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- 2014 - "Catching The Big One" The Mayor's Trophy
- 2015 - "I Think I Can" The Mayor's Trophy
- 2016 - "Rollin' On The River" Animation Trophy
- 2017 - "The Cat's Away" The Mayor's Trophy
- 2018 - "Chivalry" Fantasy Award
- 2019 - **"HARMONY" Director's Award**



The Sierra Rose Float Association has done it again! The all volunteer group won the 2019 Tournament of Roses Parade's prestigious Director's Award for "The most outstanding artistic design and use of floral and non-floral materials". This is the 13th win for SMRFA out of the last 14 entries into the internationally known parade.

In addition to Sierra Madre Princesses Lydia Plaut, Kate Parry and Tess Perkins adorned in traditional Japanese attire riding on the float, volunteer Saeko Kujiraoka played the Koto a traditional Japanese instrument along the parade route.

The 2019 Parade Theme is "The Melody of Life" and "Harmony's Garden" is the 2019 Rose Parade float entry. The inspiration for this design is our very own Japanese Garden (Goodwill Garden) located on the campus of the Sierra Madre Elementary School. Designed by Jason Redfox.

President Barb Bevington is beaming with pride and expressed her appreciation for the volunteers and Sierra Madre Community's support. During Deco Week, the Sierra Madre Rotary Club, The Only Place In Town, The Mountain Views News/ Kensington Senior Living, The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club and Christ Church (formerly Congregational Church) provided dinner for the volunteers each night. Photos courtesy SMRFA

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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

CALENDAR

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
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Planning Commission
January 3rd, 2019 at 7:00 pm
January 17th, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Community Service Commission
January 21st, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Senior Community Commission
January 3rd, 2019 at 3:00 pm CANCELLED
Special Meeting January 10th, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Library Board of Trustees
January 23rd, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource
Commission
January 16th, 2019 at 7:00 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

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KATIE Tse.....This and That

NO REST FOR THE WICKED

Happy New Year! How many of your resolutions are still live, five days in? If you answered one or more, congratulate yourself! You're ahead of me! I wondered what to write for this article, since I'm trying to be good and not recycle old stuff. I guess that's one resolution that's still kicking.

Anyway, I thought of writing about how racing is FINALLY back at Santa Anita! Now my husband and I have things to do on the weekends again, namely losing --I mean "betting" our money at the track. It's great, though, even when you have a bad day. And hey, the track has the best corned beef sandwiches in the world, so all's not lost. But what is there to say beyond that, that racing's back? Kind of shot my wad about it in just a couple sentences.

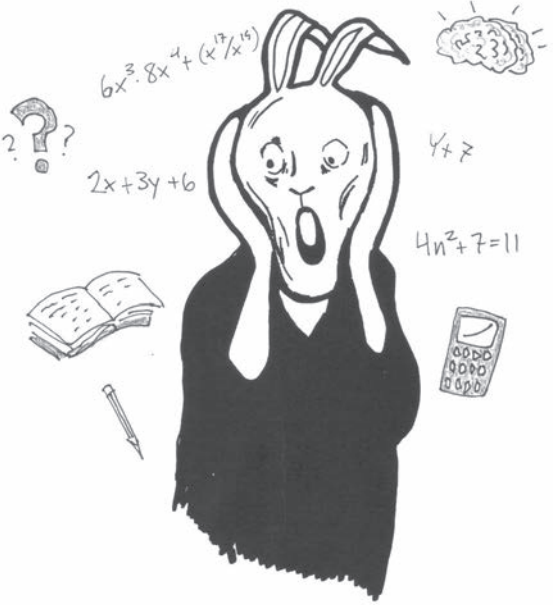
When I woke up today (Wednesday), I lay in bed trying to think about what to write, hoping for fresh inspiration. (I work at a school and am blessed with two weeks off for Christmas.) However, I was too perturbed by a disturbing dream I had moments before that I was unable to fully focus on ideas for an article. You see, I had another one of THOSE dreams.

My first article for the paper, almost ten years ago, was on the topic of scary dreams. For some people, bad dreams might involve bodily harm to themselves or loved ones. And for sure, those are the worst! I often dream of my pets (more technically, my parents' pets) in danger, and wake up in a cold sweat. Oddly enough, I always dream of them in doubles, as in there'll be two bulbuls and two Amazon parrots, but in real life there's only one of each. That's probably a text book example of some mental condition, but I don't know what it is offhand.

But last night's, rather, this morning's dream didn't have to do with injury to myself, my family, or their pets. Nevertheless, it was disturbing and relentlessly familiar --that I had to go back to high school to complete some unfinished math class.

Yes, I am often plagued with different variations of the same recurrent nightmare --that I, or the California school system, discovers I still need to make up some math class at the local high school I attended almost 20 years ago. Now, having to go back and take some class at high school sounds bad already. But for me, to have it be a math class, that's just downright terrifying!

I was never good at math. In fact, I believe I went through my whole academic career with an undiagnosed math disability. I attended private schools through high school, so it's not like there were any Special Ed personnel who would've been



able to refer me for testing. The last straight math class I had to take was at PCC. I think the course title was something like "Beginning Algebra: For People Who've Never Understood Math, but Need to Pass it to Fulfill Their Gen Ed Units."

The majority of the class was made up of people who had taken the same course, with the same teacher, and failed. This was their second or third attempt. I know, I talked to them. The mathematically damned have no shame commiserating with each other. Anyway, the teacher was a good soul and saved us all by grading on a curve. By some unexpected miracle, I was top or second in the class with a solid D+. But on a curve, that translated to an A! It was a happy ending, and I think we all passed.

So in my dream, which always seems to occur toward the end of my summer or Christmas break, I feel kind of silly and embarrassed going back to high school to make up my incomplete math class. I mean, here I am, coming up on 40, around a bunch of teenagers. Teenagers who are all assuredly better at math than myself. In the back of my mind I know that I've already graduated college and have been working at my job for 11 years. In fact, this morning in my dream, I voiced this to the high school guidance counselor in charge of my case.

She replied that it didn't matter, I still needed to do it.

I asked her if it could be postponed, since I didn't feel like using up my sick days on high school algebra.

She told me no, I'd avoided this course long enough, and now I had no option but to buckle down and take it.

I shakily walked down the halls of my old high school, digging in my pocket for the slip of paper with the classroom I was supposed to report to. But the paper wasn't there. In horror, I realized I didn't have any backpack, pencils, paper, or even a math textbook! At least I wasn't naked this time. That sometimes happens in nightmares, but that's a whole other article.

I was about to despair when I heard someone calling to me loudly from down the hall. It was our cat that stays outside. She had grown tired of waiting for me to wake up and feed her. I was thankful that it had all been a dream, but still felt anxious and off kilter about the whole thing for a while after getting out of bed.

It doesn't matter how long I've been working, how many years it's been since I've graduated high school --there's no rest for the wicked when it comes to math.

REMEMBRANCES

TIMOTHY JAMES OSTI

Timothy James Osti, 51, born in Los Angeles on October 11, 1967 and passed away December 27, 2018.

Tim was a lifelong resident of Sierra Madre and worked with his father Danny, of Danny Osti Tree Service for 35 years. Tim suffered a sudden massive heart attack and was found unresponsive at a job site in upper Altadena. Tim is survived by his beloved wife, the love of his life, Diane (Wallace) Osti, parents Danny & Diane Osti, and sister Gina (Osti) Johnson. He will be lovingly remembered by his nephews and nieces as well as nearly every resident of Sierra Madre, all touched by his genuine love and kindness, as a result of his devotion to Jesus Christ.

Memorial services will be held January 19, 2019 at 2:00 pm, at Pasadena Church of the Nazarene, 3700 East Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107, followed immediately by "4:00 o'clock coffee". In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to "Go Fund Me Tim Osti" at <https://www.gofundme.com/tim-osti-memorial-fund> or mailed c/o Diane Osti, 27 Auburn Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024



MARGARET LALONE



On December 24, 2018, Margaret LaLone passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 94. Margaret was a long standing and involved member of the Sierra Madre community. Many of you know her by her sweet smile and cookie deliveries.

Margaret was extremely talented in crafting which she loved to share with those around her. Whether it was working for Florence Ceramics, Harold Brett Jewelers, or the Craft Cellar, she always brought beauty to her craft. She extended her skills to voluntary works in her community including knitting for newborn nurseries and patients at the City of Hope, quilting for friends and family, baking for the Fire and Police Departments as well as decorating the cemetery for the holiday season with handmade ornaments.

Margaret is survived by 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl LaLone, daughter, Marsha Ingrao, and son Chris LaLone.

She was our Nana, and an angel to all who knew her; an angel who will live forever in all of our hearts.

Please join us in a celebration of her life on Saturday, January 12th from 11-2 at 121 South Lima Street. In lieu of flowers the family requests a donation in her name to the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team or the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE.. The Social Side By Deanne Davis



"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'it will be happier'..."
Alfred Lord Tennyson

"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one."
Brad Paisley

"It is inaccurate to say that I hate everything. I am strongly in favor of common sense, common honesty, and common decency. This makes me forever ineligible for public office."
H. L. Mencken (Liked this quote so much I just had to put it in..)

Happy New Year, dear friends and neighbors. Christmas has been wonderful and I've only gained two pounds which isn't too bad, considering I've devoured enough holiday goodie stuff to last me till next Thanksgiving. I made at least thirty little loaves of cranberry bread, 16 or so of which went to all of Jessie and Emily's (our granddaughters who are in fifth and third grade, respectively) teachers. The rest are in my freezer waiting to be called upon for further gifts coming up shortly. I made the best pumpkin cheesecake bars, some of which are lurking in my freezer, too, awaiting the day a couple of months off when pumpkin cheesecake sounds like a really good idea. We've enjoyed gallons of eggnog...don't turn your nose up yet, the way I do it is really delicious. First you buy a quart or two of the lowfat eggnog and a bottle of Captain Morgan spiced rum. Then you pour a bunch of the eggnog into your blender with a LOT of ice -- that's the important part, folks, the ice. Then you add as much Captain Morgan as you feel like -- some days, especially if you've been shopping and your feet and your credit card hurt -- you might want more Captain Morgan than another day when you watched "Say Yes To The Dress" and wrapped packages all day. Then, hit the blender button, let all that ice chop up and you end up with an eggnog smoothie. Pour it into a pretty glass, grate some fresh nutmeg on top and, trust me, you'll like it! For the second year in a row, I never saw eggnog ice cream in any grocery store...how is that possible!

Wasn't the parade wonderful! What a beautiful day. Our float, "Harmony's Garden," celebrating the Goodwill Garden at Sierra Madre Elementary School, was beyond beautiful, richly deserving the Director's Award for most outstanding artistic

design and use of floral and non-floral materials. The woman playing the Koto, which I'm sure you all know is the national musical instrument of Japan, was a really nice touch. The picture here is of a plaque that you probably don't know about, unless you're a member of the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association. The plaque, proudly carried by our float's driver through the entire parade, is in honor of our dear friend, Donna Sutcliffe, who left us in July of 2018 to be reunited in heaven with her beloved husband, Doug. Donna became my friend when we moved into our house on Alegria in 1970 and our kids all grew up together. She was a vital part of the Rose Float Association for many years, filling many roles, among them the Princess Wrangler, making sure the young women who are chosen to represent Sierra Madre, such as Kate Parry, Lydia Plaut and Tess Perkins, this year's Princesses, are always at their very best. She arranged many interviews over the years for me to meet the Princesses, which wasn't always easy as these young women are busy! After the Parade, the plaque, held here by members of SMRFA, was presented to Donna's daughter, Lynn Turpin, son, Andrew Sutcliffe and their families. Our float was a triumph and a winner and, luckily, was in the parade lineup before the little problem with the big two-part float that ended the parade -- at least for the TV audience -- before it was quite finished! Thank you, Donna, for all the years you worked on our floats; and thank you Rose Float Association and all the folks who work all year in the barn with Dick Sappington, Robert Gjerde, and others for another spectacular winner, "Harmony's Gardens." Need to thank the many volunteers, too, for their tireless efforts to get this float finished, the design for which was by Jason Redfox.

If you haven't seen "Mary Poppins Returns" which was absolutely fabulous, go see it and take along any children you happen to have on hand. You'll be glad you did.

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News From Your Community For Your Community

A Parade of Music

With a theme “The Melody of Life,” it is not a surprise that the 130th Rose Parade Tuesday morning was filled with live music from, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Kool & the Gang to surf rock and a Taiwan folk drum troupe, just to name a few.

Many of the floats also featured larger than life instruments such as guitars, keyboards and even an ancient musical instrument known as, “RABAB”

Grand Marshal Chaka Khan started the Parade’s opening act performing “I Feel For You,” and a brand new single “Hello Happiness.” Anne-Marie Rose sang “2002” during the parades premature ending.

In between all the floats were over 20 Marching Bands, from the hometown Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band & Herald Trumpets to The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band, Long Beach. Others were from as far away as Karlskrona, Sweden (Royal Swedish Cadet Band) and Izumo, Japan (All-Izumo Honor Green Band) to Banda Municipal de Acosta (San José, Costa Rica). Many of the bands represented all parts of the country including Alabama State University

Royal Court

The 2019 Rose Queen and her Princesses will share their favorite princess stories and recent Tournament experiences as members of the Royal Court on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Pasadena Public Library’s Hastings Branch, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.

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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.



Mighty Marching Hornets (Alabama), Florida A&M University, The Incomparable Marching “100” (Florida), to Hawaii’s Na Koa Ali ‘I – Hawai’i All-State Marching Band.

Rose Parade Equestrian units were not forgotten with crowd favorites, Budweiser Clydesdales and the Mini Therapy Horses. The Norco Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team & Little Miss Norco Cowgirls Jr. Drill Team and Spirit of the West Riders were back this year. The Hawaii Pa’u Riders from Waimanalo, Hawaii rode in line with Dole Packaged Foods “Rhythm of Paradise float” and the

mentioned Na Koa Ali ‘I band.

The Dole float entree included Los Angeles-based Tahitian dance students of Te Aho Nui and professional fire dancers Lopati Leaso and Andrés Treviño.

There were many firsts in the parade including Gerald Freeny as the Tournament’s first African American president and Louise Deser Siskel as the first member of the LGBTQ community to be Rose Queen.

The parade had a chaotic end (see related story right) after the Chinese American Heritage Foundation float “Harmony Through Union”

caught fire becoming disabled. As the float was being moved, temporary stopping the parade, many parade goers started to leave thinking the parade was over although both the South Pasadena float “Three Little Birds,” and Dig Alert: “Backyard Harmony” along with The Royal Swedish Cadet Band had not started down the parade route.

South Pasadena float officials refused comment for this story.

Deals During Cheeseburger Week

As Pasadena celebrates the invention of the cheeseburger in the city in 1924, 40 restaurants, burger joints and more take part in the citywide celebration.

Several participants in the 2018 Cheeseburger Week, January 6 to 11, celebration and Cheeseburger Challenge are offering special meals and deals.

Those offering special meals include:

El Portal Restaurant and Yahaira’s Cafe offering the Zacatecas Burger: Ground beef, ground pork and chorizo with special flavorings in a telera roll with tomato cheese, ham and secret chipotle sauce. Comes with fries; Pie ‘n Burger has a special Cheeseburger Week deal commemorating their 55th anniversary. Download the coupon at the Pasadena Restaurant Week website (www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com). Du-par’s offers the Original Patty Melt (invented by Tiny Naylor in 1932) with a side of choice, a slice of Key Lime Pie and a soft drink (for \$16); Dog Haus and Dog Haus Biergarten offer the KPOP Hero with 2 smashed Creekstone beef patties, kalbi glaze, white American cheese & KPOP 1000 island; served on a grilled King’s Hawaiian bun (for \$6.99); New participants in Cheeseburger Week include Trejo’s Cantina in the Playhouse District, 1919 Café at The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, New School of Cooking in downtown and Foothill in east Pasadena.

Want to try more than one burger? Organize a Cheeseburger Crawl with friends and visit as many restaurants as you want. Order burgers to share and enjoy a beverage and side dish, if you like.

Join with friends and make a night of it by organizing a Cheeseburger Crawl. It works best with four or eight. Simply pick four restaurants to visit, order a cheeseburger and cut it into quarters, then each friend tastes it. Move on to the next place and do the same. After four restaurants, you each will have tasted four burgers. Enjoy drinks, have a beer, or just enjoy your cheeseburgers.

For a full list of participants and more specials visit: pasadenarestaurantweek.com and click on the Restaurants and Menu tab.

Voting in the 2019 Cheeseburger Challenge opens January 6, 2019, and ends January 12.

Rose Float Driver 'A Hero'



By Dean Lee

The two founders of the Chinese American Heritage Foundation, sponsor of the Rose Parade float Harmony Through Union that caught fire, crippling the float at Orange Grove and Colorado Boulevards – causing a backup and delay in the parade– said the true heroes were the float driver and Tournament volunteers.

“He was able to turn the wheel inside the float to get it to stop,” said Wilson Lee, Founder of Chinese American Heritage Foundation. “and before he left the float, he was able to grab the fire extinguisher and [put out the fire].”

Lee said most of, what looked like, smoke was from the canisters of the extinguishers.

“They emptied extinguishers on to that whole area to make sure that all the fire was put out,” he said.

Lee said Tournament volunteers evacuated the float riders.

“The procedure they have put in place, in case an accident like this were to occur, worked flawlessly. So we want to commend all the volunteers,” he said

He called the float built by Fiesta Floats a “work of art.”

“We hate to have a small minor incident hurt the reputation of Fiesta, they are [best] float builders in the world, probably.”

Lee also said the floats message of the 14,000 immigrants that built the Transcontinental Railroad 150 years ago, right after the Civil War, “represents



the hardship of the Chinese, the Irish, Germans the Native Americans... everyone that had to due with building American.” He likened the floats message to that of the Statue of Liberty.

He said they where working with Fiesta and the City of Los Angeles to possibly show it at the Golden Dragon Parade in Chinatown February 9.

He also dispel rumors that the float had been built in two weeks.

“What we did in two weeks was the decoration only,” Lee also said the float went though all the normal safety checks and testing. He added that the float chassis was built in October.

Esther Lee president of the Chinese American Heritage Foundation said they were leaving what happened to the engineering and the fire department.

In a statement, Tim Estes, President if Fiesta Parade Floats said “Preliminary information suggests that a leak of transmission fluid made contact with a hot exhaust pipe. The contact with the pipe created a small flame and a lot more smoke.”

Free Monthly Events at Pasadena Senior Center

There is something for everyone in December 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.

California Legislation that Affects Seniors – Thursday, Jan. 10, at 10 a.m.

Significant progress has been made in expanding services for older adults in the past five years, but recent state budget cuts have led to cost-cutting measures. Learn more at this informative talk presented by Wise & Healthy Aging.

Cultural Thursdays – Thursdays, Jan. 10 and 17, at 2 p.m. Jan. 10: Pianist Bob Lipson and commentator/ singer Saul H. Jacobs will lead a musical journey through the life and works of George and Ira Gershwin. Jan. 17: Musicians from the Pasadena Symphony and Pops will perform in concert

Improvisation for Lifeskills PLAYshop – Jan. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon. Tap into your natural, creative talents while enhancing your health and well-being. This series will focus on improv techniques, theater games and creative drama to increase your spontaneity, memory, focus and interactive social and communication skills in a fun, playful and creative environment. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or by calling 626-795-4331. Presented by Trisha Jauchler, founder and director of On Bright Wings and Theatre on the Threshold.

Screening Mimis Film Discussion Club – Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 1:30 p.m. Diehard film fans are invited to watch Sinbad the Sailor (1947, NR) starring Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Maureen O’Hara. An ocean of adventure awaits Sinbad as he sets out in search of the fabled lost treasure of Alexander the Great.

The film will be preceded by a presentation about the film’s hidden history and followed by a lively discussion.

Chair Yoga – Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 1 p.m. Improve your balance and confidence through gentle yoga exercises while sitting in a chair or standing and using a chair for support.

My Gift to You: The Importance of Planning Ahead – Thursday, Jan. 17, at 10 a.m. What to do when a loved one passes away is a difficult topic to discuss, and most families spend fewer than five minutes talking about it. This can cause them to be completely unprepared and overwhelmed by all the details that must be handled. A representative from Forest Lawn will explain how you and your loved ones can plan ahead to maneuver through this emotional and financial experience.

Braille Technology and Library Resources – Thursday, Jan. 17, at 12:30 p.m. Learn about free audiobooks and digital technology services for people who are visually impaired or blind. Presented by the Braille Institute.

Health Fair – Friday, Jan. 18, from 9 to 11 a.m. Services will include glucose, blood pressure and hearing screenings, counseling, health and community resources. Call 626-685-6732 for more information.

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

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 in a welcoming environment. Services are also provided for frail, low-income and homebound seniors.

Schiff Sworn into 116th Congress for New Term

Adam Schiff was sworn into Congress Thursday for his tenth term, serving California’s 28th Congressional District, which includes part of Pasadena.

“I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue to represent California’s 28th in Washington for the next two years. A great deal of work lies ahead of us, but I am motivated by the trust my constituents have placed in me to advance their priorities in our nation’s capitol,” said Schiff. “Our first task is to re-open the government and bring an end to the President’s decision to shut it down. Last night, we passed legislation to do that as our first act of the Congress.”

Schiff will continue representing the 28th District in Congress, including all or parts of Atwater Village, Burbank, East Hollywood, Echo Park, Elysian Valley, Glendale, Griffith Park, Hollywood, Hollywood Hills, La Cañada-Flintridge, La Crescenta, Los Feliz, Montrose, Pasadena, Shadow Hills, Silver Lake, Sunland, Tujunga and West Hollywood.

Schiff continued, “The American people entrusted a new Majority in the House with a great responsibility



to put forward a positive agenda for the nation. Along with my colleagues, I intend to advocate for legislation that puts people first by increasing incomes, and expanding affordable healthcare. I also intend to push forward local initiatives that improve the quality of life in our region, including expanding open space through the creation of the Rim of the Valley National Recreation Area, building the Earthquake Early Warning System for the west coast, reducing helicopter and airplane noise, and much more.

“Finally, I will do my part to support and conduct vital oversight of the Trump Administration, and to restore Congress as a co-equal branch of government. Let’s get to work.”

ALTADENA CRIME BLOTTER

Sunday, December 23rd
10:00 AM – A residential burglary occurred in the 2800 block of Saint James Place. Suspect(s) entered the location by shattering the windows. No loss reported.

5:30 PM – A petty theft occurred in the 2200 block of El Molino Avenue. Stolen: currency.

11:30 PM – A vehicle vandalism occurred in the 1600 block of Crest Drive. Vehicle damage: cut weather stripping.

Monday, December 24th
7:00 PM – A petty theft of an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 1000 block of Marcheta Street. Stolen: white diaper bag containing clothing.

Tuesday, December 25th
9:30 PM – A domestic violence incident occurred in the 400 block of Figueroa Street. Suspect was taken into custody.

Wednesday, December 26th
2:20 PM – Elvis Cabral, 38 years old of Altadena was arrested in the 200 block of Sacramento Street for taking a vehicle without the owner’s consent. Vehicle was reported stolen from the city of Pasadena.

Friday, December 28th
2:35 PM – Michael Martinez, 30 years old of Altadena was arrested in the area of Lincoln Avenue and Figueroa Drive for public intoxication.

9:20 PM – An assault with a deadly weapon occurred in the 300 block of E. Pine Street. Suspect was taken into custody.

Saturday, December 29th
1:30 AM – A grand theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred in the 3200 block of Thurin Avenue. Stolen: Ace Sonic karaoke player and mixing board with hard drives.

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ARCADIA HAPPENINGS

CITY OF ARCADIA SENIOR SERVICES BINGO!



Arcadia Senior Services is having a fun-filled BINGO event on Friday, January 11, 2019 from 10am to 1pm. It will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia. Cost is \$10 and includes a 10 pack of BINGO cards, and a lite lunch during intermission. The

lucky winners will get gift cards. The last game of "blackout" is a \$50 prize. This program is for individuals age 50 and over. Purchase your tickets at the Arcadia Community Center. For additional information, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

LEARN CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY AT ARCADIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 28, 2018 – Learn the art of Chinese Calligraphy in anticipation of Chinese New Year at a special workshop at the Arcadia Public Library on Saturday, January 12, from 11 am to 12:30 pm! The class will be taught by Ms. Si Ning, Doctor of Literature. All supplies are provided. The class is for adults only, space is limited and registration is required. Call Adult Services at 626.821.5569 or register at Eventbrite.

For more information, please call 626.821.5569 or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. You can also follow the Library on Facebook and Twitter.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRACE IMMINK AT GILB MUSEUM

December 28, 2018 – Dramatic yet subtle photographs exploring the trials of aging and mental well-being highlight a month-long show of pictures taken by documentary photographer Grace Immink at the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage. The exhibit, entitled "Transitions: Photography of Julie Grace Immink" opens with a free reception on Saturday, January 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit runs through

Saturday, February 16.

For more information, please call 626.574.5440 or visit the Gilb Museum's webpage <https://www.arcadiaca.gov/government/city-departments/museum>. The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. The Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 10 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 4 pm.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, December 23rd, through Saturday, December 29th, the Police Department responded to 832 calls for service, of which 95 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, December 23:

Shortly before 4:05 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of Winnie Way regarding a suspicious male seen opening mail boxes. Officers located the suspect and, during a consensual search, discovered he was in possession of burglary tools. The 42-year-old male from Pasadena was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 11:23 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1100 block of West Duarte Road regarding a vehicle burglary report. The victim reported their rear passenger window was smashed and their diaper bag and contents were stolen sometime during the previous evening. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Monday, December 24:

Just after 9:39 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of Warren Way regarding a package theft report. Surveillance footage captured a lone suspect stealing the victim's packages on December 22nd at 1:17 p.m.

The suspect is described as a male, possibly Hispanic, between 20 and 40-years-old, with short black hair, clean shaven, seen wearing dark clothing. The investigation is ongoing.

At approximately 11:08 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of West Woodruff Avenue regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed the residence was burglarized while it was tented for fumigation. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Tuesday, December 25:

Around 12:20 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of West Palm Drive regarding a battery report. The officer discovered a husband pushed his wife to the ground and punched her during a dispute. The suspect, a 42-year-old male from Arcadia, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just before 9:18 a.m., an officer responded to Re-Planet, 1101 West Huntington Drive, regarding a burglary report. The officer determined unknown suspect(s) cut a pad lock to the exterior door and ransacked the recycling center. The loss is unknown at the time of this report. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Wednesday, December 26:

At about 1:47 p.m., an officer responded Macy's, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. Loss prevention witnessed the suspect steal

\$690.00 worth of merchandise. Upon contacting the suspect, the officer discovered he was a 16-year-old juvenile from Duarte and was in possession of tobacco. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Shortly after 5:32 p.m., an officer responded to Bath and Body Works, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed the suspect stole more than \$1,300.00 worth of merchandise from four different stores within the mall. The 30-year-old female from Baldwin Park was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, December 27:

Before 8:05 a.m., an officer responded to the 600 block of Fano Street regarding a stolen vehicle report. The victim stated her 2000 Chevrolet truck was stolen from her residence sometime during the previous night. A records check revealed the vehicle had been stolen, involved in a collision, and subsequently stored by the California Highway Patrol. The investigation is ongoing.

Around 10:22 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1400 block of South Eighth Avenue regarding a fraud report. The reporting party discovered a mailed check was stolen, altered, and issued to "Julian Salazar" for \$800.00. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, December 28:

At about 6:36 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 500 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a suspicious person. The officer located the subject and, during a consensual search, discovered he was in possession of burglary tools. He was later identified as the suspect in a residential burglary. The 36-year-old male from Pomona was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Just before 8:28 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 00 block of West Wistaria Avenue regarding an audible alarm activation. The officer discovered the unknown suspect(s) smashed a rear sliding glass door and fled the scene once the alarm activated. The investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, December 29:

Shortly after 4:56 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 300 block of East Camino Real Avenue regarding the activation of an audible alarm. While searching the home, officers located the suspect hiding in a closet. The 28-year-old male transient from Hacienda Heights was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 8:17 p.m., an officer responded to the 99 Cent Store, 140 East Duarte Road, regarding an intoxicated subject yelling at customers. The officer located the 28-year-old male from Monrovia and determined he was unable to care for himself. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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MONROVIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM PRESENTS "ROBERT KENNARD – ARCHITECT AND MENTOR," EVENT SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 20 AT 1:00 P.M.

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, the Monrovia Historical Museum will be hosting a program for on Monrovia's own Robert Kennard, founder of the oldest African-American architecture firm in Los Angeles. The event entitled "Robert Kennard – Architect and Mentor" will be presented by three individuals: Jerome Robinson, a USC graduate student, who wrote his master's thesis on Kennard; Gail Kennard, Kennard's daughter, and President of the Kennard Design Group; and Ralph Walker, KGEM newscaster.

The speakers will talk about Kennard's childhood in Monrovia and his struggle to find his first

architecture job. A World War II and Korean War veteran, Kennard attended USC's School of Architecture on the GI Bill. In 1957, he founded the Kennard Design Group, which provided architecture and planning services, and overcame struggles to become one of the largest and oldest African-American architectural firms west of the Mississippi River.

The event will take place on Sunday, January 20, 2019, at 1 p.m. at the Monrovia Historical Museum, 742 E. Lemon Ave., Monrovia. Admission is free. View more information about this event.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE THROUGH JANUARY 12!

As Christmas wraps up, we wanted to share a quick note to let everyone in Monrovia know that Athens Services will be recycling your Christmas trees through January 12! To participate in the program, simply place your used Christmas tree curbside on your regular trash collection day. Of course, if you could please remove all ornaments, tinsel, plastic bags, nails, lights, and plastic/metal stands, it would be much appreciated! Also, flocked trees and trees coated with fire retardant will most certainly be accepted. If you have any questions about this program, or if you would like more information, please feel free to contact our Public Works Division at (626) 932-5575, or Athens Services at (888) 336-6100.



VOLUNTEER FOR THE 2019 HOMELESS COUNT, JANUARY 22, 2019

Interested in volunteering during the annual Homeless Count on January 22, 2019? The City of Duarte, in partnership with the City of Irwindale and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, will conduct its annual Homeless Count starting at 8:00 pm in the Duarte Community Center.

The Cities of Duarte and Irwindale participate in this count annually as one way to comprehensively identify and address homelessness in their communities. Volunteers will receive training on site the day of the count, and all materials including food and beverage will be provided. Register to volunteer by calling Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-

7931 ext. 267 or sign up for the Duarte/Irwindale count by visiting www.theycountwillyou.org.

About the City of Duarte
The City of Duarte was incorporated on August 22, 1957. With integrity and transparency, the City provides exemplary public services in a caring and fiscally responsible manner with a commitment to our community's future. For more information visit www.accessduarte.com or call (626) 357-7931. Follow the City of Duarte on Facebook at facebook.com/duartecommunity; Twitter @CityofDuarte; Instagram @city_of_duarte and LinkedIn.

MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 368 service events, resulting in 78 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter, Instagram or Nextdoor.

Fraud

December 27 at 3:59 p.m., a resident in the 100 block of N. Alta Vista called to report she was the victim of a phone scam. She received a phone call from an unknown phone number and the person on the other end claimed to be her grandson. The caller told her he needed money, which she sent via gift cards. The victim later learned the subject on the phone was not her grandson.

Traffic Collision

December 27 at 6:15 p.m., a vehicle collision was reported in the 800 block of E. Foothill. From a stop, one motorist moved forward and rear-ended the stopped vehicle in front of them. Information was exchanged and the motorist at fault was issued a citation.

Shoplifting / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Suspect Arrested

December 27 at 9:02 p.m., an employee of a business in the 500 block of W. Huntington reported an adult female subject had taken clothes into the fitting room, concealed them, and then left the store without paying for the merchandise. Officers arrived on scene and detained the subject outside the store. The merchandise was returned and the subject was arrested for shoplifting. She was also found to be in possession of a pipe that had been used to smoke methamphetamine. She was arrested and taken into custody.

Injury Traffic Collision

December 27 at 9:17 p.m., an officer responded to the report of a traffic collision in the 1500 block of S. Mountain. Both vehicles had been stopped for a red light, when the motorist in the back rolled forward and bumped the vehicle in front. A passenger in the front vehicle complained of neck pain and was transported to a nearby hospital.

Warrant / Possession of Methamphetamine – Suspect Arrested

December 28 at 1:54 a.m., an officer was on patrol in the 300 block of S. Myrtle when he saw a male subject he recognized from previous contacts. A computer check revealed the subject had a warrant for his arrest, so he was detained. During a search incident to arrest, the subject was also found to be in possession of methamphetamine. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Grand Theft

December 28 at 3:11 p.m., a grand theft was reported in the 1600 block of S. Mountain. The victim parked his truck in a business parking lot and went inside the business. When he returned, he discovered several tools had been taken from the bed of his truck. Investigation continuing.

Burglary

December 28 at 3:14 p.m., the manager of a business in the 2100 block of S. Myrtle reported that several storage units had been broken into and burglarized. The loss is still being determined. Investigation continuing.

Vehicle Burglary

December 28 at 5:33 p.m., a resident in the 700 block of N. Canyon called to report his locked vehicle had been broken into while it was parked on the street. One of the windows was smashed and his wallet was taken. Investigation continuing.

Non-Injury Traffic Collision

December 29 at 12:42 a.m., an officer responded to the report of two motorists that had collided into one another in the 700 block of S. Monterey. Both drivers exchanged insurance and license information. The driver at fault was issued a citation.

Public Intoxication – Suspect Arrested

December 29 at 12:58 a.m., officers were dispatched to a business in the 500 block of S. Myrtle regarding a female subject in the bar that was heavily intoxicated, smoking in the bar and was refusing to pay her bill. Officers contacted the subject and found she was too intoxicated to care for her own safety. She was arrested and held for a sobering period after she paid her bill.

Fire Assist / Code Enforcement Response / Warrants – Suspects Arrested

December 29 at 9:08 a.m., several callers reported smoke coming from a building in the 800 block of S. Myrtle. Monrovia Fire Department and officers responded. The fire was coming from a make-shift fire pit inside a wheel barrow that was sitting on a piece of carpet on the property. As officers were arriving, two subjects started walking away from the property quickly. They were detained and, after further investigation, arrested for warrants and possession of smoking paraphernalia.

There were several other subjects hanging out on the property and sleeping in tents. Once on the property, officers observed spliced electrical wires laying on the ground that were coming from a power source and were next to a pool of water on the ground. Code Enforcement responded to the location and the entire property was red-tagged and deemed unsafe to occupy. Edison also responded and shut off the power to the property. The investigation is continuing.

Indecent Exposure / Possession of Methamphetamine – Suspect Arrested

December 29 at 7:07 p.m., a guest at a motel in the 1100 block of E. Huntington called police to report a male subject loitering and exposing himself in the motel parking lot. Officers responded and contacted the subject. He was detained and also found to be in possession of methamphetamine. He was arrested for indecent exposure and possession of a controlled substance.

Violation of Restraining Order

December 29 at 8:24 p.m., a resident in the 200 block of W. Cherry reported her ex-girlfriend was at her home in violation of a restraining order. Officers responded to the home, but the subject was gone. The resident reported the subject has violated the order several times since it was obtained a few weeks prior. This investigation is continuing.

Non-Injury Traffic Collision

December 29 at 8:28 p.m., a traffic collision was reported involving two motorists that had just collided in the 1500 block of S. Myrtle. Officers responded to investigate. One of the vehicles needed to be towed and the other was driven away. The driver who was found to be at fault was issued a citation.

SCIL BRINGS CHEER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Happy New Year everybody! And as animal lovers living in California ushering in yet another new year, we have reason to be of good cheer. A lot of positive changes are in the works to help reduce the abuse and neglect of pet populations throughout our great state, and that, my friends, is something to be celebrated.

One of the most important changes I'd like to make a toast to, is the official codification of California's Assembly Bill 485 into state law, as of January 1st. It has been an on-going battle, and by all standards it is way overdue, but - at long last - the powers that be have finally followed through on banning the sale of mill-bred pets in retail stores statewide.

In addition to the ban, AB 485, the Pet Rescue and Adoption Act authored by Assembly member Patrick O'Donnell (D-Long Beach) and sponsored by California-based animal advocacy group, Social Compassion in Legislation (SCIL), requires that pet stores offer dogs, cats and rabbits from shelters and rescue groups. California is the first state in the country to enact a policy of this kind, which will eliminate the trafficking of mill-bred animals to California pet stores and save thousands of lives from euthanasia in our animal shelters.

Rather than delve into the disgusting details of disease-ridden conditions and in-breeding mutations that animals are subjected to in puppy mill settings - all to feed the greed of careless humans who choose to use animals for financial gain - I will focus on giving the glory to the good folks who've dedicated their time, energy and resources to turning yet another one of this pet lover's dreams into reality.

Social Compassion in Legislation (SCIL) has become my 'pet' organization. I hope you'll pardon the pun, but by 'pet' I mean they are my new favorite non-profit animal advocacy group. Don't get me wrong, I support many organizations that work hard at bettering the lives of animals, both domestic and wild, and they are all doing some amazing things, but SCIL has won the key to my heart and (to a degree) my wallet as well, and here's why.

Most animal advocacy non-profits are on a quest to rescue and place otherwise euthanized pets into caring and loving forever homes, which I'm sure we all agree is an honorable and much needed service. SCIL is definitely on board with the mission, but what sets them apart from the rest is their quest to prevent

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



animals from being rendered homeless to begin with. Indeed, their ultimate goal is to do away with the need for shelters altogether by focusing on the root of the problem; careless and excessive breeding.

SCIL recognizes that in order to get a handle on the blight of shelter overpopulation and mass euthanasia, we've got to make changes to the laws that are allowing it to happen. With an awesome team of pro-bono lawyers and volunteers, they have succeeded in getting AB 485 codified into a law that will help prevent the problem before it becomes a problem. By reducing, and hopefully someday completely eliminating the market for mill-bred pets, the number of shelter animals in need of rescue is sure to follow suit.

Perhaps my appreciation for SCIL's approach to solving problems related to animal neglect and cruelty in our society comes from a rather dominant personality trait I apparently have. Some may consider it to be a character flaw, and I suppose it could be construed as such when I feel the need to voice an opinion using it as an emotional springboard.

The personality trait I am referring to is my desperate desire to get to the bottom of things. I like to cut to the chase, and identify the source of a problem rather than having to keep fixing the tragic results caused by a given source again and again. In our modern day society humans seem to thrive on coming to the rescue, in general. It makes us feel useful and important. But when the possibility of eliminating the source of a problem that continuously requires rescue is proposed, folks don't seem as enthusiastic to get involved.

These are just my humble thoughts. I don't assume that they are correct or true, but I do believe that our new law banning the sale of mill-bred pets and requiring the sale of shelter pets in retail pet shops is sure to get to the root of this particular problem and help reduce the need for mass rescue or euthanasia, and that makes me very happy.

I've heard it said many times before that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and when it comes to the pet neglect and overpopulation epidemic in our country, this proverbial phrase could not be more appropriately applied. That's why I stand behind my fellow animal lovers at Social Compassion in Legislation and will continue to support their efforts for as long as I am able. Bravo, SCIL! Keep up the good work!

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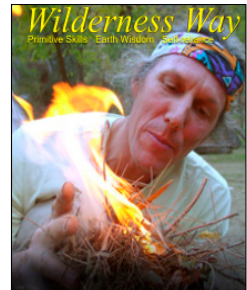
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EUELL GIBBONS -- 44 YEARS LATER

Gibbons died December 29, 1975

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Has it been that long already? In 1974, a strange man entered America's consciousness via television. Acting out what seemed to be primitive rites, he would brandish cattails, goldenrod, hickory nuts, and pine branches, instructing the viewers that "many parts are edible, you know."

Euell Gibbons rapidly became fodder for comedians who turned his "Stalking the Wild ..." book titles into the comedy cliché of the year. But, in the summer of 1975, the Federal Trade Commission ordered Gibbons' commercials for Post Grape-Nuts cereal off the air, and, by the time he died on December 29 of 1975, Gibbons' celebrity had diminished considerably.

That was a shame, for Gibbons did have a valuable message for America: There are tons of wild, nutritious food growing everywhere in this country that we could -- but don't -- eat. Gibbons believed that the main reason that Americans shun wild food is fear of ridicule if they stoop to gather weeds, which are generally regarded as suitable only for the trash can, not the dinner table.

The FTC ruling appeared to speak to a deeper fear: fear of the unknown. In the cereal commercials, Gibbons spoke of his years of foraging for wild food. "Ever eat a pine tree?" he asked in one spot. "Many parts are edible. Natural ingredients are important to me. That's why Post Grape-Nuts is part of my breakfast."

The FTC objected to the apparent connection, especially as it might be interpreted by children. The ruling said that the commercials "undercut a commonly recognized safety principle -- namely, that children should not eat any plants found growing in natural surroundings, except under adult supervision."

Despite its good intentions, the FTC succeeded in generating a great wave of mistrust and fear of all wild food, despite the fact that Gibbons stressed in his books and countless public appearances that you much never eat any plant or part of a plant until you recognize it as edible. Shortly after the FTC ruling, the media latched onto two incidents in which teen-agers who had been captivated by Gibbons' living-off-the-land philosophy became ill when they mistakenly ate toxic plants while foraging near the Angeles National Forest.

Gibbons' death of unspecified "natural causes" at the age of 64 seemed to seal his reputation as a "kook." At worst, people suspected that he had accidentally poisoned himself (he hadn't); at best, it appeared that eating "natural" foods did not contribute to longevity. But those of us who saw the real value of Gibbons' teachings still feel that he left us with a precious legacy.

I first encountered Gibbons in 1972, through his writings. Excited and fascinated by "Stalking the Wild Asparagus" and his other books, I explored fields and woods across the country in search of wild edibles. In 1974, I began to share what I had learned by conducting Wild Food Outings in the Los Angeles area.

I finally met Gibbons after he gave a lecture at Pasadena City College. We chatted for the better part of an hour, our conversation ranging from carob pods to American Indians to compost. He told me of his plans for television documentaries about primitive societies that still live totally ecological lives. Gibbons said he hoped to show the modern world some of the follies of civilization.

One of these follies is the persistence -- the expenditure of so much time and money -- in attempting to eradicate from our yards and parks plants that have thrived for centuries. Some of the most common edible "intruders" are dandelion, lamb's quarter, pigweed, mallow, mustard, and sow thistle. Among the most enduring of wild plants that were brought to California in the westward migrations is chickweed. To even the most pampered palate, it is an incredibly good salad green, yet it often leads the list of "garden pests" in advertisements for herbicides. Other "enemies" highly valued by herbalists and naturalists are wild garlic, plantain, purslane, French sorrel, sour grass, and ground ivy.

Many of the common wild plants have been used for centuries as herbal medicine, and still have value for simple ailments. But, like any medicinal ingredient, they can be harmful when abused. In 1976, jimsonweed, which has been in California for probably thousands of years, became the target of an eradication program when some people erroneously popularized it as a cheap "high." This was a typical case of ignorance about wild food that could be countered by some basic education rather than by the wholesale application of herbicides across our countryside.

So, while many people regarded the natural foods "craze" as a passing fad, others found much that is worthwhile in what Gibbons brought to the national attention. I know I do. Gibbons was just passing along something that our ancestors knew, something that is still a deeply respected tradition in many parts of even the "civilized" world where scarce food is more prized than ornamental gardens. Despite the ridicule of passersby, on almost any day in almost any park right here in the city, people still gather berries, cactus, mustard greens, chickweed, and wild mushrooms. These wild foods are there for the taking -- foods that grow in relative abundance and that are much better for you than a lot of the processed junk sold in supermarkets.

Euell Gibbons and his many adherents warrant our admiration, not our mockery.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

I THOUGHT BUT THEN I UNTHOUGHT

Looking back over my life I honestly can say, giving it a great deal of thought, the biggest problem I have is when I actually think. Thinking can get me into more trouble than anything else I do.

This was no more evident than recently we got a phone call from the bank. I hate it when the bank calls because they never call to wish me happy birthday or wonder how in the world I am doing today. They always have an agenda. Usually, that agenda has to do with my money.

When I answered the phone all I could say was, "Here we go again."

Much to my relief it was not about my account, but rather it was the bank account of the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I cannot tell you the smile that slapped itself all over my face when I heard this.

Immediately I called my wife to the phone and said, "It's your bank calling you about your account." Smilingly I handed the phone to her.

For years, we have had separate accounts and it has worked out rather well. I remember when we first were married we had a joint account and it was always getting messed up. We had two checkbooks for the same account, which did not make any sense at all. Everything was messed up and checks bounced all over the place.

To solve this dilemma we decided to have our own checking account in separate banks. I am not quite sure about her account, but the checks keep bouncing in my account and I am not exactly sure why.

The bank was calling my wife because there had been a suspicious activity on her account. I thought about telling them that other activity on her bank account was also suspicious, but sometimes I know when not to speak.

According to the bank, my wife bought a package of wine costing \$600 and they were wondering if she was buying it for the church communion service. I heard my wife laugh and figured out there is something going on. We do not use wine in our communion service, we use grape juice. However, the bank did not know why my wife was buying wine.

The only wine in our house is me, who whines all the time and believe me, according to my wife, my whining is very intoxicating. At least to her it is.

We finally had to go down to the bank and try to sort this mess out. My wife tried to tell them that she did not make such a purchase.

I would like to tell you how delighted I was to go to the bank with her and see her in a dilemma that I did not create. I know I create a lot of dilemma in our home. The fact that we been married as long as

we have been married says a lot for her tolerance of whiny old people like me.

"We did not think," the bank manager said to my wife, "that you were buying wine like this. We thought perhaps you might have been buying wine for the church communion service."

All three of us laughed a very hearty laugh because she knew we did not use wine in our communion service.

However, the truth of the matter was, there was this activity on her account in the amount of \$600. My surprise was that she had that much money in her account. I scratched my head a bit and thought, where did she get all that money? Immediately I had to unthought that and get back to the basics of our visit here in the bank.

The bank manager got out all of the paperwork with this transaction.

The first thing of note was that it took place in a liquor store in Southern California where my wife had never been.

My wife looked at me and said sarcastically, "Why are you smiling?"

I thought about telling her, but then I unthought that and got back to the details of the transaction. In looking at that transaction, the bank manager happened to notice that it was on a particular Sunday when it took place. That Sunday my wife was in church. In fact, the time of the transaction was when my wife was playing the organ.

"Can you verify that she was playing the organ at that time?" The bank manager asked me.

A thought that came into my mind was to tell the bank manager that my wife was so talented that she could be in two places at the same time. After further thought on that, I unthought that idea.

The bank manager finally took care of that transaction and we were able to leave the bank knowing us, or rather she, was free from that transaction. I did not say anything on the way home, but I was smiling on the inside.

Thinking can be a very hazardous occupation, but I was reminded what Paul said. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

I am trying to learn to think about important things and not things that are negative and damaging.

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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

THE "KISS" METHOD

As my father told me more than a 100 times, the "KISS" method of reviewing restaurants and wine is the way to please most of the people most of the time. So, I thought this would be a great time to introduce something new to our weekly print seminars and briefly discuss a few wine terms, I will include a new term each week. This week you get two.

The first term is "fruit forward". Many of us might think that has something to do with the sugar content or the sweetness of the wine, but it actually refers to the smell and taste of the wine. I have sampled many a bottle where the smell (thankfully) had nothing to do with the taste, as sometimes the wine needs to breathe. This could be from extended aging, but the word "forward" is our real clue here. Instead of the aroma of earthy, leathery, wet soil, you get the pleasant scent of ripe cherries, rich raspberries, or green apples, which are all enjoyable as you sip your wine. I have heard hundreds of terms, and sometimes I can only scratch my head and wonder how someone can smell a wine and detect things like whiffs of petrol, underripe nectarine pits, or tobacco leaves.

The second term is one that I know makes sommeliers cringe: "jammy".

I get this one. Many blends and zinfandels that I have come tried remind me of a hot sweet blueberry pie – how is that a bad thing? Experts will say that novices like "jammy" wines because of the wine's low acidity and absence of tannins. It really comes down to the fruit being ripe at the time of harvest.

One wine that I enjoyed this past week is Meiomi Pinot Noir 2016 – a quintessential pinot noir. During my "nose test", I immediately caught a good, spicy scent of alcohol. You may want to allow the wine to get some air for several minutes to avoid this effect. Sipping the Meiomi Pinot Noir, I noticed flavors of multiple bright berries. This lighter and brighter flavor contrasted well with the heavy appearance and milky mouth feel. Additionally, I noticed an initial chaos of complexity in the first taste. Things settled down a bit after the wine had a chance to breathe, releasing alluring aromas of fresh vanilla and a hint of raspberry, and, for you "oaky" lovers a small hint of that, too. This wine is a true find, and I like it! It has a big taste for a pinot – not too complex, with a great finish. All in all, I found it very enjoyable. I picked up a bottle recently at my local Vons. Fruit Forward? Check. Jammy? Check!

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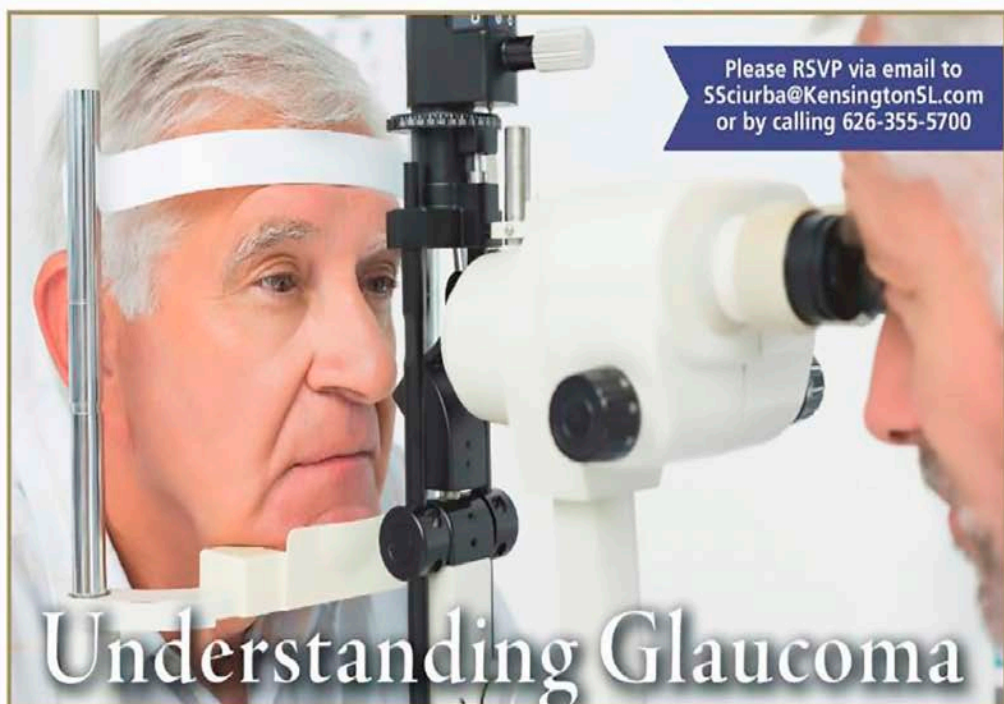


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Dr. Xu attended Yale University where he graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science in biomedical engineering. He received his MD and PhD degrees from Columbia University where he was part of the NIH-sponsored Medical Scientist Training Program. He completed a well-received thesis studying how the brain uses eye position signals to coordinate accurate eye movements. Dr. Xu completed his residency in ophthalmology at the LAC+USC Medical Center and USC Roski Eye Institute, where he served as Chief Resident and was recognized for his academic and teaching achievements. He completed his glaucoma fellowship with Dr. Robert Weinreb at the UCSD Shiley Eye Institute and Hamilton Glaucoma Center.



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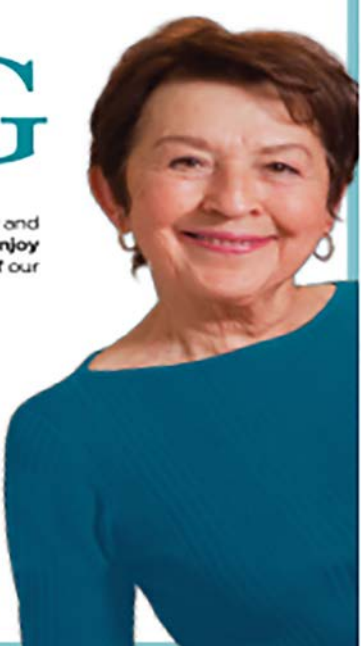
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“Our popular math competition is the longest running in Southern California and is a great opportunity for elementary and middle school students to challenge themselves,” said Bosco Tech Principal Xavier Jimenez. “The complex critical thinking skills involved are vital in pre-engineering studies like those offered at our school.”

Event check-in is 8:00-8:45 a.m. and the competition begins at 9:00 a.m. To register, review rules and see sample test questions, visit www.boscotech.edu. Pre-registration is required and ends January 25; the cost to participate is \$15 per

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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, including the newly added Biological, Medical & Environmental Technology (BMET) program. 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 and careers. The school is located at 1151 San Gabriel Boulevard, Rosemead, 91770. More information is available at www.boscotech.edu.

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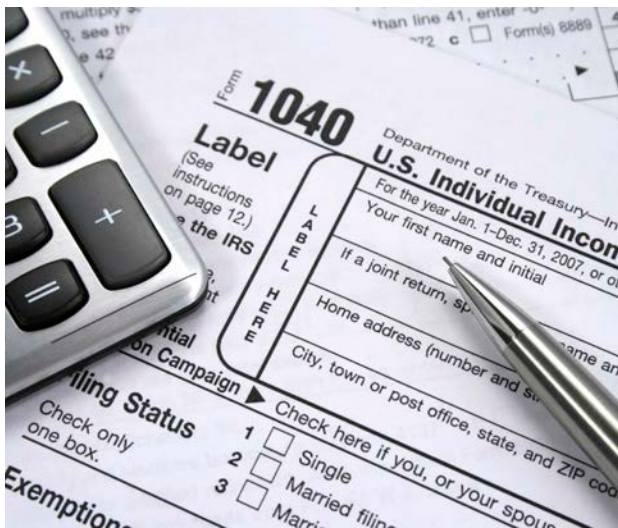
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Students and parents may be able to take advantage of these programs on their federal taxes:

- American Opportunity Credit, available for the first four years of college.
- Lifetime Learning Credit, available if a taxpayer or a dependent is taking college courses to acquire or improve job skills.
- Tuition and fees deduction, which lets taxpayers deduct qualified education expenses paid during the year for themselves or a dependent. The expenses must be for college.
- Student loan interest deduction, which lets



people deduct up to \$2,500 per year on federal taxes for interest paid on federal student loans.

For more detailed information about federal programs, go to www.irs.gov to download the free Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education. Tax rules may change from year to year, so make sure you have the most up-to-date

information before filing.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents. KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To learn more about those services, visit www.kheaa.com.

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THE GOOD LIFE

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR AGING PARENTS FINANCES

Dear Savvy Senior,

My siblings and I don't know much about our elderly parent's financial situation or their wishes if something happens to them. When mom broke her hip last year, it got me thinking we need to be better prepared. What's the best way to handle this, and what all should we know?



Tentative Daughter

Dear Tentative,
Many adult children don't know much about their elderly parent's financial situation or end-of-life plans, but they need to. Getting up to speed on their finances, insurance policies, long-term care plans and other information is important because some day you might have to help them handle their financial affairs or care, or execute their estate plan after they die. Without this information, your job becomes much more difficult. Here are some tips that can help.

Have the Conversation

If you're uncomfortable talking to your parents about this topic, use this column as a prompt or start by talking about your own finances or estate plan as a way to ease into it.

Also see TheConversationProject.org, which offers free kits that can help you kick-start these discussions. It's also a good idea to get your siblings involved too. This can help you head off possible hard feelings, plus, with others involved, your parents will know everyone is concerned.

When you talk with your parents, you'll need to collect some information, find out where they keep key documents and how they want certain things handled when they die or if they become incapacitated. Here's a checklist of areas to focus on.

PERSONAL & HEALTH INFORMATION

- Contacts: Make a list of names and phone numbers of their doctors, lawyer, accountant, broker, tax preparer, insurance agent, etc.
- Medical information: Make a copy of their medical history (any drug allergies, past surgeries, etc.) and a list of medications they take.
- Personal documents: Find out where they keep their Social Security card, marriage license, military discharge papers, etc.
- Secured places: Make a list of places they keep under lock and key or protected by password, such as online accounts, safe deposit boxes, safe combination, security alarms, etc.
- Pets: If they have a pet, what are their instructions for the animal's care?
- End of life: What are their wishes for organ or body donation, and their funeral instructions? If they've made

pre-arrangements with a funeral home, get a copy of the agreement.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS

- Will: Do they have an updated will or trust, and where is it located?
- Power of attorney: Do they have a power of attorney document that names someone to handle their financial matters if they become incapacitated?
- Advance directives: Do they have a living will and a medical power of attorney that spells out their wishes regarding their end-of-life medical treatment? If they don't have these documents prepared, now's the time to make them.

FINANCIAL RECORDS

- Debts and liabilities: Make a list of any loans, leases or debt they have - mortgages owed, car loans, medical bills, credit card debts. Also, make a list of all their credit and charge cards, including the card numbers and contact information.
- Financial accounts: Make a list of the banks and brokerage accounts they use (checking, savings, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, IRAs, etc.) and their contact information.
- Company benefits: Make a list of any retirement plans, pensions or benefits from their former employers including the contact information of the benefits administrator.
- Insurance: Make a list of the insurance policies they have (life, long-term care, home, auto, Medicare, etc.) including the policy numbers, agents and phone numbers.
- Property: Make a list of the real estate, vehicles or other properties they own, rent or lease and where they keep the deeds, titles and loan or lease agreements.
- Taxes: Find out where they keep copies of past year's tax returns.

For more tips, see the Eldercare Locator publication "Let's Talk: Starting the Conversation about Health, Legal, Financial and End-of-Life Issues" at N4A.org/files/Conversations.pdf.

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...January Birthdays*

Gerald Day, Mary Tassop, Judy Webb-Martin, John Johnson, Mary Bickel, Marlene Enmark, Shirley Wolf, Ross Kellock, Ruth Wolter, Sue Watanabe, Sandy Thistlewaite, Bobbi Rahmian, Fran Syverson, Shirley Wolff, Judy Zaretska and Becky Evans.
* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737.
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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 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Join the class with Instructor Barbara Dempsey as she leads you in the art of Hula!
Bingo Time: Every Tuesday beginning at 1:00 p.m. Cards are only \$0.25 each! Everyone is welcome to play! Activity may be canceled if there are less than five people.

Free Blood Pressure Testing: 2nd Tuesdays Monthly from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Brain Games: Thursdays, December 13th 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, December 19th from 10:30 a.m. - Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. Specializing in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates and Injury. Please call the Hart Park House for an appointment, 626-355-5278 ext. 704.

Senior Club: Meets Saturdays Monthly at Hart Park House... Brown Bag Lunch and great company at 11:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga: Mondays & Wednesdays 11:00 - 11:45 a.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 Celebration: Every 2nd Thursday Monthly at the Hart Park House. Share free birthday cake and ice cream kindly provided by the Senior Community Commission!

Game Day: Every Thursday Monthly 12:00 Noon come into the Hart Park House and join a lively poker game with friends!

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

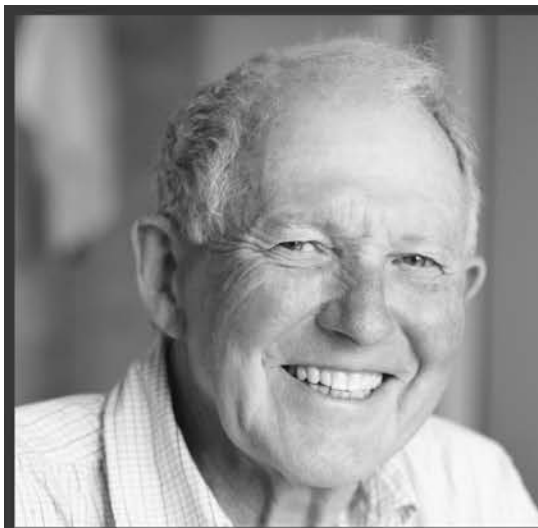
Save the Date: Senior Excursion, Wednesday, Dec. 19th to Rogers Gardens in Corona Del Mar.

NOW ACCEPTING OLDER AMERICAN 2019 NOMINATIONS

The Senior Community Commission and Community Services Department is now accepting nominations for the Older "Sierra Madre" American of the Year.

If you know someone who lives in Sierra Madre, has demonstrated outstanding community service, and is 60+ years of age or older please be sure to fill out a nomination form due by Thursday, March 21st, 2019.

Forms are available at the Hart Park House or by calling the Senior Services Office at 626-355-5278 x 704.



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STELLA ROSA FLOAT WINS TOURNAMENT OF ROSES GRAND MARSHAL AWARD

(Los Angeles, Calif.)- On January 1, 2019, award-winning wine brand Stella Rosa made its second appearance in the world-renowned Pasadena Rose Parade and earned the prestigious Grand Marshal Award for “Most outstanding creative concept and float design.” “The Stella Rosa brand is an important part of my family’s historic San Antonio Winery in Los Angeles, and we couldn’t be prouder to have received such a prestigious award for our float in the world-renowned Rose Parade,” said vice president Steve Riboli. “We thank everyone who worked on our float from Fiesta Floats to the designer Mike Abboud and the volunteers who dedicated countless hours of their time. And of course Kool & The Gang for performing on our float and adding to the excitement!”

In keeping with the theme “Melody of Life”, the 55-foot long Stella Rosa float featured the legendary Grammy-award winning band Kool & The Gang, which has influenced the music of generations and fittingly kicked off its 50th year anniversary by “stellabrating” at the Rose Parade. The band sang their classic hit “Celebrate Good Times” with a twist, changing it to “Stellabrate Good Times”. Accompanying the band was a troupe of fifty dancers who danced in the street alongside Kool & The Gang, down the five-mile route as one million parade attendees cheer on, and an estimated 44 million watched across the country.

“Stella Rosa’s vision really drove what would become an award-winning celebration of life and music,” said Tim Estes, president of Fiesta Parade Floats. “The Tournament’s recognition

of the Stella Rosa float was well-earned and an acknowledgment of a strong message delivered through floral presentation, engineering, and of course, incredible entertainment.”

Since the Riboli family created Stella Rosa 15 years ago, it has become the number one imported Italian wine in the country, and earned Shanken’s Impact Hot Brand five consecutive years, and been named a Blue Chip brand four consecutive years. To thank all their loyal customers through the years, the Riboli family also gave back by incorporating a “Wish Upon a Stella Rosa” campaign, in line with the magical genie atop the float, appearing from a sculpted wine bottle and soaring over bountiful vineyards of Northern Italy. The campaign was focused on the holiday spirit of granting wishes. Fans from across the country submitted three wishes online at www.stellarosawines.com with a short description as to why they should be chosen. Winners were chosen based on creativity and more importantly, on how the granted wish would impact and improve their life.

About Stella Rosa Wines: Award-winning Stella Rosa wines is a creation of the Riboli Family of San Antonio Winery, Los Angeles’ original urban winery established in 1917. Produced in a small town in Northern Italy, Stella Rosa has become the number one imported Italian wine in the U.S. For more information, visit www.stellarosawines.com.

Photo: Nancy Newman Photography

NAPOLITANO VOTES TO END TRUMP SHUTDOWN & REOPEN GOVERNMENT

(WASHINGTON, DC) Today, Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-El Monte) voted to end the Trump Shutdown and reopen the federal government, issuing the following statement:

“After formally assuming control of the House today, Democrats passed the same legislation the Republican-led Senate approved on a bipartisan basis a few weeks ago. It reopens the federal government, which President Trump recklessly shut down because of his tantrum over a border wall, a ploy that only a quarter of Americans support. We firmly reject his wasteful, immoral, and ineffective wall, which would do nothing to make us safer. The President continues to hold the

paychecks of 800,000 federal workers hostage, and this must end immediately.

“The situation at our southern border demands our attention and meaningful action. We should be focusing on a comprehensive solution to the underlying issues, including addressing the root causes of migration to our country. We will continue to work toward reform that serves America’s interests, promotes fairness and the rule of law, and contributes effectively and meaningfully to our economic well-being.

“We urge the Senate to quickly pass this measure and the President to sign it, so people can get back to work and be paid.”

REYNA AND RUBEN DIAZ: DUARTE’S DYNAMIC DUO



By Joan Schmidt

It’s hard to believe it was twenty-six years ago when I met Reyna Diaz and was so blown away by this modest woman who did so much for her community. When the Town Council Formation Committee met from March-June, 1993, she was translator. Reyna also walked her Duarte county area, encouraged people to attend the meetings, register to vote, and vote for a school bond. (And they did!)

Reyna had come from a war-torn El Salvador with a baby daughter, Violet. She met her soul mate, Ruben; they married and raised Violet and two sons, Junior and Alfredo. All these years, they have done so much. It began with the annual Christmas trip to Mexico or El Salvador with 1000 boy toys and 1000 girl toys. Reyna had fundraiser dinners to achieve this. She expanded what she brought, adding items of clothing, and brought many on board. Her dear friend Margaret Finlay joined the cause. I remember the year Margaret’s five children, still living at home, chose to receive only one Christmas gift and all other monies went to toys for children in those countries.

There have been many natural disasters over the years. Again, Reyna and Ruben would host dinners to raise money for the victims.

One of my fondest memories is the day Reyna, the first Latina, and Unincorporated Duarte resident was sworn in on the Duarte School Board with Ken Bell. We both were teary-eyed and I asked her if it was the proudest day of her life. She said, “No, my proudest day was the day I became a citizen.”

In September 2017, Reyna was honored as the Hometown Hero of the MAD County Area at

the County Fair for all she has done and all she continues to do.

This year, with their Christmas card, Reyna and Ruben requested donations for the Duarte Kiwanis. In 2018, they distributed 80 basic needs and food baskets at the cost of \$30 each. 40 of them were distributed to people living in extreme poverty in Parakeet Island in El Salvador. These families depend on the shrimp economy- which at the time was prohibited due to reproduction months. The remaining 40 baskets were distributed among families that make between \$2 and \$6 a day. They donated a 3D printer, 8 rolls of printer material, 6 pairs of headphones, 8 computer cameras and a sound system to the Fusalmo Center which helps out more than 7000 youths prepare for a better future. They gave a bed, mattress, and bedding to a four-year old girl with cerebral palsy so she could sleep on a bed for the first time. They also gave her mom a carriage so she could have outings to the park. Sixteen youths came to participate in a Taekwondo Competition, needing towels, sheets, food and personal hygiene items, and they were taken care of.

On January 28, Ruben and Reyna will be making their journey to El Salvador. Their mission is to prepare a luncheon that will feed 200 people who give their time and love, working hard to prevent thousands of youths from falling into the hands of gangs, violence and drugs. The luncheon will take place January 31. They also would like to take school supplies to a very poor school.

They ask for your help in these endeavors. Checks can be made out to Duarte Kiwanis. Address: Duarte Kiwanis P.O. Box 46 Duarte, CA 91010.

SCHIFF STATEMENT ON BEING NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) released the following statement after Speaker Nancy Pelosi named him as Chair of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

“For four decades, the Intelligence Committees have occupied a unique place in the Congress and our democracy. Founded in the aftermath of the Church and Pike Committee hearings into the nation’s intelligence activities, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and its Senate counterpart, have acted as a steward for the Congress and the American people in carrying out oversight of the nation’s most sensitive intelligence programs. In exchange for the Intelligence Community’s willingness to reveal closely guarded national secrets to a select group of members and staff for the purposes of oversight, the committees and the congressional leadership pledged to handle that information responsibly and without regard to politics. That compact continues today.

“It has been an honor to serve for the last decade on the Committee, and for the last four years as the Committee’s Ranking Member. I am deeply grateful to Speaker Pelosi for asking me to serve

in that capacity, and for her confidence in me to serve as the Committee’s Chairman at such a momentous time in our national life.

“Despite the enormity of the Committee’s responsibilities – the oversight of seventeen different agencies – and the added responsibility of the investigation into the Russian attack on our democracy, I look forward to an invigorated committee that will both provide guidance and authorization to the Intelligence Community, while also rebuilding internal comity and strengthening the relationship between the Congress and the Intelligence Community. The last two years have been difficult ones for the Committee, but even in the darkest times, we have come together to pass significant legislation that both protects our national security, as well as our privacy and civil liberties, and conducts rigorous oversight.

“This year, we must once again rise to meet this immense challenge – and my Democratic colleagues and I pledge to put the nation’s security and our constitutional responsibilities first, and to make every effort to conduct our work in a transparent and nonpartisan fashion.”

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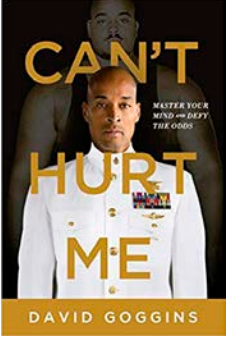
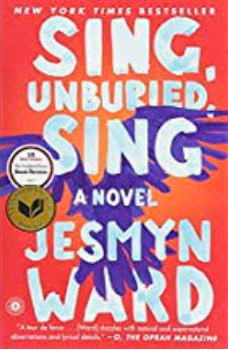
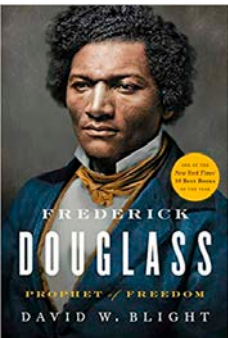
By Jeff Brown

Sing, Unburied, Sing: A Novel by Jesmyn Ward

This majestic, stirring, and widely praised novel from two-time National Book Award winner Jesmyn Ward, the story of a family on a journey through rural Mississippi, is a “tour de force” (O, the Oprah Magazine) and a timeless work of fiction that is destined to become a classic. Jojo is thirteen years old and trying to understand what it means to be a man. He doesn't lack in fathers to study, chief among them his Black grandfather, Pop. But there are other men who complicate his understanding: his absent White father, Michael, who is being released from prison; his absent White grandfather, Big Joseph, who won't acknowledge his existence; and the memories of his dead uncle, Given, who died as a teenager. His mother, Leonie, is an inconsistent presence in his and his toddler sister's lives. She is an imperfect mother in constant conflict with herself and those around her. She is Black and her children's father is White. She wants to be a better mother but can't put her children above her own needs, especially her drug use. Simultaneously tormented and comforted by visions of her dead brother, which only come to her when she's high, Leonie is embattled in ways that reflect the brutal reality of her circumstances. When the children's father is released from prison, Leonie packs her kids and a friend into her car and drives north to the heart of Mississippi and Parchman Farm, the State Penitentiary. At Parchman, there is another thirteen-year-old boy, the ghost of a dead inmate who carries all of the ugly history of the South with him in his wandering. He too has something to teach Jojo about fathers and sons, about legacies, about violence, about love.

Can't Hurt Me: Master Your Mind and Defy the Odds by David Goggins

For David Goggins, childhood was a nightmare -- poverty, prejudice, and physical abuse colored his days and haunted his nights. But through self-discipline, mental toughness, and hard work, Goggins transformed himself from a depressed, overweight young man with no future into a U.S. Armed Forces icon and one of the world's top endurance athletes. The only man in history to complete elite training as a Navy SEAL, Army Ranger, and Air Force Tactical Air Controller, he went on to set records in numerous endurance



events, inspiring Outside magazine to name him “The Fittest (Real) Man in America.” In Can't Hurt Me, he shares his astonishing life story and reveals that most of us tap into only 40% of our capabilities. Goggins calls this The 40% Rule, and his story illuminates a path that anyone can follow to push past pain, demolish fear, and reach their full potential.

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom by David W. Blight

The definitive, dramatic biography of the most important African American of the nineteenth century: Frederick Douglass, the escaped slave who became the greatest orator of his day and one of the leading abolitionists and writers of the era. As a young man Douglass (1818–1895) escaped from slavery in Baltimore. He was fortunate to have been taught to read by his slave owner mistress, and he would go on to become one of the major literary figures of his time. He wrote three versions of his autobiography over the course of his lifetime and published his own newspaper. His very existence gave the lie to slave owners: with dignity and great intelligence he bore witness to the brutality of slavery. Initially mentored by William Lloyd Garrison, Douglass spoke widely, often to large crowds, using his own story to condemn slavery. He broke with Garrison to become a political abolitionist, a Republican, and eventually a Lincoln supporter. By the Civil War and during Reconstruction, Douglass became the most famed and

widely traveled orator in the nation. He denounced the premature end of Reconstruction and the emerging Jim Crow era. In his unique and eloquent voice, written and spoken, Douglass was a fierce critic of the United States as well as a radical patriot. He sometimes argued politically with younger African Americans, but he never forsook either the Republican party or the cause of black civil and political rights. In this remarkable biography, Blight has drawn on new information held in a private collection that few other historian have consulted, as well as recently discovered issues of Douglass's newspapers. Blight tells the fascinating story of Douglass's two marriages and his complex extended family. Douglass was not only an astonishing man of words, but a thinker steeped in Biblical story and theology. The 3 reviews are from [Amazon.com](#)

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



4 WAYS ESTATE PLANNING CAN IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOVED ONES

Like me, you probably spent lots of time with family and friends over the holidays. And I hope, like me, that time reminded you of just how important and special these relationships can be.

Though you might not realize it, estate planning has the potential to enhance those relationships in some major ways. Planning requires you to closely consider your relationships with family and friends—past, present, and future—like never before. Indeed, the process can be the ultimate forum for heartfelt communication, fostering a deeper bond and sense of intimacy, and prioritizing what matters most in life.

Here are just a few of the valuable ways estate planning can improve the relationships you cherish most:

1) It shows you sincerely care

Taking the time and effort to carefully plan for what will happen to you in the event of your incapacity or death is a genuine demonstration of your love. It would be far easier to do nothing and simply let you family and friends figure it out for themselves. After all, you won't be around to deal with any of the fallout.

Planning in advance, though, shows that you truly care about the welfare of your loved ones. Such selfless concern and forethought equates to nothing less than a final expression of your unconditional love.

2) It inspires honest communication about difficult issues

Sitting down and having an honest discussion about life's most taboo subjects—incapacity and death—is almost certain to bring you and your loved ones closer. By facing immortality together, planning has a way of highlighting what's really important in life—and what's not.

In fact, our clients consistently share that after going through our estate planning process they feel more connected to the people they love the most. And they also feel clearer about the lives they want to live during the fleeting time we have here on earth.

Planning offers the opportunity to talk

openly about matters you may not have even considered. When it comes to choices about distributing assets and naming executors and trustees, you'll have a chance to engage in frank discussions about why you made the choices you did. And that may just be the first step in actively addressing and healing any problems that may be lurking under the surface of your relationships.

3) It builds a deep sense of trust and respect

Whether it's the individuals you name as your children's legal guardians or those you nominate to handle your own end-of-life care, estate planning shows your loved ones just how much you trust and admire them. What greater honor can you bestow upon another than putting your own life and those of your children in their hands?

Though it's often challenging to verbally express how much you love your family and friends, estate planning demonstrates your affection in a truly tangible way. And once these people see exactly how much you value them, it can foster a deepening of your relationship with one another.

4) It creates a lasting legacy

While estate planning is primarily viewed as a way to pass on your financial wealth and property, it can offer your loved ones much more than just financial security. When done right, it also lets you hand down the most precious assets of all—your life stories, lessons, and values.

In fact, the wisdom and experience you've gained during your lifetime are among the most treasured gifts you can give. Left to chance, these gifts are often lost forever. Considering this, our planning process includes a means of preserving and passing on these intangible assets.

We guide clients to create a customized video in which they share their most insightful memories and experiences with those they're leaving behind. This not only ensures our clients are able to say everything that needs to be said, but that their legacy carries on long after they—and their money—are gone.

The heart of the matter

Estate planning doesn't have to be a dreary and depressing affair. When done right, it can put your life and relationships into a much clearer focus and ultimately be a tremendously uplifting experience for everyone involved. Contact us today to learn more.

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All Things

By Jeff Brown

AROUND THE WORLD, MILES OF ROCK ARE MISSING. COULD 'SNOWBALL EARTH' BE THE CULPRIT?

When the famed explorer John Wesley Powell bumped, splashed and thrashed his way down the Colorado River in 1869, he discovered one of the most striking geologic features on Earth. Not the Grand Canyon — although that too is a marvel — but a conspicuous boundary between the sunset-colored sediments of the upper walls and the dark, jagged rocks below them. Powell had learned to read the layers of desert rocks like pages in a book, and he recognized that the boundary represented a missing chapter in Earth's geological history. Later, researchers realized it was more like an entire lost volume, spanning roughly one-fifth of Earth's existence, and that a similar gap existed in many places around the world. “There must

have been some sort of special event in Earth's history that led to widespread erosion,” said Steve Marshak, a geologist at the University of Illinois who studies what has come to be known as the Great Unconformity. New research suggests it was something special indeed. Scientists propose that several freak episodes of global glaciation scoured away miles of continental crust, obliterating a billion years of geologic history in the process. This Great Unconformity may have set the stage for this transition by providing vast shallow seas where marine life could flourish. And Snowball Earth appears to have bulldozed loads of critical nutrients into the ocean that nourished the diversification of life.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



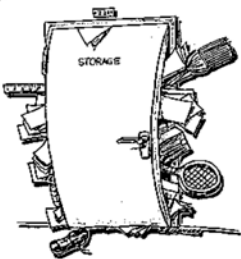
VISION

Happy New Year! Time to explore possibilities and get oriented with fresh intentions. What are you looking forward to experiencing this year? This could be the 'year of you' - taking care of yourself in a new way, uncovering more of the real you. It's time to get those goals, ideas and priorities down on paper and into the universe. All together they become a vision for the near future and the long-term. This process of identifying and naming what we want to transpire has tremendous power. Somehow the words in print or expressed creatively on a vision collage come alive. It sets the intention. Get creative in this process; create a visual guide with color and pictures or drawings of what you want and hope for in your life. This will help open your mind and build Shakti (power) around what you are seeking. Naming your goals doesn't have to take a long time. A simple list will work too. A vision collage that takes 15 minutes is just fine. There's no perfection in this. It is helpful to get still and tune into your breath and heart for a few minutes just prior to doing this work. When

setting an intention, follow up actions need to take place. Taking action and stepping in the direction of what we want can be challenging. We're used to the old way. To generate motivation, do yoga! Yoga will help keep your body healthy and aid in keeping the mind calm, leaving energy clear and free-flowing. Gathering power and a sense of knowing is important too. Give your intellect a rest by finding a spiritual practice such as meditation. Time is needed to tune into intuition and divinity. The universe also becomes a guide as intellect only can be limiting. This is a phenomenon I love about yoga and meditation. We are each a single practitioner but part of the greater whole. What exists outside is also inside. An ocean of consciousness connected in many ways. Therefore, when we make a change, a shift occurs within us and ripples out in the world around us. Suddenly there's expansion and opportunity when there were none before. It's miraculous. Please enjoy creating your vision for the new year! Let better health, yoga, meditation, and self-love be on the list. Contact me to learn more about how to bring yoga and meditation into your life: [keely@keelytotten.com](#).

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Editor/Publisher



2018 are in the forefront again, staring us in the face.

It's true, the calendar change didn't alter or erase the tasks that remain undone. To that end, I think that in my first column for the new year, I'm going to ask for your assistance with something that probably should have been taken care of last year. To help, I need each of you to put on your 'thinking caps' and 'my shoes' and walk through this pressing matter with me. I would like for you to answer the question, What Would YOU Do? (WWYD) under the circumstances:

I am a principal in an organization that has the ultimate goal of serving the community at large. The responsibility includes some fiscal, personnel and administrative management. Because of the size of the organization, there are numerous department heads who each manage their respective staff.

As one of the principals responsible for the operations, it is my responsibility to weigh in on the hiring of the CEO. My influence, although deemed to be insignificant to some, collectively with the other principals, is significant. As a result, I feel a great sense of personal responsibility for the person chosen to lead the group. And that is the basis for my consternation. I don't know exactly what to do now.

1. The person we hired had a 'smoke and mirrors' resume. There was a modicum of truth in it, but his presentation was full of exaggerations. Bottom line, he lacks the experience to handle the job. He has run off many valuable members of our team who don't want to be sullied by his actions.

2. His experience managing people has become increasingly apparent by the many, many violations of basic human resource guidelines and the lack of common decency that he shows those who work for him.

3. He wastes the organizations funds traveling all over without accomplishing any of his stated goals. His reports back to the stakeholders are false or overstated, something that he makes public first and we always discover, embarrassingly, after the fact.

4. He has destroyed all of the important relationships that the organization has built over the years, leaving us in a weakened position should a situation arise in which we need to call in

Welcome to favors from our friends.

2019! Now 5. His public association with persons of questionable character and background is not good for the organizations image.

6. He never tells the truth. He lies so much, unabashedly, that personally, when he states his name, I doubt the accuracy of the statement.

7. He defies every rule established that was designed to make certain no one individual could damage the organization. There appears to be no way of bringing this guy under control.

8. His attitude and behavior exude his distorted sense of self-worth and privilege.

9. Whenever asked to give account of his activities or justify his actions, he diverts the conversation to another unrelated conversation, never giving a straight or accurate answer on anything.

10. Our reputation and our credibility both have been damaged, maybe irreparably, by allowing him to continue to be the head of our organization.

So I ask, if this guy worked for you, what would you do? What reason is there to let him continue on? Why the reticence in admitting that a mistake was made in allowing him to hold the position? Why can't we do what is necessary to protect our organization, our legacy, our future from this person who is hell bent on destroying it?

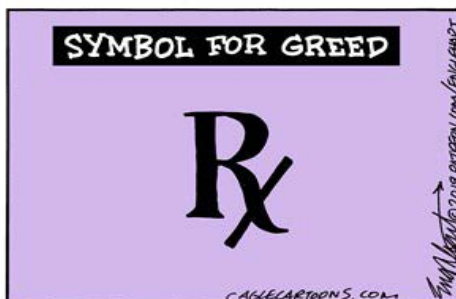
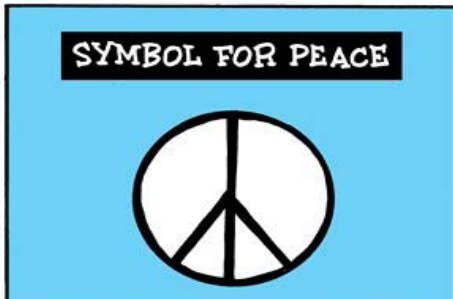
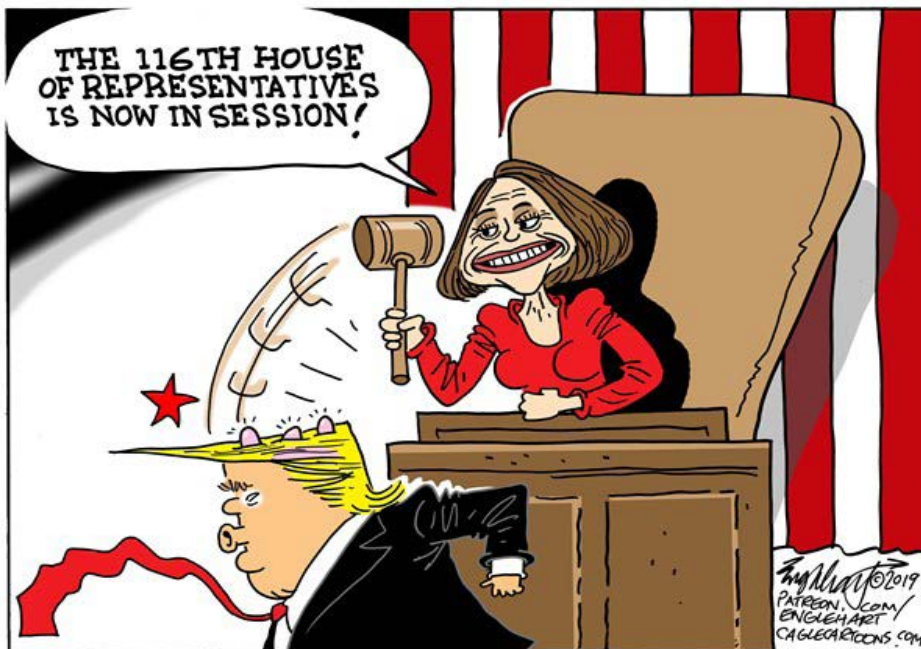
We do have the power to change things, so why don't we?

By now, you should have figured out that the organization is the United States and the 'person' is the man who currently holds the nation hostage, Donald J. Trump. The other 'principals' are every eligible voter. When you just go through the list of troubling behaviors above in the context of an employee, with each noted behavior your response probably was, 'why doesn't she fire him?' So now that you know who it is, and recognized that YOU are one of the principals responsible for his remaining in office, why haven't you picked up a telephone, sent an email, posted on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter to let it be known that his behavior is not acceptable? If you voted for him, and recognize that it is not working, say so. Don't be ashamed. No one could have imagined how bad it would get. And silence will only allow the situation to get worse.

So, to use a phrase used during his campaign, "What do they have to loose?" In this instance, the question becomes, "What Do WE Have To Loose?" The Answer: EVERYTHING! If we continue the next two years like the previous two, our democracy as we know it will be a thing of the past and we will have lost everything! We do have the power to change things!

Happy New Year!

WWYD?



LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

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RESOLUTIONS OUR POLITICIANS WON'T KEEP

"Celebrating the holidays with friends and family the past few weeks was great, but I'm tired, bloated and crabby."

"The New Year is upon us! What a great opportunity to start fresh and resolve to do great things in 2019."

"How about I share some resolutions I hope our political leaders will keep. Here's one: Federal government, please stop

spending so much!"

"Spending is certainly out of control. Federal debt is up nearly \$1.4 trillion the past year. That's nearly \$11,000 in debt per American household - nearly \$4,200 per person. And as interest rates rise, the payments on our debt are skyrocketing."

"I'll tell you what else is skyrocketing: my family's health insurance premiums. My deductibles are so high, we'll end up in the poorhouse if any of us gets sick. Hey, Democrats and Republicans, can you resolve to come up with a bipartisan solution for the massive cost of health insurance?"

"Regrettably, such reforms are not likely to occur. There is a growing chasm between Republicans and Democrats. As Republicans hope to undo Obamacare in the courts, more Democrats are supporting a single-payer government program. As more families suffer from high premiums and high deductibles, more Americans, according to Bloomberg, are warming to a 'Medicare for All' concept."

"They are?"

"Bloomberg says a Kaiser Family Foundation survey found last March that 59 percent of Americans favor the Medicare for All concept. Even when it was defined as a single-payer, federal program, 53 percent favored it. Some 75 percent favor a Medicare for All option if it lets people who have coverage keep their plans."

"The way Obamacare allowed people to keep their plans? OK, if it's unrealistic for our political leaders to spend less and improve health care, can they at least resolve to improve our public discourse?"

"Everyone has been hoping for that. Trump's supporters wish he would cool it with some of his tweets and his opponents are throwing around some heated language, too. With divided government in 2019, it appears discourse is going to get worse, not better."

"Look, so much is at stake. We want our political leaders to work with each other to address our problems. We want them to end this silly government shutdown. Don't all of us, Republicans and Democrats alike, want them to knock off the nasty politics and address our spending, health care, infrastructure and immigration reform challenges?"

"I wish that were the case. USA Today reports that the only thing all Americans can agree upon is that our country is incredibly divided. Our politicians reflect our division. Again, look at health care. Republicans want market-based reforms that they hope will drive insurance premiums down. Democrats want the polar opposite: more government control. Or look at the Trump investigations. A majority of Republicans want them to end, but a majority of Democrats want the incoming House-majority Democrats to investigate more! Government gridlock, here we come!"

"For goodness' sake!"

"It's a bit odd that so many Americans are so unhappy about so many things when a lot of things are going very well for our country. The economy is doing well. Wages are rising. Sure, we've got challenges, but it's too bad we can't count some of our blessings as we address them."

"Sure, we're blessed, but after chatting with you I feel even more tired, bloated and crabby."

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MICHAEL Reagan

SON OF FLAKE



What's with Mitt Romney, the newly minted Republican senator from the great red state of Utah?

Mitt hadn't even been sworn in yet and he put his name on a New Year's Day op-ed column in the Washington Post bearing the headline "Mitt Romney: The president shapes the public character of the nation. Trump's character falls short."

Then Mitt showed up on CNN to repeat his complaint that after two years the president of his party has "not risen to the mantle of the office."

Sorry he feels that way, but if moderate Mitt really cared about the GOP he would have put a leash on that super ego of his.

Lots of us Republicans have criticized the president's words and actions - justifiably. But Mitt's criticism - delivered publicly in two of the liberal media's holiest places - was an ill-timed cheap shot aimed at reminding everyone in the Washington elite that he may be a loser, but compared to the president he's still a morally superior being.

Mitt knew his scathing criticism would immediately be spread far and wide by the Trump Hate Media, which it was.

He also knew it would instantly earn the president's ire, which Trump expressed in a series of counter-tweets.

Even Mitt's niece, Ronna McDaniel, the chairwoman of the Republican National Committee, hit her uncle upside the head for his subversive selfishness.

"POTUS is attacked and obstructed by the MSM media and Democrats 24/7. For an incoming Republican freshman senator to attack @realDonaldTrump as their first act feeds into what the Democrats and media want and is disappointing and unproductive."

Mitt's attack on the president was more than a little hypocritical, given that he had unsuccessfully begged him for a cabinet position and had happily accepted his support last fall when he was running for Utah's senate seat.

There may be many Republicans who agree exactly with everything Romney said, but that's not the point.

It was stupid of him to write a column excoriating the president two days before he even took his Senate seat.

He wants to be treated with respect in the Senate, and this is the way he starts? He should have showed up in Washington, taken his Senate seat and said and done nothing.

If he has complaints or comments about the president, he should have made them to Trump in private.

Trump quickly put Mitt in his place with his tweets and now Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell will have to do it in the Senate.

For the next two years or so McConnell will have to remind Senator Mitt exactly who he is and isn't:

"Take your seat, Mr. Romney. You're a junior member of the senate. You're not our party spokesman. You have to earn the right to be a spokesman, the way Lindsay Graham has."

What Mitt did with his op-ed piece - beside pump up his deflated ego, hurt his own party, help the Democrats and give the liberal media free Republican ammo to fire at the president - was to really piss off his new boss McConnell.

I don't think McConnell will be calling on the rookie senator from Utah anytime soon to seek his advice on anything.

Meanwhile, now that Nancy Pelosi and her leftist Democrat children have taken control of the House of Representatives, the next two years are going to be very rough for the president, the GOP and conservatives.

The last thing they needed was another egotistical Republican flake running loose in the Senate, but it looks like that's what the junior senator from Utah is going to be.

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PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES® 2019 FLOAT AWARDS PRESENTED BY FTD

PASADENA, Calif. (January 1, 2019) -- Today, the Tournament of Roses announced the 24 floats awarded official honors in the 130th Rose Parade presented by Honda. These awards recognize excellence in a variety of categories and specifications. The 2019 Sweepstakes Trophy, the most beautiful entry: encompassing float design, floral presentation and entertainment, was presented to The UPS Store, Inc.

The 2019 Rose Parade float award-winners are (alphabetically):

Award	Description	Participant	Theme	Builder
Sweepstakes	Most beautiful entry: encompassing float design, floral presentation and entertainment	The UPS Store, Inc.	Books Keep Us On Our Toes	Fiesta
Americana	Most outstanding depiction of national treasures and traditions	Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day	Garden Fresh	Phoenix
Animation	Most outstanding use of animation	Burbank Tournament of Roses Association	Stompin' Good Time	Self-Built
Bob Hope Humor	Most whimsical and amusing float	Northwestern Mutual	Spend Your Life Living	Fiesta
Crown City Innovator	Most outstanding use of imagination, innovation and technology	Trader Joe's Company	Ride Captain Ride	Phoenix
Director	Most outstanding artistic design and use of floral and non-floral materials	Sierra Madre Rose Float Association	Harmony's Garden	Self-Built
Extraordinaire	Most extraordinary float	Cal Poly Universities	Far Out Frequencies	Self-Built
Fantasy	Most outstanding display of fantasy and imagination	Western Asset Management Company	Yellow Submarine	Phoenix
Founder	Most outstanding float built and decorated by volunteers from a community or organization	La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association	Tree Frog Night!	Self-Built
Golden State	Most outstanding depiction of life in California	Big Bear Rose Parade Association	Play-Rest-Repeat	Fiesta
Grand Marshal	Most outstanding creative concept and float design	Stella Rosa Wines	Taste The Magic featuring Kool & The Gang	Fiesta
International	Most outstanding float from outside the United States	China Airlines	Rhythm of Taiwan	AES
Isabella Coleman	Most outstanding presentation of color and color harmony through floral design	United Sikh Mission	A Divine Melody Resonates In All	Phoenix
Judges	Most outstanding float design and dramatic impact	Donate Life	Rhythm of the Heart	Fiesta
Leishman Public Spirit	Most outstanding floral presentation from a non-commercial participant	Easterseals	Celebrating Easterseals 100 Years of Disability Services	Fiesta
Mayor	Most outstanding float from a participating city	South Pasadena Tournament of Roses	Three Little Birds	Self-Built
Past President	Most outstanding innovation in the use of floral and non-floral materials	Underground Service Alert of Southern California (DigAlert)	Backyard Harmony	Fiesta
President	Most outstanding use and presentation of flowers	City of Hope	Harmony of Hope	Phoenix
Princess	Most outstanding floral presentation among entries 35 feet and under in length	City of Alhambra	Home Tweet Home	Phoenix
Queen	Most outstanding presentation of roses	Farmers Insurance Group	A Carousel of Experience	Phoenix
Showmanship	Most outstanding display of showmanship and entertainment	Universal Pictures & Dreamworks Animation presents How To Train Your Dragon	How to Train Your Dragon - The Hidden World	AES
Theme	Most outstanding presentation of the Rose Parade Theme	Shriners Hospitals for Children	Fuzzy's Garden of Hope and Healing	Phoenix
Tournament Volunteer	Most outstanding floral presentation of the Rose Parade Theme among floats 35 feet and under in length	City of Torrance/ Torrance Rose Float Association	The Power of Music	Fiesta
Wrigley Legacy	Most outstanding display of floral presentation, float design and entertainment	Dole Packaged Foods	Rhythm of Paradise	Fiesta



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