403(b), 457, federal employees’ Thrift Savings Plan, Simplified Employee Pension or SIMPLE plan, the Saver’s Credit will allow you to claim 10, 20 or 50 percent of your contribution of up to \$2,000 per year for singles or \$4,000 for couples.

This valuable tax credit can be claimed in addition to the tax deduction you get for saving in your traditional retirement accounts.

To qualify, you must also be at least 18 years old and not a full-time student and were not claimed as a dependent on someone else’s tax return. And your adjusted gross income (AGI) in 2018 must have been \$63,000 or less as a married couple filing jointly, \$47,250 or less if filing as head of household, or \$31,500 or less if you’re a single filer. These income limits are adjusted annually to keep pace with inflation.

To get the 50 percent credit, you’ll need to have an income below \$19,000 if you’re single, \$28,500 if you’re filing as head of household, and \$38,000 for couples in 2018.

The 20 percent credit rate applies to individuals earning between \$19,001 and \$20,500; for head of household filers it’s \$28,501 to \$30,750; and for couples it’s \$38,001 to \$41,000.

And the 10 percent rate is for individuals with an adjusted gross income between \$20,501 and \$31,500; for head of household filers \$30,751 to \$47,250; and couples it’s between



\$41,001 and \$63,000.

Here’s an example of how this works. Let’s say that you file your taxes as head of household and your AGI for 2018 is \$30,000. Over the course of the year, you contribute \$2,000 to your employer’s 401(k) plan. Since your AGI puts you in the 20 percent credit bracket, and you’ve contributed the \$2,000 maximum that can be considered for the credit, you are entitled to a \$400 Saver’s Credit on your 2018 tax return.

It’s also worth mentioning that the Saver’s Credit is in addition to any other tax benefits you get for your retirement contributions. So in the previous example, not only would you be entitled to a \$400 credit, but you would also be able to exclude the \$2,000 401(k) contribution from your taxable income. So, if you’re in the 15 percent tax bracket, this translates to an additional \$300 in savings, for a total of \$700.

How to Claim

To claim the Saver’s Credit, you will need to fill out Form 8880 (see [IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8880.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8880.pdf)) and attach it to your 1040, 1040A or 1040NR when you file your tax return. Don’t use the 1040EZ Form.

If you think that you would have qualified for the credit in previous years but didn’t claim it, you can file an amended return as far back as 2015 and still get the credits. A 2014 amended return is due by April 15, 2019. See IRS Form 1040X ([IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1040x.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1040x.pdf)) for instructions on how to file an amended return.

And for more information on the Saver’s Credit, see IRS Publication 590-A “Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements” ([IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p590a.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p590a.pdf)).

You can also have these forms and publication mailed to you by calling 800-829-3676.

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 EXCURSION

Getty Villa

Thursday, October 25, 2018, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Cost: \$15 (Lunch Not Included)

Discover the museum’s historic collection and the Getty Villa’s architecture and gardens by participating in a rich selection of engaging talks and tours that bring the Getty Villa’s unique setting and the visual art to life!

And there are several gardens, fountains and landscaping for public enjoyment. Choose elegant dining, lovely afternoon tea (reservations are recommended by calling 800-369-3059), or a casual meal, coffee and snacks at the café or coffee kiosk. Walking Level: HIGH

Sierra Madre Resident registration open now through October 8th and non-resident starts online or in-person on Tuesday, October 9th 2018.

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.

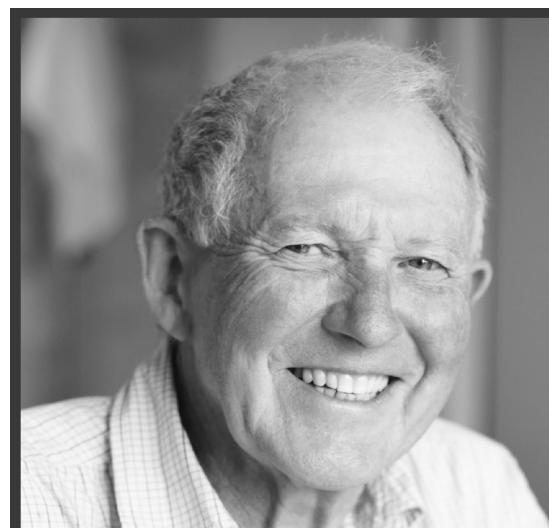
Free Strength Training Class: Fridays from 12:45p.m. to 1:30p.m. with Lisa Brandley. This energetic class utilizes light weights, low impact resistance training and body conditioning. Class equipment is provided.

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

October 17th Murder on the Orient Express

Rated - G 1hr 54 min

When a murder occurs on the train he’s traveling on, this celebrated detective Hercule Poirot is recruited to solve the case.



At first, Dad and I didn’t
see eye to eye about moving to
The Kensington, but since
he did, we’re both thrilled

**Limited Senior Living Suites Still Available
Call or Visit to Reserve Yours Today**

THE KENSINGTON
An Assisted Living Residence

SIERRA MADRE

626-355-5700

245 West Sierra Madre Blvd
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

www.TheKensingtonSierraMadre.com



RCFE License
198601953

Let us be a part of your Real Estate Story // 626.695.8650
Top Producing Agent...Year After Year



Homes by Luther



2329 Warwick Avenue
Los Angeles //

2BR/1BA. Offers a large enclosed patio w/fireplace, large deck, 2-car garage. 888 sf home on a 4,800 sf lot.



1507 Wesley Avenue
Pasadena //

Four updated units on the Property. Two 2BR/1BA, One 1BR/1BA and a separate office with bath.



44 Ross Place
Sierra Madre

3BR/2BA Traditional. Offers 1,754 sf of living space on a 7,487 sf lot with a pool, 2-car garage.



245 Sturtevant Avenue
Sierra Madre //

Charming 2BR/2BA, offering wood floors, laundry hook-ups, new interior & exterior paint. Appx. 950 sf.



416 Lola Avenue
Pasadena //

3BR/1BA. Rear home on property with its own attached 2-car garage, private side and rear yard. Appx. 1,200 sf (m).



752 Ocean View Avenue
Monrovia //

2BR/1BA. Charming front unit in prime Monrovia. Beautifully updated throughout!



752 1/2 Ocean View Avenue
Monrovia //

1BR/1BA. Huge private yard, storage room w/laundry hook-ups. Beautifully updated. 2 parking spaces.



480 E. Grandview Avenue
Sierra Madre //

3BR/2BA. Sited on a 9,420 sf lot, dual fireplace dividing the living room and great room, custom backyard deck.

“Today is the oldest you have been, and the youngest you will ever be. Make the most of it!” – Nicky Gumbel

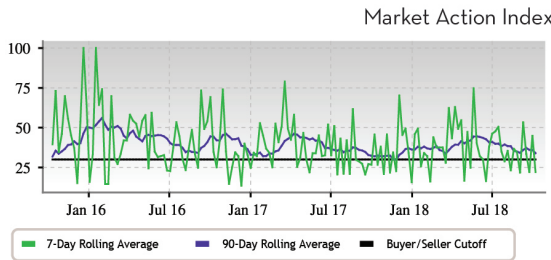
Sierra Madre // This Week's Market Update

This Week Median List Price: \$1,064,500

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

Supply & Demand

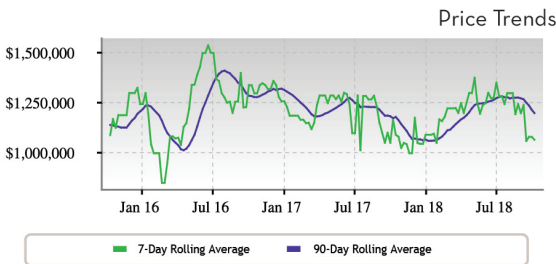
The market has been cooling off a bit in recent weeks, as more homes are available and demand is less. We're already seeing prices move lower as a result. Expect this trend to continue especially if the index falls to the Buyer's zone. Watch for a persistent up-turn in Market Action to signal prices rising again.



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 and versus their absolute-high levels. The Market Action Index is a good leading indicator for the durability of this trend.



Quartiles

Quartile	Median Price	Sq. Ft.	Lot Size	Beds	Baths	Age	Inventory	New	Absorbed	DOM	Characteristics per Quartile
Top/First	\$ 1,840,000	3577	0.25 - 0.50 acre	4.0	4.0	59	9	1	0	86	Most expensive 25% of properties
Upper/Second	\$ 1,485,000	2739	8,001 - 10,000 sqft	4.0	4.0	56	9	1	0	168	Upper-middle 25% of properties
Lower/Third	\$ 969,500	1698	8,001 - 10,000 sqft	3.0	2.0	56	10	3	1	18	Lower-middle 25% of properties
Bottom/Fourth	\$ 699,000	1057	4,501 - 6,500 sqft	2.0	2.0	96	10	1	0	57	Least expensive 25% of properties

Real-Time Market Profile

		Trend
Median List Price	\$ 1,064,500	↕↕
Asking Price Per Square Foot	\$ 585	↑
Average Days on Market (DOM)	80	↓
Percent of Properties with Price Decrease	34 %	
Percent Relisted (reset DOM)	5 %	
Percent Flip (price increased)	8 %	
Median House Size (sq ft)	1834	
Median Lot Size	8,001 - 10,000 sqft	
Median Number of Bedrooms	3.0	
Median Number of Bathrooms	2.5	
Market Action Index	Seller's Advantage	34.0 ↕↕

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



Luther & Georgina
Tsinoglou

Real Estate Experts You Can Trust

(626) 507-3029
Luther@Tsinoglou.com
www.tsinoglou.com

#01135433 #01393982

We are currently working with qualified investors ready to buy!

Call us **TODAY** for a
NO OBLIGATION CONSULTATION!

We look forward to talking with you!

Market Data obtained by Altos Research, LLC. Podley Properties® does not guarantee the accuracy of room dimensions, square footage, lot size, or other information regarding the condition or features of the property provided by the seller or obtained from public records or other sources. Buyer is advised to verify that information through personal inspection with the appropriate professionals. ©2018 Podley Properties. All rights reserved.



Walter Cailleteau, DVM

927 N. Michillinda Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 351-8863

Free Exam!
For New Clients

Bring this coupon to save!



AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY



**La Salle College Preparatory 3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107 • www.lasallehs.org • 626.696.4310**

Jeff's Book Pics

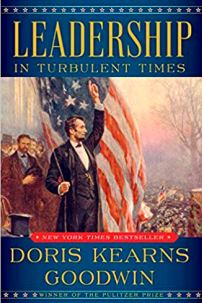
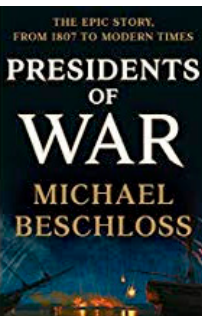
By Jeff Brown

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

On the morning of April 28, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. As the moments passed, the patrons and staff who had been cleared out of the building realized this was not the usual fire alarm. As one fireman recounted, "Once that first stack got going, it was 'Goodbye, Charlie.'" The fire was disastrous: it reached 2000 degrees and burned for more than seven hours. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more. Investigators descended on the scene, but more than thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set fire to the library—and if so, who? Weaving her lifelong love of books and reading into an investigation of the fire, bestselling author Susan Orlean delivers a mesmerizing and uniquely compelling book that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians in a way that has never been done before. In The book, Orlean chronicles the LAPL fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives; delves into the evolution of libraries across the country and around the world, from their humble beginnings as a metropolitan charitable initiative to their current status as a cornerstone of national identity; brings each department of the library to vivid life through on-the-ground reporting; studies arson and attempts to burn a copy of a book herself; reflects on her own experiences in libraries; and reexamines the case of Harry Peak, the blond-haired agent long suspected of setting fire to the LAPL more than thirty years ago. Along the way, Orlean introduces us to an unforgettable cast of characters from libraries past and present—from Mary Foy, who in 1880 at eighteen years old was named the head of the Los Angeles Public Library at a time when men still dominated the role, to Dr. C.J.K. Jones, a pastor, citrus farmer, and polymath known as "The Human Encyclopedia" who roamed the library dispensing information; from Charles Lummis, a wildly eccentric journalist and adventurer who was determined to make the L.A. library one of the best in the world, to the current staff, who do heroic work every day to ensure that their institution remains a vital part of the city it serves. Brimming with her signature wit, insight, compassion, and talent for deep research, The book is Susan Orlean's thrilling journey through the stacks that reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books—and why they remain an essential part of the heart, mind, and soul of our country. It is also a master journalist's reminder that, perhaps especially in the digital era, they are more necessary than ever.

Leadership: In Turbulent Times by Doris Kearns Goodwin

In this culmination of five decades of acclaimed studies in presidential history, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin offers an illuminating exploration



of the early development, growth, and exercise of leadership. Are leaders born or made? Where does ambition come from? How does adversity affect the growth of leadership? Does the leader make the times or do the times make the leader? In Leadership, Goodwin draws upon the four presidents she has studied most closely—Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Lyndon B. Johnson (in civil rights)—to show how they recognized leadership qualities within themselves and were recognized as leaders by others. By looking back to their first entries into public life, we encounter them at a time when their paths were filled with confusion, fear, and hope. Leadership tells the story of how they all collided with dramatic reversals that disrupted their lives and threatened to shatter forever their ambitions. Nonetheless, they all emerged fitted to confront the contours and dilemmas of their times. No common pattern describes the trajectory of leadership. Although set apart in background, abilities, and temperament, these men shared a fierce ambition and a deep-seated resilience that enabled them to surmount uncommon hardships. At their best, all four were guided by a sense of moral purpose. At moments of great challenge, they were able to summon their talents to enlarge the opportunities and lives of others.

Presidents of War by Michael Beschloss

From a preeminent presidential historian comes a groundbreaking and often surprising saga of America's wartime chief executives. Ten years in the research and writing, Presidents of War is a fresh, magisterial, intimate look at a procession of American leaders as they took the nation into conflict and mobilized their country for victory. It brings us into the room as they make the most difficult decisions that face any President, at times sending hundreds of thousands of American men and women to their deaths. From James Madison and the War of 1812 to recent times, we see them struggling with Congress, the courts, the press, their own advisors and antiwar protesters; seeking comfort from their spouses, families and friends; and dropping to their knees in prayer. We come to understand how these Presidents were able to withstand the pressures of war—both physically and emotionally—or were broken by them. Beschloss's interviews with surviving participants in the drama and his findings in original letters, diaries, once-classified national security documents, and other sources help him to tell this story in a way it has not been told before. Presidents of War combines the sense of being there with the overarching context of two centuries of American history. This important book shows how far we have traveled from the time of our Founders, who tried to constrain presidential power, to our modern day, when a single leader has the potential to launch nuclear weapons that can destroy much of the human race.

All Things

By Jeff Brown

SLEEP DEPRIVED TEENAGERS

Teenagers who don't get enough sleep are more likely to engage in risky and even suicidal behavior, according to a new study. Researchers examined surveys completed by 68,000 high school students between 2007 and 2015. They found that, compared with teenagers that got the recommended minimum of 8 hours sleep a night or more, students who slept less than 6 hours were twice as likely to drink alcohol, use drugs, or engage in risky sexual behavior. They were also 3 times more likely to engage in self

harm and consider or attempt suicide. Those whose slept 6-7 hours a night were also more likely to engage in unsafe behaviors than those who hit the 8 hour mark; overall, more than 70% of the students weren't getting the recommended 8 to 10 hours. Lead author Matthew Weaver, from the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, tells Reuters.com it's possible that sleep deprivation may cause changes in the brain that led to "more impulsive and emotionally driven decisions."

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



TRY LAUGHING

Yoga is ultimately a practice of building awareness. It invites the student to find individual awareness and environmental awareness. This covers everything from our family and work environment to the actual forces of nature and seasons. They all play a huge role in our life and affect how we feel. Think

about the windstorm that just occurred. It sure blew things around - it caused allergies for many people, and the force itself disrupted the flow of the day. Did you notice a sense of agitation? The environment plays a significant role in shaping our emotional state. This is important to recognize. Is important to recognize for two reasons. First, so we are aware and can cultivate an opposite balancing action. (i.e. if I am agitated, I can soothe the agitation with calm) And second, so that we can stay healthy. Positive or negative emotions affect our health and chemistry. Let's look at Joy-- just one of the emotions held in body and mind. It happens to be an emotion of the elements of fire and water - many times originating from the seat of fire within the belly. Many times, when we are joyful, there is laughter. The very act of laughing causes us to engage our belly muscles and

draws energy to the center. Sometimes we are laughing so hard we must grab our belly! This is activating to the energy system. Levels of serotonin increase and levels of cortisol decrease. It is a healing experience to laugh. It changes everything! In Peter Marchand's book, The Yoga of the Nine Emotions, he describes the effects of Joy, or Hasya, in the body, "Hasya is very healthy and rejuvenating. It reduces tension, anger, fear, or depression and helps in digestion. Indian people have the healthy habit of always telling jokes after a meal. The fire element produced aids the digestive fire. Humor and Joy also improve our immunity against infections and strengthen our cardiovascular system." This wisdom is telling us to laugh more and to experience more joy and kama (pleasure). It helps digestion and brings happiness. Environments which bring joy and laughter are nourishing. Slowly, built up tension can be eased away. The physical practice of yoga helps too. If you are normally more uptight, yoga helps loosen your body and mind. If you are less serious and more easy going by nature, it can give you an avenue for discipline and internal insight. Either way, stay alert to how the outside affects the inside and move in the direction of balance.

Namaste,
Keely Totten,
Yoga & Meditation Teacher, Joyful Leader,
www.keelytotten.com

THE MISSING PAGE

Real Life Tips from Life's Instruction Manual

AFFIRMATIVE PRAYER-AFFIRMATIVE THOUGHT

Two weeks ago I shared two of the five steps of that because you are one with life. affirmative prayer. Each of the world's five most popular traditions includes an aspect of prayer of communion with Spirit. Sometimes we think of prayer as a form of begging and beseeching for something that we lack. Instead, allow me to introduce to you to another approach. Rather than pleading for what you want, instead proclaim your desire in present tense as the truth of your being. As in Joel 3:10: "let the weak say, I am strong."

It's time that you remind yourself of the truth about you and the truth of your nature. You are connected and created by the Infinite. Stay in alignment with this fundamental truth. We think thousands of thoughts each day, we have a constant internal dialogue running in our minds. Most of the ideas floating around inside us are negative, but that need not be the case. We can decide to guide our thoughts in the direction of our hearts desires. Stop feeding your fears.

In this third step in affirmative thought today, you learn to tell yourself the truth. Affirm the truth even in the presence of facts that look limiting. You can look at the facts, but don't let the facts determine your choices.

You don't get a choice in whether you will think today, but you do get a choice in whether you will use your thoughts constructively.

No matter what the facts are, you are more than

My prayer for you: Recognizing that there is only one Life. That Life is present everywhere and in everything. I am so happy grateful for this realization, knowing that this Life lives, moves and has its being in, through, as me, I celebrate my union with the only Life that is. Just this union is true for me, it is true for each of the readers.

I know that each of the readers of this paper is divinely blessed. Their lives are an expression of the Most High. In this awareness, I claim for them perfect health, peace and joy. I am so grateful for this awareness of truth. I release this word, knowing that it is done, and so it is. Amen.

Lori A. Harris is a lawyer and coach. She helps people live lives that they love living. If you would want more life, contact her at lori@loriaharris.com.



FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



WHEN SOMETHING IS NOT BETTER THAN NOTHING

Go online, and you'll find tons of websites offering do-it-yourself estate planning documents. Such forms are typically quite inexpensive. Simple wills, for example, are often priced under \$50, and you can complete and print them out in a matter of minutes.

In our uber-busy lives and DIY culture, it's no surprise that this kind of thing might seem like a good – if not great – deal. You know estate planning is important, and even though you may not be getting the highest quality plan, such documents can make you feel better for having checked this item off your life's lengthy to-do list.

But this is one case in which SOMETHING is not better than nothing, and here's why:

A false sense of security

Creating a DIY will online can lead you to believe that you no longer must worry about estate planning. You got it done, right?

Except that you didn't. In fact, you thought you "got it done" because you went online, printed a form, and had it notarized, but you didn't bother to investigate what would happen with that document in the event of your incapacity or death.

In the end, what seemed like a bargain could end up costing your family more money and heartache than if you'd never gotten around to doing anything at all.

Not just about filling out forms

Unfortunately, because many people don't understand that estate planning entails much more than just filling out legal documents, they end up making serious mistakes with DIY plans. Worst of all, these mistakes are only discovered when you become incapacitated or die, and it's too late. The people left to deal with your mistakes are often the very ones you were trying to do right by.

The primary purpose of wills and other estate planning tools is to keep your family out of court

and out of conflict in the event of your death or incapacity. With the growing popularity of DIY wills, tens of thousands of families (and millions more to come) have learned the hard way that trying to handle estate planning alone can not only fail to fulfill this purpose, it can make the court cases and conflicts far worse and more expensive.

The hidden dangers of DIY wills

From the specific state you live in and the wording of the document to the required formalities for how it must be signed and witnessed, there are numerous potential dangers involved with DIY wills and other estate planning documents. Estate planning is most definitely not a one-size-fits-all deal. Even if you think you have a simple situation, that's almost never the case.

The following scenarios are just a few of the most common complications that can result from attempting to go it alone with a DIY will:

- Improper execution: For a will to be valid, it must be executed (i.e. signed and witnessed or notarized) following strict legal procedures. If your DIY will doesn't specific guidance or you fail to follow this procedure precisely, your will can be worthless.

- Court challenges: Creditors, heirs, and other interested parties will have the opportunity to contest your will or make claims against your estate. Though wills created with an attorney's guidance can also be contested, DIY wills are not only far more likely to be challenged, but the chances of those challenges being successful are much greater than if you have an attorney-drafted will.

- Thinking a will is enough: A will alone is almost never sufficient to handle all of your legal affairs. In the event of your incapacity, you would also need a health care directive, and/or a living will plus a durable financial power of attorney. In the event of your death, a will does nothing to keep your loved one's out of court. And if you have minor children, having a will alone could leave your kids' at risk of being taken out of your home and into the care of strangers, at least temporarily.

In many ways, DIY estate planning is the worst choice you can make for the people you love because you think you've got it covered, when you most certainly do not.

MARC

A local attorney and father, Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love most. His office is located at 55 Auburn Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.355.4000 or visit www.GarlettLaw.com for more information.

CREATIVE ARTS GROUP'S 2018 ANNUAL ART FESTIVAL

Calling all art lovers, discriminating shoppers and those who enjoy a festive fall evening under the November stars. Creative Arts Group is proud to present its annual Art Festival in the charming foothill village of Sierra Madre. More than 60 artists will be represented in a variety of media including oil, watercolor, acrylic, enameling, ceramics, metal work, sculpture, batik, jewelry, mosaics, assemblage, wood-working, mixed media and more. Free-form to functional, primitive to refined, contemporary art embodying a variety of styles and disciplines will be available.

The festival kicks off with an opening reception from 7-9 pm, Friday, November, 2nd, and includes a student sale in addition to the

juried artists. Come and enjoy an evening of entertainment provided by acoustic guitarist, Mark Achoff, tasty hors d'oeuvres and libations, and art demonstrations in a lively and convivial atmosphere. Meet the artists and learn first-hand the techniques and inspiration for their unique work. Discover one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your holiday list. Festival continues Saturday from 10 – 5pm and Sunday from 11 – 4 pm. Creative Arts Group is a non-profit art center offering classes, workshops and events to those in the San Gabriel Valley and beyond.

Creative Arts Group is located at 108 N. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre. For more information go to creativeartsgroup.org.

REFLEXOLOGY CAN HELP!

Reduce Pain ☘ Promote healing ☘ Stress relief ☘ Improve overall well being

FootsmArts Reflexology

Bs. Lic. #21422

Despina Tsiknas-Arzuoman

Certified Reflexologist

Located in Sierra Madre

(626) 355-3414

By Appointment Only

Visit our website:

www.footsmarts-reflexology.com

CALIFORNIA

BUSINESS COMPLEX

&

SELF STORAGE

MONROVIA

WE'RE YOUR PLACE WHEN YOU'RE OUT OF SPACE!

CALL US 626-303-7917

Mountain Views News

PUBLISHER/ EDITOR
Susan Henderson

PASADENA CITY EDITOR
Dean Lee

EAST VALLEY EDITOR
Joan Schmidt

BUSINESS EDITOR
LaQuetta Shamblee

PRODUCTION
Richard Garcia

SALES
Patricia Colonello
626-355-2737
626-818-2698

WEBMASTER
John Avery

DISTRIBUTION
Kevin Barry

CONTRIBUTORS

Kevin McGuire
Chris Leclerc
Bob Eklund
Howard Hays
Paul Carpenter
Kim Clymer-Kelley
Christopher Nyerges
Peter Dills
Rich Johnson
Lori Ann Harris
Rev. James Snyder
Dr. Tina Paul
Katie Hopkins
Deanne Davis
Despina Arouzman
Jeff Brown
Marc Garlett
Keely Toten
Dan Golden
Rebecca Wright

Mountain Views News has been adjudicated as a newspaper of General Circulation for the County of Los Angeles in Court Case number GS004724: for the City of Sierra Madre; in Court Case GS005940 and for the City of Monrovia in Court Case No. GS006989 and is published every Saturday at 80 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., No. 327, Sierra Madre, California, 91024. All contents are copy-righted and may not be reproduced without the express written consent of the publisher. All rights reserved. All submissions to this newspaper become the property of the Mountain Views News and may be published in part or whole.

Opinions and views expressed by the writers printed in this paper do not necessarily express the views and opinions of the publisher or staff of the Mountain Views News.

Mountain Views News is wholly owned by Grace Lorraine Publications, and reserves the right to refuse publication of advertisements and other materials submitted for publication.

Letters to the editor and correspondence should be sent to:

Mountain Views News
80 W. Sierra Madre Bl.
#327
Sierra Madre, Ca.
91024

Phone: 626-355-2737
Fax: 626-609-3285
email:

mtviewsnews@aol.com

Mountain Views News Mission Statement

The traditions of community newspapers and the concerns of our readers are this newspaper's top priorities. We support a prosperous community of well-informed citizens. We hold in high regard the values of the exceptional quality of life in our community, including the magnificence of our natural resources. Integrity will be our guide.

TOM PURCELL



DIETARY SCIENTISTS, MAKE UP YOUR MINDS!

Say it ain't so: Alcohol in moderation is bad for us again! According to a recent study published in the journal Alcoholism, low-level alcohol use - one or two snorts of hooch on occasion - may benefit cardiovascular disease, but it increases the risk of cancer.

To which I respond: Oh, c'mon!

I don't know if our scientists have noticed, but our country is politically and culturally divided. Our people are agitated and angry. Life's simple pleasures are among the few things about which we have any consensus these days.

Yet for years, our simple pleasures have been under scientific assault.

Back in the '90s, a series of alarming reports told us that movie-theater popcorn would congest our arteries worse than eating Crisco right out of the can.

Then we learned that Chinese food would fatten us, and that a hearty fast-food breakfast could be so risky we might not make it to lunch.

For years, we were told that red meat is bad for our hearts. But now, we're being told that it is also causing climate change - so we need to start eating bugs instead!

Look, too few Americans are aware of where our food comes from and what is in it - which partly helps explain our obesity epidemic. But it's awfully frustrating that our scientists can't seem to make up their minds.

For years, they told us coffee was bad for us - before deciding that, in moderation, it stimulates our arteries, and protects against Parkinson's disease, type 2 diabetes and liver disease. Coffee certainly makes my noggin sharper as the workday begins!

For years, scientists told us to avoid fat and carbs. Now, they tell us to limit carbs and that proper fats are essential to good health - that some people don't have enough fat in their diets!

For years, scientists told us alcohol was bad. Then they told us that, in moderation, it prevents heart disease, reduces the chance of ischemic stroke and possibly reduces the risk of diabetes!

But now, alcohol in moderation is bad for us again? Regrettably, the issue remains unsettled.

According to The Washington Post, the alcohol-in-moderation issue was supposed to be clarified by a 10-year, \$100 million Moderate Alcohol and Cardiovascular Health trial sponsored by The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

But the study's credibility collapsed, The Post reports, when an "internal NIH investigation found that researchers had engaged in extensive communication with industry representatives before the government's approval of the trial."

Thus, it was canceled. Which puts us right back at square one!

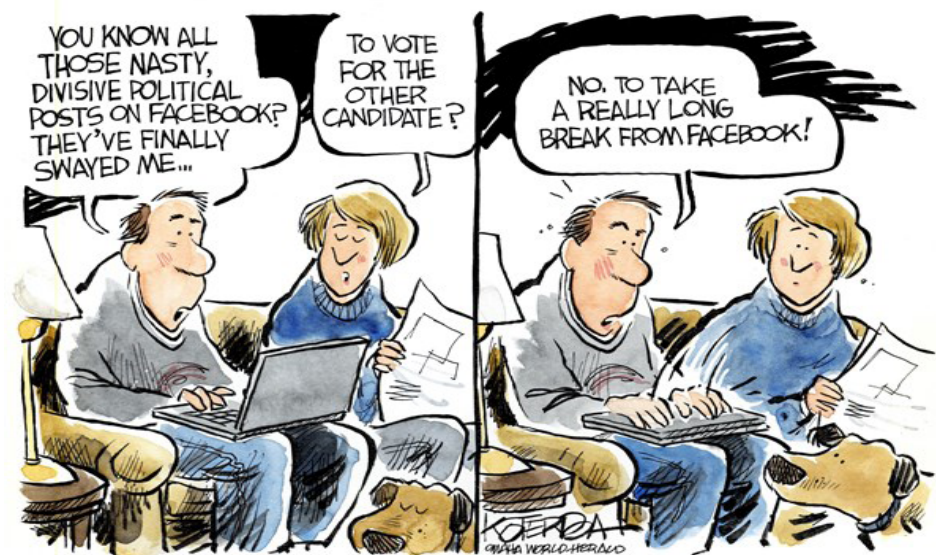
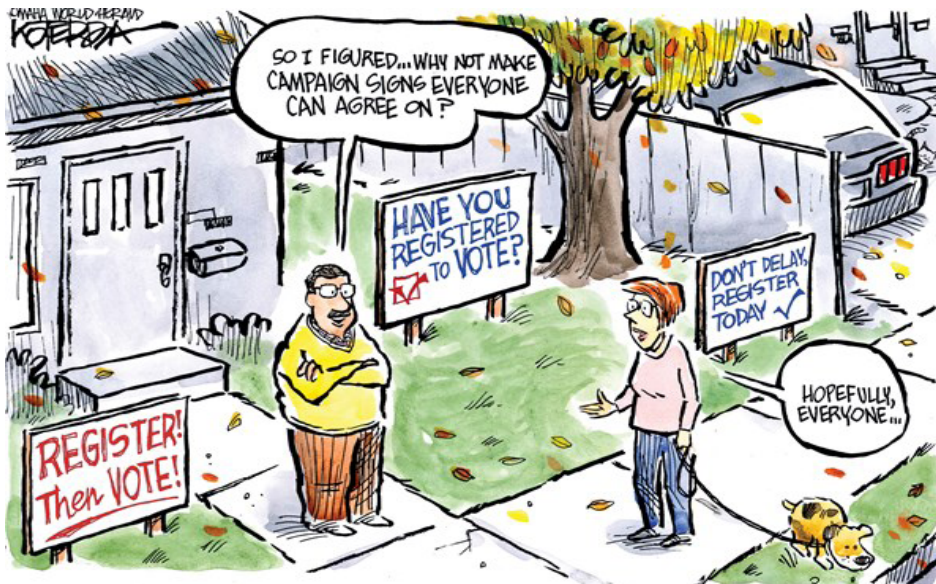
Some scientists, including an epidemiologist cited by The Post, say "drinkers should drink a little bit every day, without any days off, because alcohol makes blood platelets less sticky and keeps other clotting factors low."

But another scientist told The Post: "The burden of evidence is toward alcohol having a detrimental effect on heart disease, even in small quantities."

As a result, millions of average Americans are in a constant state of confusion and debate about many things scientific - while they're also in a constant state of confusion and debate about many things political and cultural.

One solution? Embrace the witty wisdom of Irish poet and playwright Oscar Wilde: Enjoy "everything in moderation, including moderation."

Tom Purcell, author of "Misadventures of a 1970's Childhood," a humorous memoir available at amazon.com, is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist and is nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons Inc. For info on using this column in your publication or website, contact Sales@cagle.com or call (805) 969-2829. Send comments to Tom at Tom@TomPurcell.com.



RICH MANIERI



A CIVICS TEST TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL? ABSOLUTELY

It was an inspiring lecture. One of my finest. And then, I brought up D-Day.

Spend enough time in the classroom and you learn to read students' faces. They say so much.

"I'm bored." "I'm thinking about something else." "I just broke up with my girlfriend." "I'm homesick." "I'm hungry." And, of course, "I have no idea what you're talking about."

The latter - along with the unmistakable sound of crickets - was the reaction to my mention of the day Allied forces invaded Europe in 1944.

This particular encounter with students took place several years ago at another university but I haven't forgotten it. It went something like this.

"So, on D-Day..."

Nothing.

"Does everyone know what D-Day is?"

Still nothing. Not one hand in the air.

"The invasion of Europe by the Allies?"

Blank stares. "Anyone? Anyone?"

"How about World War II?"

"Oh, yeah!" one student exclaimed, as if we'd made some great breakthrough.

Those few moments in that classroom were indicative of a much broader and very disturbing issue - the appalling knowledge gap among young people about American history and America in general.

A study released earlier this month by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation showed that in a sample of 1,000 American adults, only 36 percent would pass a U.S. citizenship test. Those 65 and older who were surveyed scored the highest. But only 19 percent of those 45 and younger passed the test. Oh yeah, and 60 percent of those surveyed did not know which countries the U.S. fought against in World War II.

If you're not terrified yet, consider that the questions on the test aren't exactly what you would find on the Mensa admissions exam.

Here are a few actual questions on the citizenship test: What does the Constitution do? What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment? Name one branch or part of the government? Who makes federal laws?

You get the idea. Not a lot of heavy lifting.

And yet, at least if this study is any barometer, most Americans would fail a rudimentary civics test.

This would seem to be a searing indictment of our public schools. How a student can graduate high school, not to mention college, knowing virtually nothing about a world war that claimed the lives of 418,500 Americans and 50 million others is stupefying.

But here we are.

Kentucky is the most recent state to require all high school seniors to pass a U.S. citizenship test to graduate. Students have to score a 60 on a 100-question test to pass. Kentucky is one of nine states that require students to pass a civics test to graduate high school.

Bravo.

It's hard to imagine that anyone would object to such a basic requirement but alas, the naysayers are out there. Chief among the pooh poohers, of all things, is the National Council for the Social Studies whose tagline, ironically enough, reads "Preparing Students for College, Career, and Civic Life."

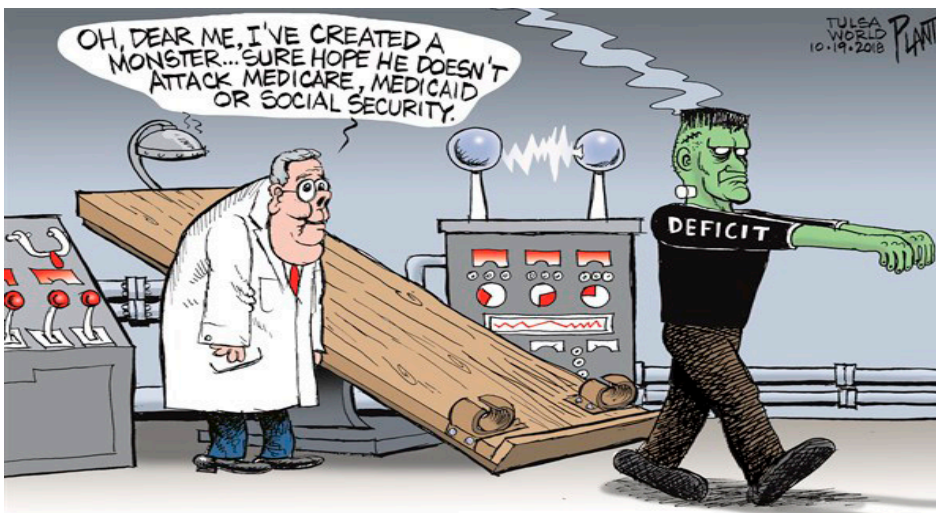
"While the Naturalization Test as presently constructed does assess a surface level of civic knowledge that may be quickly forgotten, it ignores the skills and dispositions component so necessary for true civic literacy and learning," according to an NCSS position statement posted in March, 2018. "Indeed, rote knowledge of civics content does not equal understanding of what it means to be a citizen."

I'm not naive enough to believe that passing a simple civics test to graduate high school is the remedy for the multi-leveled failure to teach our young people the basics of what it means to be an American. But it's something.

I would argue that our elementary and secondary school students would be much better served learning about why America had to fight World War II instead of being taught hogwash such as "School Climate Reform" or "Action Civics."

Every state should pass a law requiring high school students to pass a civics test to graduate. The question, "Who knows about D-Day?" should never be met by unraised hands in any high school or college classroom. But it is. And that's more than a failure. It's a tragedy.

Rich Manieri is a Philadelphia-born journalist and author. He is currently a professor of journalism at Asbury University in Kentucky. His book, "We Burn on Friday: A Memoir of My Father and Me" is available at amazon.com. You can reach him at manieri2@gmail.com.



PETER FUNT

IT'S NEWS TO ME



These are the best of times, and the worst of times, for being well informed.

We have a vast landscape of news sources, yet we tend to view them through a peephole rather than a porthole.

If you believe, as I do, that it is a civic responsibility to stay abreast of current events, consider taking a few steps to be a better news consumer.

- Don't be screen-centric. TV, computers and phones bring us most of our news, in forms that are fast and convenient. But if you're among those who never, ever, come in contact with a physical newspaper or magazine, fix that.

More research is needed, but it appears that people absorb content better when read on a printed page, especially with longer articles. Regardless, holding a paper or magazine and scanning each page is distinctly different, and often more enlightening, than scrolling through the same material on a screen.

- Listen to NPR. I got my start in radio at a time when national hourly newscasts were detailed, reliable and easily available across the dial. They are still produced by several networks, but on many affiliated stations they have been truncated or eliminated. The shining exception is National Public Radio.

Driving through Mississippi and Alabama this summer, a regional network of NPR stations proved to be my best connection to news from Washington and the world. NPR's hourly newscasts are carried by more than 1,000 stations, where they tend to be part of the conversation, not part of the clutter.

- Read e-letters. The newsletter business is booming. Almost every news organization in America, large and small, will send you a daily email summarizing its coverage. E-letters are usually free and, while not a substitute for the full story, provide a useful starting point for catching up on the day's news.

I recommend one of the original e-letters and still among the best: Politico's Playbook. Although it has an inside-the-Beltway focus, it is a very readable and nonpartisan digest, delivered for free before 7 a.m. ET.

- Sample Hannity and Maddow. Depending on your political orientation, you probably watch either Sean Hannity on Fox News Channel or Rachel Maddow on MSNBC - but never both! Try crossing over, at least occasionally.

Hannity and Maddow have emerged as the ratings leaders in cable-TV's nightly effort to dissect the Trump White House. My friends are aghast when I mention watching both. Still, these two thought leaders help set (in Hannity's case) or reflect (more so in Maddow's case) the national agenda.

- Go up front. Even if you're not a news junkie you are likely to enjoy perusing the front pages of hundreds of daily newspapers, online, for free.

The Newseum in Washington (newseum.org) assembles readable PDFs of front pages - from the Daily News-Miner in Fairbanks, Alaska, to the St. Augustine Record in Florida. If it's true that "all politics is local," it can be said that all news is too. You'll be surprised at how dramatically the mood of the nation is reflected on these daily fronts.

- Go long. Too often we rely on summaries of summaries (indeed, the e-letters cited above are part of that). Stretch your mind and your insight by balancing news digests with long-form articles.

Some of the best reporting these days is being done by The New Yorker, The Atlantic and The New York Times Magazine, among others that invest heavily in hiring top writers and giving them the time and space to really drill down.

- Matriculate. Every so often try reading a college newspaper. Hundreds of student publications are produced on campuses around the country, and while some are read by local residents, most are completely invisible to the general public.

A useful list of the top 50 college newspapers, with links, can be found at collegechoice.net. Number 50 is The Bucknellian at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania; number one is the Yale Daily News in Connecticut. You probably have little interest in, say, food complaints at the dining hall, but when, for example, young Yale journalists assess a Supreme Court nominee, it's intriguing reading.

- Talk about it. Nowadays we are so set in our opinions that we're afraid to discuss current events with colleagues, friends and family. If they're in another camp, or have a differing view, the risk of broaching a subject seems greater than any possible reward.

Yet, this very type of discourse is central to the evolution of our own thinking. I've found that creating a small email circle is a useful way to bounce thoughts off people I know, without the peril of raised tempers or overly hurt feelings. If you're brave enough to talk about news at the office or dinner table, my advice is to listen more and pontificate less.

This is, after all, the age of wisdom, and the age of foolishness. We can each do more to promote the former.

Peter Funt is a writer and speaker. His book, "Cautiously Optimistic" is available at Amazon.com and CandidCamera.com.



ST. RITA SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL



**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
OCTOBER 19-20, 2018**

ST. RITA SCHOOL

322 Baldwin Ave, Sierra Madre

FRIDAY: Beer, Brats & Bingo 6:00 to 10:00pm O'Malley Hall

SATURDAY: Harvest Festival 12:30 to 9:30pm on W. Campus

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:



RT ROGERS BREWING CO

Chiquita Bonita
Mexican Restaurant



Self Storage
Sierra Madre

www.st-ritaschool.org

[f StRitaSierraMadre](https://www.facebook.com/StRitaSierraMadre)

[@StRitaSchoolsm](https://www.instagram.com/StRitaSchoolsm)

[@StRitaSchoolsm](https://www.twitter.com/StRitaSchoolsm)



Walter Cailleteau, DVM

927 N. Michillinda Ave.

Pasadena, CA 91107

(626) 351-8863

Free Exam!

For New Clients

Bring this coupon to save!

